



St. Patrick - St. Anthony Church
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August 27, 2017—TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Letter from Fr. Tom, ofm

May the Lord give you peace.

Where did the summer go?

I invite you to look at the church windows on the friary side of the church. We will open the side gate this weekend so you can take a walk down into the courtyard to see for yourself. If the stairs are an issue, the elevator from the Center will lead you down to the Friary Meeting Room and the courtyard. The painting has been completed on that portion of the project. This has not only been the much-needed painting but also sealing the windows to protect from rain and ice. Hopefully, those who sit near the windows in the winter will also have less draft coming in from outside. I look forward to the work on the doors. I thank you for your patience in this project and thank everyone who has contributed to the good work of keeping St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church beautiful. Of course, the beauty is even greater in the dynamic praying, serving, gifted community.

As we were working on the windows, we discovered that there was a serious drainage problem. In order to remediate the problem, we needed to take out the overgrown shrubs in the friary and the Anne Uccello courtyards. We will work with new landscaping for these spaces.

The re-carpeting project has nearly been completed. There is finishing work to be done. It has made a remarkable difference in the space. The staff had to live through a few weeks of chaos as offices, meeting rooms and hallways were torn apart and re-worked. I thank them for their patience.

2018 marks the 60th anniversary of the merging of St. Patrick and St. Anthony Parishes—the Gaelic and the Garlic! We need to celebrate this amazing combination that continues to thrive in the rich diversity of households who continue to find a home here. I am proposing a year-long celebration. We can begin with prayer and a party—of course! I invite you to mark your calendar for September 30. It is my hope that we can use the new courtyards, Friary Meeting room, and rear parking area. This will keep us off the street and allow the opportunity to enjoy our space. The Ladies Guild marks 80 years in 2018. They began at St. Anthony’s and are vital to the life of St. Patrick-St. Anthony.

While the Franciscan Volunteers are not able to join us this year, we are currently working to be sure that Catherine’s Place has occupants before the cold weather hits this year. There will be more details to come. We will also make ourselves available as an emergency overflow shelter this winter.

Finally, I thank those who were able to join us for the Eucharist for healing and peace. Our prayers are essential to the process of on-going conversion for us all. The idea of compassionate communities might give some balance and insight as well as an impetus to work for the healing and peace that we so desperately need. If anyone is interested let me know and we can together plan something for the Fall.

Fr. Thomas M. Gallagher, ofm
 Pastor

Upcoming Events

- 8/29/2017** Group Spiritual Direction, 12:30 pm
- 8/30/2017** Sandwich Ministry, 4:00 pm
- 8/31/2017** Creole Class, 6:30 pm
- 9/2/2017** Adventure Saturday Mentor Group, 9:00 am

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

Weekly Mass Readings—Aug. 28-Sept. 3, 2017

- Monday** 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Mt 23:13-22
- Tuesday** 1Thes 2:1-8; Mk 6:17-29
- Wednesday** 1 Thes 2: 9-13; Mt 23:27-32
- Thursday** 1 Thes 3:7-13; Mt 24:42-51
- Friday** 1 Thes 4:1-8; Mt 25:1-13
- Sunday** Jer 20:7-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27



STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship Reflection

In today's reading, St. Paul reminds the Romans—and us—that all things come from God: "For from Him and through Him and for Him all things are." Good stewards understand that all is gift and share generously the gifts of time, talent and treasure with which they've been blessed.

Volunteer Ministry

- ◆ Consider sharing your gifts with others in the community. The following is from a person sharing her gifts in service of Religious Education with our younger members as a Catechist.

The grace of God is often in the simple gifts...A hug on Sunday mornings when the children arrive for religious education.

Giving a child their second communion. Watching a small child sing "All Are Welcome." - Faith Vos Winkel

House of Bread

Thrift Store...Serving our neighbors in the North End

It's always time for Spring Cleaning! Small appliances (toasters, microwaves, irons, TVs), dishes, flatware, glasses, pots and pans, dressers and end tables. We can use most anything except clothing (we simply don't have the space). One person's stuff is another person's treasure! Help find gold!

www.hobread.org... more than just soup!

Your Weekly Giving

August 19/20\$11,159.00
 Feast of the Assumption\$1,478.00
 Online Aug. 14-20\$5,837.00

**Total available for operating budget
\$18,474.00**

Poor Box (St. Anthony Bread) \$321.00
(These monies go directly to the poor through the Sandwich Ministry Program).

**Window/Door Restoration
\$44,572.00**

*Consider a one-time online gift to the
2017 Window/Door Restoration*

Need help signing up for OnLine Giving? Our Sunday Visitor Support is available at 1-800-348-2886, option 4. Thank you for your continued generous support to St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church. **Going on vacation?** Please use OnLine Giving to catch up on offertory. Go to www.spsact.org and click on the Online Giving link

Living Stewardship

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who strive to make their gifts grow and to share them lovingly, in justice, with others.



COMMUNITY LIFE

Emmaus Grieving Parent Ministry

Parents who suffered the loss of a child at any time—including prior to birth and many decades ago—are welcome to gather in the Franciscan Center on:

September 10, 2017 at 11:00 am—
"Come and See" - grab coffee and donut at Community Sunday and come to Rooms 9/10 for introduction to this ministry.

October 28, 2017—All day Annual Retreat facilitated by Fr. Tom and friends
SPSA Men's Fellowship—Day of Reflection at Enders Island, Saturday, September 16, 2017

We are looking to "kick off" our Men's Fellowship Group year with our "traditional" and quite popular Men's Day of Reflection at Enders Island. This year we are indeed fortunate to have Fr. Jim Kelly, ofm as our guest speaker. Also we have been able to keep the cost of the "day" at \$45 per person. **Please consider signing up to attend this relaxing day with us.**

By looking at the eight core human feelings, Fr. Jim hopes to help us understand their essential place in our daily lives and in our assessment of the quality of our moral Christian lives.

The Day includes coffee, tea and danish pastry upon arrival and a BBQ lunch. We

must limit participation to the first 30 men to register. Invite your friends from other parishes!

To reserve your space, call the parish office at 860-756-4034. For more information, email Fr. John Leonard, ofm jleonard@spsact.org. We hope that you will join us. **Payment requested by September 1.**

Open Hearts LGBT Ministry

Please join us for our **Welcome Back Picnic**, our kick-off for the 2017-18 year of activities and programming for our ministry. Find out about new programs to be offered, connect and re-connect with one another, and enjoy good food! **Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, September 10 at 6:00 pm** in the Franciscan Center. Bring an appetizer, dessert or beverage to share. Meats, etc. provided. To RSVP or more information, contact Michael at canarywings@gmail.com.

Booth at Hartford PRIDEFEST! Our Ministry will once again have a booth at this year's Hartford PRIDE, Saturday, September 9. Help is needed to man the booth at various times, from 12N to 6 pm. Other helping roles needed as well. Great way to outreach/network to our larger LGBT community! For more information or if you can help in any way, please e-mail patwhittel@gmail.com.

Novel Idea

Fiction Discussion Group

Gather once a month in the Franciscan Center to discuss works of fiction with a wide appeal. For more information contact Marybeth Walsh (860-523-7034) or Sara Zagorski (860-721-1814)

Upcoming selections:

September 21: *News of the World* by Paulette Jiles

October 19: *Brooklyn Follies* by Paul Auster

Time: 7:00 to 8:30 pm

Check the following website for book listings: <http://www.spsact.org/main-menu/community-life/spirituality-and-social-groups/book-discussion-group/>

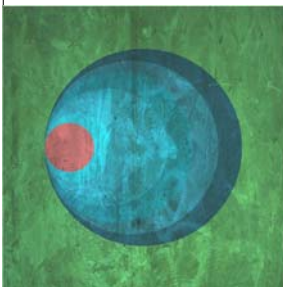
Spiritual Companionship...

...refers to the active conversation centering on the relationship with God/Divine/Presence/Higher Power, Spirit of

what is life-giving. As companions on the journey, the director listens for the underlying flow of life (*often named 'spirit'*) in the shared story. Seven trained Spiritual Directors are available to be a companion on the journey. Interested in working with a Spiritual Director? Contact Fr. Tom at 860-756-4034, ext. 114.

Clare Gallery

Hosts New England Premier of The Minimum Bible



An exhibition of graphic design artwork by Michigan artist and Presbyterian pastor, **Joseph Novak**. Being a pastor and a graphic

designer, Novak considered whether the books of the Old and New Testament could be rendered utilizing essential symbols and themes. If successfully done, the images visually communicate the books' overall stories. Clare Gallery will be exhibiting 30 of the 66 images, from both the Old and the New Testament series.

A reception will be held on Saturday, September 23. 5:00-7:00 pm In the Franciscan Center

At the reception, Novak will present via Skype from Flint, Michigan. He will discuss his intention in creating the series, his process, as well as how he hopes viewers will interact with his work.



SISTER PARISH UPDATE

Have you ever considered a trip to our Sister Parish?

It's time to start planning for 2018 trips to Haiti. If you are interested in learning about what a typical trip entails, please call the office and leave your contact information and someone will return your call. 860-756-4034. Travel to our Sister Parish and the rest of Haiti is life changing. Dates for 2018 travel will be announced next month.

The next Sister Parish meeting will be on

September 11, 2017 at 6:30 in the Franciscan Center. Please join us if you are interested in learning more.

Thin Places

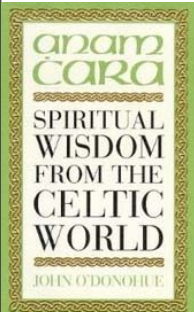
Wednesdays

October 4, 11, 18, 25

November 1, 8

12:45 to 2:15 pm

Join the Thin Places Circle, facilitated by



Sister Ginny Sheehan, SND, as we delve into our own wisdom while pondering John O'Donohue's Anam Cara. (*please read prologue and chapter 1 before 1st session*) If you are able, suggested donation is \$50. Call the church office to register.

"Once the soul awakens, the search begins and you can never go back. From then on, you are inflamed with a special longing that will never again let you linger in the lowlands of complacency and partial fulfillment." — John O'Donohue, Anam Cara: A Book of Celtic Wisdom



OTHER INFO

2017 Blue Mass

Join Us to Honor First Responders At the 2017 Blue Mass

Sunday, September 10, 2017 at 11 am Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Hartford.

All faiths are welcome

Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Couples Celebrating Their 25th, 50th, 60th and any other special anniversary this year are invited to

attend a special Mass at St. Joseph's Cathedral on Sunday, October 15 at 2:00 pm. Mass will include the renewal of marriage vows. A simple reception and an opportunity for a photo with Archbishop Blair. Families and friends are encouraged to attend. Call the parish office at 860-756-4034 by **September 11** if you would like to participate.



to benefit the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry

FRIDAY

SEPTEMBER 15, 2017

**TUNXIS COUNTRY CLUB
Farmington, CT**

Registration for all levels of support is available on-line.
Credit cards accepted.

Go to www.spsact.org and click on 22nd Annual Charity Golf Tournament on the Home Page.

IMPORTANT TOURNAMENT UPDATE

Thanks to all of you who have shown your support but there is more to do. The tournament is just over 2 weeks away:



We need 37 more golfers to fill the course.



We need 60 more dinner guests to fill the Clubhouse.

All proceeds support our commitment to taking up the cry of the poor.



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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Hearing assisted devices available.

Church and Franciscan Center are handicap accessible.

We Pray...

- For the sick: Michele Hyjek
- For our newly married couple: **Elizabeth Foster and Patrick Chasse.**
- For the Treble Clef Choir who enhance our worship with their singing.

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 2017

4:00 Elizabeth Gagliano

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 2017

8:00 Patrick K. Kinney

10:00 Mary Marut, 30th anniversary

11:45 Dorothy & Alfred Silver

5:00 George Sanford

MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 2017

7:00 In thanksgiving to Our Lady of Fatima

8:00 Franciscan Center Ministry

12:05 Intentions of Michael Kerrigan & Family

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29, 2017

7:00 Our Parishioners

8:00 Franciscan Center Ministry

12:05 John Scully

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30, 2017

7:00 Our Parishioners

8:00 Joan Peterson

12:05 Daniel Martins

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31, 2017

7:00 Franciscan Center Ministry

8:00 Anthony DiCicco

12:05 Joan Wilson

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2017

7:00 Frank D'Amico

8:00 Freda Shaffer

12:05 Florence Mulcahy

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2017

4:00 In thanksgiving to St. Valentine

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2017

8:00 Concetta Gianni

10:00 Daniel Martins

11:45 Anne Marie Ellis

5:00 Francesca Giliberto

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 our daily Sandwich Distribution Program.

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