



28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 14, 2018

Readings

This week:

Wisdom 7:7–11

Hebrews 4:12–13

Mark 10:17–30

Next week:

Isaiah 53:10–11

Hebrews 4:14–16

Mark 10:35–45

Psalm

Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy! (*Psalm 90*)

Today

Today's presider is Fr. Daniel Kiriti.

The Thomas Merton Center community worships and celebrates Sunday liturgy each week at the regularly scheduled 8:45 am parish Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Waverley and Homer Streets, Palo Alto. Members of the Thomas Merton community participate in planning these liturgies in the spirit of Vatican II and its call to "full, active and conscious participation" in Catholic liturgical life.

The Thomas Merton Center is supported by your donations. If you choose to donate, there are return envelopes in the bulletin on the last Sunday of each month for your convenience (donations by check or cash are welcome). The donation basket is in the back of church after Mass or available by the coffeepot after Mass—or you can use the envelope to mail your donation. **Please do not put your TMC envelope in the collection baskets passed during Mass (these are for parish contributions only).**

Calendar

Sunday, October 14, 10:00 a.m.	Kenyan Craft Show, Memorial Garden (see page 2.)
Sunday, October 14, 3:00 p.m.	Kate Hennessy talk on Dorothy Day (see page 2.)
Monday, October 15, 7:00 p.m.	TMC Spiritual Education Committee, Thomas House Library
Friday, October 19, 6:00 p.m.	STA Fish Fest, Thomas House

From Thomas Merton

In the tempest, I have discovered once again--but this time with a peculiarly piercing sharpness--that I cannot possess created things. I cannot touch them. I cannot get into them. We who are supposed to be Christians know that well enough, abstractly. Or rather, we say we believe it. Actually, we have to discover it over and over again. We have to experience this truth, with deeper and deeper intensity, as we go on in life. We renounce the pursuit of creatures as ends on certain sacramental occasions. And we return, bit by bit, to our familiarity with them, living as if we had in the world a lasting city.

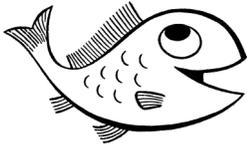
--*The Sign of Jonas*

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COMMUNITY NOTES

News Announcements Requests

Friday Fish Fest October 19 at Thomas House: Today, October 14, Kate Hennessy talks about her grandmother, Dorothy Day:



Shut your kitchen door and come on down to the Thomas House for a tasty fish and coleslaw supper at the STA Friday Fish Fest on October 19.

We start at 6:00 p.m. and finish by 8:00, and in between there is camaraderie, laughter, sharing, learning about folks whose faces may be familiar but whose stories are not. Sponsored by the STA Site Committee, the Fish Fest draws folks from all the STA Mass communities--there are 6 distinct groups, each clustered around a particular daily or Sunday Mass. This is a chance to cross-pollinate!

We ask for a \$5 donation for the meal, and \$2 each for a glass of wine or a beer. You are free to bring a dessert to share, but otherwise, the fare is simply fish and chips with coleslaw on the side.

RSVP is necessary, to be sure we have enough fish! Helen Baumann, hbbaumann@aol.com, 650-327-9236.

Kenya crafts show today:

Today from 10:00 am- 12 noon, in the Memorial Garden adjacent to St. Thomas Aquinas church, enjoy viewing handcrafted items from Kenya. With a donation to support scholarships offered by Kenya Help to high school and college students in the Naivasha area of Kenya, you may select from a display of wooden bowls, shopping bags, jewelry, Nativity sets, carved wooden ornaments and other unique items selected by Margo McAuliffe during her summer months in Kenya--a good start for holiday gifts.

PRAY FOR US: Please remember in your prayers this week Denise Alongi, Rudy Bahr, George Bouchey, Tom Carmody, George Chippendale, Mary Connors, Mike Cummings, Ken Dias, Pat Dietrich, Dick Freeman, Fr. Thierry Geris, Deonna Gill, Emily Gill, Joanne Hasegawa, Fr. John Hester, Dean Judd, Hunter Kubit, Dick Jackman, Alicia Kot, Fr. Bill Leininger, Andre and Alyssa Lippard, Deacon Ysidro and Dolores Madrigal, Mary Rose McGuire, Maureen Mooney, Hayden Pastorini, Paul Prochaska, Anne Rush, Priya Smith, Bernice Sullivan, Jean Vistica, Dolores Walsh, Kay Williams, and T. J. Wooten. [Add or subtract names by e-mailing editors: Michelle Hogan, Kay Williams. See below.]

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Kate Hennessy



Dorothy Day

Come to Menlo Park Civic Center's Arrillaga Recreation Center building at 700 Alma Street in Menlo Park today at 3:00 pm to hear from Kate Hennessy, Dorothy Day's ninth (of nine) grandchildren.

Kate's memoir is titled *Dorothy Day: The World Will Be Saved By Beauty*, and it is an intimate picture of the life and work of this iconic, celebrated and controversial Catholic (1897-1980), whom Pope Francis called a "great American." Dorothy had a close but complicated relationship with her daughter and only child Tamar,

as well as with her nine grandchildren. Dorothy Day's cause for canonization is in process, but she herself said not to call her "saint." Come and learn why.

Kate Hennessy's book will be available for purchase and she will autograph copies. Parking lots are adjacent to the Recreation Center.

George Shultz at Seton School Nov. 8:

Join us for an evening with The Honorable Secretary



George Shultz in conversation with Prof. Philip Taubman at St. Elizabeth Seton School on Thursday, Nov. 8, 6:00 -8:30 pm. Professor Taubman is working on the official biography of Secretary Shultz and will interview him on stage in the school's auditorium. A reception at 6:00 p.m. precedes the interview, and there will be time for questions and answers following Secretary Shultz's comments. Support Seton School by purchasing tickets (\$50 in advance, \$60 at the door) at: www.brownpapertickets.com (Search: "Shultz" or "Seton") or at www.setonpalalto.org. Call Carmel Caligaris at (650) 326-1258 for more information.

Seton School Library needs volunteers:

Seton School turned its library into offices about a year ago, and the library books need to be catalogued before being installed in other classrooms.

Vicki Sullivan is looking for volunteers to help with this project on Mondays and Fridays from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Contact her at (650) 740-0124, or vickisullivan@comcast.net.

COMMUNITY FORUM

Ideas Opinions Reflections Concerns

The Clergy Abuse Crisis: Tuesday, Oct. 16:

The parish Spirituality Tuesday Assembly (“STA”) presentation on Tuesday, October 16, will be “The Clergy Abuse Crisis in the Catholic Church: Separating Facts from Fiction.” with Dr. Thomas Plante, Ph.D ABPP, Santa Clara University.

The clergy sexual abuse crisis in the Roman Catholic Church has been the topic of headline news on and off since 2002. Yet much misinformation about this critically important problem continues to exist. The purpose of this presentation is to separate fact from fiction about the crisis and what we really know and don’t know about clerical sexual abuse within the Catholic Church and elsewhere.

Thomas G. Plante, Ph.D., ABPP is the Augustin Cardinal Bea, S.J. University Professor and professor of psychology at Santa Clara University and adjunct clinical professor of psychiatry and behavioral sciences at Stanford University School of Medicine. He has served as psychology department chair, acting dean of the school of education, counseling psychology, and pastoral ministries, and director of the spirituality and health institute at Santa Clara University. He recently served as vice-chair of the National Review Board for the Protection of Children and Youth for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and is past-president of the Society for the Psychology of Religion and Spirituality (Division 36) of the American Psychological Association.

Come to the St. Albert the Great Hospitality Center from 7:00 pm till 8:30 pm. Refreshments available.

Nuclear weapon’s in today’s world, Oct. 19:

Interested in learning about nuclear weapons in today’s world? How can government, nonprofits, and Stanford students work together to make the world safer? The Stanford Nonproliferation Activism Project (SNAP) is hosting a nuclear nonproliferation and disarmament symposium on October 19th at 2:00 pm on the Stanford campus in Paul Brest Hall, featuring:

William J. Perry, former Secretary of Defense
Siegfried Hecker, former Director of Los Alamos National Laboratory

Philip Yun, COO of Ploughshares Fund

The symposium is free, but please register online at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/nuclear-weapons-in-the-21st-century-50-years-after-the-npt-tickets-48917198658>. Location: 555 Salvatierra Walk, Stanford. The nearest parking lot is Parking Structure 6. It is an underground parking lot. There are visitor parking spots that take cash/credit cards.

Spirituality for the aging and aged:

[By James Keane, *America*, 10/1/18]

A wise spiritual director once gave me a valuable insight about the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius, and indeed about Ignatian spirituality in general: “Ignatius intended this as a gift to the whole church. This is not some gnostic text for the few. It’s for everyone, in every state of life.” In *God Isn’t Finished With Me Yet* (Loyola Press, 2018), Barbara Lee extends Ignatius’ gift to a generation often overlooked as spiritual seekers: the aging and the aged, whom she describes as anyone in one’s 50s and onward.

A retired attorney, former U.S. magistrate judge and a long-serving member of the Ignatian Volunteer Corps, Lee is herself now in her ninth decade of life. She brings to this short but insightful book the expertise she has gained as a spiritual director, working with directees of all ages and backgrounds. She realized over time that older adults were a “spiritually underserved population” even though they face many of the life transitions that call for discernment and spiritual nourishment: retirement, caregiving for parents and spouses, empty nesting and dealing with the loss of friends and family.

Each of the five chapters of *God Isn’t Finished With Me Yet* includes prayer exercises, suggested scripture readings (for imaginative prayer but also for lectio divina) and plenty of questions to spur contemplation and address some of the basics of Ignatian spirituality. She also provides a valuable postscript of “Ignatian Resources.”

While a spiritual director might advise a young person to “live in the present” rather than worry or wonder about the future, Lee offers the same advice with a twist for older folks: Don’t live in the past, either.

Lee points out that literature—both ancient and modern—tends to see the midlife crisis as the important turning point for most people, what the Jesuit theologian Gerald O’Collins calls the “second journey” of life. But is this true to our experience? “On the spiritual journey,” Lee notes, “there are many detours and wrong turns,” and rarely does anyone’s journey fit an easy mold.

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[Keane is a Senior Editor at *America Magazine*.]

Nuns-on-the-Bus in tax-policy tour of US:

[By Heather Adams, *National Catholic Reporter*, 10/10/18)

Overlooking the sandy beaches of Santa Monica, the 2018 Nuns on the Bus set off for Mar-a-Lago on Florida's southeast coast Oct. 8 — from "sea to shining sea," said Social Service Sr. Simone Campbell, executive director of Network, a Catholic social justice lobby, which sponsors the bus tour.

After five annual trips starting in 2012, Nuns on the Bus put their bus in park in 2017 to spend time lobbying in Washington, D.C., to stop the Trump administration's new tax policy. Now they're back and more motivated than ever, Campbell said....

The kickoff event for the Nuns on the Bus' 2018 tour, "On the Road to Mar-a-Lago: Telling the Truth about Tax Policy," was held in Los Angeles before a stop at Homeboy Industries and a town hall later in the day....

Network believes tax expenditures should be focused on "strengthening the social fabric of our society and creating strong communities," according to its website....

"The tax policy is such bad policy for 95 percent of the people in our nation," Campbell said. "We thought, 'We just have to keep going at this. This is not over.' "

That's why Nuns on the Bus will be traveling to 21 states, hosting 54 events over the course of 27 days. The bus will end with a "Fiesta for the Common Good" near Mar-a-WALago, Trump's national golf club in West Palm Beach, Florida, on Nov. 2, four days ahead of the 2018 midterm elections....

During the trip, Campbell said, they'll be holding town halls to raise awareness and start conversations about the tax overhaul. She said California, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, New York and New Jersey are generally the most adversely impacted by the tax policy, but not everyone in those states knows that.

"The biases of the Republicans in Congress really penalize those five states because high local taxes are no longer deductible," she said. "And a lot of people don't understand this, so we thought we ought to speak out about this."...

But it's also extremely important to the sisters US to listen to people's stories and go to organizations that are making a difference in people's lives, Campbell said....

She said Homeboy Industries has already been working on many of the issues the Nuns on the Bus tour will be talking about. For example, every Friday, Homeboy Industries sets up a voter registration table up in the lobby. They hope, just like the sisters, to get everyone talking....

Campbell said she was surprised to learn Homeboy Industries only uses 9 percent government funding. Recently, she said, some of that money was cut, which led to layoffs.

"The current administration would rather ship money to the top 1 percent," Campbell said. "That's wrong. We're better than that as a nation."...

One of those things she hopes people understand is that the tax law is projected to increase the national debt by \$1.9 trillion between 2018 and 2028, according to a report by the Congressional Budget Office....

The bus hasn't been to Los Angeles since its immigration tour in 2013. Campbell said it's good to be back, and they'll be "collecting" three new states — Nevada, Nebraska and Delaware — this year....

But, she said, it's the perfect image to be ending at Mar-a-Lago: After Trump signed the Republican tax overhaul in December, he left to spend Christmas at the club.

Campbell said they'll be tweeting at Trump, inviting him to play golf with some of the sisters. A few of the sisters on the bus do play golf, she said, but should the president take them up on the offer, they'd be more focused on talking tax policy.

"The nuns are coming, the nuns are coming!" she said, laughing.

She said she isn't sure Trump will even respond to them, but that's not the main focus. She wants people to simply start talking about the tax policy and then stand up and say, "No, this is not who we are."

She doesn't expect change to happen immediately, she said, but she hopes November's newly elected members of Congress commit to changing the tax policy.

[Heather Adams is a freelance writer based in Los Angeles.]

WA state Supreme Court nixes death penalty:

[By Mark Berman, *Washington Post*, 10/11/18]

The Washington state Supreme Court on Thursday unanimously struck down the death penalty there as unconstitutional and "racially biased," a ruling that makes it the latest in a string of states to abandon capital punishment in recent years. The order will not stop any scheduled executions because Washington state has already frozen its death penalty under a moratorium by Gov. Jay Inslee (D) in 2014. But the court's order, which declares that death sentences in the state should be converted to life in prison, is a sweeping rejection of capital punishment at a time when it is being used less nationwide and as states are struggling to obtain the drugs needed for lethal injections. In their opinion, the justices focused on what they said was the unequal use of the death penalty, describing it as a punishment meted out haphazardly depending on little more than geography or timing. "The death penalty is invalid because it is imposed in an arbitrary and racially biased manner," the justices wrote. "While this particular case provides an opportunity to specifically address racial disproportionality, the underlying issues that underpin our holding are rooted in the arbitrary manner in which the death penalty is generally administered." ...