



St. Patrick - St. Anthony Church
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Office Hours: Monday - Thursday · 8:30 am - 7:00 pm; Fri. 8:30 am - 5:30 pm;
 Sat. 9 am - 4 pm; Sun. 9 - 11:30 am **Church Hours:** Monday - Friday · 6:30 am - 2:00 pm

SEPTEMBER 11, 2016—Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Upcoming Events

- 9/12/2016 Visiting Eucharistic Ministers, 12:45 pm
- 9/12/2016 Mothers United Against Violence, 5:30 pm
- 9/12/2016 Sister Parish Committee, 6:30 pm
- 9/12/2016 Golf Committee, 6:30 pm
- 9/12/2016 Bass Clef Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 pm
- 9/13/2016 Group Spiritual Direction, 12:30 pm
- 9/14/2016 Alcoholics Anonymous, 12:00 pm
- 9/14/2016 Sandwich Ministry & Wellness Center, 4:00 pm
- 9/14/2016 Treble Clef Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 pm
- 9/14/2016 Clare Gallery Committee, 6:30 pm
- 9/14/2016 Gallery Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 pm
- 9/15/2016 Pastoral Advisory Board, 6:00 pm
- 9/15/2016 New Life Program, 6:30 pm
- 9/15/2016 Novel Idea Book Club, 7:00 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 – September 12 - 18, 2016

- Monday** 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Lk 7:1-10
- Tuesday** 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Lk 7:11-17
- Wednesday** Nm 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
- Thursday** 1 Cor 15:1-11; Jn 19:25-27
- Friday** 1 Cor 15:12-20; Lk 8:1-3
- Sunday** Am 8:4-7; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13

Fr. Andrew Charity Golf Tournament

Come to Community Sunday TODAY and preview the live and silent auction items. We are just a couple weeks away from the September 16th tournament.



- **Still need 25 Golfers to fill the course**
- **Still need 50 dinner only guests**
- **Still need to sell 417 “Go-for-the-Green”**

Raffle Tickets

Please help if you are able. And thanks to all who have helped along the way.—*The Golf Committee*

Letter from Fr. Tom, ofm

Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Patrick-St. Anthony and St. Genevieve,

May the Lord give you peace.

This weekend marks the 15th anniversary of the events of 9/11. For many of us that day and the days that followed are permanently etched in your minds. We continue to pray for all those who lost their lives, for the families and friends who suffered in the loss, for those who were injured, for the first responders who valiantly went into the buildings and onto the field searching for those who needed assistance, for those who succumbed to PTSD and disease in the years that followed after working in the areas destroyed by the planes, and for an end to the violence that has escalated in these last 15 years. Our bells will toll to remember and give thanks for the graced lives that were lost on that day and to

remind us of our commitment to world peace.

I thank those who were able to join us with the many religious leaders for prayer for peace on Friday. The hope of a sense of communion between people of the various traditions, Muslim, Jewish and Christian is a great gift to us all. Jesus prayed for his disciples, “may they be one.” We are called to a greater communion than we have ever known. This communion is both the hope of and potential for a just and lasting peace. In our gathering we hear the stories of gifted people of various traditions and recognize the giver of all gifts present among us. I thank you for your prayers and your many acts of kindness to those who continue to carry the pain of loss from that day.

Our Choirs are back! After a much needed summer break the choirs begin again this

weekend. We are grateful for the good work of all our musicians and the gifts they offer as we celebrate God’s presence among us. This does not absolve the rest of us from singing, however. I hope that you will add your voice to the chorus of praise we offer each time we gather. I thank you for your participation.

Finally, our annual Fr. Andrew Golf Tournament is this Friday. It is not too late to sign up to play, to join us for dinner and the auction, or to get your raffle ticket! This is a significant fundraiser for the Franciscan Center that enables the daily distribution of sandwiches to continue. For some reason, our guests for sandwiches has greatly increased over the last few months. I thank you for your support.

Fr. Tom, ofm



FAITH FORMATION

The Fall/Advent listing of Adult Faith Formation Programs is available at the entrance of the Church or online.

Our Lady of Calvary Retreat

Women of the parish! Give yourself a weekend! Sign up now for our parish retreat at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center in Farmington, CT on the weekend of September 23-25. *"Embracing Joy: Learning to Bear the Beams of Love"* is this year's theme. Come away to the quiet. For information email Elaine Wiatr at elaine.wiatr@yahoo.com.

"Introduction to Mindfulness" Thursdays, September 22 and 29 from 7:00-8:30 pm

Come learn about "mindfulness", an innate capacity we all have to pay attention to the present moment in a kind, receptive way. We'll sample breath meditation, deep relaxation, walking meditation, and loving-kindness practices. Its health, psychological, and spiritual benefits will be introduced. No experience is needed. You may either sit in a chair or lie on the floor to participate in the program. All participants are asked to bring a blanket. For those who are able to lie on the floor, please also bring a yoga mat and small pillow. *Free Will Offering*

Val Rossetti, M.D. has received training at the UMass Center for Mindfulness in Medicine and the Barre Center for Buddhist Studies. She has been involved in mindfulness meditation for many years, teaches Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction courses, and co-leads a weekly meditation program at MacDougall Prison.

Thin Places: "The Gifts of Imperfection"

October 5, 12, 19, 26

November 2 & 9 – 12:45-2:15 pm

Join Sr. Ginny Sheehan, SND in the Franciscan Center as we share our own life

-long journey from "What will people think?" to "I am enough" while reading Brene Brown's **'The Gifts of Imperfections.'** Harriet Lerner said it best: The author's "unique ability to combine original research with honest storytelling makes this reading like having a long, uplifting conversation with a very wise friend who offers compassion, wisdom and great advice."

Call the parish office to register. Please read the introductory materials up to Guidepost #1 prior to October 5th.

Suggested offering: \$50 (if you are able)

Servant Leadership

Are YOU interested in becoming a Servant Leader?

Imagine serving others first. Putting others' needs in front of your own is your choice and your priority. This paradox of serving others while leading is the crux of Servant Leadership.

The 2016-17 program will meet twice a month in the evening from October thru April. Please e-mail Elaine Wiatr at elaine.wiatr@yahoo.com or call the parish office at 860-756-4034



COMMUNITY LIFE

Open Hearts Gay & Lesbian Ministry

Welcome Back Picnic! Please join us on Sunday, September 11 at 6 pm in the Franciscan Center. It will be a time to reconnect with friends, meet others in our ministry and share ideas/plans for the upcoming year. All are welcome!

SPSA Men's Fellowship Group

Our **Men's Day of Reflection at Enders Island** will be on Saturday, September 17 from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm. Bill Walsh's presentation will be *Recapturing the Wonder of God's Presence in our Lives* and *What does it Mean to be the Church of Mercy?* Transportation is on your own. **Registration is required** by calling the parish office. The cost is \$45 per person and will include a BBQ lunch. Payment should be made to: *Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry*. All men are welcome to

attend, but we are limited to a total of 30.

The Clare Gallery...

...is pleased to present **Two Sacred Views: Serigraph Landscapes/Nature Photography**, a two-person exhibition by Connecticut artists Jeff Feldman and Dan Russell. The exhibition features two bodies of work that highlight the natural world's beauty. Jeff Feldman uses his sharp and photographic lens to capture experiences in nature that reveal awe. Dan Russell creates architectural scenes out of shapes, color, and rhythm utilizing the process of serigraphy to showcase man-made structures within nature's beautiful landscape.

The exhibition is free and open to the public and extends from August 30-October 23, 2016. **An artist talk will be held on Sunday, September 18, 1-3 p.m.** Both artists will discuss their processes, how and why they choose their subject matter, their journeys in the natural world, as well as where you might find them lecturing.

'New Life Program'

Are You Separated or Divorced?

Parishioners Stacie Mawson and Catherine Posteraro will facilitate a 10-week program at St. Patrick-St. Anthony for separated and divorced persons. The program, called New Life, is designed for those who are in the stages of separation or divorce. It seeks to provide a "safe place" to examine stresses as well as to gain a wider perspective on the whole experience. Topics include self-image, stress, anger, blame and guilt, loneliness and how to move toward growth.

1st Session: Thursday, September 15 6:30-8:00 pm in Franciscan Center.

Sessions will run each Thursday night until November 17. To register call the Parish office at 860-756-4034. You may provide only your first name if you wish. The book to be used is provided free of charge. **A minimum of five sign-ups is needed.**

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 11:15 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.



SISTER PARISH UPDATE

Greetings. The Sister Parish Committee and others from our parish who knew Ned Schofield, learned of our friend's sudden death a few short weeks ago. Ned made four visits to Haiti including the first visit made by a group of six in 2004 to evaluate and chose our Sister Parish. As we close our summer of reflections, this excerpt from Ned's reflection of this trip is a fitting tribute to him and his devotion to our sisters and brothers at St. Genevieve. Unedited reflections of this and others will be available at our display at the Ministry Fair in October.

Despite the deforestation that plagues much of Haiti, the parish is situated in a startlingly green pocket high up in the mountains. The ride up took us through dust and limestone, a rocky path through an arid and inhospitable land. Fr. Frixner greeted us with a handshake and a hug. His English was limited but welcoming. Not knowing Creole was an obstacle but not an insurmountable one. Fr. Gerry (from *Haitian Ministries*) served as translator and cultural and environmental interpreter, and he did it all with humor and aplomb. The walk down from the parish house to the school was a short one. It was late afternoon up in the mountains and the sound of children singing drew me in the direction of St. Genevieve, even though dusk was approaching. When I reached the church and looked inside, I remembered that the church had no electricity and yet in the gathering darkness, the children of the parish were singing a hauntingly beautiful song of praise to God. The children, who have so little in terms of material riches were thanking God in a most powerful

way – with their voices, drums, and with moving and dancing in place. They were led by a young woman with boundless energy and a strong singing voice and by a young man with less musical talent but equal enthusiasm. The children were barefoot. I knew from Fr. Frixner that none of them had ever received medical care, some were constantly hungry and all were poor. And yet they sang song after song with a passion and a belief so rarely seen in our country. The nearby parish school has a leaky tin roof and no walls. But, the dignity of the children, their respectfulness and their openness and warmth filled the darkened church as much as their voices.

I left the church reluctantly, tears in my eyes, thanking God for bringing me to Haiti and to this remote mountain parish, St. Genevieve. — Ned Schofield

Much has changed since 2004 – the road up the mountain has been improved, the children all have shoes, there is a clinic in the village with two full time nurses, and there is running water in the rectory where we stay when visiting. What hasn't changed is the warm welcome of the children and adults of St. Genevieve.



STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship Reflection

We can hear God speaking to us today in the words of the father to his elder son: "You are with me always, and everything I have is yours." What is my response to such a remarkable generosity? Do I give joyfully and generously as God gives to me?

Living Stewardship

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who give not because they possess a lot and can afford it, but rather a desire to share what they have with others.

Personal Care Items Needed

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!

Volunteer Ministry Opportunities

- There are openings in the **Sandwich Serving Schedule** on a monthly frequency. If you are available between 4-5:30 pm on a certain day of the month, please contact Trudi Campbell in the office or email Lise Perody at Pug7266-Random@yahoo.com
- We are seeking additional **helpers after the morning Masses** for our monthly Community Sundays. This is a great family volunteering opportunity. Please contact Trudi in the office to find out the details of this ministry of hospitality.
- Are you a Nurse with an hour to offer one Sunday a month? Our **Parish Nurses** are eager to have you join them as they meet with individuals for blood pressures and check-ins during community Sunday coffee and doughnuts. Please speak with Helen Martins after the morning Masses today, or contact Trudi in the parish office for more information.

House of Bread Home Day Care (Babysitting while mom studies for her GED)

General day care supplies such as diapers (sizes 3, 4, 5), wipes, baby powder, juice boxes, toddler friendly snacks (Cheerios, graham crackers, etc.) and paper goods.

Thanks to all who brought meat loaves today! You've brought home cooking to those in need! **House of Bread... more than just soup.** www.houseofbread.org

Your Weekly Giving

September 3-4 \$15,220.00
 On-line Giving –8/29-9/4 \$6,096.00
Total available for operating budget
 \$21,316.00

To register for Online Giving, please visit our website: WWW.SPSACT.ORG.

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



For More Information

Go to 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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Church and Franciscan Center are handicap accessible.

We Pray

For the sick, **Laurie Burzynski; Omray Daqneesh; Zenia Perrica**
For our newly married couple, **Olivia Holston and John Callaghan**
For our newly baptized children, **Jillian**, daughter of Matthew and Katherine Dwyer. **Grayson**, son of Christopher and Rhiannon Scioscio.

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2016

4:00 Sebastian & Pasquala Romano

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2016

8:00 September 11, 2001 Victims

10:00 John C. Brennan

11:45 In thanksgiving to St. Valentine

5:00 Robert Casinghino—2nd anniversary

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2016

7:00 Franciscan Center Ministry

8:00 Our Parishioners

12:05 Jim Grosheider

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2016

7:00 Franciscan Center Ministry

8:00 Our Parishioners

12:05 Franciscan Center Ministry

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2016

7:00 Our Parishioners

8:00 George F. Capasso

12:05 George & Aynesse Farrah

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2016

7:00 Franciscan Center Ministry

8:00 George F. Capasso

12:05 Fr. Andrew Giardino, ofm

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2016

7:00 Our Parishioners

8:00 George F. Capasso

12:05 Raymond Fusco

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2016

4:00 Virginia Rose & Roger Morgan

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2016

8:00 Tina & Charles Vella; Lucille Vella Konstandaras

10:00 John N. Ramos, 10th anniversary

11:45 Selena Grace Mason

5:00 Johanna Pace

St. Anthony's Bread for the Poor

Financial gifts to St. Anthony's Bread For The Poor help to support our Weekend Meal Program at the House of Bread and Sandwich Distribution Program that takes place 7 days a week, 52 weeks a year.

Name: _____

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