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trip to Africa

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Fr. John Gallagher, OFM Cap.  
Provincial Minister

We consider you  
to be a part of our  
Capuchin family.



Dear Friends,

Peace and all good things! I hope this letter finds you all staying warm as we move through these winter months. I also pray that your Christmas and New Year's celebrations were spent with family and loved ones. The Christmas season is so rich in beauty and tradition, one of the truly wonderful parts of being a Christian. Though the seasons continue to change, God's unfailing love is with us as always, warming our hearts even when the air outside is cold.

I am pleased to tell you that this issue of the *Capuchin Journey* is full of reasons for celebration. We recognize both the good works our Friars are doing, and the generous lay people with whom we share our ministries. Our partnership with generous people like yourselves allows the Capuchins of the Province of St. Mary to minister to those who need it most, just as we've been doing for more than 150 years.

On page 11 you will read about Fr. Jack Rathschmidt and his recent trip to Africa. Fr. Jack visited Kenya and Tanzania along with Br. Tino Arias, the mission director for our Province. Together, Fr. Jack and Br. Tino visited some of the ministries supported by the Province of St. Mary and Fr. Jack's reflections are very powerful. We also investigate a typical day for the novices in Central America. Thanks to friends and benefactors like you, we are able to share your financial support and the power of your prayer with those who are materially poor around the world.

You will also read (page 13) about some very fine people who have chosen to dedicate their time in service with us. Our Cap Corps Volunteers, a group of seven recent college graduates are devoting their time to Capuchin Youth & Family Ministries in Garrison, NY. Through the retreats offered at CYFM and their outreach to local parishes and youth groups, they are truly walking in the footsteps of St. Francis. Another lay partner of ours, Mr. Tom Powers (page 3), has been a friend of the Capuchins for many years. He has been kind enough to share with us here why he supports our Province, both as a donor and as an advisory member of the Capuchin Franciscan Leadership Council.

Another traditional Franciscan ministry, preaching, is highlighted on page 7. Fr. Michael Marigliano tells of the history of preaching and explores the differences (and similarities) between the world during the time of St. Francis, and the world in 2011. Now, perhaps more than ever, we need to proclaim the Good News of the Gospel, and our Friars are prepared to do that in any number of ways.

Finally, the remainder of our Jubilarians from 2010 are celebrated on pages 16. I cannot stress enough the honor and dedication with which these men have lived their lives. Each of the five Jubilarians you will meet in this issue have reached significant milestones of service as priests. They serve as reminders of all the good our Province has been doing for the past 150 years, and as role models for the young men who continue to come to us seeking a simple life dedicated to the Gospel.

I hope you will enjoy reading this issue. If you have received this magazine it is because we consider you to be a part of our Capuchin family. We want to keep you abreast of all the good things that are happening because of the generosity of people like you. May you have a blessed day, and a very happy and healthy 2011. Happy New Year; may the Lord bless you and keep you always!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. John Gallagher, OFM Cap." The signature is fluid and cursive.

Fr. John Gallagher, OFM Cap.

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**Capuchin Journey** is our way of letting you know how the Province of St. Mary fulfills our mission. You, as part of our community, share this vision of service to those in need, and we want you to see how we use the resources you so generously provide to us. We hope this magazine will provide an understanding of the work we do and how valuable your contributions are to our ministries. Please feel free to write to us with your comments and suggestions.

**On the Cover:** Br. Salvatore Cordaro, OFM Cap., at his Solemn Profession of vows on January 8, 2011, at St. John the Baptist Church.

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# Province Mission

The needs of the poor and the demands of justice shape our every ministerial endeavor. We attempt to promote the equality of all people within our fraternity, in the churches dedicated to the gospel of Christ and in the larger world. Capuchin friars minister in a wide variety of settings. Service to people of a variety of cultures in North America and around the globe have allowed us to witness God at work in countless ways.

Here in the Northeast United States, the Province of St. Mary serves through any number of institutions dedicated to the service of real human needs and the proclamation of God's love. Urban, suburban and rural; poor, blue collar and middle class; Latino, Asian and English-speaking—the friars can be found living amid all of these diverse circumstances.

## Capuchin Charisms

**FRATERNITY** of the friars joins them in their common goals and taps into their unique talents to most efficiently operate their own community as well as the communities they serve.

**MINORITY** has enabled them to walk with the people they serve and be accepted as one of their own.

**CONTEMPLATION** requires they set aside time to reflect upon the progress and direction of their mission and to listen for God's guidance in their mission.

**MINISTRY** has led the Capuchins to appeal to, and often allay, the hunger, despair, and loneliness of those among whom Christ would have walked.

**JUSTICE, PEACE AND ECOLOGY** are uniquely Capuchin because an essential part of the mission of St. Francis was to strive for all of God's creation to live in peace and harmony.

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# Br. Salvator Cordaro, OFM Cap. Makes His Solemn Profession of Vows

St. John the Baptist Church, New York, NY, January 8, 2010



**I, Brother Salvatore Cordaro,**

*since the Lord has given me this grace  
to follow more closely the Gospel and  
the footprints of Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
in the presence of my brothers here assembled,  
and into your hands, Brother John Gallagher,  
with a firm faith and will:*

*I vow to God the Father, holy and almighty,  
to live for the entire time of my life  
in obedience,  
without anything of my own,  
and in chastity.*

*At the same time,*

*I profess to observe faithfully  
the life and Rule of the Friars Minor  
confirmed by Pope Honorius,  
and I promise to observe it faithfully  
according to the Constitutions of the  
Order of Capuchin Friars Minor.*

*Therefore, with all my heart*

*I commit myself to this Fraternity,  
so that, through the effective working  
of the Holy Spirit,  
led by the example of Mary Immaculate,  
the united intercession of our Father Francis  
with all the saints,  
and with you helping me in brotherhood,  
I may strive for the fullness of love  
in the service of God,  
the Church, and all people.*



Then the King will say to those on His right, 'Come, you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation



The novitiate, in Ocotepeque, Honduras, is 15 miles from the border of Guatemala, and 10 miles from the border of El Salvador.

## A Typical Day at the Novitiate in Central America

### MORNING

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|-------------|--|
| 6:00        | We begin our day meeting at the chapel for a moment of meditation, which begins with the Angelus.                        |
| 6:30        | Most days we celebrate Mass together   |
| 7:30        | As a community, we eat breakfast and clean the house   |
| 9:00–10:00  | Classes. We do everything possible to familiarize ourselves with the Inter-Vice Provincial Program of Initial Formation. |
| 10:00–12:00 | Time for work around the house and studies   |
| 12:10–12:30 | We meet in the chapel to pray the Office of the Readings.  |
| 12:30       | A delicious lunch is served  |

# A Novitiate in

**T**he Province of St. Mary of the Capuchin Order is blessed because we serve those who need it most. Because of the generosity of donors like you, we not only support local initiatives in New York and New England, but also other Capuchin initiatives such as Franciscans International, Franciscan Action Network, and the Damietta Peace Initiative in Africa, to name a few.

One of the special causes we support is the Vice-Province of Central America and their inter-provincial novitiate in Ocotepeque, Honduras. The novice friars there come from Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, and Panama. Currently there are seven novices living and working there.

For these young men in Central America, novitiate is an experience in sensitivity to the suffering, disability, and innocence of God's children. This experience is highlighted by their work at Casa de Maria, a healthcare and nutrition facility in the Parish of San Jose. Casa de Maria was founded in 1970 by Fr. Bruce Quinn, OFM Cap., a Capuchin from the Province of St. Mary. The house began as a refuge for those dying of cancer, but when other elderly people from town

you invited Me in; naked, and you clothed Me; I was sick, and you visited Me; I was in prison, and you came to Me.' Then the righteous will

of the world. For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me something to drink; I was a stranger, and



The novices and staff at the inter-provincial novitiate.

# Central America



One of the most touching ministries the novices are involved in is taking time to hold children who have no one else to hold them. (Left) One of the novices helping a resident of Casa de Maria to shave.

answer Him, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry, and feed You, or thirsty, and give You something to drink? And when did we see You a



Feeding one of the children who comes to Casa de Maria for nourishment.



One of the novices leads a reflection with some of the residents looking on.



And, of course, there is time for recreation.

began asking if they could stay, they extended their outreach to the elderly as well.

Today, Casa de Maria is run primarily by the Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Conception. As part of their pastoral training, the novices split their time between Casa de Maria and a local prison. When the novices visit Casa de Maria they work in very tangible ways with the residents, cutting hair, shaving the men, changing diapers, and feeding those who can't feed themselves. One of the most touching ministries these young men are involved in is caring for children, often taking time just to hold these babies who have no one else to hold them.

Each Friar that passes through the novitiate in Honduras will spend time serving at Casa de Maria, following in the tradition of St. Francis of Assisi. After all, it was Francis who said, "Preach the Gospel always, when necessary use words." Though the novices may not always have the right words in Honduras, every time they push a wheelchair, or rock a baby to sleep, they are preaching the word of God. 📷

## A Typical Day

at the Novitiate in Central America

### AFTERNOON/EVENING

- 2:15 We meet to pray *None*, or prayer of the ninth hour of daylight.
- 2:30–4:00 Class and a coffee break
- 4:00 Time for spiritual reading
- 5:00 Meditation—On Wednesdays and Fridays we celebrate Mass in the evening, with *Vespers*, rather than the morning. On Tuesdays and Saturdays we say the rosary together.
- 6:00 Dinner. After we wash the dishes we meet for recreational time. On Wednesdays we practice our singing.
- 8:00–9:00 Personal time—time for quiet and tending to our personal activities
- 9:00 Saying the *Compline* (night prayer) we finish our day, offering God our rest.

# A History of Capuchin Preaching

by Fr. Michael Marigliano, OFM Cap.



“Preach the gospel always;  
if necessary, use words.”

**T**he sentiment is that of Francis Bernadone, the little one of Assisi, attempting to bring the good news of a life beyond destruction to a people all too familiar with diminishment, destitution and despair.

Good news—in word *and* deed, in action as well as proclamation.

Francis of Assisi lived at the turn of a century (the 12th into the 13th) suffering seismic changes in the economic, social, and political landscape. Proud Assisi was locked in mortal combat with its rival Perugia, while a newly emerging merchant class grew fevered with the search for new wealth made possible by increased technology, trade, and travel. While some did indeed prosper, much larger numbers of people were left behind, hostages of jealous rivalries among armed lords, easy prey to the economic vulnerabilities that swallowed their security and sapped their strength. The air was rife with resentments, laments, anxieties and resignation.

Good news, you say? Where would we look for such an unlikely treasure?

It is well nigh impossible to miss the eerie similarities our own time and place bear to the pressures and fissures of Assisi in the time of Francis. We too have witnessed the turn of a century, indeed a millennium (remember the invitations to panic and exalted claims of the end-times?) that bears the marks of profound social, political, military, and economic change. Threats of terror envelop us and financial markets roil

Fr. John Gallagher, OFM Cap.  
preaching at the 2009 solemn  
profession of vows.



Fr. Gavin Reilly, OFM Cap., preaching at Br. Christopher Varley's 50th Jubilee Mass.

The friars in our Province are available to preach on a range of topics. If you or someone you know would be interested in having a Capuchin from the Province of St. Mary preach to a group, you can get more information from our website, [www.capuchin.org](http://www.capuchin.org).

in tumult, as some among us store up huge treasures and others find their very homes sold out beneath them—a life's effort vanished along with their dignity and hope. Recriminations resound, resentments rage, anxieties boil, hatreds fester, weapons explode and, all the while, the well-connected manipulate our threadbare social fabric to suit their purposes and their prosperity.

Good news, you say? Where would we look for such an unlikely treasure.

Here in the early years of the twenty-first century, the friars of the Province of St. Mary, just as did Francis of Assisi in the early stages of the 13th century, look to the gospel of justice and peace revealed in Jesus to discover the good news of a different kind of power and possibility alive in our midst—the grace of the God revealed in Jesus.

With both word and deed the friars attempt to live firmly enmeshed in the anxieties and hopes, glories and blemishes of the human family so as to witness to God at work among us. With simple, often stark words, we preach what we know to be true in the depth of our hearts—that there is another way of being together on this planet than the current hostile patterns of injustice and violence. In direct and tender deeds, we join with men and women of good will to aid the vulnerable, restore the dismissed, and remember the forgotten. And so it must be—word and deed, action and proclamation.

To proclaim the gospel in the 21st century demands new insights and formulations, for just as the similarities are unmistakable, the vast differences between our own time and 13th century Italy are surely vivid. Yet our inspiration and our hope remain the same—the life and ministry of Jesus of Nazareth who has brought among us a new kind of power, a new kind of kingdom that forever banishes the bullying and grasping, the coercion and deceit, the fear-filled fury that disfigures human lives and fractures human communities.

## A Reflection on

“Preach the gospel always;  
if necessary, use words.”

THOSE WORDS, spoken by St. Francis of Assisi some 800 years ago, are a call to let our actions speak for us—to feed the hungry, to care for the sick, to spend time with the lonely. By doing good works such as these, and doing them in the name of Christ, we are affirming our Christian beliefs. At times, however, people need words. We all need to hear the Word of God, not only proclaimed but explained.

Preaching has long been a Franciscan



Fr. Jim Gavin

In the 16th century—yet another time of great tumult and anxiety for the western churches—the Capuchin reform of the Franciscan movement gave rise to a renewed commitment to announce the gospel in both word and deed. Whether tending the victims of plague and disease, meeting the needs of the poor and forgotten or preaching to their neighbors, Capuchin friars brought the gospel to life in word and deed.

Capuchin friars of the Province of St. Mary have brought this gospel witness in word and deed to the people of New York, and New

# Capuchin Preaching

by Timothy Olmstead

tradition. Today, eight centuries after St. Francis, the Capuchins of the Province of St. Mary continue that tradition. Fr. Jim Gavin and Fr. Senan Taylor are two of the Friars in our Province. Both men have been priests for more than forty years and during their time as Capuchins they have ministered to people around the country and around the world. While researching the Preaching Ministry in which the Capuchins are involved, I was fortunate to sit with each of them and discuss this very important part of Franciscan life.

Fr. Senan learned how to preach as a teacher. “Every day I would stand up in front of a classroom full of students, teaching theology, and I had to make it exciting and relevant to them.” While teaching at Sacred Heart in Yonkers, Fr. Senan learned how to take the Gospel message and not only shape it, but deliver it to an audience. During his time as a priest Fr. Senan has been a teacher and a social worker. He has worked in formation and in senior healthcare. When he gets the opportunity he goes out and preaches, specializing in women’s religious communities.

Fr. Gavin is a friar in residence at our house of postulancy in Brooklyn, NY. Fr. Jim invited me to come and watch him preach one morning in December and the experience was awe inspiring. Sitting in a circle with the four postulants— young men who have come to explore life as a Capuchin with our Province—I watched Fr. Jim as he took apart different pieces of Scripture and applied them to life today in the 21st



century. I listened as he told us about Isaac and Rebekah and their two sons, Esau and Jacob. The way he spoke about these Old Testament figures reminded me of the way I speak about my friends and family. They were real people with real lives and real problems. Fr. Jim could have been talking about something that happened in his own life last week, rather than something that happened more than 2000 years ago. The message was real. It was relevant and it was from the heart. 📺

Fr. Senan Taylor (above) and Fr. Jim Gavin are two of the friars from our Province who are involved in the preaching ministry.

England and beyond for over 150 years. While grounded in direct ministry to the poor, the friars have also dedicated themselves to speaking in simple, direct and vivid words that help to bring the gospel alive for people living amid the hectic pace and complex world of the 21st century.

Good news, you say? Where would we find this unlikely treasure?

The gospel of Jesus Christ.

This is real treasure—so costly, elusive and unlikely. To live the gospel of Jesus and proclaim it to others demands that we lose our lives so as

to gain the life that heals, heartens, and sustains us. Yet it represents our best hope and most direct path to the goodness of our God. Treasure buried in a field that has long witnessed carnage, violence, injustice, and tears. A treasure buried in this field we share for weal or for woe. Unearthing this treasure is to proclaim the gospel in word and deed.

Good news, you say?

Where?

A treasure here in our midst, if we gather the courage to unearth it. 📺



Fr. Michael Marigliano, OFM Cap., has been a Capuchin for more than 30 years.



(Above) Joined by priest-friars from the Province of St. Mary, Seàn Cardinal O'Malley elevates the Eucharist during the Mass he celebrated for the Annual Capuchin Dinner; (right) CFLC Members Dennis Brown, Bert Donley and Art McKenna getting ready for Mass.



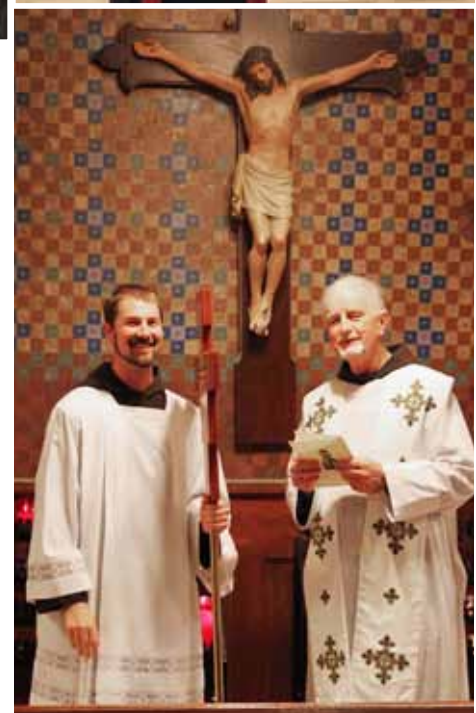
# Annual Capuchin Dinner

Celebrating with Our Friends

The Province of St. Mary hosted the Annual Capuchin Dinner on November 23, 2010. The event, which included Mass at St. John the Baptist Church and dinner at the Affinia Hotel, was a success, and it gave some of the Friars and their friends a chance to celebrate Thanksgiving together before the holiday weekend officially began. Our guest of honor was Seàn Cardinal O'Malley, the Archbishop of Boston, and our emcee was Mr. Arthur McKenna, one of our Capuchin Franciscan Leadership Council members and a longtime supporter of the Province of St. Mary.

Our next Annual Capuchin Dinner will be held on October 6, 2011, and we hope to see you there.

(Above right) Arthur McKenna, emcee of the event, addresses the crowd at dinner; (right) Erik Lenhart, OFM Cap., and Philip Bohan, OFM Cap., prepare for the procession before Mass.



# I Will Always Be Grateful

*Fr. Jack Rathschmidt, OFM Cap.*

I have been trying to write about my recent trip to Africa for weeks, and am still finding it very difficult. Memories of Tanzania and Kenya keep flooding my mind and spirit with so many images that I can't make sense of them. They rush at me like a herd of animals or a school of fish. While never trampling or attacking me, there are too many to sort out easily.

The first and most enduring image I have of Tanzania is thousands of people walking, frequently carrying burdens so large and heavy that the women especially are often permanently stooped. Thousands more are pulling carts, riding bikes or jumping into and on top of large vans (*dala dalas*) which function as busses that might or might not have a fixed route. For sure, the *dala dalas* stop randomly both to pick up and drop off passengers making other drivers scream with frustration. Still more thousands are riding in regular busses, taxis, cars, and trucks. Nevertheless, even the most aggressive of storekeepers greets you with *Karibu*, welcome, and seems mean it.

At the same time, despite the thousands of people on the streets and in the neighborhoods, Tanzanians are a quiet people. Often, at dinner or while sitting around in the evening, there is little conversation. Br. Tino, with whom I traveled and who was my mentor, warned me that there would be long lulls in conversation. Hearing about this cultural dimension of Tanzanian life and experiencing it was very different. Anthropologists would call Tanzania a “high context” culture, meaning that more is said with gesture, posture and non-verbally. For a North American this can be very disarming. We talk about and have rules for everything. We love detail. Tanzanians speak without words, and assume you know what they are thinking or mean which can lead to simple misunderstanding. This was especially evident to me while visiting with some of the girls we support in the African Women's

Despite being a relatively well developed city, Nairobi, Kenya, has one of the largest slums in all of Africa.

(Below) Fr. Jack Rathschmidt and Br. Benedict Ayodi from the Vice Province of Kenya.



Education Fund (AWEF). Naomi, Pendo, and Shulami gathered at our friary in Morogoro to meet me. When I entered the room, they were sitting like children waiting to take an exam. Trying to relax them, I chattered about AWEF and life in the United States while they sat and smiled. Only afterwards did I realize that while they were anxious about talking with me, their silence was also a sign of respect. It was not their place to speak to a visitor, but to listen. The friars are also shy. Though deeply invested with the poor, running a wonderful retreat center, providing housing for needy college students and ministering in parishes of the very poor, they rarely speak of their work.



*Karibu*, welcome, is almost always the first word out of a Tanzanian's or a Kenyan's mouth.

Kenya is very different from Tanzania. Nairobi, the capital, is a relatively well developed city, with a very extended downtown and new buildings going up everywhere. While there are many people on the streets, more of them have cars and a decent place to live. Nevertheless, Nairobi has one of the largest slums in the world.

Kenya's people are very outgoing, especially the friars, who were anxious to speak of their many "projects." Br. David Kamau, the same priest friar who helps guide the African Women's Education Fund in Kenya, also began Mama Africa, a project to educate Kenya's poor children. Acknowledging that he used AWEF's model of searching for many small benefactors, Br. David has recruited almost 200 Italian families who each contribute \$20 a month to keep a child in school, and a second project to teach the mother's of these same poor

children how to sew. Though their sewing school is sparse and simple, the work these women produce is beautiful.

On the only full weekend we spent in Kenya, I lived with the friars at St. Bridget's Friary in Nairobi. Attached to the friary is a school for 450 children and a clinic for mothers and children. St. Bridget's would be the sight of a life skills weekend which the friars and their colleagues would be offering to the girls of the African Women's Education Fund, and would also offer me an opportunity to meet 10 of the young women AWEF supports in Kenya. The girls would be coming from as far as 400km away, and I was excited. It would be my first opportunity to meet the AWEF girls in Kenya and would afford me plenty of time to listen to, photograph and video them.

The weekend was more than I could have dreamed. When the time for my presentation on AWEF and the people who support it in the United States arrived, the girls were well prepped. They understood the importance of telling their stories and were anxious both to be videotaped and to see the tape afterwards! That evening we gathered for a treat of cold soda and dancing, African style. The girls were delighted that this old man was willing to jump in and enjoy the fun.

How much more I could tell you about this pilgrimage, but let me end with a story and a word of thanks. Just before all the girls arrived for their weekend together at St. Bridget's, I had an accident. Stepping over a metal plate and through a small door, I did not duck far enough and clipped my head. Bleeding profusely, I was marched around the corner into the clinic for mothers and children. No one seemed to mind that I went to the head of the line. The nurse took one look at me, cleaned my cut and then asked her assistant for a knife! Before I knew it, she had sliced off a hanging piece of skin and was bandaging my head. The nurse kept asking me if I was in pain, and I could only say: I haven't had any time to think about it. There is a lesson for me in this. Sometimes I think too much what hurts. I struggle with past mistakes and hold onto perceived slights. This is never good for me. Perhaps next time I am faced with my own littleness, I will remember the lesson of the Nairobi clinic. Clean it out, cut it off quickly and move on. Life is too short to worry about yesterday. Too many people need our full attention today.

Finally, I want to offer a word of thanks to all of you who have supported and prayed for me these last months. Thank you, family and friends, for letting me know that I was not alone on this trip. I will always be grateful. ☐

# Cap Corps Volunteers

Each year at Capuchin Youth & Family Ministries (CYFM), the community is blessed to have a number of volunteers. Some of these dedicated individuals are parents of current students who visit CYFM. Some are former participants themselves, having taken advantage of the variety of programs offered in Garrison. But another, distinct group, are known as Cap Corps Volunteers. These young men and women, recent college graduates, dedicate a year of service to CYFM, assisting in retreats, visiting schools and working in local parishes. They live simply in community, sharing common meals and prayer. As part of their outreach ministry, each volunteer also works at a parish in a program called God's Time. There they assist with the parish's youth ministry programs, and serve as a presence to children all over the area.

This year there are seven Cap Corps Volunteers. Some have come from across the country, and some visited CYFM themselves as teenagers. Though the paths they took to this year of service are all different, their motivation for giving their time is similar. All of them feel blessed in their own lives, and a desire to give back. Each of them feels that the teenage years, which most of CYFM's programs are geared toward, are often the time of greatest need in a person's spiritual journey. St. Francis was called to "rebuild the Church," and in his spirit, the Cap Corps Volunteers continue to build the future of the Church.

Here we introduce you to our seven volunteers for 2010–2011. The Province is grateful for their service and their dedication, and we're grateful to you our donors for your generosity. Without your gifts, we would be unable to sustain this program which does so much good. ☐

*Andrea Carrera*  
Santa Clara University

Andrea graduated in 2010 from Santa Clara with a degree in Psychobiology and Religious Studies. During her time in school she felt called to give a year of service after graduation, and after she learned about CYFM and Cap Corps, it turned out to be a perfect fit. Andrea grew up in California, and has traveled a long way to be a Cap Corps Volunteer, but the trip has been well worth it. On God's Time, she works at Most Holy Trinity/Sacred Heart in Highland Falls, NY.



*Matt Patella*  
Catholic University of America

Matt is the latest graduate of Catholic University to come to the Cap Corps Volunteer program. While a student at Catholic U, Matt played ice hockey and rugby, and was also heavily involved in Campus Ministry. He made two mission trips during his time as an undergrad, one to Colorado and another to Beilze. He earned his Bachelor's in History, and is excited about the possibility of having a positive influence on teenagers as they move along in their faith journey. Matt is working at Our Lady of Loretto in Cold Spring, NY, for his God's Time assignment.

*Elizabeth D'Onofrio*  
St. Bonaventure University

Liz grew up in Montrose, NY, not far from CYFM. While in high school, she spent three years as an active member, participating in Day by Day Agape retreats. Liz graduated in May from St. Bonaventure where she studied Theology. She feels blessed to be able to return to CYFM in this new capacity, and enjoys her work at St. Stephen in Warwick, NY, in the God's Time program. Following her year of service, she'll be attending Boston College for her Masters in Pastoral Ministry and Social Work.





*Christine Guariglia*  
University of Scranton

As a student at the University of Scranton, Christine was very involved in the University Ministry programs. In addition to a service trip to El Salvador, Christine also participated in the Campus Ministry Leadership Institute in Philadelphia. It was that experience that led her to founding LBS, "Leaders for a Brighter Scranton." Christine's degree is in Counseling and Human Services, and she comes to us from Glen Rock, New Jersey. Her God's Time Parish is St. John the Evangelist in Mahopac, NY.



## Giving a year to help others



*Vijay DaCosta*  
Le Moyne College, Fordham University

Vijay is another one of our volunteers who has previous experience at CYFM Fordham Prep, where he went to high school, uses the retreat center in Garrison for their Emmaus Retreats. Vijay was both a participant and a leader on these retreats. After graduating from Le Moyne College with a degree in Creative Writing and Theology, he went to Fordham where he earned his Masters in Religious Education and Youth Ministry. His God's Time Parish is St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Shrub Oak, NY.



*Benjamin DeTrempe*  
United States Military Academy

Ben grew up in Granger, Indiana, down the road from the University of Notre Dame. He is currently a student at the United States Military Academy at West Point, which lies just across the Hudson River from CYFM Having completed two years of school and training, Ben decided to take a year off to serve CYFM as a Cap Corps Volunteer. As a student at West Point, he's been an active member in the University Christian Fellowship Group, as well as a nightly rosary group. On God's Time, Ben works at St. Joseph in New Paltz, NY.

*Amy Schille*  
Central Washington University

Amy comes to Cap Corps from Central Washington University where she studied Psychology, Religious Studies and Creative Writing. Born and raised in Washington State, Amy is another one of our volunteers who has come a long way to be with us. Throughout high school, as a participant, and college, as a leader, Amy has been involved in youth ministry. Now in her new capacity as a full time volunteer, she is excited to work with young people and their families. Her God's Time Parish is St. Patrick in Yorktown Heights, NY.



# St. Peter's Parish



St. Peter's Church in Rutland, VT, is one of the parishes staffed by the Capuchin Friars of the Province of St. Mary. The fraternity of St. Peter's was established in 2006 with the acceptance of the parochial responsibility of the faith community of St. Peter's Parish, founded in 1857. Although sacramental and faith formation is their primary ministry, the friars willingly offer their gifts and talents in service of the sick, homebound, neglected and economically challenged. The "blizzard bags" program at St. Peter's provides groceries to seniors who are homebound. The parish also supports Vermont Cares, an organization working with HIV and AIDS patients, as well as Dismas House, a supportive community that provides transitional housing and services to former prisoners. Currently there are three Friars from our Province living and working there. ☒

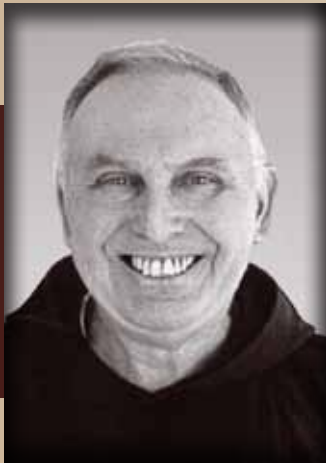


As beautiful on the outside as it is on the inside, St. Peter's Church is the oldest church in Rutland County, VT.

# Jubilee 2010 PART TWO



In 2010 the Province of St. Mary celebrated nine Jubilees. In our Fall issue we highlighted the four men celebrating anniversaries of religious life. In this issue we take a look at the five men from our Province celebrating anniversaries of ordination to the priesthood. The friars on these pages have dedicated themselves to the Gospel in the tradition of St. Francis. We commend them for their many years of service and we thank you all for supporting them.



Fr. Joseph McCarthy celebrates **50 years a priest**

## Fr. Joseph McCarthy, OFM Cap.

<b>Birth</b>	<b>May 9, 1934</b>
<b>Investiture</b>	<b>August 31, 1952</b>
<b>First Profession</b>	<b>September 1, 1953</b>
<b>Perpetual Profession</b>	<b>September 1, 1956</b>
<b>Ordination</b>	<b>June 25, 1960</b>



Fr. Joseph McCarthy with his novice master Fr. Donatus Goetz (center) and Br. Joseph Yakimovich (left) at Sacred Heart in Yonkers, NY.

1952 graduating class of Glenclyffe High School, Garrison, NY:

Joseph McCarthy (top row, second from right), Jerome McHugh (first row, third from the right)



Joseph McCarthy as a young student in the cobbler shop at Mary Immaculate Friary, Garrison, New York, circa 1954-55



Fr. Jerome McHugh celebrates **50 years a priest**

**Fr. Jerome McHugh, OFM Cap.**

<b>Birth</b>	<b>December 10, 1934</b>
<b>Investiture</b>	<b>August 31, 1952</b>
<b>First Profession</b>	<b>September 1, 1953</b>
<b>Perpetual Profession</b>	<b>September 1, 1956</b>
<b>Ordination</b>	<b>June 25, 1960</b>

Fr. Dominic Silvestro cuts Fr. Jerome McHugh's hair at St. Anthony Friary, Hudson, New Hampshire, circa 1956



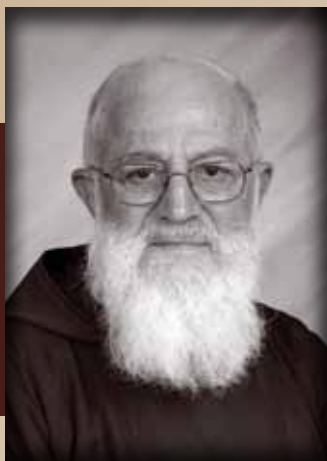
Fr. Jerome McHugh as a theology student at Mary Immaculate Friary, Garrison, New York, circa 1958



Family, friars, parishioners, affiliates, and friends gathered to mark the 50th Priesthood Jubilee Celebration at St. Theresa Church/School, Briarcliff Manor, NY., June 26, 2010.



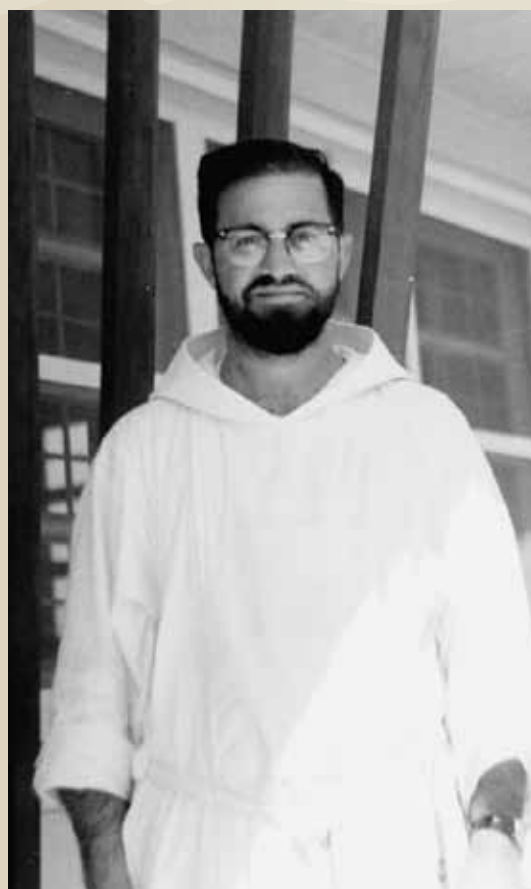
Christmas season at St. Conrad Friary, White Plains, NY, circa 1986



## Fr. Dominic Silvestro celebrates 50 years a priest

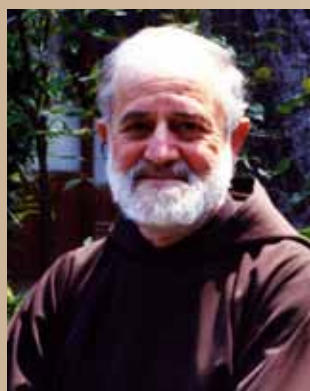
### Fr. Dominic Silvestro, OFM Cap.

Birth	November 2, 1927
Investiture	August 31, 1953
First Profession	September 1, 1954
Perpetual Profession	September 1, 1957
Ordination	June 25, 1960



(Above left) Playing Santa Claus at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Cathedral, Kyoto, Japan, circa 1985

(Above) New missionary to Japan, 1965



Portrait taken in 1992



Celebrating with the parishioners of St. Francis Xavier, Kyoto, Japan, circa 1986-87



Fr. Thomas Faiola celebrates **25 years a priest**

## Fr. Thomas Faiola, OFM Cap.

<b>Birth</b>	<b>May 8, 1951</b>
<b>Investiture:</b>	<b>August 31, 1979</b>
<b>First Profession</b>	<b>August 16, 1980</b>
<b>Perpetual Profession</b>	<b>August 4, 1984</b>
<b>Ordination</b>	<b>May 25, 1985</b>

Fr. Thomas with young friars in formation, Nicaragua, Central America, 1988



(Far right) Fr. Thomas was ordained to the priesthood by Capuchin Archbishop Anthony S. Apuron of Agaña, Guam, at Sacred Heart Church, Yonkers, NY, May 25 1985.



Fr. Thomas, pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows in NYC, coordinates an outreach program, Thanksgiving 2008

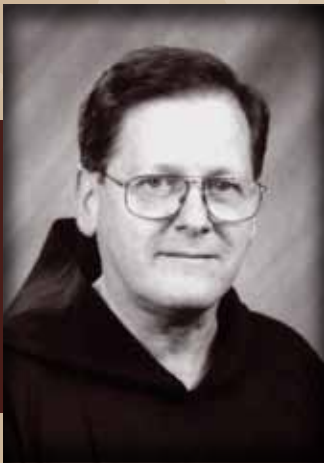


Fr. Thomas prepares dinner for Capuchin candidates visiting Our Lady of Sorrows, December 2009.

Fr. Raynold Thibodeau celebrates **25 years a priest**

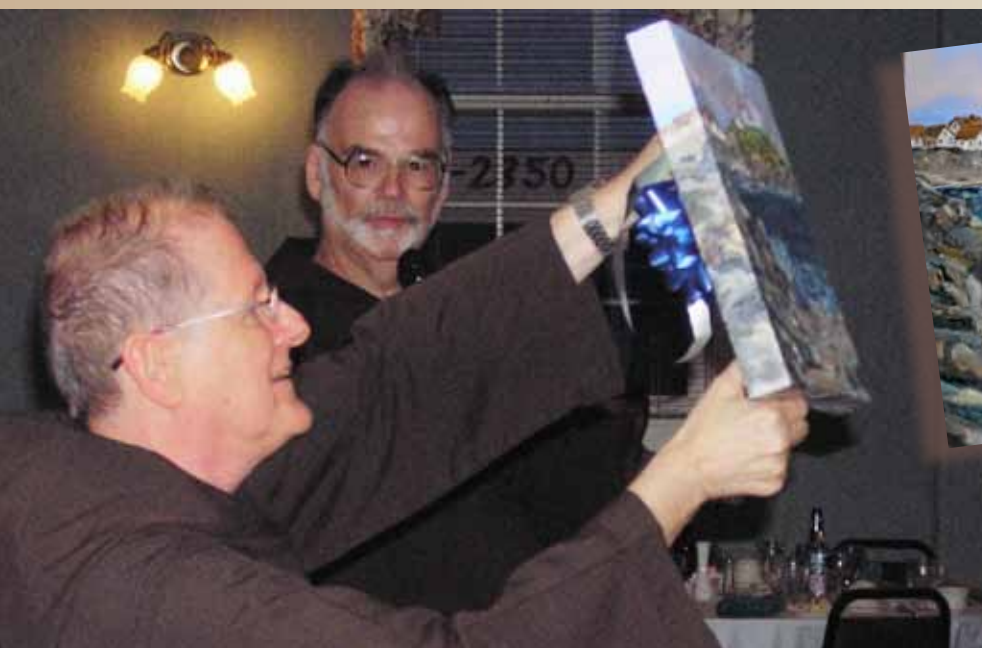
## Fr. Raynold Thibodeau, OFM Cap.

<b>Birth</b>	<b>February 23, 1942</b>
<b>Investiture</b>	<b>August 31, 1979</b>
<b>First Profession</b>	<b>August 16, 1980</b>
<b>Perpetual Profession</b>	<b>August 4, 1984</b>
<b>Ordination</b>	<b>May 25, 1985</b>



Fr. Raynold with his sisters and brother on Ordination Day.

Fr. Raynold was ordained to the priesthood by Capuchin Archbishop Anthony S. Apuron of Agaña, Guam, at Sacred Heart Church, Yonkers, NY, on May 25, 1985.



Fr. Raynold is presented with an oil painting by the parishioners of St. Peter in Rutland, VT, during a parish celebration of his 25th Priesthood Jubilee on May 22, 2010.

# Tom Powers

Friend of the Capuchins

I distinctly remember as a boy, about 9 or 10 years old, being struck by this new priest who was helping in our parish, Holy Name of Mary in Croton-on-Hudson. He was very easy going, would wander off the altar while giving his homilies, but his messages were very simple, clear, and powerful. Our parish was blessed to have Fr. Jack Rathschmidt helping at our parish for many years.

I am blessed to have an incredible family. My wife Julia and I have three great kids—Maggie, Jack and Will. When we ended up in Boston, the pieces fell into place, and I got back in touch with the Friars. My dad had recently passed away. He always had a commitment to Franciscan causes, had supported Franciscan soup kitchens and charities over his entire life, but in a less than visible way. My friend Walter Osterman, who I've known my entire life, was getting involved with the Capuchins in Boston, and he suggested I meet a Fr. Jack Rathschmidt. I remembered Fr. Jack from his days at my parish, so our meeting was a reunion about 200 miles from where we first met.

Getting involved with the Capuchins seemed like a nice way to give back, and also to connect with something that my dad had valued. I began doing what I could to help, and opportunities quickly presented themselves. During that time, the Friars were helping to staff the Catholic Charities Teen Center at St. Peter's in Dorchester, MA. The center is a safe place in a difficult neighborhood. When they approached us with hopes of raising money during the summer months, Walter and I hosted a golf tournament, and we were

Tom Powers is one of the friends of the Province of St. Mary. He got to know the Capuchins as a boy in Croton-on-Hudson, NY, and reconnected with us as a husband and father in Boston.

Today he is on our Capuchin

Franciscan Leadership Council (CFLC) and is helping to get the word about all the good our Province is doing in New England.



Tom Powers, Seán Cardinal O'Malley, and Walter Osterman at a friend-raiser in Boston.

able to fill a financial gap for them.

After hosting some friend-raisers and helping to create some visibility and sustainability for the Capuchins in Boston, I formally joined CFLC a few years ago. We have now formed a Boston regional board with nine members and the simple goal of creating greater visibility for the great work the Capuchins do.

I support the Capuchins because

they live simply and serve the neediest, all the while celebrating the ideals of Christ and St. Francis. The ministries I have witnessed through serving on the CFLC include immigrant day workers, the mentally ill, adoptive children, soup kitchens and more. It's incredibly inspirational, and the Friars' dedication to prayer, both individually and communally is really impressive. ☒



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