

LENTEN 2020 PROGRAM

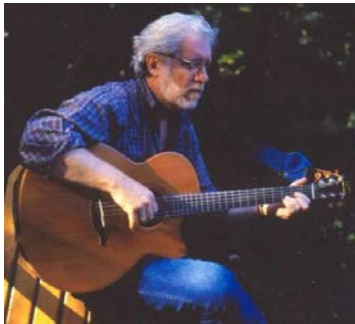
ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA, UNIONVILLE, CT



THURSDAY March 5th, 7:00 PM

Talk on Immigration, Refugees & Asylum-seekers at our Southern Border

Sr. Mary Alice McCabe, s Sister of Notre Dame de Namur and a Connecticut native, has spent most of her life in Brazil & Nicaragua, where she worked in the formation of Christian Communities & Cooperatives among farm-worker families. Since returning to the USA 2 years ago, she has spent most of her time & efforts at the southern border of the USA in volunteer service with refugee families fleeing violence in Central America. From January to July 2019, she worked at the Humanitarian Respite Center in McAllen, TX, with families seeking asylum; and during the last 6 months, with refugee families now forced to await their asylum hearings in a refugee camp in Matamoros, Mexico. Sr. Mary Alice has a Master's Degree in Cultural Anthropology and has authored 2 books of oral history: *Our Struggle Was a Sacred Struggle: Brazilian Rural Communities Tell How They Won Their Land Rights*, and *History in Our Hands: Women in Rural Brazil Tell Their Stories*.



THURSDAY March 12th, 7:00 PM

Singer/Songwriter Michael Kelly Blanchard: An Evening of Stories and Songs including excerpts from his lenten DVD "*Waiting at the Station*". Based on Pope John Paul II's *Way of the Cross*.

Come to this multi-generational night of faith, fun and reflection.

Michael Kelly Blanchard writes songs (*Snow Day!*, *Be Ye Glad*, *Danny's Downs*, *I Love You, I Do, You Bet*), prose (*Unsung Heroes*), and plays ("Gamaliel", "Heart Guard") which connect us to the merciful heart of God. As a solo performer on guitar and piano, Michael tells stories with a tender touch to help us laugh and cry at both the human condition and the renewing power of God's unconditional love. Raised in a Christian, arts-loving home, Michael apprenticed for his life's work as storyteller/songwriter from the very beginning, intertwining art & faith in his parents' home. Through music and literature (his father a fiddler, his mother an English teacher), he saw firsthand the blending of belief with the blessings of creativity. He has recorded 10 albums, written 2 music dramas, one cantata and 3 novels. Married to his wife, Greta, for 32 years, they have 2 adult children, Esther & Reuben.



THURSDAY March 26th, 7:00 PM

Fr. Warren Savage: "Grow and Go Living the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy."

Fr. Savage is a priest of the Diocese of Springfield, MA. He is currently the Director and Catholic Chaplain at the Albert and Amelia Ferst Interfaith Center, Westfield State University; Instructor, in the Permanent Diaconate Formation Program; Chairperson of the Committee for the Continuing Education, Formation and Support of Clergy; a member of the Presbyteral Council; member of Spiritual Directors International, The Academy of Homiletics, and The Society for the Study of Christian Spirituality. He has co-authored meditation books for Liguori Publications.