



The Mustard Seed Catholic Worker

93 Piedmont St. Worcester, MA 01609

telephone (508) 754 - 7098

our mailing address:

P.O. Box 2592 Worcester, MA 01613

Spring 2017

It has been some time since our last e-newsletter and so we beg your indulgence and patience. We are perennially very busy! Alas, we hope this little word from us finds you in good health and enjoying the early Spring season now happily upon us. Here at the Mustard Seed, the evening meal is at the heart of our shared labor. Please know how grateful we are for all the support whereby our many hungry friends can enjoy a nutritious supper each weekday and be supported in other ways as we are able. Warm coats, sleeping bags, blankets and hygiene products have all made their way to those needing warmth or a means to stay clean. Thank you to all who have made such sharing possible both before and during the winter. Our food pantry continues to serve families with children in the region and at times desperate singles have been able to access a bag of groceries when there are sufficient stores. The wherewithal to be about the work of mercy is a gift we can so easily take for granted, so on this occasion, we wish to emphasize our thanks for your help in feeding the hungry and soothing the wounds of the poor. Our sincerest thanks and Deo gratias for you our many friends! May God bless and keep us all as we seek to “carry it on” together!



NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are happy to announce we will be hosting a 12-Step Meeting at the Mustard Seed each Monday afternoon from 4 to 5 PM. Please pray for this initiative. Thanks.

"Funny how the AA truth 'God did for us what we could not do for ourselves' plays out over and over. One need only listen closely to hear God speaking the most marvelous of stories." - A friend



Congratulations to our community member and leader, Frank Kartheiser, lead organizer for Worcester Interfaith, who was recognized for his work by Blessed Sacrament Parish by being this year's recipient of the "Robert Shortsleeve Faith in Action" award. Yay Frank!

- The Mustard Seed Core Community will be on retreat at the "Hound of Heaven" Chapel at Annunciation House of Worcester on Monday, April 10th. Please pray for us. Thank you.
- The Mustard Seed will be hosting a Roundtable Discussion with Kate Hennessy who will discuss her life and new book about her grandmother Dorothy Day at 2 PM on Sunday, April 23rd, 2017. The meeting is free and open to the public. Please see the post and added further information below. Thank you.

Please Join Us

for a Presentation of "*Dorothy Day, The World Will Be Saved By Beauty, An Intimate Portrait of My Grandmother*" by author Kate Hennessy

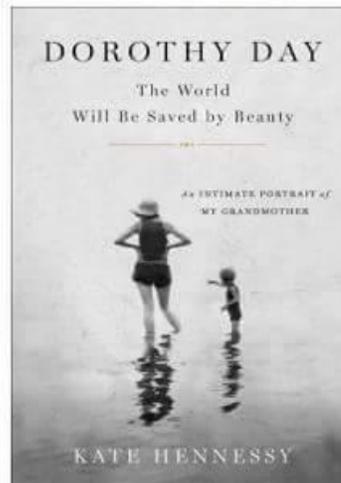


**Sunday, April 23, 2017 at 2:00 pm
at The Mustard Seed Catholic Worker**



Kate Hennessy

Kate Hennessy is a writer and the youngest of Dorothy Day's nine grandchildren. Her work has been included in "Best American Travel Writing," and in collaboration with the photographer Vivian Cherry, she is the author of "Dorothy Day and the Catholic Worker: The Miracle of our Continuance."



The Mustard Seed Catholic Worker

93 Piedmont St. Worcester, MA 01609
telephone (508) 754 - 7098

Kate Hennessy is a writer and the youngest of Dorothy Day's nine grandchildren. Her work has been included in Best American Travel Writing, and she is the author of Dorothy Day: The

World Will Be Saved by Beauty: An Intimate Portrait of My Grandmother and, in collaboration with the photographer Vivian Cherry, Dorothy Day and the Catholic Worker: The Miracle of our Continuance. Kate divides her time between Ireland and Vermont.

For more on Kate's book, "Dorothy Day: The World Will Be Saved by Beauty - An Intimate Portrait of My Grandmother" please visit: <http://www.simonandschuster.com/books/Dorothy-Day-The-World-Will-Be-Saved-by-Beauty/Kate-Hennessy/9781501133961>

We encourage folks who would like to have Kate sign a book to purchase it beforehand through putting in an order at a local bookstore or buying through Amazon, although Kate advises the former! Thank you.

April Clarification of Thought: A Continuing Conversation on Peter Maurin's "Easy Essays"
Monday, April 24th at 7 PM at The Mustard Seed. Please join us as the Spirit moves!



Mass will be celebrated on Friday, April 7th, at 7 PM in the “Upper Room” Chapel at the Seed. Fr. John Foley will be our celebrant. We will be especially remembering Tom Wright at this Memorial Mass as well as the late Howie Munroe, Gary Benoit, Mary McDaniel and Little Rhonda. Please join us as the Spirit moves! We pray each Friday at 7 PM with a Liturgy of the Word when we do not have Mass. Please know you are most welcome to attend.

.....

The Mustard Seed has been signed up as one of the meeting spots for the Regional Environmental Council's (REC's) annual Earth Day cleanup, April 8, 8am-noon.

Our Mike Benedetti will be at the Seed to coordinate things.

This will be a neighborhood cleanup, with the REC providing publicity and dealing with mattresses or anything like that we come across that needs disposing.

If any groups want to volunteer on the 8th, we could never have too many volunteers for a neighborhood cleanup.

(This is the same day as the special Saturday dinner provided by Saint Columba's Parish. Prep for that starts at 2pm, so the timing should be perfect for folks to join in a day full of giving!)

.....

25th Annual Have-A-Heart SGA Auction

Thursday, April 6, 2017

5:30 pm ~ Preview
6 pm ~ Bidding Begins

**Worcester State University
Student Center ~ Blue Lounge**

For more information on the SGA Auction, visit: worchester.edu/SGA-Auction.

For over two decades, along with the generous support of community members, the SGA's Auction has raised over \$340,000 for assisting those in need. 2017 will mark the 25th year the Student Government Association at Worcester State University will be holding the Have-a-Heart Auction to benefit the homeless and children in need.

This year, the Have-a-Heart Auction aims to raise \$30,000, which would exceed last year's total donation. This year's proceeds will benefit 3 Worcester area charities: Abby's House, The Mustard Seed of Worcester, and Sherry's House.

Date: 4/6/2017

Time: 5:30 PM

Location: Student Center, Blue Lounge

For directions to Worcester State University and a map of campus, visit www.worcester.edu/directions.

Share Your Wealth

By Peter Maurin, Co-founder of the Catholic Worker Movement



1. God wants us to be our brother's keeper.

2. To feed the hungry,
to clothe the naked,
to shelter the homeless,
to instruct the ignorant,
at a personal sacrifice,
is what God wants us to do.

3. What we give to the poor
For Christ's sake
is what we carry with us
when we die.

4. As Jean Jacques Rousseau says:
"When a man dies,
He carries in his clutched hands
only that which he has given away."

Ongoing blessings to you and yours from all of us at the Seed. Pax et Bonum.

