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**OCTOBER 2, 2016—Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Celebrate St. Francis of Assisi**

**Saturday, October 1**

Blessing of Live Animals at 9:00 am  
 Blessing of Stuffed Animals at 4:00 pm Mass

**Sunday, October 2**

Blessing of Stuffed Animals at all Masses  
 Blessing of Live Animals – 12:45 pm

**Monday, October 3**

Transitus of Saint Francis – 7:00 pm  
 followed by a reception in the Urban Center

**Tuesday, October 4**

Feast of Saint Francis – Mass at 7:00 am, 8:00 am & 12:05 pm  
 Evening Prayer at 6:00 pm



**Letter from Fr. Tom, ofm**

May the Lord give you peace.

This weekend we begin our celebration of the Feast of St. Francis. We will have a blessing of animals, a blessing of stuffed animals, the celebration of the Transitus and the ongoing celebration of the gift of the Franciscan Movement whose founders are Francis and Clare of Assisi. We will remember the friars who have served here and gone before us, particularly, Frs. Murph, Jim, and Andrew. Most importantly, I thank you for your welcome of the friars to Hartford. Your witness to the Gospel and embrace of the dynamism of the Franciscan Charism makes St. Patrick-St. Anthony a community of hospitality, joy, and grace. I thank you for your support, witness, and energy as we continue the mission of the Gospel together.

Pope Francis in his encyclical *Laudato Si* writes of the environment using St. Francis' Canticle of the Creatures as his recurrent theme. It is a masterful document that engages each of us as we

consider our relationship to the natural world. I have found that this encyclical also invites us to consider the environment of our church and world community. In an early chapter Pope Francis speaks of "Our Common Home" and discusses the impact of the many forms of pollution on "our common home." This is certainly true if we consider the air we breathe, the water that is essential to our well-being, and the considerations of climate change. It is also true of the pollution we experience within the community and church of words that objectify, denigrate, marginalize or label persons or groups of people. The vibrations of sound that encourage violence pollute the common pool of understanding and raise the climate of tension that separates us from one another. St. Francis in his canticle engages the imagination in the sister/brother relationships that consider our way of being with the natural world. His way of life was to engage a community of brothers and sisters who welcomed the outcast - the person with leprosy, the infidel with whom the Christian world was at war - the sultan, together with the pope

and bishops as sisters and brothers. As we celebrate the Franciscan vision and consider our church and national and world community, it is good for us to pray and work for a just and lasting peace rooted in a way of freeing us of the effects of the pollution of prejudice, fear, and violence. We can together work to make this "our common home." I thank you for all you are and do to nurture this possibility.

Finally, last week I noted that I will participate in the Out of the Darkness Hartford walk on October 15. This is a shorter walk and during the day, unlike the overnight walks that I have done. One of the purposes of the walk is to raise funds to support assistance to those who experience, contemplate, survive suicide. I ask your prayers and if you are able financial support for the walk. I will accept donations or you can donate directly at: <http://afsp.donordrive.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.participant&participantID=1126595>

I thank you.

## Upcoming Events

- 10/2/2016** Family Program Rel. Ed, 8:45 am  
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, 10:30 am  
Confirmation Class, 11:00 am  
7th Grade Rel. Ed, 11:15 am  
Emmaus Ministry, 2:45 pm
- 10/3/2016** Mothers United Against Violence, 5:30 pm  
Golf Committee, 5:30 pm
- 10/4/2016** Group Spiritual Direction, 12:30 pm  
Lectio Divina, 7:00 pm
- 10/5/2016** Thin Places, 12:45 pm  
Sandwich Ministry & Wellness Center, 4:00 pm  
Treble Clef Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 pm  
Gallery Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 pm

**10/5/2016** Social Justice Committee, 7:00 pm

**10/6/2016** New Life Program, 6:30 pm

## Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil - 4:00 pm

Sunday - 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 11:45 am & 5:00 pm

Monday through Friday - 7:00 am, 8:00 am & 12:05 pm

## Readings – October 3-9, 2016

**Monday** Gal 1:6-12; Lk 10:25-37

**Tuesday** Gal 1:13-24; Lk 10:38-42

**Wednesday** Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Lk 11:1-4

**Thursday** Gal 3:1-5; Lk 11:5-13

**Friday** Gal 3:7-14; Lk 11:15-26

**Sunday** 2 Kgs 5:14-17; 2 Tm 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19



## SACRAMENTS

### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Are you hungering for a sense of belonging to God and to a Faith community? Are you or someone you know interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church? Would you like to prepare for Communion and Confirmation? RCIA is a process that prepares and welcomes the unbaptized or those baptized in other Christian traditions into the Catholic community or those Catholic members who have not received Confirmation or Communion. We warmly welcome all interested persons! If you have an interest, or know of someone who may be interested in the Church, please call Fran Martyn in the parish office.



## SISTER PARISH UPDATE

Traveling to Haiti can be life changing. This summer the update column ran reflections from several parishioners who traveled to Haiti with our parish. They spoke to how their trip changed them. The feedback from you was very positive.

The Sister Parish Committee invites you

to visit our display at the Ministry Fair on October 8 and 9 where there will be a binder with the unedited versions of those and other reflections for you to peruse. If you are interested in traveling to Haiti or joining the Sister Parish Committee, stop by and chat with a member at our display.

The next trip to Haiti will be over a long weekend in late January to celebrate the Feast of St. Genevieve. Call the office if you would like to go.



## STEWARDSHIP

### Stewardship Reflection

When will I have given enough—of my income, of my time, of my talents? Today's Gospel suggests that only total stewardship will do: "When you have done all you have been commanded to do, say 'We are useless servants. We have done no more than our duty.'"

### Living Stewardship

We are grateful this week for all stewards who recognize their unique combination of God-given gifts and use them to participate in, and support, all various parish ministries.



## Personal Care Items Needed

Consider assisting our brothers and sisters who are in need. We are collecting travel size items such as razors, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, soap and shaving cream. We will assemble these items for those who **come to our door seeking assistance**. Please help our neighbors by placing items in the bin at the back of the church marked "travel kits". Thank you!

## House of Bread Soup Kitchen and Day Shelter

It's Meatloaf Sunday! Now you know what to do when hamburger is on sale. Cook one for your family, one for the House of Bread! Frozen meat loaves will be collected next week. Bring home cooking to the Soup Kitchen!

Much needed are razors, socks, spray deodorant and other toiletries. Single use items from hotels are a treasure at the Day Shelter! Non-perishables for the Soup Kitchen of 39 gallon trash bags, dish detergent, bleach, salt & pepper.

Thank you for your generosity.

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## Your Weekly Giving

September 24/25 ..... \$11,577.00  
On-line Sept. 19-25 ..... \$ 4,959.50

**Total available for operating budget**  
\$16,536.50

**HOPES Collection** ..... \$2,107.00  
These funds were sent to the Archdiocese of Hartford for Catholic Elementary Schools

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Thank you for your continued generous support to St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church.



## FAITH FORMATION

### The Saint & The Pope

**Tuesdays, October 11 & 25**  
**November 8 & 22; 6:45-8:45 pm**  
**Facilitator: Patricia Curtis**

What the Spirituality of two men named Francis can teach us about Christian living

### Journey in Discipleship

**Mondays, October 17 & 31**  
**November 14 & 28**  
**December 12**  
**7:00-8:30 pm**

**Presenter Fr. Tom Gallagher, OFM**  
**Free Will Offering**

You are invited to a 5-session time of reflection on our spiritual journey. This course will engage you in the writing of your story and the reflection on that text based on the 1980 U.S. Bishop's Document, *Called and Gifted*. Our fundamental vocation is realized in the four calls: Holiness, Adulthood, Community, and Mission.

### The Catholic Voter and the Catholic Conscience

**Tuesday, October 18**  
**6:30-9:00 pm**

**Presenter: Fr. Kenneth Himes**  
**Suggested Offering: \$10.00**

In the fall of 2015 Pope Francis spoke before a Joint Session of Congress on the promise and challenge before the American people. The pope also issued a



new social encyclical on the theological and ethical aspects of the environmental crisis. And as they have done in the past the American bishops issued a document during the Presidential election about the responsibility of Catholics as citizens. These texts will help provide the framework for thinking and discussing how we can integrate our dual identities as disciples and voters in a democracy.



## COMMUNITY LIFE

### Emmaus Grieving Parents Ministry

#### October 29 Retreat Invitation

If you have lost a child and would like information regarding the Emmaus Grieving Parent ministry here at St. Patrick-St. Anthony and our annual retreat on October 29, please come to an Open House in the Franciscan Center at 2:45 on October 2 (prior to our regular monthly gathering). Retreat flyers are available in the literature rack at the back of the church.

All who have suffered the loss of a child at any time – including prior to birth and many decades ago – are welcome.

### Open Hearts Gay & Lesbian Ministry

- **GLBT Ministry** meets monthly. Next meeting is on October 9 at 6:00 pm
- **Families & Friends of the Gay & Lesbian Community** next meeting is October 25 at 6:30 pm

### SPSA Men's Fellowship Group

Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 19 at 7:00 pm in the Franciscan Center. We will have a presentation arranged by Steve Gray on "The Catholic Worker" organization. Please consider joining us for some meaningful dialog, friendship, networking and refreshment. Decaf coffee and cookies will be available. Bring something else to share if you are able. All men are welcome. Bring a friend.

## Novel Idea: Fiction Discussion Group

Gather once a month to discuss works of fiction with a wide appeal. For more information, contact Marybeth Walsh (860-5237034) or Sara Zagorski (860-721-1814).

#### Upcoming Selection:

**October 20:** *The Girl Who Came Home* by Hazel Gaynor

**Date:** Thursday, October 20

**Time:** 7:00 to 8:30 pm



## Ministry Fair October 8-9

Plan to join us next weekend after all the Masses for the Ministry Fair in the Franciscan Center! We will host Community Sunday while inviting you to speak with individuals who are involved in our parish and Urban Center ministries. All are welcome!

## Evening Prayer

**Tuesdays at 6:00 pm.** This is a brief respite from the busyness of life and an opportunity to gather in Our Lady of the Angels chapel to pray for peace in our city, our nation, and our world.

October 4, 11, 18, 25

November 1—NO Evening Prayer

On this ALL SAINTS DAY - we will have a Mass of Remembrance 7:00 pm  
November 8, 15

NO Evening Prayer on November 22  
November 29; December 6, 13, 20

## "Into the Heart of Mercy"

**by Dr. Brandon Nappi**  
**St. Thomas Seminary Wednesday**  
**October 12 – 7-8 pm**

In a world of noise and distraction, it is easy to forget that God's mercy is at the heart of Jesus' teaching. This evening will explore an operative definition of mercy amid life's inevitable challenges, and examine spiritual practices necessary to share compassion, patience, kindness and forgiveness with the world. The evening will feature prayer, conversation and teaching. Free-will offering. Register at: [alumni@stseminary.org](mailto:alumni@stseminary.org). Refreshments will be served following the presentation.





## For More Information

Go to [www.spsact.org](http://www.spsact.org) or call the Parish office at 860-756-4034 for information on **Baptism, The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, First Communion, Confirmation, First Reconciliation, and Sacrament of the Sick.**

**Free, well-lighted parking** is available in the Saints Surface Parking Lot located directly across the street from St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church and the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry.

## Reconciliation

Mon • Wed • Fri -11:30 am; Sat - 3:30 pm

*Private confessions by appointment are available.*

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## We Pray...

For the sick, **Megan Dmitrenko; Fenta Phonesavah**

For our newly baptized children, **Jack**, son of Jeffrey and Erin Nadeau; **Jenna and Veronica**, daughters of Jason and Rita Parlante

For the people in our community who minister with and to others within our parish and outside in the world./

## Mass Intentions

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2016

**4:00** Felecia Bartholomay

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2016

**8:00** Eleanor Laffin

**10:00** Rose & Angelo Perrone

**11:45** Virginia & James Jordan

**5:00** John & Helen Miggins

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2016

**7:00** Our Parishioners

**8:00** Franciscan Center Ministry

**12:05** Concetta Gianni

**7:00** **Transitus of St. Francis**

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2016

**7:00** John & Elena Mantello

**8:00** Joan Marie Montovani

**12:05** Fr. Andrew Giardino, ofm

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2016

**7:00** Our Parishioners

**8:00** Frank Giardino

**12:05** Anna Casasanta

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2016

**7:00** Franciscan Center Ministry

**8:00** Sharon Moryl

**12:05** Bertha Sylvester

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2016

**7:00** Johanna Pace

**8:00** Cathy Linda Rossetto

**12:05** Salvatore Gianni

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2016

**4:00** Leslie & Tino Pierini

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2016

**8:00** William & Angeline Speciale

**10:00** Matthew Sromek; Ron & Julia Luzi

**11:45** DelPhinie & Leo Bricuglio, Sr.

**5:00** Donato Monaco

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