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The Kino Border Initiative

*The following essay comes from Sean Carroll SJ of the Kino Border Initiative, who together with Ms. Alana Lee of Gesu School, will join us for a conversation about Human Rights and Civil Rights: Where God and Faith Make a Difference on **Monday, January 21 at 7:30 PM** in Old St. Joseph's church.*

It will be my privilege to be with you all on Monday evening, January 21. I come from the Kino Border Initiative, a cross-border migrant ministry in Nogales, Arizona and Nogales, Sonora, Mexico. It is named for Eusebio Francisco Kino SJ, a Jesuit missionary who worked with the area's native peoples in the late 1600s and early 1700s. The Kino Border Initiative responds to the difficult realities of migration along the US-Mexico border, especially along the border between Arizona and the Mexican State of Sonora. Through the Kino Border Initiative, six Catholic organizations from the US and Mexico offer humanitarian assistance, education and advocacy for justice for migrants. We are particularly concerned about the needs of migrant women and children.

The Kino Border Initiative staffs two major humanitarian projects in Nogales, Sonora, Mexico. One project is a center that provides two meals a day along with clothing, pastoral care and other services supported by area non-profits. As of November 2018, we served 48,673 meals to deportees and people in transit to the US, including asylum-seeking families. With the help of volunteer



professionals, we also provided first aid for migrants' severely-blistered feet, flu symptoms and dehydration. Our place of respite reminds both the migrants and those who care for them of their God-given human dignity; it also allows us to recognize Jesus Himself present in some of the least among us.

The Kino Border Initiative's other project is a shelter for migrant women and children called Nazareth House. All too often, migrant women experience abuse both during their journeys or during the detention and deportation process. Nazareth House provides a safe space where migrant women and children can eat, sleep and reflect on their experience. Prayer and varied activities offer healing from the trauma they have experienced. A number

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This Week at Old St. Joseph's

Date		Mass Intention and Presider	Calendar Events	
Mon	12:05 PM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i> Presider: Fr. Dougherty SJ	6:00 PM	<i>Parish Offices open 11:00 AM-1:00 PM</i> No PREP
Tues	12:05 PM	<i>Rose T. Arcodia (D)</i> Presider: Fr. Modrys SJ	12 Noon	Faith, Food, and Friends (Barbelin)
			12 Noon	Al-Anon Meeting (Drexel)
			7:00 PM	YA Community Spirituality Night (Barbelin)
Wed	12:05 PM	<i>Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society</i> Presider: Fr. Dougherty SJ		
Thurs	12:05 PM	<i>Sofia La Rocca</i> Presider: Fr. O'Donnell SJ	12 Noon	Faith, Food, and Friends (Barbelin)
			7:00 PM	Schola Cantorum Rehearsal
Fri	12:05 PM	<i>Geraldine Marren & Family (D)</i> Presider: Fr. Dougherty SJ		
Sat	12:05 PM	<i>Edward & Mary Britt Families (D)</i> Presider: Fr. O'Donnell SJ	3:30 PM	Family Activity Day (Barbelin)
	5:30 PM	Presider: Fr. Dougherty SJ		
Sun	7:30 AM	Presider: Fr. Modrys SJ		
	9:30 AM	Presider: Fr. O'Donnell SJ	9:30 AM	Children's Liturgy of the Word (Barbelin)
	11:30 AM	Presider: Fr. Modrys SJ	5:30 PM	Loyola Choir Rehearsal (Church)
	6:30 PM	Presider: Fr. Modrys SJ	5:30 PM	YAC Pre-Mass Reflection (Greaton)

In your prayers,
please remember our sick and homebound brothers and sisters
and our ministry at Pennsylvania Hospital.

Debbie Brooks, Tony Corvaia, Ann Crowther, Simeon Crowther, Lenny Felixson, Fr. Mike Hricko SJ, Aaron Hull, Karen Lessing, Fr. Jerry McAndrews SJ, Allen May, D. Minter, Ursula Reed, Joan Russo, Sara Smith, Arlene Tomlin, Patricia Yusko, Mickey Zippo.

Bringing Communion to the Homebound

When people are confined to home, they can remain connected to our shared worship by receiving Communion at home. If you, a family member, friend or neighbor (with their approval of course), would like to receive Communion at home. contact the Parish Rectorv at 215-923-1733 to arranae for a parish Eucharistic Minister to visit.

of migrant women take part in a cooperative in which they weave bracelets and make earrings which are sold to visitors and guests. Participants receive money for each item they make and so are able to leave the shelter with a little savings and a productive new skill.

In the midst of all this direct support for migrants, we are aware at the same time of the great need in Catholic parishes for more awareness of Church teaching on migration. We know that we need to understand the root causes of migration before we can make a comprehensive response to the challenges that migration presents. And so, through presentations, homilies and media interviews, the Kino Border Initiative seeks to broaden perspectives on the realities of migration. We also host groups of people from high schools, universities and other interested organizations in immersion experiences. These trips aim to demonstrate the humanity of migrants and the complicated issues they face. ‘Immersion participants’ serve migrants at our outreach center, and they listen to women and children in our shelter, to ranchers in Southern Arizona and to the Border Patrol. At the end of their visits, immersion participants reflect on their experiences and think carefully about how to share the stories of what they have seen and heard and how to respond with care and advocacy on behalf of the people they’ve met.

The Kino Border Initiative’s educational activities and advocacy for just and humane immigration policies is rooted in research. We have documented our concerns about Border Patrol abuse of migrants in the detention and deportation process

and the failures of the Customs and Border Protection’s complaints system and accountability. In this regard, we recently collaborated with the Jesuit Conference of Canada and US and the Center for Migration Studies in New York on a report entitled *Communities in Crisis: Interior Removals and Their Human Consequences*. This report draws attention to interior enforcement of immigration law. Interviews took place with 133 deportees in Nogales, Sonora and with twenty members of immigrant families at three Catholic parishes in the United States. Reports like these form the basis of our efforts to educate the general public and engage Congressional offices in shaping legislation that protects the human dignity of migrants.

As the Kino Border Initiative looks to the future, we hope to move into a new facility in Nogales, Sonora, Mexico sometime next summer. Our new home will increase the capacity of our dining area and shelter for women and children. We will also be able to offer shelter for men and individualized spaces for legal assistance, psychological support and pastoral accompaniment. We trust that this new building will enable the Kino Border Initiative to be an even more humanizing presence on the US-Mexico border and to foster bi-national solidarity on the issue of migration.

I look forward to our conversation on Monday, January 21 at 7:30 PM and the opportunity to share more about migration at the US-Mexico border with the communities of Old St. Joseph and St. Joseph’s Prep. Thank you.

—Sean Carroll SJ
Executive Director
Kino Border Initiative



For additional reading on Catholic social teaching and migrant and refugee people, visit usccb.org and search for “Welcoming the Stranger Among Us: Unity in Diversity.” To learn more about migrants’ and refugees’ experience, visit Share the Journey at sharejourney.org.

Announcements

Catholic Relief Services Collection

The annual Catholic Relief Services second collection will be taken up **this weekend** and through online giving until February 10. In addition to CRS's international relief and development work, the collection funds the USCCB's Migration and Refugee Services for refugee resettlement; the advocacy work of its Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development; the ministry of its Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church; the services of the Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc.; and the Holy Father's Relief Fund for emergency relief. Your generosity is a way of responding to 'Jesus in disguise' in the faces of the poor. Many thanks for your contribution!

Thank You!

The community at OSJ has received two thank you notes this month, excerpted here:

From the Aquinas Center:

Thank you for the gifts and gift cards to support immigrants and refugees in South Philadelphia. We are grateful for the freedom the cards offer the families to choose what is best for them.

—Bethany Welch, Executive Director

From Gesu School:

On behalf of Gesu School, thank you for sharing Christmas joy through this year's giving tree. Our community is so grateful for our partnership over many years, and we were, once again, overwhelmed by your generosity. Thank you for being "men and women for others" for our students. We pray for you and wish you peace and blessings in the New Year!

—Bryan Carter, President and CEO

—Sr. Ellen Convey, IHM, Principal

Additional thanks from the students of Gesu School are on display on the bulletin board outside Barbelin Hall.

Charis Retreat for Young Adults

Looking for a Catholic retreat this spring in the Philadelphia area? Charis Ministries is a retreat ministry in the Jesuit tradition for people in their 20s and 30s. This year, Charis and the Handmaids of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in Haverford, PA are coming together to host the *What's Next?* retreat at the St. Raphaela Center **March 1-3**. The retreat will focus on the variety of life transitions experienced by young adults. Registration is open online under Special Events at straphaelacenter.org. If you have any questions, please email the Charis Ministries Philadelphia Retreat Team at ignatianyaretreats@straphaelacenter.org.

Waldron Mercy Academy Admissions

Waldron Mercy Academy is now accepting applications for the 2019-2020 school year. Waldron Mercy is a Blue-Ribbon School of Excellence located in Merion Station PA. It has a Catholic co-educational, independent preschool through grade 8 and a Montessori program for ages 3 through 6. A sponsored work of the Sisters of Mercy, Waldron Mercy offers a challenging and well-rounded curriculum intended to develop the whole child academically, athletically, artistically and socially. Students are prepared to face the challenges of the world today with an enriched spiritual life, fluency in language and competence in advanced technology. To learn more about Waldron Mercy Academy, please call Admission Director Sr. Joellen at 610-664-9847, x. 113 or email jmcdonnell@waldronmercy.org.

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YA Community Post-Mass Reflection

Young adults are invited to join our community for an additional reflection after the 6:30 PM Mass **today, Sunday, January 20**. Please meet in the courtyard after Mass; we will then move to the Greaton Parlor. The reflection will consist of an opening prayer, re-reading of the Scriptures of the day, a short bit of quiet prayer and an opportunity for sharing and discussion. Materials will be provided, and we will end by **8:30 PM**.

Young Adult Spirituality Night

To Read, To Listen and To Pray

Do you have a book that was critical in your spiritual development? Is there a Catholic podcast that you're hooked on? Looking for something new to read in the new year? Are you secretly into Christian Sci-Fi? (Yes, that's a thing). All young adults are invited to join YAC **on Tuesday, January 22 at 7:00 PM in Barbelin Hall** as we share and discuss our favorite books, podcasts, and other suggestions. Spirits and socializing to begin at 7:00; discussion starts at 7:30. Have questions? Reach out to Jenn at jennlydic@gmail.com. We hope to see you there!

Family Activity Afternoon

Parents and grandparents, please join us on **January 26, 3:30-5:15 PM** for a shared afternoon of fun, faith-based activities. The ending time allows families to attend 5:30 PM Mass together.

Now Playing

If you missed him at Christmas time, you've got a few more chances to hear OSJ music director Mark Bani on Philadelphia's Wanamaker Organ at 13th and Market Streets. Mark will be playing **January 21 at 5:30 PM, January 25 at 12 Noon, and January 28 at 5:30 PM**.

Human Rights and Civil Rights

On **Monday, January 21 at 7:30 PM**, OSJ will join St. Joseph's Prep in hosting a discussion on *Human Rights and Civil Rights: Where God and Faith Make a Difference*. Guest speakers will be Sean Carroll SJ, executive director of the Kino Border Initiative in Nogales AZ, and Alana Lee, assistant principal of Philadelphia's Gesu School. All are welcome to join us in the church for conversation; refreshments will follow in Barbelin Hall.

The Divine Milieu Discussion

On **Sunday, February 10 and Sunday, February 24 at 1:00 PM**, SJU professor and OSJ parishioner Gerard Jacobitz will lead a discussion of Teilhard de Chardin's *The Divine Milieu*. Chardin was a Jesuit and paleontologist best known for the spiritual writings published after his death in 1955. Though written in 1929, Chardin's *The Divine Milieu* remains both the centerpiece of his writings and a 21st century spiritual path cited by Pope Francis in his encyclical *Laudato Si*. Although brief, *The Divine Milieu* is worth lingering over, so you may wish to begin reading now to prepare for February's discussion in Barbelin Hall. Local independent bookstore, Head House Books, 619 S. 2nd Street, 215-923-9525 can special order copies.

Requiescat in Pace

OSJ parishioner Anthony Novelli passed away on Friday, January 11. His Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Old St. Joseph's on Wednesday, January 16. We extend our heartfelt condolences to Anthony's family and friends.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him; may his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

INFORMATION

Rectory Office Hours

Monday through Friday: 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM
Sunday: 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Mass Times

Monday through Saturday: 12:05 PM
Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday: 5:30 PM
Sunday: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 AM and 6:30 PM
Holy Days: 12:05 and 7:30 PM

Medical Emergency

In a medical emergency when the need for a priest is urgent, please call the rectory.

Hearing Enhancements

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Registration

Persons who want to register as parishioners should complete a parish registration form and return it to the rectory office by mail or in person. Registration forms are available in the rectory office during normal office hours, on the bookcases in the back of the church and online at www.oldstjoseph.org.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday through Saturday: 11:30 AM to noon or by appointment

Sacrament of Baptism

Persons wanting to arrange a baptism should call Fr. Dougherty at the parish office at least two months before the desired date to arrange catechesis and the baptism celebration.

The Sacrament of Anointing

The Sacrament of Anointing (the sacrament of the sick) is administered during the 12:05 PM Mass on the first Saturday of each month. Homebound or hospitalized persons wanting to receive the Sacrament of Anointing should call the parish office.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Persons wanting to be married in the parish should call Fr. O'Donnell at the parish office at least nine months before the desired date.

Rite of Christian Initiation

Unbaptized adults who are considering baptism into the Catholic Church, baptized Catholics who have received no other sacraments and who want to be confirmed and to receive First Eucharist, and baptized non-Catholics who are considering full communion in the Catholic Church should call Fr. O'Donnell at the parish office.

Mass of Christian Burial

The funeral director should call the parish office.

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