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Today NCR begins a series of stories to mark the 50th anniversary of the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr. with the story of Franciscan Fr. Nathaniel Machesky: [**Friar helped channel rage into successful boycott**](#)

NCR Editorial: [**John Bolton in the White House is scary indeed**](#)

[**Trump's two newest high-level appointees have some extremely troubling friends.**](#) How John Bolton and Mike Pompeo mainstreamed Islamophobia.

Forty-eight days since the shooting at a Parkland, Florida, high school.

- [**After Gun Control Marches, "It'll Go Away" vs. "We Are Not Cynical Yet"**](#)
- [**Catholic students 'ignited' to help organize local March for Our Lives**](#)

The pope is to visit Ireland in August for the World Meetings of Families. The Irish government will tell the Vatican [**that families "of all shapes and forms" should be celebrated during Pope Francis' Irish visit.**](#) Other points of interest: the Irish government says it would be appropriate for the pope to visit abuse survivors in

Ireland. While Francis' visit is not a state visit, it will be treated as such in terms of security measures and cost.

Plans for the World Meeting of Families have had a few hiccups. [**World Meeting of Families reissues resource booklet without images in first edition**](#) Activists call to restore imagery of same-sex couples to booklet

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At Georgetown Visitation, the sisters have purposefully created programs that will introduce the Salesian charism to new generations of students [**Steeped in Salesian tradition, DC girls school adapts to the times**](#)

[**The movement for women's equality in the church cannot be stopped**](#) say Marianne Duddy-Burke, Kate McElwee and Mary E. Hunt

Prayer resources from Celebration, National Catholic Reporter and Global Sisters Report continue through the Easter season. [**For Scripture commentaries, articles, art and graphics visit all the resources on the Celebration page.**](#)

NCR and its sister publications offer quite a few resources for the Easter season. For all the liturgical seasons, as a matter of fact.

- Start your day inspired with daily Scripture reflections. Join NCR's sister publication, Celebration, for [**Daily Bread**](#), a series of short reflections written by four authors who meet regularly to share the readings.
- Or reflect on [**Pencil Preaching by Pat Marrin**](#). Every morning Pat Marrin breaks open the Word with a pencil sketch and a short meditation.