

West Side Deanery Parishes Peace & Justice & Related Faith Formation Events / Initiatives

April, 2017

Here below is a tentative summary of events organized in April in the West Side Deanery Parishes.

April is the high time in our Liturgy Calendar, for reflection and celebration with Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter. Our parishes and friends are offering you a variety of actions, lectures and reflection throughout the month.

Don't hesitate to send me missing P&J / Adult Faith Formation events or let me know if there are some themes not covered yet, you would like to read about (westsidedeanery@gmail.com)

Easter Triduum & Good Friday Outdoor Stations of the Cross

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West Side Deanery Parishes (btw 125th & 14th street)

Corpus Christi (121th St)	corpus-christi-nyc.org
Notre Dame (114th St)	ndparish.org
Ascension (107th St)	ascensionchurchnyc.org
Holy Name of Jesus / St Gregory the Great (96th St & 90th St)	holynamenyc.org
Holy Trinity (82nd St)	htcny.org
Blessed Sacrament (71st St)	blessedsacramentnyc.org
St Paul the Apostle (59th St)	stpaultheapostle.org
Sacred Heart of Jesus (51st St)	shjnycparish.org
St Malachy - Actor's Chapel (49th St)	actorschapel.org
Holy Cross / St John the Baptist (42nd St & 30th St)	christinthecity.nyc
Holy Innocents (37th St)	innocents.com
St Michael (34th St)	stmichaelnyc.com
St Francis of Assisi (31st St)	stfrancisnyc.org
St Columba / Guardian Angel (25rd St)	guardianangelstcolumba.org
St Francis Xavier (15th St)	sfxavier.org

Are also listed events from Theological Universities on the West Side: Fordham University, Union Theological Seminary, Jewish Theological Seminary and the Cordoba House. And organization where many on the WSD are involved: Faith in NY, Metro NY-CCM (part of GCCM), Migrant Center (St Francis of Assisi), St Francis Breadline, Franciscan Action Network (FAN), Habitat for Humanity

Easter Triduum & Good Friday Outdoor Stations of the Cross

- **“What Wondrous Love is This! The Seven Last Words”, Danced Evening Prayer – St FX**

Wednesday 12 April, 7:30pm

This Danced Evening Prayer is a very good “primer” for the triduum. This year it is called What Wondrous Love is This, based on the framework of the Seven Last Words for the service which is comprised of music, dance and reflections on the Seven Last Words. In addition to the Xavier dancers, there are professional dancers from NY and Kingston Jamaica.

- **Tenebrae “Service of the Shadows”**

- **Actors’ Chapel/St Malachy: 9am** (Holy Thurs, Fri, Sat)
- **Blessed Sacrament: 9:30am** (Holy Fri & Sat)
- **Corpus Christi: 10am** (Holy Fri & Sat)
- **Notre Dame: 10am** (Holy Thurs, Fri, Sat)

- **35th Annual Pax Christi Metro NY “Way of the Cross” ...Way to Peace – St FX**

Fri April 14th, 47th Street at First Ave. 8:30am to Noon

Join with hundreds of people in the largest public Christian peace witness in New York City. The Good Friday Way of the Cross is a modern-day enactment of the Stations of the Cross, praying for peace and justice on the streets of our city. This year reflect with us on the many ways “Jesus Calls Us to Active Nonviolence.”

We begin at Dag Hammarskjold Plaza (47th Street at First Avenue) and proceed along 42nd Street to between Eighth and Ninth Avenues.

- **Way of the Cross over the Brooklyn Bridge – St Malachy**

Fri, April 14th, Communion & Liberation sponsors of the Way of the Cross over the Bklyn Bridge.

Participants will congregate for the first station at St. James Cathedral, Brooklyn, at 10:00 am. At each station, there will be readings from the Passion, a meditation, a reflection and hymns. All are invited. Information: Communion and Liberation (212) 337-3580 or wocbrooklynbridge.org

Peace & Justice / Catholic Social Teachings

Catholic Social Teaching

- **Redeeming the Rhinoceros: Thomas Merton’s Monastic Option – Corpus Christi**

Sat April 22, 2pm – 4pm

Where is humanity heading in its stampede to privatize what belongs to the common good? Join us for a thoughtful afternoon as Dr. Paul Pearson explores Thomas Merton’s journey from cloistered to activist monk who put himself in the stampede’s path to deepen his roots in social justice. Dr. Pearson is Director and Archivist of the Thomas Merton Center at Bellarmine University in Louisville, KY, and Chief of Research for the Merton Legacy Trust.

<http://www.thomasmertonnyc.org/saturday-april-22>

Cost: Free for Members & Students; \$20 for non-members

Affordable Housing

- **Habitat at the Hall, with Habitat for Humanity – Corpus Christi**

Thursday, April 13th, 9am – meeting location St Paul’s Chapel, 209 Broadway

On Thursday, April 13, we’re taking our mission to the steps of City Hall, and you can join us!

At our first lobby day, you’ll learn how Habitat NYC advocates for affordable housing for all New Yorkers, and stand with us during a live press conference. We’ll teach you how to become an affordable housing advocate and then you will meet face-to-face with City legislators and your local representatives. Even if you can’t make it to the lobby day, you can join us for an after party/happy hour at Manhattan Proper in Lower Manhattan.

For more information or if you have any questions, please email buildlouder@habitatnyc.org or call us at (212) 991-4000 Ext. 354.

Click [here](#) to register

Care for Creation

- **Recommended Articles**

- **Camosy: Activist says Pope's eco-message can't be carried by 'half the Church' - Crux**

Click [here](#) to read the article

- **Father James Martin: Why is climate change a moral issue? – America Magazine**

Click [here](#) to read the article

- **BUS to the People’s Climate March, Washington DC - Metro NY Catholic Climate Movement**

Sat April 29 – Metro NY CCM’s bus for the March. BOOK A TICKET

If you share Pope Francis’ concern for care of the earth and care of the poor.....Come on board!!
Get on the bus!!

Departure: St. Paul the Apostle Church, 9th Ave. btw 59th and 60th St. at 5:45 am,

Return: 8:30 pm in NYC

Ticket: \$45.

Reservation: Nancy Lorence at n.lorence2013@gmail.com

Those who cannot join in Washington DC, Metro NY Catholic Climate Movement is also organizing a Climate Rally in White Plains, NY Sat April 29, from 11am to Noon (see flyer)

- **Climate Change Film Series: “Time to Choose”** Holy Name/St Greg., Bl. Sacramento, Metro NY CCM
Wed April 19, 7pm at Holy Name, St Mary of the Angel’s Chapel

- **Earth Week @ The New School – recommended by Metro NY CCM**

- **Ecology and Sovereignty: Native and Indigenous Perspectives – The New School**

Tue, April 18, 6pm – 8pm, Free, Tishman Auditorium, 63 5th Avenue, New York, NY 10003

Native and Indigenous communities across the country are leading a resistance movement focused on climate change, decolonization, and cultural appropriation. In celebration of Earth Week, the [Tishman Environment and Design Center](#) at The New School invites you to join Native and Indigenous artists, activists, and thought leaders underscoring the value of traditional ecological knowledge and the necessity of transcending the imposed boundaries of thought, borders, and mediums as we advance socially just approaches to environmental issues.

- Going Beyond "Green" – The New School**
Wed, April 19, Free, 10am – 6pm, Th. Lang Student Center, 55 W 13th St, Room I-202
 Interactive showcase of faculty and student research addressing the impacts of climate change and other environmental threats to community well-being and social justice.

 - 10:00am - 11:00pm - Wendy Popp - "Beyond the Polar Bear"
 - 11:15pm - 12:00pm - Fabio Parasecoli & Rachel Knopf with NY Food Bank - "Urban Food Security in Context"
 - 12:15pm - 1:45pm (Group Panel) - Stephen Metts - "Environment and technology: Mobilizing Maps for Sustainable Communities," Barent Roth - "TestingOurWaters.Net," & Mehdi Salehi - "Drones for Refugees"
 - 2:00pm - 2:45pm - Ivan Ramirez with El Puente - "Addressing Environmental Health Risks through Community Action Research and Local Knowledge"
 - 3:00pm - 4:30pm (Student Scholar Research Panel) - Corey Chao, Marriele Robinson, & LaChaun Moore
 - 5:00pm - 6:00pm - Tanya Kalmanovitch - "Tar Sands Song Book"

- What Does Trump Mean for Global Climate Change? – The New School**
Wed April 19, 6pm, Free, 63 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY - University Center, Room UL104
 Climate change experts join to discuss the Trump administration's prospective exit from the Paris Agreement and the Obama administration's accomplishments on climate policy. The discussion will focus on new climate science research, the position of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), and concrete policy changes expected under the Trump Administration. Organized by The New School's Schwartz Center for Economic Policy Analysis (SCEPA) Economics of Climate Change Project
Panelists: Michelle J. DePass , Michael Oppenheimer, Peter Schlosser

- Sacred Water and Red Power: A Film Screening on #NODAPL and Standing Rock – The New School**
Wed, May 3, 6pm - 8:30 pm - Please RSVP, limited seating available.
 Film screening of Sacred Water and Red Power, two episodes from Viceland's new series RISE that powerfully document and critically explore the political struggle at Standing Rock against the Dakota Access Pipeline.
 Film screening followed by discussion and Q & A with: Michelle Latimer, RISE Director, Mia White, Assistant Professor of Environmental Studies, The New School, Elizabeth Ellis (Peoria), Penn Barra Post-Doctoral Fellow, University of Pennsylvania and moderated by Jaskiran Dhillon, Assistant Professor of Global Studies and Anthropology, The New School.

- Faith Climate Action week Webinar – Interfaith Power & Light**
Thursday, April 20, 8pm, sign-up [on-line](#)
 Hear from and ask questions of former EPA administrator Gina McCarthy, who served as President Obama's Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator from 2013 to 2016. In June of 2015, McCarthy finalized the Clean Power Plan under the Clean Air Act, seeking to reduce coal, support clean energy and efficiency and meet the US commitment to the Paris Agreement. In her twenty-five years in public administration, she has been environmental advisor to five Massachusetts governors, including former Republican Governor Mitt Romney.

- **Eco-spirituality Reflection Group– Holy Name & Franciscan Missionary of Mary**

Contact: odilefmm@gmail.com or dorothycalvani@gmail.com

We are initiating an eco-spiritual reflection group, supporting a paradigm shift in order for us to live more fully our call to be human and deeply rooted in our interdependent Earth community.

Contemplation

- **A day of Contemplative prayer – St Francis of Assisi**

May 6: 10:30 am – 4:30 am, \$40; Clare Room

Inter-Faith dialogue

- **And Justice for All? The Promise of Religious Liberty in a Pluralistic World – Fordham University**

Tuesday, May 16, 2017 | 6 p.m., 113 West 60th Street | Pope Auditorium | Lowenstein Center
Fordham University | Lincoln Center Campus | New York City - Free

At a time when human rights and human lives are at risk in America and abroad, how can we reconcile conflicting views of how religious beliefs relate to public policy? Is religious freedom a veil for bigotry or an essential protection against sectarian persecution? Join us as we explore the contentious issue of religious liberty and its intersection with immigration, health care, same-sex marriage, and other issues.

Speakers: Vincent D. Rougeau - Dean, Boston College Law School, Thomas Berg - Professor of Law, St. Thomas University, Carol Keehan - CEO, Catholic Health Association, Asma Uddin - Director of Strategy, Center for Islam and Religious Freedom, Ani Sarkissian - Political Scientist; Author of The Varieties of Religious Repression: Why Governments Restrict Religion

- **Reformation 500: 1517 – 2017 – Holy Name & St Gregory**

Wed, May 17 – 7pm – 9pm

A commemoration of the 500th anniversary of the reformation! Join Us for An Ecumenical Service of Prayer and Song! Wine and Cheese Reception and Fellowship to Follow

- **Taizé Prayer – St FX**

Ongoing, every 2nd Friday of the month, next: Fri April 10, 6-7pm

LGBT

- **LGBT Pilgrimage to the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark, NJ**

Sun May 21 – Mass at 3:30pm, Tour at 4:30pm, Optional dinner afterward

With the Blessing and best wishes of His Eminence Joseph Cardinal Tobin, C.Ss.R., Archbishop of Newark, please join the LGBT community and their families for Mass to be celebrated by Rev. Francis Gargani, C.Ss.R. in the Lady Chapel of the basilica. After Mass (3:30pm) join us for a tour of the building (4:30pm). If interested: sacredheartigi@gmail.com

Migration: Immigrants and Refugees

- **Migration Policies and the Impact on Women Refugees, Defining Safe Migration within a Rights-Based Framework, with Marciana Popescu, Ph.D. – Fordham University**

Olympic Suite | 10th Floor New York Athletic Club - 180 Central Park South | New York, NY



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Contact: westsidedeanery@gmail.com

Thurs, April 20, 2017 6 p.m. Program | 7 p.m. Reception

Costs \$15 per person. Advanced registration is required.

Registration: Alby Tello at tello@fordham.edu with your name and graduation year

Fordham alumni, family, and friends are cordially invited to this presentation and networking reception

- **Issues on Immigration – Blessed Sacrament**

We understand there have been increased concerns about immigration issues. Our goal is to be a good source of information and be useful for those who need it. If you have questions or want to help, please email: immigration.blessedsac@gmail.com or leave a message for us through the Parish Rectory at 212 877-3111. See flyer

Racism

- **Unlikely Allies in the Face of Hate: Jews and Muslims in Trump's America – Fordham University
Wed, April 19, 2017 | 6 p.m. - A Lecture by Samuel Freedman**

Room 3-01 | Fordham Law School | 150 West 62nd Street | Lincoln Center Campus | NYC
Bomb threats against Jewish community centers and cultural institutions, vandalism of Jewish cemeteries, attacks on mosques, and swastika graffiti—these are some of the hate crimes on the rise in the recent months. Long-time New York Times columnist and award-winning author Samuel Freedman will discuss the current climate in this talk.

- **Acts of Exclusion: Asian & Pacific Islander Caucus - Responses to Migration, Otherness, and Belonging @ Union Theological Seminary**

Fri, Apr 21, 2pm – 6pm – Free but [RSVP](#) needed

Prison / Violence

- **Thrive for Life Prison Project Inc. – St FX**

Founded by Zach Presutti, SJ of the USA Northeast Province of the Society of Jesus. Thrive for Life offers spiritual and educational services and resources to incarcerated and formerly incarcerated men and women. Thrive for Life is comprised of two programs: CONTEMPLATION and ACTION.

Like us on Facebook at Thrive for Life Prison Project (@thriveforlifeny) and Follow us on Twitter @thriveforlifeny. For more information, access our website at www.thriveforlife.org or contact Zach Presutti, SJ at zpresutti@thriveforlife.org

Women

St. Mary of Magdala Proclaims the Resurrection - Ascension

Saturday, April 22, 2017 - Church of the Ascension, 221 W. 107th St. NY, NY

Mass and Dedication of the New Art

In 2016 Pope Francis elevated Mary of Magdala's commemoration to a Feast, recognizing her key role in the Resurrection. In honor of this, the Church of the Ascension will install a wonderful new sculpted relief - "St. Mary of Magdala Proclaims the Resurrection" by M. Beaudette, SC. You are invited to the Dedication and Celebration:

- 5:30 Bi-Lingual Mass and Blessing of the Art
- 6:30 Reflection by Mary Boys, Ph.D., Dean of Union Theological Seminary
- 7:15 - 9 Reception - Wine, Cheese, Appetizers and light Supper in Parish Center below the church

Faith through Art

- **Benefit Concert for the JoyJ Initiative – Blessed Sacrament**
Sat, April 15, 7:30 PM (doors open at 7:00 PM)
Location: Evans Real Estate Investments - 249 W 60th Street, New York, NY 10023
Program: Mozart, and other works for String Trio Collaborative concert featuring students from The Juilliard School and produced by students from NYU Steinhardt's Music Business Master's Program
Admission: \$10 suggested donation
- **Sunday Evening Concert: Collaborations – Holy Trinity**
Sun, April 23, 7pm
A Live Multimedia Performance, with Boris Skalsky, Rubin Khodeli, Michelle Repiso, Paul Wood & Zdanna Krawciw Skalsky
- **The 2017 Catholic Artist Connection Retreat – St Malachy**
Fri May 5 – Sun May 7 - , w/ Br. Joe Hoover, S.J. at St Isaac Jogues Retreat House, Cornwall-on-Hudson, NY
Join other artists for a week-end of Ignatian spirituality designed especially for artists
Cost: \$200 (includes room and meals)
Deadline to register: April 14, 2017
Register: contact@catholicartistconnection.com
- **Choral Concert: Timeless - Holy Trinity Schola Cantorum – Holy Trinity**
Sun, May 21, 7pm
An Evening of Transcendent Choral Music from Across the Ages featuring the Holy Trinity Schola Cantorum, conducted by Dr. Andrew H. Yeargin