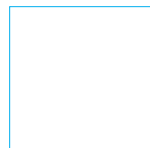


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# A Franciscan Presence In Northern California

Spring 2018



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## SLOW DOWN

*“There is more to life than speed” Gandhi*

You might recognize the picture above. It is one of six speed bumps on the way up to San Damiano Retreat. These bumps nonverbally invite you to slow down.

St. Francis lived very much in a time like ours. The news was filled with fear. The feudal system was collapsing. There was much economic and political instability and the Crusades. St. Francis was called to be a peacemaker. He soon realized that to be faithful to this outer mission, he needed to return to the Cave in the Mountain. There, he continued to pray: “Who are you, God? And who am I (in God)?” How he loved his Lents in his caves. How he loved to be blessed with ashes....

“Repent and believe the Good News” (Mark 1:15). Repentance, or metanoia in Greek, invites us to die to our “old self” (ego: my life is about me) and birth our “true self” (soul: my life is about Life). To birth new life involves laboring, or as theologian Bernard Lonergan once said: “struggle with insight until you understand what it means to live as a child of God. Only as those insights develop, will you express them in your behavior, speech and patterns of thought.” In fact, you will begin to “act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with your God” (Micah 6:8).

May our San Damiano speed bumps slow you down so our God will bless you on this mountain just as He blessed Francis.

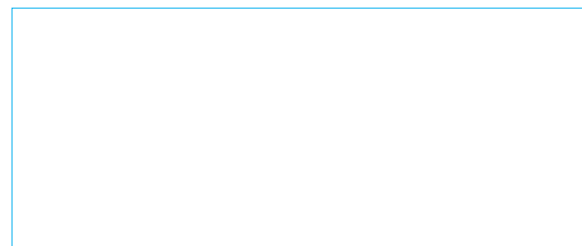
Peace and All Good,

Fr. Rusty



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## SAN DAMIANO RETREAT

### 2018 Events Calendar

In addition to our pasta dinners (dates listed below), please mark your calendars for these special events.

May 13	Mother's Day Brunch
June 17	Father's Day Dinner
July 15	Summer Jazz Reception
September 29	Evening Under the Stars Dinner & Auction
December 2	Open House
December 10	Second Annual "Tips for Change" dinner at Gianni's Italian Bistro

### JOIN US FOR Pasta Dinner Nights

**When:** January 21, February 18, March 18  
April 15, May 20, August 19, September 16  
October 21, November 18  
**Time:** 4:30-6:30 PM  
**Where:** San Damiano Retreat  
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**Cost:** Adults \$15 | Children 12 and under: \$10

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Join San Damiano for  
**MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH**  
May 13, 2018  
Mass at 10:00 AM followed by Brunch  
Adults \$40; Kids 12 and under \$15

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Join San Damiano for  
**FATHER'S DAY BBQ**  
June 17, 2018  
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Brother Dick Tandy

## The Upper Room

Do you recognize this street person? Perhaps like St. Francis, you see Christ in the poor. We also see Brother Dick Tandy making his acting debut in a video for St. Anthony Foundation. Bravo! Brother Tandy and Jan Stegner will be giving the retreat "The Upper Room" on April 13-15. During this Easter season retreat, the speakers will turn to scripture and the writings of St. Francis to assist us in dealing with anxiety and other road blocks we all encounter along the way to becoming a servant of God. We beg you to join us.

“Without prayer to God, we're too poor to take care of the poor.”

-ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA, QUOTED BY FR. LARRY GOSSELIN AT JANUARY'S FRANCISCAN SPIRITUALITY RETREAT.



David Shell and Juan Villanueva take advantage of dry weather to prepare for deck repairs.

## Building a Bridge: An Interview with Fr. Donal Godfrey, SJ



During graduate studies in Berkeley, Fr. Godfrey served as a deacon at Most Holy Redeemer Parish located in the Castro neighborhood of San Francisco. He wrote his doctoral dissertation about the parish, which later became the book entitled "Gays and Grays." Most Holy Redeemer was an aging parish where many saw the incoming gay population as "invaders." Yet, the old-timers and particularly the women began to welcome them, and an integrated community formed.

For those reluctant to enter into dialogue, Fr. Godfrey reminds us that "Jesus was radical in his inclusion of those outside the community. If Jesus is head of the Church, the more we look like Him, the truer we are to His mission." This retreat is for people who are open to having conversation, "taking people where they are and bringing them into contact with the Gospel, relationship with Jesus and discerning together. If we can treat each other with respect...that is the work of the Holy Spirit."

On April 6-8, San Damiano will welcome Fr. Donal Godfrey, SJ, who will be giving a retreat based on Fr. James Martin's book "Building a Bridge: How the Catholic Church and the LGBT Community Can Enter into a Relationship of Respect, Compassion, and Sensitivity."

Fr. Godfrey's 36 years as a Jesuit have included ministry with people living with AIDS in Toronto and San Francisco. Through his AIDS ministry, Fr. Godfrey explains that he saw his faith and the Paschal Mystery come to life: "I saw that the death and resurrection are today."

## Retreats and Worship

Here is a listing of upcoming retreats, dialogue sessions, and worship opportunities for 2018. We also invite you to visit [www.sandamiano.org](http://www.sandamiano.org) or call for more details or to register. Brown shading indicates opportunities to experience Franciscan spirituality.

### MARCH

February 17-March 24 (Saturdays)  
**Stations of the Cross**  
Jan Stegner  
Time: 10:00 AM -11:30 AM  
Cost: Free, donations accepted

February 21-March 28 (Wednesdays)  
**Evening Taize Prayer Service**  
San Damiano Staff and Peace Lutheran Church  
Time: 7:00 PM-8:00 PM  
Cost: Free, donations accepted

March 17  
**Christian Meditation Day**  
Claire La Scola, Donna Lack & June Pangelinan  
Time: 10:00 AM-4:00 PM  
Cost: \$55 (lunch included)

March 22  
**The Spirituality of Imperfection (Lenten Day of Reflection)**  
Fr. Rusty Shaughnessy, OFM  
Time: 9:30 AM-3:00 PM  
Cost: \$40 (includes lunch & mass)

March 29-April 1  
**Holy Week Retreat**  
Fr. Rusty Shaughnessy, OFM & San Damiano Staff  
Cost: \$265 (private room) or \$230 (shared room)

### APRIL

April 3-24 (Tuesdays)  
**Remembering the Biblical Women at Easter**  
Jan Stegner  
Time: 9:30 AM-2:00 PM  
Cost: \$35 per session (includes lunch)

April 6-8  
**Building a Bridge: How the Catholic Church & LGBTQ Community Can Enter into a Relationship of Compassion, Respect & Sensitivity**  
Fr. Donal Godfrey, SJ  
Cost: \$245 (private room) or \$215 (shared room)

April 13-15  
**The Upper Room**  
Br. Dick Tandy, OFM & Jan Stegner  
Cost: \$245 (private room) or \$215 (shared room)

April 14  
**Journaling as a Spiritual Practice**  
Nancy Burchett  
Time: 9:30 AM-2:00 PM  
Cost: \$40 (includes lunch)

April 22-26  
**Work Retreat**  
San Damiano Friars and Staff  
Cost: Free

### MAY

May 6  
**LGBTQ Day of Dialogue**  
Janet Gardner & Fr. Thomas Ervin  
Time: 1:00 PM-4:00 PM  
Cost: Free, donations accepted

May 11-12  
**Conscious Aging**  
Jim Briggs  
Cost: \$125 (private room) or \$110 (shared room)

May 12  
**Embodied Prayer**  
Steve Harms and Kaleo & Elise Ching  
Time: 9:30 AM-4:00 PM  
Cost: \$40 (includes lunch)

May 25-27  
**Adult Children of Alcoholics**  
Tom Gorham, CADC II and Sabrina Bolus  
Cost: \$245 (private room) or \$215 (shared room)

### JUNE

June 3-8  
**The Gift of a Moment (Silent Contemplative Retreat)**  
Sr. Ishpriya  
Cost: \$395 (private room) or \$320 (shared room)

June 15-17  
**In Memory of Jeremy Taylor: "The Many Benefits for Group Projective Dream Work"**  
Bill Pezick, Carol Luther, Cecilia Engelhart, Fran Harris, Jim O'Hara & Marsha Hudson  
Cost: \$245 (private room) or \$215 (shared room)

June 29-July 1  
**Staying our Right Size...What an Order! (Recovery Retreat)**  
Sr. Briegeen Moore, OSC  
Cost: \$245 (private room) or \$215 (shared room)

### JULY

July 2-30 (Mondays)  
**Children's Summer Book Series**  
Jan Stegner  
Time: 10:00 AM-12:00 PM  
Cost: Free, donations accepted

July 8  
**LGBTQ Day of Dialogue**  
Janet Gardner & Fr. Thomas Ervin  
Time: 1:00 PM-4:00 PM  
Cost: Free, donations accepted

July 22-27  
**The World Will be Saved by Beauty (5-Day Silent Contemplative Retreat)**  
Fr. Dan Riley, OFM  
Cost: \$405 (private room) or \$330 (shared room)

July 27-29  
**The Beatitudes: Jesus' 8-Step Program for Happiness (Silent Retreat)**  
Fr. Patrick Foley  
Cost: \$245 (private room) or \$215 (shared room)

July 28  
**Christian Meditation Day**  
Claire La Scola, Donna Lack & June Pangelinan  
Time: 10:00 AM-4:00 PM  
Cost: \$55 (lunch included)

### AUGUST

August 10-12  
**Women's Spirituality Retreat**  
Dorothy Charbonneau, Donna Foley, OFS & Jan Stegner  
Cost: \$245 (private room) or \$215 (shared room)

August 25  
**Journaling as a Spiritual Practice**  
Nancy Burchett  
Time: 9:30 AM-2:00 PM  
Cost: \$40 (includes lunch)

### SEPTEMBER

September 4-October 9  
**Fall Book Series**  
Kathy Miranda  
Time: 9:30 AM-12:30 PM  
Cost \$20 per session (cost for optional lunch \$15)

September 9  
**LGBTQ Day of Dialogue**  
Janet Gardner & Fr. Thomas Ervin  
Time: 1:00 PM-4:00 PM  
Cost: Free, donations accepted

September 7-9  
**Coming Out of Exile: Welcoming Home What Our Spirit is Missing**  
Sr. Joyce Rupp, OSM  
Cost: Check for website



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