



Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist

Human Concerns Commission

Service Sunday Monthly Digest

From Pew to Table

Meet your fellow parishioners who volunteer at the Open Door Café



You may recognize this parishioner as a Cathedral choir member and cantor but did you know that Jim Anello is also the Open Door Café manager on Tuesdays? After retiring from IBM, Jim decided that he couldn't ignore the gospel message to be among people who are poor. The Open Door Café has benefited from Jim answering his call. When Jim leads the Tuesday volunteers in our opening prayer, he always ends it with, "God, help us to see Christ in each person we serve today." Thanks, Jim for your leadership and service! May God bless you one-hundred fold!

YOU, too, are called to serve at the Open Door Cafe! Second Sundays are now designated as "Service Sundays" when parishioners of the Cathedral are responsible for filling our volunteer slots in the Open Door Café. Sign up for next month by calling 414-276-9814 x308 to ask Rachel to volunteer Sunday, May 14 (note: Mother's Day). Volunteers are invited to meet after 9:30 AM mass in the Café for a quick volunteer orientation and the service ends at 12:30 PM.

Thanks to the parishioners who answered the call for this Sunday's service in the Café: Linda Zignego, Thaddeus Pinkoski, Paula Johnson, Samantha Wilson, Roderick Wilson, Henry Leonard, Michael Olen and Gavin Olen.

To look forward to in May: **May 7** - First Sunday Coffee with East Side Senior Services: learn how you can volunteer or benefit from the services of ESS. **May 14** - East Side Senior Services flower delivery - order yours Sundays mid-April to May 7 from Dan McCarthy in the narthex.

Faith in Action - opportunities for April 2017

April 19 (Wednesday): "Thoughts on a Safer, Healthier Milwaukee" Join the Men's Group and Jail/Prison Ministry for dinner in the Atrium followed by a presentation by Kent Lovern, Chief Deputy Attorney of the Milwaukee County District Attorney's office. RSVP to Deacon Tom (thunt51@sbcglobal.net or 414-961-0332) by April 14.

April 22 (Saturday): Discussion of "What We Have Seen and Heard: A Pastoral Letter on Evangelization from the Black Bishops of the United States." 8:30 AM Registration, 9 am - noon discussion and study at All Saints Catholic Church, 4051 N. 25th Street, Milwaukee. Contact: Cecilia Smith-Robertson, Faith Formation Director, for information: 414-444-5610 or ceciliars2@yahoo.com

April 27- 30 Stand Against Racism with the YWCA: <http://standagainstracism.org/>

April is EARTH MONTH! Make a difference by supporting Cathedral Squared Enterprises (C²E):

Cathedral Squared Enterprises artisan project gathers women from a variety of stories and histories to build authentic relationships while creating functional art out of single-use plastic bags otherwise headed to the landfill. C²E challenges our throw-away culture by empowering people to create a world where no one and nothing is seen as disposable. Ways to support C²E:

- 1) Donate your plastic bags - better yet, join us Mon-Thurs 1-4 PM to learn how to make plarn (plastic yarn).
- 2) Donate sewing machines and sewing equipment - our artisans have received a donation of fabric and would like to make cloth grocery bags to help our plastic bag donors end their dependence on single-use plastic bags.
- 3) Be a crochet coach - working one on one with our artisans Monday - Thursday from 1 PM - 4 PM at the Cathedral to help our artisans perfect the art of crochet!
- 4) Attend our events and buy our products: This month C²E artisans will be demonstrating plarn making and selling products at Outpost Natural Foods at 100 E. Capitol Drive Saturday, April 29 from 11 AM - 2 PM. Check out our products for sale at our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/CathedralSquared/> and follow our Instagram feed @CathedralSquared.

Advocacy for Mother Earth: Consider signing the Catholic Climate Covenant (<http://www.catholicclimatecovenant.org/>) to make a commitment to environmental justice. You can receive action alerts to promote justice for creation, learn how to shrink your carbon footprint, and connect to other Catholics in the movement.

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Racial Justice Book Discussion

Read *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson with us in May. Book discussion will meet on Sundays after 11 AM Mass (12:15 - 1:45 PM) in the second floor meeting rooms. May's discussion will be led by Deacon Tom Hunt and Mary Norman who have a special heart for prison ministry.

Contact Shellyroder@stjohncathedral.org or 414-238-2710 to buy a book or for questions.

