



Breaking Bread



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Notes from Br. Jerry

Mercy, healing, and hope are three concepts that have been on my mind, or rather, in my heart recently. Whether we are a volunteer, a guest at the Soup Kitchen, staff, or a donor, we all long for these three things.

At Mass, I'm often moved by the phrase where we say to God, "but only say the word, and my soul shall be healed." I'm moved even more by the version in Spanish, "pero una palabra tuya bastará para sanarme." This translates literally as, "but one word of yours will be enough to heal me."

In life, we can struggle with what is "enough." I'm sure we all lack, in some ways, the reminder of the Prophet Micah to "act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly." This "lack" in our hearts is troubling and deeply painful and so we ask for mercy.

So where is the hope? I'm sure every person might have a different perspective on that, but I've oftentimes thought of hope as the belief that someone, somewhere cares about you. Hope is born from that unconditional love that you are "enough" in their eyes. "Pero una palabra tuya," or "but one word of yours" is God saying to each person, by name, "I love you unconditionally and I promise to be at your side. I desire your healing, your goodness, and your companionship." Of course, God, being creative, finds creative ways to say that.



Br. Jerry Johnson

The realities of suffering and tragedy are mysterious and complex, but not without hope. If we participate in that "one word" as best we can, perhaps it will be enough to continue the journey.

Br. Jerry Johnson O.F.M. Capuchin

Congratulations Br. Ray 25 Years as a Capuchin Friar

Capuchin Soup Kitchen's Br. Ray Stadmeier is marking his 25th year as a Capuchin friar. This summer, he will be joined by eight other jubilarians at the founding site of the Capuchin Franciscan Province of St. Joseph, Mt. Calvary, WI.



"These last 25 years of life as a Capuchin have sped by," Br. Ray shares. "I am very grateful to the brothers who have inspired me and to all the people who have been part of ministry over these years. I have had the

privilege of being with friars in their last days, celebrating baptisms of little babies, hearing the struggle of those who are poor and sharing the tears and joys of so many. These 25 years have shown me the face of God in more ways than I could have imagined. Wow...what a grand life!"

Br. Ray, when not assisting the Soup Kitchen's On the Rise Bakery, is pastor of St. Charles Borromeo and Our Nativity of Our Lord parishes, Detroit.



The Capuchin Soup Kitchen congratulates former director, Fr. Albert Sandor, on his 60th Jubilee! Fr. Albert served as director 1967-70.

Documentary Featuring Capuchin Friar to Screen in Detroit, June 11

Capuchin Friar Wally Kasuboski is known as Padre Pablo in the Panamanian mission fields he serves. Padre Pablo has bettered the lives of this rural area in Panama in countless ways, but perhaps the most significant is the water and dam project which ensures ample, clean drinking water. With the help of countless volunteers and residents, the water system will protect watersheds, conserve the rainforest and is the largest rural water system in Central America.

His efforts have been documented in a feature-length film, *From Mass to the Mountain*, which will be premiered in the metro Detroit area, Sunday, June 11, 2 pm, at the AMC Star Southfield 20 Theatre, 25333 West 12 Mile Road, Southfield.

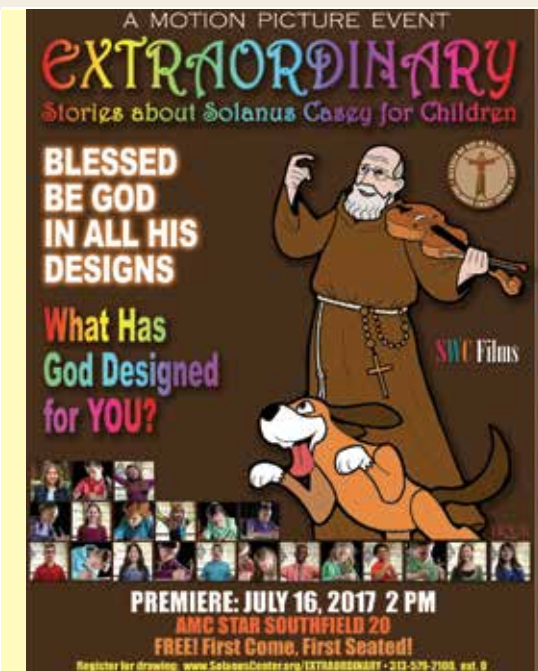
Tickets are \$10 each and are available for purchase online until June 9: www.TheCapuchins.org/panama If not sold out, tickets will also be available at the door.

For additional information, 313.579.2100 or email: MassToTheMountain@thecapuchins.org



Truckloads of Hope

Thank you Metro Detroit Chevy Dealers for providing household staples and shower supplies for our Capuchin Soup Kitchen guests. The Truckloads of Hope donation drive filled 38 Chevy Silverado truck beds—one for each Metro Detroit Chevy dealer location—and delivered it to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen's Services Center via a Silverado caravan! Thank you Chevy Dealers for assisting our Soup Kitchen guests!



Solanus' Children's Film World Premier Screening Debuts Detroit July 16

Film director, Stan Williams, brings new meaning to the phrase, Blessed be God in All His Designs in SWC's most recent project, **EXTRAORDINARY: Stories About Solanus Casey for Children**. Blessed be God in All His Designs is the catch phrase for each of the eleven stories in the 72 minute film.

Children as young as five and adults of all ages will enjoy this colorful, engaging film which will premiere July 16, 2 pm, at the AMC Star Southfield 20 Theatre, 25333 West 12 Mile Road, Southfield.

Tickets are free, first come, first seated. Register for drawing: www.SolanusCenter.org/EXTRAORDINARY

CAPUCHIN SOUPER SUMMER CELEBRATION XXXVI

Sponsored by the Edmund T. Ahee Family
All prizes donated by edmund t. AHEE Jewelers

June 10, 2017 – Comerica Park

You need not be present to win.

Dear Brother Jerry,

I am delighted to be able to participate in the Capuchin Souper Summer Celebration.

Please send _____ raffle tickets at \$1 each. Enclosed is my payment of \$ _____.

I prefer not to be a part of the raffle, but I do want to support the work of the Capuchin Soup Kitchen.

Please accept my enclosed gift of \$ _____. Check Enclosed VISA MC DISC AMEX _____

Card Number _____

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Signature _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____



Please return to Capuchin Soup Kitchen, Attn: Souper Summer Celebration, 1820 Mt. Elliott St., Detroit, MI 48207



1st prize: Ladies 31mm stainless steel and 18k yellow gold Rolex Datejust watch. Retail \$11,650.



5th prize: Gents stainless steel Tag Heuer Formula One watch. Retail \$1,950

2nd prize: Ladies 13mm black Tahitian pearl and 18k white gold necklace. Retail \$9,250.



6th prize: Ippolita Rock Candy Collection bronzed turquoise earrings in silver. Retail \$995.



3rd prize: David Yurman Chatelaine Collection Hampton blue topaz and diamond necklace in silver. Retail \$2,720.



7th prize: Gents stainless steel Shinola Runwell Collection watch. Retail \$750.

4th prize: Roberto Coin Princess Collection diamond earrings in 18k white gold. Retail \$2,700.



Valued over: \$30,000

The Power of Prayer



Although the Capuchin Soup Kitchen is a ministry, prayer is never required. We stand ready to offer spiritual care to anyone who seeks it. Guided by the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi, it is this spiritual dimension that sets the Capuchin Soup Kitchen apart from other social service agencies.

One particular morning, Br. Bob was leading prayer and it was to begin at 10am. An announcement was made in the Meal Hall and guests and volunteers shuffled into the meeting area. Some called each

other by name; some smiled; some cast their eyes downward; but I think we were all hoping for a healing word to keep us buoyed for one more day.

Br. Bob opened with a passage from the Bible. Folks listened attentively, eyes closed tight, some faces turned upward to heaven, others bowed in prayer. The day's scripture came to an end. Br. Bob closed the Bible gently; sat down; and waited.

One by one the group shared their reflection of the passage. One who shared was defiant; another was thoughtful; another asked questions; another took the role as preacher; Br. Bob interjected occasionally. As the conversation continued, the roles of guest / volunteer / staff member were shed. We were just people, trying to embody the Word of God in our lives. Some of us were able to tackle the challenge more skillfully than others, but we were all trying.

As the hour came to a close, the group was calling one another by name. There were smiles. There were acknowledgements of 'I had never thought of that' before. There were many thank you's. There we were....buoyed for a bit longer...by one another and by Br. Bob. All through the power of prayer.

Do I...Could I.... Preach Justice and Peace?

By Nancyann Turner, OP
Children & Youth Program Manager

It is spring as I write this, but already the Rosa Park's staff is starting plans for our annual Peace Camp for the children at Detroit's Capuchin Soup Kitchen. Because we believe so much in non-violence training and positive conflict mediation for our children and teens, we put immense time and effort into planning the yearly Peace Camp.

During our summer Peace Camp (which runs for three weeks), we try to provide a teaching environment of respect, peace and nonviolence through dance, music, fine arts and peace-making classes. Usually there are 65 participants plus teachers. Frequently, we invite the mothers and grandmothers to be present for the first half hour of camp sessions which is group singing.

Today one of the moms was talking to me about camp and she starting crying. When asked about her tears,



she told me that when she was with us, she felt like she was in church: "There is such a great spirit in this room. I felt hugged and embraced. I felt overwhelmed by love in this room among the children and the teachers."

Another mom shared with me how having her children at the camp brings her such peace of mind: "They are with good people and not just out on the street."

She added another comment which really touched me: "I see that my children take what they learn here at the Peace Camp and then, share it with their cousins and neighbors. The Peace camp has a long life."

It fills my heart with joy and gratitude when I hear about the 'long life' of our peace classes—lessons shared with wider and wider circles of children. It also challenges me to think about how wide are the circles of my family and friends who know what I stand for...how wide are the circles of my peace lessons?

How wide are the circles of your influence...your life lessons?

Time Goes By Slowly in the Asparagus Patch

By Patrick Crouch, Earthworks Urban Farm Manager



This April marks my 13th year of working with Earthworks and the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. That first season I remember planting asparagus. Zeb Bartels (who was the Cap Corps volunteer at the time) was able to coax those asparagus seeds to life. I had pretty well given up on them

after they failed to germinate for three weeks, but he kept at it and in the fourth week, a tiny fern-like spout emerged. We transplanted them up into bigger pots a few times and then after over 14 weeks in the greenhouse, we planted them out in a deep trench. We babied them that first year, keeping them weed free and slowing closing in the trench as the plants grew taller.

There is a photo next to my door of Tyler, at the time 15, in the asparagus patch, the fronds well over his head. He is now 21 years old, in his second year of college and a graduate of our Earthworks Agriculture Training Program. Time goes by slowly in the asparagus patch, but it keeps going. At 13 years old, those asparagus plants are starting to get old – and less productive, soon they will cease to be productive at all.

Last year I planted a second patch of asparagus. They are already well established and coming up strong. They look stronger than the old patch with bigger stems and taller fronds. It's hard to see the old patch come to an end. In another couple of years I plan to dig it up and plant strawberries. I look forward to the strawberries, but I don't know if I'll ever relate to them the way I do the asparagus, and I wonder, will I be planting another patch in another 13 years, reminiscing all over again.



SOCK (Support Our Capuchin Kitchen) 2017 Chair Announced Date is Set for October 27-Cobo Center

John C. Carter, President, Michigan Middle Market of JP Morgan Chase & Co., will be our 2017 chairperson for the Capuchin Soup Kitchen's 45th SOCK dinner to be held at Cobo Center, October 27. Mr. Carter has served for over 35 years as manager or executive-in-charge of various lending and corporate banking groups which provide operating and capital raising services/products to corporate clients.



John C. Carter

He serves on various internal bank committees and has involvement in several outside organizations, as either member or director: YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit (Director and Past Chairman of Board), YMCA Foundation (Director), Forgotten Harvest (Board and Executive Committee Member), Judson Center

(Past Chairman of Board and Trustee), Judson Center Foundation (Director), Business Leaders of Michigan (Director), Detroit Chamber of Commerce (Director), Detroit Historical Society (Director), Downtown Detroit Partnership (Director), Detroit Riverfront Conservancy (Director), Detroit Economic Club (Director), and Detroit Workforce Development Board.

Mr. Carter joins a distinguished list of former chairs: 2016 Alicia Boler-Davis, 2015 Amy and Dan Loepp, 2014 Daniel J. Pienta, 2013 Dominic and Delia Pangborn, 2012 Karin and Dan Akerson, 2011 Thumper and George Haggarty, and 2010 Sandra Pierce. Other additional past chairs include Tom Celani, Alan Mulally, Martin J. "Hoot" McInerney, Jeffrey Collins, Lisa and Bill Ford, Anthony and Darlene Soave, Kathy and Richard Wagoner, and so many more!

We ask that you mark your calendar: Friday, October 27, Cobo Center's Grand Riverview Ballroom. We promise it will be an evening you will not forget! Event details will be coming in early Summer. www.CSKDetroit.org

The Ten Year Journey of On the Rise Bakery

On The Rise Bakery's story began 10 years ago when the Capuchin Soup Kitchen was looking for ways to break the cycle of poverty among our guests. We would see men coming out of prison and substance abuse treatment with great hope in starting a new life. Within weeks of disappointments, we would see those same hopeful men go back to the familiar patterns of addiction and criminal behavior.

Then one day a woman came to us who had owned her own bakery and wanted to teach people at the Soup Kitchen the art of baking. We came together and began to learn about dough and yeast.

As we attempted to pretend we were bakers, Divine Providence brought us Edward who had spent 32 years in prison. The Department of Corrections had made a baker out of him during his time in the system. Upon his release, however, his felony gridlocked his ability to find employment.

Edward, coming to the Conner kitchen site for a bus ticket to begin looking for work, was "derailed" by Cynthia

Lockhart, Conner kitchen site chaplain, was brought to the weekly prayer session that day. Edward came and joined a few other men and there were the beginnings of On the Rise. We used the ovens in the Soup Kitchen on days when the Meldrum kitchen site was closed (Saturdays, Sundays and weeknights). We would then begin selling our goods to suburban churches. At first, churches were a bit suspect of this group coming to their church, but soon they fell in love with the men and their baked goods! On the Rise bakery was born.

The journey has been two-fold. First, it has been a growing commercial bakery, training and providing jobs for nearly 100 at-risk Detroiters. Second, it has been a center of recovery and healing where so many have gotten a 'hand-up' leading to a productive & stable life.

For Brother Ray, the best part is watching the men catch a vision for community and receive love in return for their service.

Br. Ray explains, "As I worked with these men I realized this was a holy place – all of us come together, men and volunteers, all broken in some way but with hearts filled with compassion for one another. For me, this is the closest thing I've experienced to the Kingdom of God."

Calendar of Events

Friday, June 9, 6-11p

Concours D'Agostini Classic Car Show

Villa Penna on Hayes. \$50 per person. Tickets available at the door. Includes buffet dinner, cash bar, 50/50 drawing, fish bowl auction. Benefits the Capuchin Soup Kitchen.

Saturday, June 10, 7:30p

'Wild West' Capuchin Souper Summer Celebration XXXVI

Comerica Park www.CSKDetroit.org/ahee-2017

Sunday, June 11, 2p

From Mass to the Mountain Detroit Screening

Tickets are \$10 each and are available for purchase online until June 9: www.TheCapuchins.org/panama If not sold out, tickets will also be available at the door, AMC Star Southfield 20

Tuesday, June 13, 11a-10p

24th Annual Feast of St. Antonio

Donate what you can and enjoy a free lunch buffet from 11am – 3pm, or order off the regular priced menu 11am - 10 pm. A portion of the proceeds benefit the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. (Antonio's locations only) antoniosrestaurants.com

Saturday, June 24, 4p

Nourishing the Soul Pasta Fellowship Dinner

Benefiting Solanus Casey Center, catered by Capuchin Soup Kitchen Catering. Tickets are \$40 per person and are available

www.SolanusCenter.org or (313) 579-2100, Ext. 153 or 170.

Sunday, July 16, 2p

EXTRAORDINARY: Stories About Solanus Casey for Children

Tickets are free. Register before July 14 and be eligible for a drawing of a free gift. Choice seating: first-come, first-seated basis. www.SolanusCenter.org/EXTRAORDINARY
AMC Star Southfield 20

Thursday, July 20, 6-9p

Capuchin Night Out

Fowling Warehouse, 3901 Christopher St, Hamtramck. Early bird advance tickets are \$45 per person and benefit the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. After June 20th, tickets are \$55. Register online www.cskdetroit.org/CNO or call 313.939.2009.

Saturday, July 29 & Sunday, July 30

60th Anniversary of the Death of Venerable Solanus Casey
St. Bonaventure Chapel Monastery, 1760 Mt. Elliott St., Detroit
Masses will be celebrated 5p Saturday Evening; Sunday 9a, 11a & 1:30p. The Solanus Choir will be singing Sunday, 11a & 1:30p.

August 25, 5:30p

24th Annual Benefit on the Bay

The popular event will be held at MacRay Harbor, located on Lake St. Clair, Harrison Township. Featured will be two bands, a live auction, silent auction and drawings. \$65 per person includes appetizers, dinner, dancing, beer, wine, and desserts. Tickets can be purchased through the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, 313.579.2100 ext. 153.