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“Diversity may be the hardest thing for a society to live with, and perhaps the most dangerous thing for a society to be without.” ~ William Sloane Coffin Jr.



As a federal law, Asian Pacific American Heritage Month is observed during May throughout the country. Many federal departments and agencies host official observances during the month of May. Such events host important speakers, cultural performances, traditional foods, etc. Across the nation, local Asian Pacific American organizations host their own events to celebrate the month. But the true celebration begins with the individual. Below are good things that all of us can do to learn more about ourselves and raise broad awareness of this special occasion.

- Instead of just eating at an Asian restaurant, talk to the owners. Learn more about their stories, how they went about establishing their business, the obstacles they've faced, local issues that they care about as business-owners. It will give you a better sense of just how difficult it is to establish a business, especially if the owners are first-generation immigrants.
- Attend an Asian Pacific American temple, mosque, or church, even if it's not your own religion. There are thousands of religious establishments that were created by and for Asian Pacific Americans. By learning about a person's religion or spiritual beliefs, you can get a better sense of his or her value system and motivation.
- Tell a non-Asian Pacific American that May is recognized as Asian Pacific American month! This is perhaps the simplest, yet most effective way to raise awareness. Tell him or her what it means to you, invite them to a local event, or share an historical fact with them.



Cinco de Mayo is annually observed on 5 May. It celebrates the defeat of the French army during the Battle of Puebla (*Batalla de Puebla*) in Mexico on 5 May 1862. It is not to be confused with Mexico's Independence Day.

Cinco de Mayo is seen as a day to celebrate the culture, achievements and experiences of people with a Mexican background, who live in the United States. There is a large commercial element to the day, with businesses promoting Mexican services and goods, particularly food, drinks and music. Other aspects of the day center around traditional symbols of Mexican life, such as the Virgin de Guadalupe, and Mexican-Americans who have achieved fame, fortune and influence in the United States.

One of the largest *Cinco de Mayo* celebrations are in cities such as Los Angeles, San Jose, San Francisco, San Antonio, Sacramento, Phoenix, Albuquerque, Denver and El Paso in the USA's south-western regions. In these cities, a large proportion of the population has Mexican origins. Many people hang up banners and school districts organize lessons and special events to educate their pupils about the culture of Americans of Mexican descent.



100 years at St. Anthony's Spirituality Center

Second of Three Centennial Events

You are invited: All Capuchin brothers, affiliates, Capuchin ministries and staff
 10 June 2018 Sunday: Centennial blessing of cornerstone.

1:00 pm: Procession from Marathon City Veterans Park on Fourth Street to St. Anthony's for a Centennial blessing of the cornerstone.

2:00-5:00 pm: Inside tour of St. Anthony's.

- On your own: tour booklet with map available - walking tour of the property 8 points of interest
- Refreshments and food
- Opportunity for Capuchins, affiliates and staff to interact and socialize with guests
- Souvenirs: Christmas wooden ornaments, mugs, and shirts available
- Archive items will be on display in Solanus Center and areas around the building
- Bookstore will be open
- Rooms are available on Sunday for Capuchins that would like to stay at no cost

It is our hope that many of the Capuchins will be able to join us for the day! At our October 2017 event we were honored with the presence of three Capuchins and we are hoping that many, many more can attend on 10 June, whether or not you lived at St. Anthony's, it would be great for you to celebrate with us.

The National Memorial for Peace and Justice



Akoto-Bamfo sculpture in front of the National Memorial for Peace and Justice

The National Memorial for Peace and Justice — which opened on 26 April in Montgomery, Alabama — is the nation's first memorial dedicated to the legacy of enslaved black people, people terrorized by lynching, African Americans humiliated by racial segregation and Jim Crow, and people of color burdened with contemporary presumptions of guilt and police violence.

Work on the memorial began in 2010 when the Equal Justice Initiative (EJI) staff began investigating thousands of racial terror lynchings in the American South, many of which had never been documented. EJI was interested not only in lynching incidents, but in understanding the terror and trauma this

sanctioned violence against the black community created. Six million black people fled the South as refugees and exiles as a result of these "racial terror lynchings."

The Memorial for Peace and Justice was conceived with the hope of creating a sober, meaningful site where people can gather and reflect on America's history of racial inequality. EJI partnered with artists like Kwame Akoto-Bamfo whose sculpture on slavery confronts visitors when they first enter the memorial. EJI then leads visitors on a journey from slavery, through lynching and racial terror, with text, narrative, and monuments to the lynching victims in America. In the center of the site, visitors will encounter a memorial square, created with assistance from the Mass Design Group. The memorial experience continues through the civil rights era made visible with a sculpture by Dana King dedicated to the women who sustained the Montgomery Bus Boycott. Finally, the memorial journey ends with contemporary issues of police violence and racially biased criminal justice expressed in a final work created by Hank Willis Thomas. The memorial displays writing from Toni Morrison, words from Martin Luther King Jr., and a reflection space in honor of Ida B. Wells.

Welcoming a Friar from Ethiopia

We are happy to welcome Yohannes Wossen, former provincial minister of the Province of Ethiopia, who is spending the next six months in our province for his sabbatical following his term of leadership. He is residing at Saint Bonaventure Monastery.



Yohannes Wossen

We Saw You at the Ordination...



...and at the Triduum Retreat





- Werner Wolf was released from the hospital and is recuperating at St. Fidelis Friary.
He is grateful for the prayers.
- Former friar Peter Stierman will begin chemotherapy in June following a cancer diagnosis.
- Rita Petrie (affiliate) underwent surgery for a hernia.
- Thank you all for your prayers for my Mom. May God bless you all. ~ Gebre Boyine.
 - Please pray for the people of Nicaragua, and our brothers serving there. In the past week, massive protests have been taking place in Nicaragua, mostly headed by young people, who are against a recently announced reform of the social security system.
- Ken Sullivan's surgery for prostate cancer went well. He is deeply grateful for the prayers and the email greetings he received.
 - Martha Kessel (mother of Jerry Kessel) is suffering from dementia and congestive heart failure. She recently entered hospice care.
- Simeon, uncle of Antony Julius Milton, died recently at the age of 52.
 - Betty Hugo (mother of Bill Hugo) has entered hospice care.



- 3 **Philip Naessens (N)**
- 7 **Lawrence Webber (B)**
- 8 **Investment Commission Teleconference
Burial for Vernon Wagner and Brian Braun**
- 9 **Frederick Cabras (B)**
Public Relations Zoom/Video Conference
- 12 **Alfredo Gundrum (B)**
Leopold Gleissner (N)
- 13 **Michael Gaffney (B)**
- 14 **Pro Council Video Conference**
- 14-15 **Provincial Council, Detroit**
- 15 **Isidore Herriges (N)**
Anthony Kote-Witah (B)
Ramadan begins at sunset
- 16 **Myron Kowalsky (B)**
Public Relations Video/Zoom Conference

*re:Cap is grateful for a recent donation
from Eloise Parker*

The Holy Month of Ramadan begins at sunset on 15 May

Pray for our Muslim sisters and brothers!

A Ramadan Poem

by Donna Sibaai

The holy month of Ramadan
For all Muslims will soon begin.
Praising Allah through the day,
From dawn to dusk we fast and pray.
We pay zakah (charity) for those in need,
Trying hard to do good deeds.

When the sun has set, and day is done-
I'll break this chain, but only one.
By the end of Ramadan, this whole chain will be all gone!
It's time for Eid and lots of fun!

