

# On Line and On Point

MARY MOTHER OF JESUS INCLUSIVE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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*Miriam Leading the Women - fabric art by MT Streck & Jay Murnane*

**ANNOUNCING**—New People's Catholic Seminary Course begins October 13: PCS 309 Women in the Bible and Christian Tradition. This course invites you to catch the living spirit of amazing women witnesses to the in-breaking of the Holy One's wondrous, passionate, infinite love in our midst. The women presented in this course are radiant reflections of the feminine face of God for the 21st century. As companions of empowerment, they inspire us in our work for justice, peace and equality. Their spirits liberate and energize us on our spiritual journey. The women of the Bible and the Christian tradition are role models for today. They responded to the Spirit's call to proclaim the Good News of the inclusivity of God's reign: that all people are welcome at the banquet table, especially the downtrodden, marginalized, rejected, and powerless. They are prophetic witnesses in the church and world community through a ministry rooted in contemplation and action. Texts: Praying with Visionary Women; Praying with Women of the Bible, both authored by Bridget Mary Meehan. In addition to the core texts, a variety of resources are available to supplement a particular topic.

This course is offered as an independent study or in a cohort model. Cohorts use a blog format ([www.blogger.com](http://www.blogger.com)) to foster an interactive learning community. Students post assignments and are encouraged to comment on each other's posts. The material from this course is idea for homily development and pastoral education. Cost: \$100 - for payment visit: <https://pcs309coursedescriptions.blogspot.com/2020/08/pcs-309-women-in-bible-and-christian.html> You are invited to participate in this new course, and if you have friends who might be interested, please share this information with them. In our class on Mary Magdalene, a student from England joined us! Mary Theresa Streck and I will be the facilitators.

**BRIDGET MARY'S LETTER**—The following letter was recently published in the Herald Tribune, entitled: City, homeless charities must work together

Carrie Seidman's column Aug. 27 makes it clear that our city government has a double standard when it comes to dealing with the issue of homelessness in our community ("City: Thanks for helping homeless, now stop").

It appears that City Manager Tom Barwin utilized the services of Streets of Paradise, a group of volunteers funded by private donations, to serve meals and provide showers during the pandemic, when the major city-endorsed agencies, like the Salvation Army and Resurrection House, were not operational.

Now, sadly, Streets of Paradise's mobile ministry has been forced to shut down because the city rules and regulations are being suddenly enforced. This grassroots organization should be awarded by our city for caring for the most vulnerable among us during a time of horrible crisis.

Sarasota city and county need a "both-and" approach to helping empower the homeless by providing shelter, food, health and employment services. We need the "mom-and-pop" operations

## Mary Mother of Jesus Inclusive Catholic Community Mission Statement

We are a Christ-centered community of equals, consisting of women and men, ordained and non-ordained, empowered by the Spirit whose mission is to worship, to serve, to promote compassion, justice and care for creation.

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and the large organizations to work together as part of a comprehensive plan. But, most of all, we need an attitude of “we are all in this together” in feeding, clothing and housing the homeless, so that the paradise where we live will be a reality for everyone.—*Bridget Mary Meehan, Sarasota*

**NEEDS RESPONSE**—Mary Theresa and Bridget Mary are creating a special presentation that gives voice to you, our community members on **your lived experience of celebrating Eucharist in Zoom**. We invite all members of our inclusive communities from around the country to share. We will include as many as we can in a youtube presentation. Here’s how to be included: 1.) Compose a brief statement answering one question: **What does celebrating Eucharist in Zoom mean to me?** 2.) Send us pictures with statements or send us short mp4 videos from cell phones. Include names with statement and videos. 3.) Send statements with pictures or videos to Mary Theresa Streck (mtstreck@gmail.com) and/or Bridget Mary Meehan (sofiabmm.bmm@gmail.com) by September 1st. For example: “Perhaps it has taken the pandemic to bring us out of the binding constraints of power in “presiding” and back to where sacraments reside within each of us.—  
Lorriane Lynch Nagy

**GOOD READ**—Do not miss the article on Social justice and equality: How Black Lives Matter Is Changing the Church:Christian Evangelicals, sent out as an email by Katy. If you have not read it, do email Katy at [katycwp@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:katycwp@tampabay.rr.com) and I am sure she can provide a copy for you. Well worth reading. Thanks, Katy.

**OFFERINGS**—Please remember to make your regular donations to MMOJ by sending your check to MMOJ % St. Andrew UCC, 6908 Beneva Road, Sarasota. FL 34238. Thank you for your ongoing generosity. We are most grateful for your overall care and concern for our community

**OUTREACH**—[to be announced]

**NOTE**—Global Ministries University is offering a new certificate program on Community Chaplaincy Program our MMOJ Community might want to know about. Please let me know if you are interested/want to know more.—*Bridget Mary sofiabmm.bmm@gmail.com*

### WHAT’S AHEAD: LITURGY FOR THIS

**WEEKEND**— We are celebrating The Birth of Mary this weekend. Mary Montavon is presiding with Elena Garcia. The theme is: The Joy of participation in the Mystery of Life. The Church celebrates the Birth of Mary to Anna and Joachim on September 8th which is nine months after the December 8th celebration of the Immaculate Conception. It is fitting as well to pause and express gratitude to all those special people in our lives who have birthed us to new life through prayer, encouragement, example and at times, a push in the right direction. Readers this weekend are Sally and Janet.



### REFLECTIONS ON LAST WEEKEND LITURGY

—Beautifully created by the talents of Kathryn and Lee, our weekend Liturgy was a joy to celebrate. The theme of “Walking With Jesus” proved to resonate with the gathered community. As Kathryn noted in her homiletic reflection, “In our Readings today, we hear that walking with Jesus is not all a bed of roses. There are thorns as well, hills and valleys, tragedies and triumphs, and joy and sorrow. Even though we don’t choose the challenging and sometimes unbearable events in our life, we can choose how we perceive them, how

we respond to them, how we integrate them into our spiritual framework. To “take up the cross” then is not an invitation for disciples, then or now, to start going around looking for crosses to bear. Trust me, crosses will be provided. As Martin Luther saw so clearly when he wrote in his Freedom of the Christian that anyone who has a spouse or a family already has built-in crosses enough.

So, go forth and walk in joy with Jesus, engage in conversations with him, listen deeply from within you and be the light in the world you are intended to be.”

#### FOR NEEDED PRAYER

—Listing community, family and friends in need of serious prayer on our behalf:  
Cheri McDonough’s son  
Bridget Mary - Katy  
Sally - Janet - Jack  
Mary M  
—Anniversary of Death  
Carol Ann - Sep12  
9/11 Victims

**weekend of September 5 - 6**

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