

On Line and On Point

MARY MOTHER OF JESUS INCLUSIVE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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GRAND EVENT—For twenty-seven members of MMOJ community, Sunday was a true gathering of the Body of Christ. The dinner social at Beckham's On the Trail was the first time in a long time for so many of us to be together in the flesh. There was much hugging going on. It was so good to be with each other, even for the short time we had available to talk, take pictures, and share a meal. Although our ZOOM days are not over yet, it was so good just to see and be with each other face-to-face.

OUTREACH—The current recipient of our offered financial support to be **All Faiths Food Bank of Sarasota [AFFB]**. This recent announcement from Mary Montavon, current MMOJ Treasurer: "We contributed \$344.25 to All Faiths Food Bank in Sarasota for this quarter. All Faiths Food Bank is the only food bank and the largest hunger relief organization in Sarasota & Desoto counties. Thank you all for your generous contributions to Mary Mother of Jesus."



OFFERINGS—We are grateful for your continued contribution toward the growth and development of our community. Thanks so much. Please remember to make your regular donations to MMOJ by sending your check to MMOJ % St. Andrew UCC, 6908 Beneva Road, Sarasota. FL 34238. Again, tabulation of offerings and donations will be announced when they are received at St Andrew UCC. Remember: MMOJ continues to donate 5% of all offerings received each month to Outreach, and will continue to focus on current food and hunger issues of our surrounding communities. Note: Mary Montavon, MMOJ Treasurer recently announced the following: 1st quarter donations received - \$6885.

REFLECTIONS ON Easter V Liturgy—As Lee and Kathryn stated from the beginning, our Liturgy was focusing on forgiveness and Jesus' one commandment: Love each other as I have loved you. In the shared homily, forgiving others seemed less a problem as was forgiving one's self. In fact, both Sally and Bridget Mary saw forgiveness of self often involved in end-of-life issues. As Sally indicated, we need to ask Jesus for the grace to be released from that pain and suffering—and then let go; let God take charge.

LIVING IN THE CIRCLE OF ETERNITY—*[A good friend of mine recently wrote to tell me how important John O'Donohue was in helping him cope with the loss of his wife and closest friend.]* The Celtic tradition recognizes that the eternal and the transient worlds are woven in and through each other. "They [the dead] are now where there is no segmentation into today, yesterday, or tomorrow. In eternal time all is now; time is presence. I believe that is why eternal life means: it is where all that we seek—goodness, unity,

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. Come join us.

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beauty, truth, and love are no longer distant from us but are now completely present with us.”—
John O'Donohue, Irish poet and philosopher



BRADY BAYFRONT RALLY— On Thursday, May 20 at 4 to 5 PM, **Brady Sarasota** will return to the Bayfront for a rally. This just happens to be the end date before Summer for our “usual” Thursday 4-5 rally every week, although we have previously been unable to rally because of Covid 19. We will still follow CDC guidelines on masking and distancing, hoping this particular rally will remind Sarasota that we’re still here. Come join us for this one hour of testimony regarding the need for Gun Control in our nation. Signage provided.

PREPARATION for the coming weekend’s Liturgy—The theme for the 6th Week of Easter will be “Drinking in Love and Forgiveness.” Last week we pondered the mandate to forgive ourselves and one another. This week we will take a moment to consider that Jesus throughout his life, taught us by word and example how to drink in his love, his peace and forgiveness. He keeps our cups full, and all we have to do is learn to drink from this cup. His is a “spill over” kind of love and forgiveness. Presiders will be Elena Garcia and Linda Lee Miller. Readers are Jerry Bires and Lee Meyers.

SHEPHERD SCANDAL—The U.S. bishops' conference has no canonical or practical role to play in this matter [re: the president receiving communion]. Some of them have drunk their own Kool-Aid and can't bring themselves to accept that Biden is a legitimate president and a more observant Catholic than most. In fact, it drives them crazy, so crazy they will themselves into a profound misunderstanding of basic issues of theology and canon law. By cloaking their essentially political objective in religious garb,

these bishops are undermining the faith in ways Joe Biden never will. That is the scandal here.—
Michael Sean Winters in National Catholic Reporter editorial

STILL ASKING FOR HELP—I would like to invite community members to share their thoughts/ideas on future Outreach targets, anticipating times when we may have extra money/resources for donation purposes. If you can help me plan ahead for extending Outreach, especially post-pandemic, please contact me, Cheryl Brandi, Outreach Coordinator, cherylbrandi@comcast.net

WHAT TO DO—Active nonviolence is a way of showing that unity is truly more powerful and more fruitful than conflict. Everything in the world is interconnected. Differences can cause frictions, but let us

face them constructively and nonviolently. I pledge the assistance of the Church in every effort to build peace through active and creative nonviolence. Every such response, however modest, helps to build a world free of violence, the first step towards justice and peace.



May we dedicate ourselves prayerfully and actively to banishing violence from our hearts, words and deeds, and to becoming nonviolent people and to build nonviolent communities that care for our common home.—*Pope Francis' World Day of Peace, 2017*

PROUD MOTHER—Anna Davis has kept us well informed about her daughter, Adriana, and her excellent work on a very special documentary. Filmmakers Carole Basri and Adriana Davis both are to be commended for a most interesting and informative story of the Iraqi Jewish community: “Saving the Iraqi Jewish Archives: A Journey of Identity.” If you missed out on the CBN brief review or free access tin seeing the documentary itself, do contact Anna at annadav2@gmail.com

INFORMATION—Together with special help from Peg Bowen, and the assistance of Jan and Manny LoGalbo, we just might be able to **SOON** have in the email boxes of all MMOJ members a questionnaire on OLOP and its future. **Look for it. fill out what is asked for, and send it back for tabulation.**