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Happy New Year!

February 5th marks the Lunar New Year, the “year of the boar.” The festival is a time of celebration. It’s to welcome the new year with a smile and let the fortune and happiness continue on. At the same time, the festival involves somber ceremonies to wish for a good harvest.

The boar is a gourmet, faithful in friendship, stylish, perfectionist and hardworking. He is a tolerant being, recognized by his friends for his kindness and generosity. The pig (boar) is passionate, caring and seductive. His big heart attracts faithful friends as well as others who seek to enjoy his benevolence with

impunity. Despite appearances, he lacks self-confidence, and that is why he often needs demonstrations of affection and love.

That’s also one of the reasons he has a way of caring for his image. Besides fashion is often one of his favorite subjects. Just as he cannot bear to be ignored, the slightest worry of money is for him a source of paralyzing anxiety. Easily irritable and resentful, it is better not be an enemy of the pig (boar). (*karmaweather.com*)

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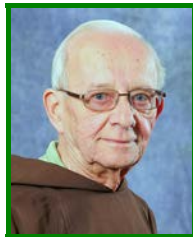
*re:Cap offers prayerful best wishes to our Asian brothers and sisters
who celebrate the Lunar New Year!*

And Speaking of Celebrations...

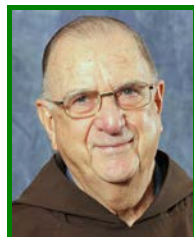
14 of our brothers will celebrate their religious jubilees during 2019.



Alexis Luzi
75 years



Kenan Siegel
70 years



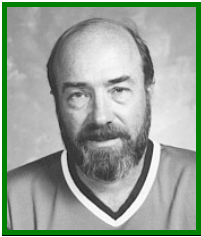
John Francis Samsa
65 years



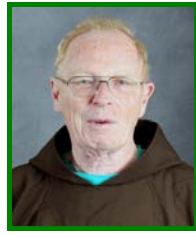
Paschal Siler
65 years



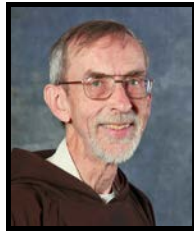
Joseph Howe
60 years



Paul Craig
60 years



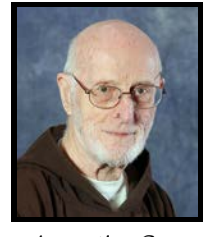
Thomas Hill
60 years



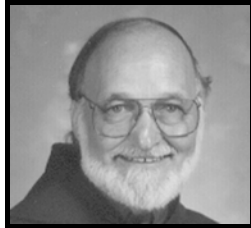
Oliver Bambenek
60 years



Keith Clark
60 years



Augustine Cops
60 years



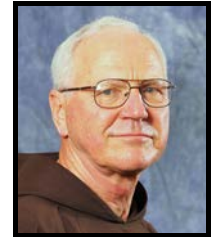
Benjamin Markwell
60 years



Gerald Pehler
50 years



Larry LaCross
50 years



Jerry Smith
40 years

*re:Cap offers prayerful best wishes to our celebrating brothers.
The province will honor our jubilarians this summer at
St. Lawrence Community in Mt. Calvary WI.*

Barb Augenstein Feted upon Retirement



Jack and Barb Augenstein in 2014

Barb Augenstein has served at St. Benedict Parish in Milwaukee for over 24 years, first brought into the office by Michael Sullivan when he was pastor. She has served with numerous friars during that time, and provided invaluable service to the people at St. Benedict. Barb retired recently.

On Sunday, January 20th, the St. Benedict Community expressed its thanks to Barb Augenstein for her years of service as administrator of St. Benedict the Moor Parish. After Sunday Mass that honored her and her husband, Jack, the parish hosted a luncheon during which Barb was presented with gifts and words of thanks. A number of Capuchins

who have known Barb over the years were able to attend the celebration as well.

Barb and her husband have moved to smaller quarters in Wauwatosa, but will continue to be members of the parish. The parish and the Capuchin friars offer their prayers and best wishes to Barb for her faithful service over the years!





Black History Month is a holiday celebrated every February in the U.S. and Canada, and in October in the U.K. It's an important month for remembering important people, events and achievements of African diaspora.

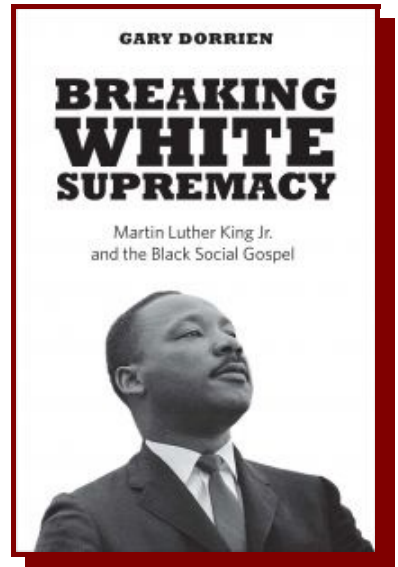
Black History Month can be traced all the way back to September of 1915. In that year, historian Carter G. Woodson and minister Jesse E. Moorland founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History – also known as the ASNLH. This organization was dedicated to researching and promoting the achievements of not only black Americans but all prominent people of African descent. This group would go on to sponsor a National Negro History Week in 1926. The month of February was chosen because the birthdays of both Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass are in that month. After learning of this week dedicated to the achievements of black Americans, many communities around the country began to organize local celebrations.

Although it didn't immediately catch on, over the years many different cities all across the country began to recognize Negro History Week. This continued all the way into the late 1960s when Negro History Week was transformed by the Civil Rights Movement into Black History Month. However, it wasn't until 1976 that Black History Month would be officially recognized by the federal government. Ever since then, every American president has designated the month of February as Black History Month.

If you're looking for a way to celebrate Black History Month, consider reading the recently published *Breaking White Supremacy*, by Gary Dorrien. In her *National Catholic Reporter* review, Diana Hayes says that "this massive, thoroughly researched work expands on an assertion first made in an earlier work, *The New Abolition: W.E.B. Du Bois and the Black Social Gospel*. In that work, he looked the founders of the black social gospel movement, ministers like Reverdy C. Ransom, Henry McNeal Turner and Richard Wright (all three of the African Methodist Episcopal Church) and Alexander Crummell (Episcopal), as well as activist women such as Nannie Helen Burroughs and Ida B. Wells-Barnett."

Dorrien writes, "Black social gospel leaders worked hard at building communities of resistance; they operated in the intertwined spheres of religious communities and movement politics, and they focused on racial justice."

"This work," says Hayes, "reveals how the black social gospel movement was kept alive and passed on, serving as a creative source and foundation for the ministry of King. As Dorrien further notes, 'By 1995 I had a strong conviction that scholarship on the black freedom movements, progressive Christianity, and U.S. American history wrongly overlooked the very existence of the black social gospel tradition, let alone its immense importance.'"



Black History Month





- Jose Soberal's brother has entered hospice care.
- Natalie Galloway (sister of Franklin Eichhorst) died recently.
- Claire Zwickl (mother of Norbert Zwickl) died recently.
- Cheryl Mueller's sister recently underwent heart surgery.
 - Joan Wanninger (sister of Niles Kauffman) recently sustained a broken leg.
- Sugirtha Carmel Mary (sister of Roche Gaspar) is suffering with liver cancer.
 - My parents are most grateful for the kind messages received in this past year following my dad James' cancer diagnosis. He spent most of the year on hospice, but in light of marginal lymphoma growth, was removed from hospice and seems to be getting along well for an 88-year-old. Thank you for your concern and expressions of support.
 - ~ Mark Joseph Costello
 - John Willger was recently hospitalized for breathing difficulties.
- My sister Joan came through the surgery well. Because of the nature of the broken femur, she will need five weeks of bed rest. Thank you to all who have expressed their concern for her. Blessings and peace. ~ Niles Kauffman
- Joseph Maloney has a urinary tract infection, and is in declining health.

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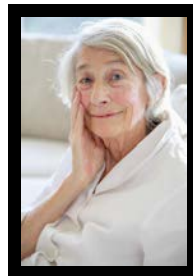
Season for Nonviolence Black History Month

- 1 Imbolc (St. Brigid Day)
- 3 Charles Robinson (B)
- 5 Lunar New Year
- 6 Mark Romanowski (B)
- 7 Jerome Higgins (B)
- 8 Mary Ghesquiere (B)
- 10 Random Acts of Kindness Week
- 12 Paul Craig (B)
- 13 Keith Clark (B)
- 14 ♥ Valentine (F)
John Willger (B)
Harlan Swift (B)
- 15 Nirvana Day

Cold Poem by Mary Oliver

Cold now.
Close to the edge. Almost
unbearable. Clouds
bunch up and boil down
from the north of the white bear.
This tree-splitting morning
I dream of his fat tracks,
the lifesaving suet.

I think of summer with its luminous fruit,
blossoms rounding to berries, leaves,
handfuls of grain.



Maybe what cold is, is the time
we measure the love we have always had, secretly,

for our own bones, the hard knife-edged love
for the warm river of the I, beyond all else; maybe

that is what it means the beauty
of the blue shark cruising toward
the tumbling seals.

In the season of snow,
in the immeasurable cold,
we grow cruel but honest;
we keep ourselves alive,

if we can, taking one after another
the necessary bodies of others, the many
crushed red flowers.

Mary Oliver was one of the most beloved poets of our times; a writer who was dazzled by her daily experience of life, and dazzled the rest of us by telling about it in her poems and essays. Mary Oliver died on January 17th.