

Quarterly Issues and Programs
WSOU FM South Orange, NJ
Second Quarter 2021 April 1-June 30

Issue: The Covid 19 Pandemic and Vaccinations

The second quarter of 2021 saw dramatic improvement in the situation surrounding the pandemic. The main reasons were the steady increase in vaccinations. The New York, New Jersey region led the nation in the amount of people receiving vaccines and the number of people who were innoculated. People were anxious to find out where vaccines could be obtained. Many businesses and restaurants continued to provide safety measures to limit the spread of the infections.

Programming: WSOU continued to keep its audience informed on the status of the pandemic. That included regular public service announcements on vaccine availability, on changes in statewide restrictions and the latest numbers on infections. Regular daily newscasts covered the issue and reported the latest information. The weekly program Pirate News Desk also reported on the pandemic in greater detail. Several hundred hours of reporting were conducted on WSOU airways. Coverage also included the latest news on the source of the virus and its connection with the WuHan Laboratory in China.

Issue: The battle over Voter Suppression.

Efforts to suppress voter access continues to be a major issue in the country. 14 states have already passed laws restricting voter eligibility. Efforts by the democratic majority have been blocked by the republican party, in particular the GOP senate minority. Protest have continued around the country in support of a national voting rights bill.

Programming: Coverage over the voting right issue has been a regular part of WSOU news reporting. Daily news updates have reported on the battle in congress and the efforts across the nation to limit voting. The topic has been discussed in great detail on the stations weekly news program PND. It has also been a topic in several other public affairs shows, Making Contact and Global Current. Each deals with broader issues such as voting rights. Making Contact spent several shows dealing with related voting rights issues such as civil rights and violence.

Issue: Violence in the street.

Nationwide violence continues to rise with mass shootings reaching 250 this year alone. The nation has been fighting to install gun restrictions and it has met with severe opposition from the gun lobby and a certain segment of the public.

Programming: Daily newscasts have covered the issue of violence as part of WSOU news reports. It has been a major topic with the station Weekly News Program PND. The topic was

covered in great detail on Making Contact on May 22 and June 5. Another program, Quest, which deals with social issues also discussed the issue with local community leaders.

Issue: Economic recovery in the wake of the Pandemic.

Businesses and jobs suffered during the Covid pandemic. The government provided some relief but the result has been difficult with many businesses going under and unemployment high.

Programming: WSOU provided numerous Public service announcements on services available to people affected by the covid restrictions. In addition news coverage of the effects on the economy were regular parts of news coverage. That coverage included the latest numbers on unemployment and the overall effect on the local economy. Pirate News Desk also continued its ongoing coverage of the problems faced by people and businesses. Shows such as Leadership, a businesses centered program, and Making Contact also dealt with economic issues that included guest who discussed ways for people to handle the issues.

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Issues: Coverage of international news in light of changes in the administration.

Programming: The Diplomacy department of Seton hall University provides a weekly program called Global Current. The show is produced by students with guests on a weekly basis and deals with worldwide issues and the effect on American Policy. Coverage is in depth and deals with issues such as Russia's relationship with the U.S., the Middle East Crisis and American Involvement in other parts of the world such as Afghanistan and Iraq.

Issue: Civil Rights and Juneteenth.

The battle over broadbased Civil Rights continues to be a major issue in the country. Black Lives Matter and Black Votes Matter have become a battle cry.

Programming: Several programs dealt with the issue of civil rights. Kinship, a religious based locally produced show, covered the topic in its April 4 show. In addition Making Contact dealt with the issue on April 17 and June 19. The WSOU news department also provided coverage of Juneteenth rallies throughout the region. The weekly Pirate News Desk show highlighted the event which marked the end of slavery in America.

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Issue: Meeting the needs of the Catholic Community with faith based programming that represents the values of Seton Hall University, the Archdiocese of Newark and the general community.

Programming: The station is able to achieve that goal through several shows. Personally Speaking is a faith based show that deals with inspirational stories and Knightly Message discusses Catholic events and current issues related to the church calendar. In addition WSOU provided weekly masses for listeners who were no longer able to attend in person. Initially the services were provided from the St. Francis Seminary in Milwaukee and eventually were provided live from Our Lady of Sorrows Church in nearby South Orange NJ. Personally Speaking airs on Saturdays at 6am. Knightly Message airs Sundays at 8am.

April 3: In this episode of Personally Speaking, Msgr. Jim Lisante is joined by singer, pianist, and actor, Harry Connick, Jr. whose latest album is called, "Alone with my Faith".

April 10: In this episode of Personally Speaking, Msgr. Jim Lisante is joined by actress and producer Roma Downey. Roma and her husband Mark Burnett have produced a new film called, "Resurrection", about the immediate aftermath of Jesus' crucifixion.

April 11: - Divine Mercy Sunday
- Jesuit Priest runs Vatican observatory
- Monks giving food to the needy in COVID era
- Priest says running strengthens spirituality

April 17: In this episode of Personally Speaking, Msgr. Jim Lisante is joined by actor and filmmaker Nick Loeb. Nick co-wrote, co-directed, and stars in the new film, "Roe v Wade", also starring Jon Voight, Steve Guttenberg, Stacey Dash, and Robert Davi.

April 18: Knightly Message. - Living in the COVID Era

April 24: In this episode of Personally Speaking, Msgr. Jim Lisante is joined by actor Chris Conroy, who starred in a Super Bowl commercial just three months after having brain surgery.

Kinship of Catholics and Jews

The discussion is on Holocaust Education with Dr. Tomas Fallaci.

May 1: In this episode of Personally Speaking, Msgr. Jim Lisante is joined by former Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker. Governor Walker is now president of "Young America's Foundation". The vision of Young America's Foundation is to show generations of young people how conservative ideals work. Governor Walker would like the Young America's Foundation to reach every college in the country,

pushing back against political correctness and cancel culture initiatives on campuses.

May 8: In this episode of Personally Speaking, Msgr. Jim Lisante is joined by Catholic theologian and NY Times best-selling author George Weigel, whose latest book is called, "Not Forgotten: Elegies for, and Reminiscences of, a Diverse Cast of Characters, Most of Them Admirable."

Kinship of Catholics and Jews

Dr. Michael Stebbens discusses the works of Bernard Lonergan and William Toth and their work on the issues of ethics and knowing.

May 15: In this episode of Personally Speaking, Msgr. Jim Lisante is joined by the head coach of the Baltimore Ravens John Harbaugh who talks about his Catholic faith, family, and football.

Kinship of Catholics and Jews

Fr. Frizzell discusses Jewish responses to the Vatican 2 position on non Christian religions.

May 22: In this episode of Personally Speaking, Msgr. Jim Lisante is joined by award winning journalist and author David Gibson. David is the director of Fordham University's Center on Religion and Culture.

Kinship of Catholics and Jews

Dr. Monica Burnette and Dr. K.C. Choi, both administrators from Seton Hall University discuss their work to promote diversity and inclusion. They also discuss Asian American and Pacific Island Heritage month.

May 29: The guest is actor Jeremy Jordan who discusses how he has kept his faith while living in show business.

Knightly Message

- Going on vacation
- Memorial Day Weekend
- Readings from Sunday

June 5: In this episode of Personally Speaking, Msgr. Jim Lisante is joined by Fox News Channel anchor Shannon Bream, whose latest book is called, "The Women of the Bible Speak". Shannon introduces us to sixteen women in the Bible, reflecting not only on the meaning of each individual's life and how central they were to God's story in the Bible.

Kinship of Catholics and Jews

Discussion on the Feast of Corpus Christi.

June 12: In this episode of Personally Speaking, Msgr. Jim Lisante is joined by Fox News Channel anchor Shannon Bream, whose latest book is called, "The Women of the Bible Speak". Shannon introduces us to sixteen women in the Bible, reflecting not only on the meaning of each individual's life and how central they were to God's story in the Bible, but also how they relate to each other and to us.

Kinship of Catholics and Jews

Fr. Fred Miller, The Spiritual Director of St. Andrews Seminary in South Orange, NJ, discusses the challenges of young undergraduate men who want to transition into the priesthood.

June 19: In this episode of Personally Speaking, Msgr. Jim Lisante is joined by David Bonagura. David teaches at Regis High School, a Jesuit high school in New York City, and is an Adjunct Professor at both St. Joseph's Seminary in New York, and at Catholic Distance University. His latest book is called, "Staying with the Catholic Church: Trusting God's Plan of Salvation".

Kinship of Catholics and Jews

The guest is Seton Hall religious professor Dr. Ines Mazaruku. She discusses the work of Mother Theresa.

June 26: In this episode of Personally Speaking, Msgr. Jim Lisante is joined by Fox News Channel's senior meteorologist Janice Dean. Janice's latest book is called, "Make Your Own Sunshine." Janice speaks about being diagnosed and living with Multiple Sclerosis, her marriage, her children, losing her in-laws to Covid, and the faith that sustains her.

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Issue: Dealing with the issues of the business environment. From employer to employee the issues are universal and its critical to leader how to deal with the issues.

Programming: Brother Gregory Cellini is a former human Services executive who has dedicated himself to improving the workplace environment. He hosts Thank God For Monday which deals directly with these issues. TGFM airs Saturdays at 8:30am.

April 3: The guest was Chad E. Foster- Author of Blind Ambition - discusses his book and how to go from victim to visionary.

April 10: Sarah Tse - author of 7 Years on the Front Line - discusses her book, and provide true stories and tough lessons about a small business that you won't learn in a classroom.

April 17: Jack Kelly - WSOU Historian - reviews the history of WSOU in conjunction with its 73rd birthday on April 14, 2021!

April 24: Dr. Chloe Carmichael - author of, Nervous Energy - speaks about her book and how to harness the power of one's anxiety.

May 1: Dr. Michelle Steven - Lecturer and Director of the Professional Studies Program at St. Francis College, Brooklyn - discusses how to be a great teacher and how to celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week.

- May 8: Deanna Taylor-Heacock - Founder of Good Bottle Refill Shop - discussed her business, and balancing being a Mother and an Entrepreneur.
- May 15: Jane Taikina, RN, discusses the vocation of Nursing and how to best celebrate Nursing Appreciation Week.
- May 29: Larry Kocina, the author of "The CEO's Guide to Marketing" discusses how to develop a marketing career.
- June 5: Heather R. Younger - Author of, The Art of Caring Leadership - talks about her book and how leading with heart uplifts teams and organizations.
- June 12: Eric Power - author of Don't Shoot Your Future Self - discusses his book and how to create a pathway for a Veteran's transition.
- June 19: The guests are Fred Seivert and His daughter Dena Stahlheber. They discuss how to build a career that matches a person's moral and religious values.
- June 26: Dr. Paul Shank - author of, Can Healthcare Get Better? - speaks about his book, culture change and the power of front line staff.

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Issues: Social Issues dominated the news during the 2nd quarter of 2021.

They range from violence, suppression to environmental concerns.

Programming: Making Contact is an issue based program that covers the globe in finding out what happened and how its being dealt with. It focuses on the human element. Making Contact airs Saturdays at 6:30am

- April 3: Women Rising Radio: Election Protection and Democracy Part Two
- April 10: The Many Faces of Justice: Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls of North America.
- April 17: The topic is the issue of hate going viral..especially in light of the pandemic.
- April 24: Discussion centers on a worldwide movement to fight racism.
- May 1: Wolves at the Well: The Corporate Grab of Public Water.
- May 8: 70 Million: Where Housing, Not Jails, Is the Answer to Homelessness.
- May 15: Domestic Violence in Lockdown: COVID-19 and the UK's Domestic Abuse Bill.
- May 22: The Move organization in Philadelphia fight for justice in a series of murders that they claim were never prosecuted.
- May 29: Aftershocks of Disaster: Puerto Rico Before and After the Storm.
- June 5: Locked Down and Loaded: The 2020 Gun Surge and Violence Prevention.

- June 12: Lessons from Defund the Police.
- June 19: Bayard Rustin , the mastermind behind the March on Washington to demand civil rights legislation in the 60's.
- June 26: Where There's Smoke: Asthma, Wildfires, and Fossil Fuels. The discussion centers on how human choices with natural resources affects health.

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Issue: Business and Personal Leadership

The development of leadership skills has a direct impact on how success is achieved.

Programming: Business consultant, adjunct professor and entrepreneur Darrell Gunter has been discussing these issues for many years. His success in business makes him the right person to address these issues. His program Leadership has been a mainstay and popular program on WSOU for many years.

- April 3: John Hoffman, the president of Design Performance. The topic is a new program he developed to help women in negotiations.
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- April 17: The guest is Lido Pysis the founder and CEO of Aeriopa. An organization that helps companies develop a culture among their employees and work environment.
- May 1: Suchi Pathack from Aptology discusses the issue of keeping employees motivated while improving productivity.
- May 22: The guest is Marty Ball, the mayor of Atlantic City. He discusses the ongoing issues faced by his city when dealing with the gambling situation. Problems include poverty, finances and housing.
- June 5: The guest is Jake Zarnegar, the chief officer of Hum. Hum is a software platform to help research companies.
- June 12: Lauren Seery and Kristen Aldrich of ASAP! Creative Management. They discuss new ways to motivate workers.
- June 19: The guest is Matt Venturi, the CEO of Clearing Bin. The company was built on the idea of allowing more people to invest in markets that would not otherwise be available to them
- June 26: Richard Padley, the founder of Symantico. He developed an early program to make web based content more accessible and easy to use.

Issue: The Importance of increased Unity between Catholics, the Jewish Community and other Faiths.

Programming: Father Lawrence Frizzell is an authority on scripture. He heads up the Institute of Judeo-Christian Studies and is host of Kinship of Catholics and Jews and has for over 30 years. He discusses issues with experts from all walks of life. The show airs on Sundays at 11am.

- April 4: Fr. Luke Edelin, OSB, Chair of Ecumenical Relations of Newark Archdiocese. He discusses his work with minority sectors of the archdiocese.
- April 18: The discussion is on Holocaust Education with Dr. Tomas Fallaci.
- April 24: Dr. Andrea Bartoli from the Seton Hall Core Faculty discusses the importance of Dante in the Italian Culture.
- May 8: Dr. Michael Stebbens discusses the works of Bernard Lonergan and William Toth and their work on the issues of ethics and knowing.
- May 16: Fr. Frizzell discusses Jewish responses to the Vatican 2 position on non Christian religions.
- May 23: Dr. Monica Burnette and Dr. K.C. Choi, both administrators from Seton Hall University discuss their work to promote diversity and inclusion. They also discuss Asian American and Pacific Island Heritage month.
- May 30: The topic is an explanation of the Trinity.
- June 6: Discussion on the Feast of Corpus Christi.
- June 13: Fr. Fred Miller, The Spiritual Director of St. Andrews Seminary in South Orange, NJ, discusses the challenges of young undergraduate men who want to transition into the priesthood.
- June 20: The guest is Seton Hall religious professor Dr. Ines Mazaruku. She discusses the work of Mother Theresa.
- June 27: The topic is the ecosystem restoration project underway by the United Nations and its socio-economic effect on the population.

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Issue: Current Events

Programming: In depth news coverage on major news events, locally, nationally and across the globe are handled by the WSOU News Department through its weekly program, Pirate News Desk. The show airs on Sunday 1t 11:30 and features experts along with student reporters.

- April 4: Stories covered: The Restructuring of voting policy in the state of Georgia. This was the result of the 2020 election which saw Democrats make gains. The show also reported on the changes in New York to legalize the use of marijuana.

- April 11: Stories covered: Many in the military have been hesitant to get the covid vaccine. Concern centers on trust and the quick development of the drug. The start of the major league baseball season in light of relaxed covid restrictions.
- April 18: Stories covered: the suspension of the J and J vaccine. It was the result of side effect concerns. Also a review of reports of meteors flooding the skies.
- April 25: Stories covered: The trial surrounding the death of George Floyd. The conviction of Officer Derek Chauvin. The response to the decision.
- May 2: Stories covered: The show focused on the status of covid cases in the New York-New Jersey region. With numbers going down the restrictions have been loosened.
- May 16: Stories covered: The CDC decides to change Covid restriction guidelines. Infection numbers are dropping. Also Seton Hall University requires full vaccination for all students and staff for the upcoming fall semester.
- May 23: Stories covered: The state issues new guidelines for mask usage during the covid crisis. Also Israel ends bombing in its battle with Hamas. Over 100 have been killed. The United States gets involved to force the cease fire.
- May 30: Stories covered: The governor of New Jersey announces a lifting of some covid restrictions. The changes include more accessibility to restaurants and stores and sporting events. New York followed suit.
- June 13: Stories covered: The latest on covid restrictions. Also a review of the June 8 primary elections in New Jersey. Phil Murphy won the democratic nomination and Jack Ciattarelli is the republican nominee.
- June 20: Story covered: Juneteenth was the main topic. The program reviewed the decision to make Juneteenth a national holiday. A number of interviews were conducted off site to get reaction to the new holiday that marks the anniversary of the end of slavery.

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Issue: International Relations and News

Because of the incredible diversity in this region of the country, what happens in other parts of the world has a major impact. Interest is high among the different cultures. WSOU is aware of the interest by many people in the area. The news department does deal with these issues but other programming is produced.

Programming: One of the key ways the station has approach the problem is through the program "Global Current". The show is produced with the support of the Seton Hall School of Diplomacy. The program airs on Sunday mornings and runs only during the fall and spring semesters.

- April 4:** The Yemen Civil War is addressed. Discussion considered The effect of the Sunis and the Saudis.
- April 11:** North Korea is discussed with a focus on the current relations with the United States in light of recent missile launches.
- April 24:** Russian Troop buildup along the Ukranian boarder is the topic this week. Experts discuss US pressure on the Soviets to back off and stop its block of critical water supplies to the Ukranians.
- May 2:** The discussion focuses on the planned withdrawal of US troops from Afghanistan. 2500 troops will be removed and the issues of what effect this will have is evaluated.
- May 9:** The Global Climate Summit is the topic. A main issue is whether to include Vladimer Putin as part of any talks. It's a 2 day summit with 40 world leaders.