

St. Clare Chapel

April—2018

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All Are Welcome!

Sunday Liturgy—10:00 am

Weekday Liturgy Schedule:

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday—10:00 am

Celebrant—Fr. Tom Richstatter, ofm

Communion Service: Wednesday, Friday, Saturday—10:00 am

Adoration: First Friday of the Month 10:30 am—4:00 pm



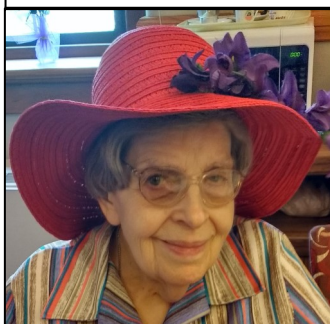
HE IS NOT HERE,
FOR HE HAS RISEN.
Matthew 28:6

Getting to Know You!

Our “Getting to know You!” series continues this month with our introduction of two more Sisters who are celebrating their Jubilees this year.

Sr. Mary Louise Jacobs and Sr. Dorothy Ann Bolser will be celebrating their 70th anniversary of loving support, compassionate service and prayerful presence to all.

We were able to capture them (in the pictures below) during a playful moment wearing their favorite “Bonnets”!



Sr. Mary Louise Jacobs was raised in Hamilton, Ohio, as one of six children and the only girl in the family. Over the years, Sr. Mary Louise has been involved with a number of ministries related to our hospitals and social service centers. She has been asked to serve the people of God in diverse roles

including fundraising, housekeeping, dietary, sacristan and even assisting in a thrift store! She is the longest resident Sister at St. Clare Convent and knows every nook and cranny! Sr. Mary Louise enjoys the richness of her early years and the memories of many roads traveled.



Another native of Hamilton, Ohio is Sr. Dorothy Ann Bolser. As one of nine children, she holds many childhood memories prior to her entering religious life. Sr. Dorothy Ann was initially ministering in our hospitals, before being sent to study nursing. Thereafter, she spent time in both acute and long term care settings,

before becoming a certified chaplain. For several years, she routinely volunteered at St. John Social Service Center which proved to be a meaningful ministry for her and those she served. With a willing spirit, for many she offered her musical skills to serve as an organist in a long term care facility. Sr. Dorothy Ann appreciates her spiritual journey and the discoveries she continues to make over time.



5th Anniversary—Magnificat

On March 22nd, we made time to celebrate with staff the fifth anniversary of the opening of the Magnificat Floor, a special section of St. Clare Convent providing personalized care to our Sisters. With the closing of Mercy Franciscan Terrace in 2013, we relocated six of our Sisters from the Terrace to the third floor. We were fortunate to recruit some of the “best” of staff from the Terrace to oversee the care of our Sisters. Over these years, both the number of Sisters and staff members have grown. We have also added many things to enhance their care, including a call light system, a whirlpool bath, a kitchen and dining area and a lovely chapel. However, the most valued component is our dedicated staff and all they are about every day of the year for all. Bless them in fullest measure!

160th Anniversary

THE FRANCISCAN SISTERS OF THE POOR

On August 19th, 1858, four Franciscan Sisters of the Poor and one young postulant left Germany for the adventurous voyage to the United States. They arrived in the harbor of New York on September 7th and eventually made their way to Cincinnati on September 10th. Their travels here, included the endurance of a 36- hour train trip! Nothing stopped their intent to meet the needs of the early German immigrants who had arrived in Cincinnati for a new life in a new land. God's plan for their lives unfolded in caring for those who were sick, poor and in need of supportive care. From the earliest days, the Congregation was continually blessed with being encircled by lay persons who believed in the mission of "healing the wounds of Christ in poor suffering humanity". This blessing continues to this day by your presence with us.

The Sisters and our Associates will be undertaking various ways to celebrate God's goodness within the year, including prayer experiences, social outreach, historic tours and times for gathering.



Peacemakers of the Resurrection

As we join the Risen Christ during this Liturgical Season of Easter, let us consider one of the many purposes of Christ's return to the earth. The true nature of Jesus is and was relational, so it comes as no surprise that he wanted to continue and advance the deeply meaningful personal relationships he had with his disciples.

As the Risen Christ intentionally engaged his disciples; Mary Magdalene, Peter, Thomas, those on the road to Damascus and others, these encounters were marked by amazement, joy and peace. He began each interaction with soothing words of reassurance. "Rejoice!" "Do not be afraid." "Peace be to you." By contrast, Christ's return could have been wrought with anger, retribution and vengeance that would have incited the disciples to take retaliatory action on his behalf. However, with the greatest of compassion, Jesus forgave all on the cross. In that moment, it was finished.

As disciples of the Risen Christ, our path to peace, joy and fearless living is through forgiveness. In order to give and receive peace, we are called to give and receive forgiveness. The door of forgiveness must be opened to enter into the peace that is offered to us by Christ.

HAPPY
Earth Day
April 22



YOU
MAKE THE
DIFFERENCE

Franciscan Peddler Thrift Shop is looking for Volunteers who want to make a difference in people's lives. We are in need of individuals who are 18 years and older to work as cashiers. Three hour shifts are available on Fridays & Saturdays 10:00 am—4:00 pm. All sales support the Franciscan Ministries. To volunteer or for more information contact Sr. June at 513-791-9040 ext. 209 or email: peddler@franciscansistersofthepoor.org.

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Join us as we congratulate and pray for the December weddings of

**we
do**

**Rachel Neumann &
Mark Blankenbeuhler
Amanda Kolb & Andrew Hoerst**

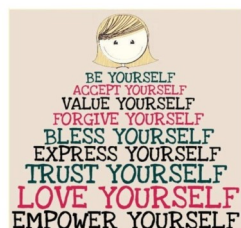
Is there a wedding in your future?

Sally Luken, Wedding Coordinator
Call 761-9040 Ext-176

Weddings@FranciscanSistersofthePoor.org



LEARN TO...



PRESENTER: Sr. Joanne Schuster, SFP, PhD

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

At the Centennial Barn

RSVP to Karrie 513.761.1697X181 or
kleathers@franciscanministriesinc.org



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Fridays—Saturdays
10:00 AM—4:00 PM

The Franciscan
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Centering Prayer
EVERY TUESDAY

3:30 pm

Peace Center—Garden Room

Facilitator—Sr. JoAnn Jackowski

513-761-9040 Ext. 156



Sister's Corner Gift Shoppe

Sunday, April 29th

Immediately After 10:00 AM Liturgy
Peace Center

Handmade animals, quilts, cards
and various food goodies

A portion of all sales goes to our ministries!

