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A FRANCISCAN PRESENCE IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

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Farewells and Welcomes

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Ten months ago, I arrived at San Damiano Retreat after my second pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela, Spain and my missionary ministry to the pilgrims. I initially came to San Damiano to be the guardian or superior of the friar community and to serve the retreat house team as needed. Within three weeks, I also became the temporary director of the retreat house. San Damiano has been a wonderful introduction to retreat ministry for me these last ten months.

Over the last few months I have come to realize that it would be best for me to move on to a smaller venue, namely where I grew up, to provide some leadership at St. Francis Retreat Center in San Juan Bautista, about an hour and a half south of Danville. This retreat center is close to my heart. This is where my life as a Franciscan began when I was a young boy. It was the friars there who nourished my family and me in the Franciscan tradition of hospitality and joy. There has not been a director in San Juan for some time and it is in serious need of someone who is invested in the place and its ministry to carry it forward over the next few years.

Fr. Rusty Shaughnessy OFM, who many of you know, will be returning to San Damiano Friary to serve as the guardian and to assist as needed in the retreat ministry and local parishes. Peter Wise, a wonderful man who joined us in April, is serving as the director of San Damiano Retreat and has assumed administrative duties I have held over the last several months (*an article about Peter appears in this newsletter*).

I am most grateful for the many people who have supported and encouraged me since I arrived in the San Ramon Valley. The staff members have been super. I cannot say enough for their love and dedication to San Damiano. I am also grateful to the wonderful people who have welcomed me in the parishes of St. Joan of Arc in San Ramon and St. Anne in Byron, where I have been privileged to assist for Sunday liturgies.

I will miss this wonderful place, the very competent staff, and the many people whose paths I have crossed since my arrival. I look forward to the new challenge in San Juan Bautista beginning the first part of July 2017.

May the Lord Give You Peace!

Fr. Ken Laverone, OFM



Fr. Ken at Easter Vigil 2017 retreat

**Join San Damiano for
FATHER'S DAY BBQ**

June 18, 2017
4:30-6:30 PM
Adults \$25
Kids 12 and under \$15

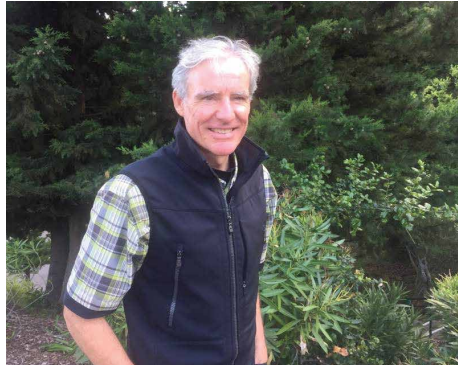
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Introducing Executive Director Peter Wise



Peter Wise, Executive Director

The Franciscans like to think that the friars are full of wisdom. But you can never have too many wise guys. Enter Mr. Peter Wise, who will be serving as San Damiano's Executive Director. Peter will be at San Damiano a few days a week "to help San Damiano thrive in its Franciscan mission of service."

Peter's background helping businesses grow and his experience as Executive Director of a large Catholic non-profit should prove valuable. He has spent over 30 years of his career in the private sector as a marketing and advertising professional. In 2004, he became the Executive Director of St. Vincent de Paul in San Francisco.

Most recently, Peter and his wife Patrice spent 3 months in Ethiopia volunteering at two Catholic schools. The couple is back to their San Francisco home of 20 years. They are active at Most Holy Redeemer, where Peter also serves as the President of the St. Vincent de Paul Society conference. The Wises are also active with St. Ignatius on the campus of the University of San Francisco.

Peter is looking forward to working collaboratively with the friars and staff to set priorities which enable us "to touch many more retreatants and visitors with San Damiano's warmth." He also welcomes all manner of feedback from you, our extended family. He can be reached at pwise1717@gmail.com.

TRIVIA: Peter has lived in Wisconsin, Aspen, New York City, Washington DC, Philadelphia, Los Angeles, Dubai, Detroit, São Paulo, Laguna Beach, Ann Arbor, and San Francisco.

Sips, Snacks & Jazz Event

As the late, great Louis Armstrong sings, "It's a Wonderful World." Join us on Sunday, July 16 for a New Orleans style afternoon with delicious savory and sweet bites, wine and refreshing sweet iced tea while 18-piece band CoolTones pays tribute to Satchmo and the unmistakable sounds of the Big Band Era. Relax and enjoy the day surrounded by the beauty of San Damiano's old world villa inspired courtyard with its centerpiece fountain, shaded nooks, and secret pathways.

\$25/person | Reservations recommended: sandamiano.org



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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 | 3:30 PM
Reserve today and save!
Cost: \$65 per person if registered by August 1

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“Jesus promises that your life has meaning and that you’re going to live forever.”

— FROM FR. PATRICK FOLEY'S EASTER MORNING HOMILY AT SAN DAMIANO

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Retreats and Worship

Here is a listing of upcoming retreats, dialog sessions, and worship opportunities for 2017. We also invite you to visit www.sandamiano.org or call for more details or to register. Brown shading indicates opportunities to experience Franciscan spirituality.

JUNE

June 3
Insights into Hinduism
Dr. Purushottama Bilimoria, Sr. Beena Kallely, PhD & Fr. Zacharias Thomas
Time: 9:30 AM-4:00 PM
Cost: \$40 (includes lunch)

June 4-9
The Light Beyond All Darkness (Silent Contemplative Retreat)
Sr. Ishpriya
Cost: \$395 (private room) or \$320 (shared room)

June 10
Come Aside and Rest Awhile (Christian Meditation Day)
Sr. Barbara Hazzard
Time: 10:00 AM-4:00 PM
Cost: \$55 (includes lunch)

June 24
Art and Soul (Spirituality of the Arts)
Al Garotto
Time: 9:00 AM-4:00 PM
Cost: \$55 (includes lunch)

JULY

July 3-31 (Mondays)
Children's Book Series
Jan Stegner
Time: 10:00 AM-12:00 PM
Cost: Free (Donations accepted)

Francis and the Cosmic Christ
July 23-28
Fr. Michael Crosby, OFM Cap
Cost: \$395 (private room) or \$320 (shared room)

July 28-30
Franciscan Hermitage Experience (Silent Retreat)
Sr. Mary Jo Chaves, OSF & Dorothy Charbonneau
Cost: \$235 (private room) or \$205 (shared room)

AUGUST

August 1-22 (Tuesdays)
Four Pathways to Compassionate Self-Care
Jennifer Wylie & Barbara Gordon
Cost: \$35 per session or \$105 for whole series

August 4-6
Working with Dreams and the Life of the Spirit (Dreams Workshop)
Jeremy Taylor, D.Min.
Cost: \$235 (private room) or \$205 (shared room)

August 11
The Heart of Clare: Ripening the Fruit of Love (Feast of St. Clare Retreat Day)
Donna Foley, OFS
Time: 9:30 AM-4:00 PM
Cost: \$40 (includes lunch)

August 27
Discovering the Sacredness of Creation
Kathy Miranda & Sue Caldera
Time: 9:30 AM-3:30 PM
Cost: \$55 (includes lunch)

SEPTEMBER

Finding Our Way Home
September 8-10
Paula D'Arcy
Cost: \$250 (private room) or \$220 (shared room)

September 10
Day of Dialog for LGBTQ
San Damiano Staff
Time: 1:00 PM-4:00 PM
Cost: Free

September 12-October 24 (Tuesdays)
Fall Book Series: "Seven Sacred Pauses" by Macrina Wiederkehr
Kathy Miranda, MA
Time: 9:30 AM-12:30 PM
Cost: \$20 per session or \$120 for whole series

September 15-17
Entering the Cave of the Heart
Fr. Michael Fish, OSB Cam.
Cost: \$250 (private room) or \$220 (shared room)

September 16
Journaling as a Spiritual Practice
Nancy Burchett
Time: 9:30 AM-2:00 PM
Cost: \$35 (includes lunch)

September 28
Labyrinth Day: Seasons of Life
Dorothy Charbonneau
Time: 9:00 AM-3:00 PM
Cost: \$40 (includes lunch)

September 29-October 1
"What Is Yours to Do?" Anne & Terry Symens-Bucher, OFS
(with Fr. Ray Bucher presiding and liturgical music by Jesse Manibusan)
Cost: \$235 (private room) or \$205 (shared room)

September 30
Blessing of the Animals
San Damiano Staff
Time: 2:00-3:00 PM
Cost: Free

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

OCTOBER

October 1
Jesse Manibusan Concert
Time: 4:00-6:00 PM

October 3
Transitus of St. Francis
Time: 7:30 PM-8:30 PM
Cost: Free

October 4
Feast of St. Francis Mass
Time: 10:00 AM
Cost: Free

October 8-12
Working Retreat
Fr. Patrick Foley and Janet Gardner
Cost: Free

NOVEMBER

November 4
Mystical Spirituality: "How We Evolve into Who We Really Are?"
David Richo
Time: 9:30 AM-3:30 PM
Cost: \$85 (includes lunch)

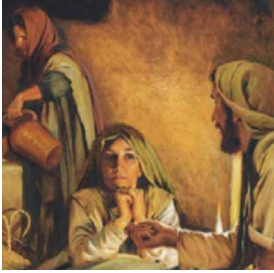
November 5
Day of Dialog for LGBTQ
San Damiano Staff
Time: 1:00 PM-4:00 PM
Cost: Free

November 7
Journaling as a Spiritual Practice
Nancy Burchett
Time: 9:30 AM-2:00 PM
Cost: \$35 (includes lunch)

November 17-19
Grief Retreat
To be announced
(with Fr. Ray Bucher presiding and liturgical music by Jesse Manibusan)
Cost: \$235 (private room) or \$205 (shared room)

November 24-26
Recovery Retreat
Fr. Phil Garcia, OFM
Cost: \$235 (private room) or \$205 (shared room)

FEATURED RETREATS



Franciscan Hermitage Experience (Silent Contemplative Retreat)

July 28-30 | Sr. Mary Jo Chaves, OSF and Dorothy Charbonneau
Cost: \$235 (private room) or \$205 (shared room)

“To sit at the feet of Jesus” is the invitation for each person who participates in this retreat experience.



“What is Yours to Do?” Franciscan Spirituality Retreat

September 29-October 1 | Anne & Terry Symens-Bucher, OFS
Fr. Ray Bucher, OFM presiding and the liturgical music of Jesse Manibusan
Cost: \$235 (private room) or \$205 (shared room)

At the end of his life, Francis told his followers that he had “found what was his to do” and asked that Christ would teach them “what was theirs to do.” We will explore what it means to be a soul, to have a destiny, and to be called to a great adventure in this life.



Jesse Manibusan Concert: Sacred Hospitality

October 1, 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Jesse Manibusan is a composer, singer/songwriter, storyteller, humorist, catechist, evangelizer and encourager. Working with any and every age group, Jesse has that knack to build instant rapport, connect to his audience, and create life-giving memories that help deepen faith and cultivate the joy that inspires service, sacrifice and the celebration of life.

COMING IN 2018

“A Celtic Well of Wisdom: From St. Brigid to John Muir”

February 16-18, 2018 | With The Reverend Dr. John Philip Newell



The Rev. Dr. John Philip Newell is a poet, peacemaker, and scholar, internationally acclaimed for his work in the field of Celtic spirituality. John Philip divides his time between Edinburgh, which is where his family home is, and his many speaking engagements throughout the English-speaking world. He is an ordained Church of Scotland minister with a PhD from the University of Edinburgh. John Philip has authored over 15 books, including *Listening for the Heartbeat of God*, *Praying with the Earth*, and *A New Harmony: the Spirit, the Earth, & the Human Soul*.



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2017 Events Calendar

We have social events planned every 3rd Sunday of the month and then some! Keep us on your busy social calendars and bring friends! All events are at San Damiano unless otherwise noted.

- June 18 Father's Day Barbecue
- July 16 Sips, Snacks & Jazz Reception
- August 20 Pasta Dinner
- September 17 Luau & Auction
- October 15 Pasta Dinner
- November 19 Pasta Dinner
- December 11 Dinner at Gianni's Italian Bistro in San Ramon
(San Damiano will be serving and receiving the tips!)
- December 17 Pasta Dinner



JOIN US FOR Pasta Dinner Nights

AUGUST 20 | 4:30 - 6:30 P.M.
ADULTS: \$15 | 12 AND UNDER: \$10
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