Webinar: National Migration Week 2020
Promoting a Church and a World for All

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Loving Father,

We thank you for the gift of children
And are grateful for the joy and love that they bring into our lives.
We ask that provide special protection for all children who face hardship.

In particular, we pray for unaccompanied migrant children who are alone,
and without the protection of their loving family.
For migrant children separated from parents who have been placed in detention,
For those who have lost loved ones due to violence,
And for those who are caught in situations of exploitation.

Show us how we might provide to them some protection and comfort.
Give us the wisdom to know how we can help.
Open all of our hearts to immigrant and refugee children in need.
Give us courage to stand up in their defense against those
who would do them harm.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
One God forever and ever. Amen.
National Migration Week 2020
January 5th – 11th, 2020

Promoting a Church and a World for All
The Four Verb Framework

• To Welcome
• To Protect
• To Promote
• To Integrate
Resources

www.JusticeforImmigrants.org/takeaction
Migrant Mass Planning

Abraham Joven
Diocese of San Bernardino

Step 1: Planning Committee
Step 2: The Message
Step 3: The Location and Logistics
Timeline

The Basics
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- The annual Mass is meant to provide a space for our people to celebrate our migrant and immigrant community.
Planning Committee

- Made up of members of all ethnic communities, Office of Worship, Office of Youth, and a wide range of parish and Diocesan workers.
The Message

- The theme for the Mass and any attendant items we wish to address within the celebration and in events surrounding it.
Location and Logistics

- Considerations include parish size, parking lot, security/visibility, and working with the parish community.
Timeline

- Gather Committee; parse responsibilities
- Prep promotional materials; finalize thematic items
- Meet with parish community; line up partners
- Promote, promote, promote
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Living Justice Ministries

St. Margaret of Scotland Church

Immigration Team
Ready to put your faith into action?

Living Justice Ministry at St. Margaret of Scotland needs your input, energy and ideas!
Focus on your passion by joining one of our teams. Each team concentrates on one action area and seeks to create opportunities for our parish and the wider community to both learn about that issue and take action.

Care of Creation Team: We call our parish to be an example of environmentally-conscious practices and inspire our parishioners to join this effort. This fall, we are organizing reading groups for Pope Francis’s Laudato Si.

Monthly meetings: Third Thursdays at 7pm in Canmore Room (rectory basement)
For more information contact: Kim Westerman, westerman.kim@gmail.com

Immigration, Refugees, and Trafficking Team: We have hosted a number of educational and volunteer events on many of the issues surrounding migration. Additionally, we support the work of community partners like the International Institute, IFCLA, Welcome Neighbor STL and more.

Monthly meetings: First Tuesdays at 5:30pm in the SMOS School Cafeteria
For more information contact: Pat Dougherty, patdoughertya8@gmail.com

Neighborhood Engagement Team: We want our parish to be a more welcoming and integral part of our local community by strengthening ties to other churches and organizations in the Shaw and Tiffany neighborhoods and supporting entities like neighborhood schools and community centers. We want to listen to our neighbors first and offer solidarity and fellowship.

Monthly meetings: Second Tuesdays at 7pm 3827 Castleman
For more information contact: George Mills, gcoedmills@gmail.com

Racial Equity Team: We are committed to anti-racism work. We have organized reading groups of the Ferguson report and are hosting discussions of the recent USCCB letter on racism. We are a member of Metropolitan Congregations United and support their work to break the school-to-prison pipeline.

Monthly meetings: Second Tuesdays at 7pm 3827 Castleman
For more information contact: Gerry Connolly, connolly.gerard85@gmail.com

Communication Team: We share calls to action, articles, and event information via semi-weekly email newsletters and a Facebook page (Living Justice at SMOS).
For more information contact: Kaitlyn Venta, kfsanders1@gmail.com
The Immigration Team of Living Justice Ministries at St. Margaret of Scotland Church strives to find ways to engage and enliven our community—not just our parish. We seek to make a difference in the lives of our sisters and brothers: Immigrants, Asylum seekers, Refugees, Dreamers, those at the border and those victims of Human Trafficking. Our programs and work include: education, information, engagement, volunteering, accompaniment, advocacy and action.
Dear XX:

It was good to be with you at the program at Fontbonne this weekend. As I mentioned, I wanted to talk with you about being a part of our Immigration Team at SMOS. Here is a rundown. If you would like to talk further or ask questions, don’t hesitate to email or call.

With all that is going on in our country with the border, immigration, asylum, refugees, dreamers and trafficking, we need to step up our witnessing as Catholics. Our team strives to find ways to engage and enliven our community—not just St. Margaret’s parish. Our focus includes education, information, engagement, volunteering and advocacy/action.

We have hosted or sponsored this year for the parish/whole community include:

- Showing/discussion of “One Border, One Body” documentary—border issues
- Honored St. Josephine Bakhita (patron of trafficking victims)
- Viewing/discussion of “Dreams Die Hard” about trafficking with panel from community and what we can do.
- IFCLA presented “Immigration 101” Honduras and the border
- Welcome Neighbor STL dinner by Syrian refugee women (130 attended)
- Offering JustFaith’s Exploring Migration: A Faith Journey
- Some folks made and took food to International Institute’s monthly Thursday Community Luncheon
- Pilgrimage for Alex Garcia walk
- Keys to Asylum Program

We meet the 1st Tuesday of the month (10 or 11 times a year) at the school at 5:30pm for about an hour or hour and half. We are always done by 7pm.

Our next meeting will be November 5 at 5:30pm at St. Margaret of Scotland School, 3964 Castelman, 63110 in the new building.

We are trying to build up our immigration team here at St. Margaret’s and I sure would like to have you as a regular contributor.

Hope you will join our effort to enliven our parish and broader community.

Blessings,

Pat
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6: National Migration Week  
Kick off of year long  
Share the Journey (STJ) at Mass;  
Vol pass out calendar of events and “Adonai Prayer”  
10: Movie One Border One Border (32) & discussion Church Basement. confirmed.  
13: STJ Commitment Sunday??? & Advocacy Corner Sunday  
20: STJ Story to share TBD  
24: Begin JustFaith Migration program “Exploring Migration: A Faith Journey. confirmed  
(31: Parish--justice discussion) |
| Feb | 3: STJ story or St. Josephine Bakhtia  
Vol pass prayer card  
5: Immigration Team mtg  
10: Monthly advocacy corner after Sunday Masses.  
28: Movie “Dreams Die Hard” & discussion by Whitney Holland from International Institute. Focus on Human Trafficking in School Cafeteria. confirmed |
| Mar | 11: Parishwide Service Day  
12: Advocacy Corner  
Story TBD |
| Apr | 2: Immigration Team Mtg  
7: CRS story  
14: Advocacy Corner  
14 Palm Sunday  
21 Easter  
25 Migration 101/IFCLA in School with Sara John and ? confirmed |
| May | 7: Immigration Team Mtg  
11: Parishwide Service Day  
12: Advocacy Corner  
Story TBD |
| Jun | 4: Immigration Team Mtg  
9: Advocacy Corner  
13: Intl. Inst. Community lunch?  
20: World Refugee Day  
Story: TBD  
Welcome NeighborSTL Supper??  
(Syrian women refugees business) |
| Aug | 6: Immigration Team mtg  
9: Advocacy Corner  
No Intl. Inst. luncheon  
Story TBD |
| Sep | 3: Immigration Team mtg  
13: Advocacy Corner  
19: Intl. Inst. Community lunch?  
Story TBD |
| Nov | 5: Immigration Team mtg  
8: Advocacy Corner |
| Dec | 2 Immigration Team mtg  
13: Advocacy Corner |

When to do: Who will do; Promo--when and where; Who can help
Elements to discern: Education/Formation Prayer Liturgy Advocacy Service
(Pat Dougherty patdougherty48@gmail.com 12/10/18)
JANUARY 2019

6—Introduction at Masses
20—A pledge for Sharing the Journey, at Masses
22—Movie & Discussion "One Border, One Body" 6:30pm School
24—JustFaith: Exploring Migration series begins, continues for 8 weeks 6:30-9pm weekly
31—Living Justice annual forum, 5:30pm Church Hall

FEBRUARY 2019

3—Feast of St. Josephine Bakhita, patroness of trafficked persons. Prayer cards at Masses.
5—Immigration Committee meeting, 5:30pm School
28—Movie & Discussion "Dreams Die Hard" with Whitney Holland of International Institute, 6:30pm School

MARCH 2019

3—Sharing the Journey for Lent: CRS Rice Bowls
5—Immigration Committee meeting, 5:30pm School
21—Serve lunch at International Institute

APRIL 2019

2—Immigration Committee meeting, 5:30pm School
18—Turn in your CRS Rice Bowl at or before the 7:00pm Holy Thursday Mass
25—Migration 101 with Sarah John of Inter-Faith Committee on Latin America 6:30pm Church Hall

IMMIGRATION JUSTICE EVENTS
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- Offering JustFaith's Exploring Migration: A Faith Journey
- Prepared supper and shared with “Assisi House” Shelter 1 or 2 x year
- Involved our school children collecting belts, shoelaces for Laredo, TX CC shelter
- Made and shared food at International Institute's Thursday Community Luncheon
- Pilgrimage for Alex Garcia walk
- Keys to Asylum Program
“Don’t shine so that others can see you. Shine, so that through you, others can see Him.”

— C.S. Lewis
DO YOU HAVE ROOM?

Conversations with our immigrant neighbors.

Saint Margaret of Scotland - 3854 Flad Ave.
Church Hall in the basement of the church.
3:00-4:30 Sunday Feb 28

Join us as we hear from recent refugees now living in St. Louis and we engage in rich conversation about how we are called to respond to refugees and immigrants. We will hear the stories of two guests from the International Institute, give you a chance to ask questions, and engage in dialogue to better understand actions we can take to alleviate suffering.

SPONSORED BY THE LIVING JUSTICE MINISTRY
Our brothers and sisters in Christ come in all shapes, sizes, colors and backgrounds and from many countries. Someone once said that our faith journey is a call to “walk home with each other”. Many of our sisters and brothers are called by names like: refugees, migrants, immigrants, those caught up in human trafficking...each with their own needs, their own challenges and gifts and their own stories. After our Sept 2017 parish forum on justice issues, members formed an Immigration Team to engage our parish and walk with our sisters and brothers. Our goal is to provide opportunities for each of us in our own way at St. Margaret of Scotland to learn more, to encounter, to support and advocate for these, our brothers and sisters. We invite you to be a part of this ministry. For more information and to add your name to our immigration email list, contact Pat Dougherty at pdougherty48@gmail.com

ACCOMPANIMENT...Why should I become involved?

Here is what one of our parishioners who works with immigrants says: “Clients have difficulty sleeping prior to their check-ins, even when they have been going for years and the check-ins are usually routine. Other clients have more intensive reporting, which can result in anxiety on a weekly or monthly basis. They are often mistreated during their check-ins, including petty insults or threats of deportation (even when they are not legally able to deport someone). We have had two different clients go to the hospital due to stress related to their check-ins. Having someone accompany them can greatly lessen anxiety....”

Come join us and see if you feel called to do this. Knowledge of a foreign language is not required.

Why We Are Advocating for Dreamers

- There is a pressing issue before our country today: the future of a very important group of young immigrants called the “Dreamers”.

- Dreamers are the 1.6 million young people who were brought to the United States as children by their parents through no fault of their own. They often know America as their only home.

- Dreamers are woven into the fabric of our country and of our Church, and are, by every social and human measure, American. They are contributors to our economy, veterans of our military, academic standouts in our universities, and leaders in our parishes.

- They live out their daily lives with hope and a determination to flourish and contribute to society. They should not have to live their lives in constant fear of deportation, which brings with it separation from their families and real dangers of violence and poverty in their countries of birth. It is both our moral duty and in our nation’s best interest to protect Dreamers and allow them to reach their God-given potential.

- Congress is deadlocked over this important issue, and so we urge you to take a few moments to call your Senators and Representatives to urge them to give Dreamers protection and a path to citizenship.
Accompaniment Program

Join us for an Accompaniment Project opportunity.

Across the country, there have been several cases of migrants being detained after going for a routine check-in at the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) offices. Family members are literally disappearing without being allowed to inform their friends or relatives, creating panic among their loved ones, destroying families and devastating our communities.

In some cities, a successful tool to protect against this threat to due process and violation of our shared values, has been to accompany individuals to these check-ins.

Come learn what is involved and if this is something you feel called to do. Learn about volunteer opportunities to accompany migrants to ICE check-ins. By accompanying, we are able to show solidarity and perhaps, in a small way, help to ease the anxiety of interacting with the legal system, reducing the likelihood of detention with our presence, and keeping relatives and/or lawyers informed in case the individual is detained. This is a huge help to efforts to end detention and deportation.

For further information contact Marie Kenyon, at (314) 792-7062 or mariekennyon@archstl.org
DREAMS DIE HARD---Human Slavery

DREAMS DIE HARD---Human Trafficking---Yes---even in St. Louis

Join us Feb. 28 for a viewing of a short but powerful video -- Dreams Die Hard and a program and discussion of the scourge of human trafficking—even in St. Louis.

The program begins at 6:30pm at St. Margaret of Scotland School (3964 Castleman). The documentary tells the story of three victims of trafficking, Maria, Miguel, and Rose and their hard-fought journey to freedom.

Following the documentary will be a program on human trafficking internationally and locally—slavery in St. Louis with Whitney Holland from the International Institute and others as we delve into the reality of human slavery in our day and who is addressing this in our community and what YOU can do about it.

- February 28, 2019
- St. Margaret of Scotland School— (3964 Castleman 63110)
- 6:30pm For information, contact Pat Dougherty at patdougherty48@gmail.com

Sponsored by:
St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church
Peace and Justice Commission—Archdiocese of St. Louis
Meet the Dreamers

April 16, 2018.  6:30 PM.

St. Margaret of Scotland Church Basement Hall, 3854 Flad, St. Louis, MO 63110

Dreamers. Who are they? What are their dreams? What does this mean for my faith journey?

Come and meet Dreamers from our cities and hear from them, first hand, their stories about their lives. Hear about their dreams and their faith journeys. Sr. Cathy Doberty from Our Lady of Guadalupe will also share how all of this fits in with our own faith journeys and our traditions of Social Teaching.

Sponsored by St. Cronin, St. Margaret of Scotland and St. Francis Xavier (College) Church, St. Pius, St. Vincent de Paul, SJ/AA, Our Lady of Guadalupe, IFCLA. Archdiocese of St. Louis Peace & Justice Commission and St. Alphonse (the Rock) Church.

More information? Pat Dougherty, at 314.504.3669 or patdougherty48@gmail.com

"Dreamers. For years, these young people have been living in and enriching the United States in many ways. They are contributors to our economy; veterans in our military; academic standouts in our universities, and leaders in our parishes and communities. They and their families deserve certainty, compassion, generosity and justice."

- Bishop Joe Vasquez, chair of the USCCB Committee on Migration

"A change of attitude towards migrants and refugees is needed on the part of everyone, moving away from attitudes of defensiveness and fear, indifference and marginalization—all typical of a throwaway culture—towards attitudes based on a culture of encounter, the only culture capable of building a better, more just and fraternal world."

- Pope Francis, World Day of Migrants and Refugees, 2017
Human Trafficking | Human Toll

- DREAMS DIE HARD, short videos on trafficking and sharing of survivors' stories of modern slavery in the US
- Panel of speakers on trafficking, efforts to combat it in St. Louis, from those who work with and advocate on behalf of victims and sharing ways YOU can help
- Childcare available

April 30 | 6:30pm
St. Margaret of Scotland School
3964 Castleman Ave. 63110

Sponsors include:
- St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church
- Peace and Justice Commission—Archdiocese of St. Louis
- Empower Missouri
- MICA Project
- Center Against Human Trafficking and Exploitation at Fontbonne Univ.
- Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet
- Healing Action
- Bakhita Spiritual Companion Resources
- St. Francis Community Services—Southside Center
- Tigerlili Resources
- National Council of Jewish Women—St. Louis
- School Sisters of Notre Dame—Central Pacific Province

contact: paddougherty48@gmail.com
WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

Keys to Asylum

COME AND HEAR STORIES FROM PEOPLE WHO HAVE VISITED DETENTION CENTERS AND SHELTERS AT THE BORDER AND DISCERN HOW YOU CAN HELP UNLOCK DOORS FOR MIGRANTS.

Monday, September 30th
6:30PM - 8:30PM
St. Margaret of Scotland Church Basement
39th & Flad, 63110 (enter via side door on 39th)

CHILDCARE PROVIDED
REFRESHMENTS SERVED
OPPORTUNITIES FOR NETWORKING

Generous co-sponsors include: St. Crenan, St. Francis Xavier, St. Vincent de Paul Church, Welcome Neighborhood STL, START, CSJ - Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, Franciscan Sisters of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Sisters of the Most Precious Blood, Sisters of Refugees and Immigrants, St. Pius V, St. Joan of Arc, MICA-Project, MIRA, Sisters of Mercy of the Americas, St. Cletus, Our Lady of Guadalupe
World Refugee Day Activities

The International Institute of St. Louis is hosting a number of activities to commemorate World Refugee Day on June 20. Brief descriptions are below, but visit their website for full details.

Tuesday June 19
6 pm Kick Off Event (IKEA)

Wednesday June 20
8 am Bagels and Coffee (International Institute)
4:15 pm Walk with Refugees (International Institute) - Members of the Immigration Team will be participating in this walk.
5 pm Fundraiser at Rooster on Grand

Thursday June 21
7 pm Last Man in Aleppo Documentary Screening (International Institute)
Upcoming Events:

- Wed, June 20 | World Refugee Day
- Sun, June 24 | 8:30am: Living Justice Monthly Meeting (Rectory Basement)*
- Fri, June 29 | 7pm: 4-Way Stop: Free Movie Night (Wild Carrot)*
- Sat, June 30 | 9am: Better Family Life Clean Sweep
- Sun, July 8 | After morning Masses: Advocacy Corner (Church Hall)*
- Tue, July 10 | 7pm: Racial Equity Team Meeting (3827 Castleman)*
- Fri, Sept 21 | 6pm: Annual Singing for Social Justice Hootenanny (Stupp Memorial, Tower Grove Park)*

* St. Margaret of Scotland-sponsored events

Is there a local justice-related event you’d like to see on our list?

Email livingjusticemos@gmail.com to suggest it.

Advocacy Opportunity

Advocate to save SNAP

The Farm Bill is the informal name for the Agriculture and Nutrition Act of 2018, which amends and extends multiple programs administered by the Department of Agriculture, including the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). As discussions on the Farm Bill continue on Capitol Hill, please consider taking two actions to advocate for a bipartisan Farm Bill that protects SNAP and the 350,000 households in Missouri who depend upon it. Use this link to contact your elected officials.
The Seeds of Justice Network is a clearinghouse of information and important events for those who share a passion for social justice in our communities, our region, our country and our world. Rooted in the themes of Catholic Social Teaching, this network features a calendar of events both local and national, resources for those who wish to take up this important work and educational materials to deepen our understanding.

We provide this through a weekly electronic newsletter and Facebook page.

We invite you to sign up for this important justice initiative and send us your own events and programs to share with the broader community.

www.fontbonne.edu/seeds-justice

Like us on Facebook: @seedsjustice

"The Kingdom of God grows in a mysterious and surprising way throughout the world with the power of a tiny seed."

- Pope Francis
Recommended Reading

Pastoral Letter to the People of God in El Paso

by Mark Joseph Seitz, Bishop of El Paso (Hope Border Institute)

"Challenging racism and white supremacy, whether in our hearts or in society, is a Christian imperative and the cost of not facing these issues head on, weighs much more heavily on those who live the reality of discrimination."

read more >>

Local Events

Mental Health Matters: Access Challenges and Calls to Action
Empower Missouri's free Friday lunch forum will feature panelists Alison Kraus, MSW; Director of Evaluation and Planning; Behavioral Health Network for Greater St. Louis, and Tamara Kenny, JD, MSW; Director of Advocacy and Community Engagement Catholic Charities of St. Louis.
Friday, October 18 | 11:30am - 1:30pm
Pinecrest (St. Louis City)
read more >>
Hear the stories of people who were formerly incarcerated and now work in the criminal justice system.
Thursday, October 24 | 7 pm
St. Martin’s Episcopal Church (Ballwin)
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Persistence, Resistance and Transcendence: A Conference on Hope in the Struggle Against Racism
The Catholic Racial Justice Collaborative presents this conference with keynote speaker, Rev. Dr. Joseph A. Brown, S.J., Ph.D. “Can’t We All Be Mobile Together?”
Saturday, October 26 | 9am-3:30pm
Fontbonne University (Clayton)
read more »

Coming Together for Peace: An interfaith prayer service to end gun violence in St. Louis
Faith leaders from a variety of traditions will lead this prayer service.
Sunday, October 27 | 3pm
Cardinal Ritter College Prep (Midtown)
read more »

MCU Annual Public Meeting: #WhenTheySeeUs
Metropolitan Congregations United’s annual public meeting for congregations, organizations, public officials and the public. They are working to change the narrative about black youth and families who are court-involved.
Sunday, November 3 | 3-4:30pm
Vashon High School (North City)
read more »

Payday Lending: Sins and Solutions
A panel to discuss the harmful nature of payday lending, both to borrowers and the wider community, and to discuss legislative and employer-based alternatives.
Wednesday, November 6 | 8-9:30am
Jewish Community Relations Council (Creme Cuore)
read more »
Action Alert

Ask your U.S. Representative to VOTE FOR H.R. 6
Please pass H.R. 6 to protect Dreamers and TPS and DED Holders

JFI ACTION ALERT:

Ask your U.S. Representative to VOTE FOR H.R. 6, the American Dream and Promise Act

TOMORROW: The U.S. House of Representatives is expected to vote on H.R. 6, the American Dream and Promise Act of 2019, this week (likely on Tuesday). If passed into law, H.R. 6 would provide a pathway to citizenship for qualifying Dreamers, Temporary Protected Status (TPS) and Deferred Enforced Departure (DED) holders living in the United States.

Background
H.R. 6 would provide critical permanent legal protection to Dreamers, TPS and DED holders who are living in a state of uncertainty and fear. The USCCB’s Committee on Migration Chairman, Bishop Joe S. Vásquez of Austin, Texas, has voiced support for the bill numerous times: issuing a March 15, 2019 statement endorsing H.R. 6, sending a letter to each Member of the U.S. House of Representatives in support of the bill, and endorsing individual component bills of H.R. 6 prior to markup in the House Judiciary Committee on May 22nd.

ACTION
As the House is poised to take an important floor vote to protect Dreamers, TPS and DED holders, we ask you to stand in solidarity with immigrants and their families by sending a message to your U.S. Representative and request that they vote for passage of H.R. 6.

TAKE ACTION NOW and send the following message!

Dear [Representative],

As a person of faith, I believe in protecting the God-given dignity of every human being. As your constituent, I urge you to vote in favor of passing H.R. 6, the American Dream and Promise Act of 2019, as currently written, and to reject any amendments which would curtail the bill's critical protections.
The inaction of those who could’ve acted, the indifference of those who should’ve known better, and the silence of those who could’ve spoken up make it possible for evil to flourish.
Do not be dismayed by the brokenness in the world. All things break. And all things can be mended. Not with time, as they say, but with intention. So go. Love intentionally, extravagantly, unconditionally. The broken world waits in darkness for the light that is you.

—L.R. Knost