

On Line and On Point

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LENT—Way of the Cross— Good Friday, April 15th, will be the Twenty First Year that the Sarasota Ministerial Association, a group of some 90 faith-based churches and synagogues in the county, will observe The Stations of The Cross publicly in Sarasota County. (MMOJ is a member of SMA. Lee Breyer and Kathryn Shea are its representatives to the Association.) Everyone is invited to participate in the Station ritual; it has been approved and permitted by the city for its “outside” observance. City and county commissioners, pastors, priests, church leaders, choirs and youth groups will take parts as well. There will be a short stopping for worship and prayer at each of the fourteen stations, with opportunities for reflections on the different moments of Christ’s passion journey.

The WOTC parade will gather at 7:15 AM in front of the Hollywood 11 Theater, at

1993 Main Street in Sarasota. For those who want to park their vehicles at the final station (the 14th), that is, at The Church of the Redeemer, 222 South Palm Ave, a Siesta Trolley will be transporting people from there at 6:30 AM to the Hollywood 11 theater to be with the others. The final Station should be ended about 8:30 AM when there will be a concluding Service of Morning Prayer. Amen!

For information, please contact Rev. Dr. Tom Pfaff, SMA President, at his email address: chaplaintompfaff@gmail.com

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.

Remember: MMOJ continues to donate 5% of all received offerings each month to Outreach, which will continue to focus on real issues of food and hunger in our surrounding communities.

OUTREACH—The current recipient of our offered financial support continues to be **All Faiths Food Bank of Sarasota** [AFFB] in its task of providing food for hungry and needy families and children.

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.

We are going to adopt a more expansive list of recipients, dividing up our calendar year so that one-quarter of our annual donations go to each of the following: All Faiths Food Bank of Sarasota, The Coalition of Immokalee Workers, The Community Foundation, and Meals On Wheels [Sarasota].

ARCWP—Statement of Solidarity with the Ukrainian People and Prayer for Peaceful Resolution for Both Sides—

The Association of Roman Catholic Women Priests joins millions of people across the globe in calling for an end to the Russian government's unprovoked assault against the Ukrainian people. We call for an immediate cease-fire and protection for all engaged in this tragic conflict. We also call for both sides to collaborate on a peaceful resolution that guarantees the sovereignty of the Ukrainian nation. We offer our prayers and support to all whose lives have been torn apart by this humanitarian crisis. Our hearts go out to all the victims of war, especially the children, elders and vulnerable Ukrainians, who have had to flee their homeland. We pray for the people of Russia, who are suffering hardship as a result of economic sanctions, and who may soon be barred from leaving their country. May world leaders continue to utilize every resource to support a just and lasting peace.

MOVIE CORNER

In keeping with the theme of this year's Academy Award nominated movies the Jonathon Larson musical **tick, tick... Boom!** is available for streaming on Netflix. It might be considered a prequel to his smash Broadway hit *Rent* and was produced and directed by Lin Manuel

Miranda of *Hamilton* fame. It was originally performed by Larson as a one man show but worked well as a full cast movie. It was a thoughtful, quirky story with good music especially the scene in a diner specializing in Sunday brunch. Watch closely for many cameo appearances. The hardest part was sympathizing with some one in angst over turning 30. Send your comments, criticisms, suggestions, to ponce.beth@gmail.com —*Beth Ponce*

QUOTE—"All wars are, by their very nature, evil and destructive. It has become too late for civilized people to accept this evil. We must take a stand. We must renounce war as an instrument of policy. We must affirm that there will be no more war. Never, ever again. War is hunger, thirst, blindness, and death. I call you to resist it."—Dorothy Day



QUOTE II—"We've got thousands of years of training in organized violence, so we just assume that's what works. People say, 'Well you're either a fighter or you're passive.' But one must accept nonviolence as a form of fighting, and that's very hard for people to understand. However, compassion and joy can be as contagious as war fever."—Joan Baez

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