

On Line and On Point

MARY MOTHER OF JESUS INCLUSIVE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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BOOK REVIEWS—Thomas

F. Lee's new book, **A Warning: A Novel for the Nuclear Age**, struck me as one of the most important I have ever read. It

alternates between a fictional priest from Manchester, New Hampshire and information about nuclear weapons. It explains how they were created, used and could be used. With clarity and

without left-wing rhetoric, Lee demonstrates the urgency for nuclear disarmament. The main character is an affable, Benedictine monk who teaches poetry on the college level. The monk faces a crisis of conscience when two Sisters of Mercy invite him to attend a anti-nuclear demonstration at a nearby Raytheon plant. ...

Avoiding cardboard cutout characters, Lee presents alternative views keenly. Nevertheless, a plea of a Sister of Mercy, the real and present evil of nuclear weapons poised to envelop humanity in a living hell has to be resisted rings true. The book is not an anti-Republican



diatribe. Lee makes it clear that Democrats and Republicans regard "massive military spending as a sacrosanct expenditure."

[The author does point out that] Conservative bishops echo dissident bishops while ignoring Pope Francis' simple statement on nuclear weapons: "...the threat of their use, as well as their very possession, is to

be firmly condemned." Lee makes it clear that most Catholics have not heard a single homily on the Church's support for disarmament. The race to annihilate all of God's creation advances without a peep from the pulpit. [The reviewer adds this observation to go with the last statement] While the climate emergency can wipe out humanity in thirty years, nuclear weapons can wipe us out in thirty seconds.—*reviewed by Robert Gould, president of the San Francisco chapter of Physicians for Social Responsibility [special thanks to Tim Musser of the Cleveland West Chapter of Pax Christi in CLE OH]*

Mary Mother of Jesus Inclusive Catholic Community Mission Statement

We are a Christ-centered community of equals, consisting of women and men, ordained and non-ordained, empowered by the Spirit whose mission is to worship, to serve, to promote compassion, justice, peace and care for creation. Come join us.

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OFFERINGS—We are grateful to everyone who has been so generous in supporting our community. Thanks so much. Please remember to make your regular donations to MMOJ by sending your check to MMOJ % St. Andrew UCC, 6908 Beneva Road, Sarasota. FL 34238.

Remember: MMOJ continues to donate 5% of all received offerings each month to Outreach, which will continue to focus on real issues of food and hunger in our surrounding communities.

OUTREACH—The current recipient of our offered financial support is All Faiths Food Bank of Sarasota [AFFB] in its task of providing food for hungry and needy families and children.

School is out for the summer and means days spent running barefoot through the sprinkler are in. While the summer is a relaxing time for some, for many others the summer is a stressful time for parents concerned about how they will feed their families. When school is out, hunger does not take a break. In fact, when school is out, that is where AFFB steps in. Please be generous with your offerings.

MOVIE CORNER

[From VA] I had the pleasure this week of spending time with my six and eight year old grandsons who introduced me to the animated movie, *The Iron Giant*. It is a quirky little movie set in the 1950's so I especially enjoyed the background music. At first glance it is a classic story of an alien being who crashes to earth off the coast of Maine and is befriended by a young boy. But as the story progressed I was surprised to find that it was clearly an anti-gun, anti-violence tale. Voices were

provided by such stars as Harry Connick Jr., Jennifer Aniston, Vin Diesel and even Cloris Leachman. It is currently available on HBO Max and may be rented or purchased on Amazon Prime Video.—
Beth Ponce

Send your suggestions for movies to watch, to ponce.beth@gmail.com

BOOK REVIEWS cont'd—I would like to recommend **The Choice: Embrace the Impossible** by Dr Eva Edith Eger which I found quite thought provoking. Internationally acclaimed psychologist Dr. Edith Eger—one of the last remaining Holocaust survivors—tells her unforgettable story in this moving testament to the resilience of the human spirit and the power of choice in our lives. At the age of sixteen, Edith Eger, a trained ballet dancer and gymnast, was sent to Auschwitz. Hours after her parents were sent to the gas chamber, the “Angel of Death,” Nazi officer Dr. Josef Mengele, forced Edie to dance for his amusement—and her survival. He rewarded her with a loaf of bread that she shared with her fellow prisoners—an act of generosity that would later save her life.



Following her imprisonment at Auschwitz, we accompany Dr Eger on her amazing healing journey. Her goal is to help each of us to escape the prison of our own minds. I also read her second book, **The Gift**. So glad to know we are sharing this amazing woman!—*Susie Zavodnvik*

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[If you missed the following invitation to the St. Andrew UCC community to join us, either by presence or present by ZOOM, at our Saturday Hybrid Liturgies, here is a repeat for your eyes and anyone else's.]

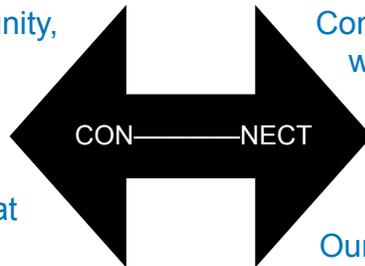
[At this point, ZOOM directions are included; the invitation continues:]

We rejoice in our special relationship with you, our friends, and give thanks for 14 years at St. Andrew's Church.

Dear Pastor Mary Alice, and all our Friends in Andrew's Community,

Since 2008, MMOJ and St. Andrew's Community have celebrated wonderful liturgies, ordinations, prayer services, speakers, special programs and engaged together in outreach projects.

Our Mary Mother of Jesus inclusive catholic community is now celebrating hybrid services at St. Andrew's Church and on Zoom simultaneously once a month.



Our relationship has been one of mutual support in living the gospel in our world today. We are companions in faith, partners in ministry to the people of God,. We share a common mission of fostering unity in diversity, inclusivity, peace, justice, and equality.

We are inviting you to join us for our Liturgy on June 25th at St. Andrew's in person or on Zoom at 4:00 PM.

from the Community of MMOJ

