



**St. Patrick - St. Anthony Church**  
**Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry**  
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**Church Hours:** Monday - Friday · 6:30 am - 2:00 pm

**September 24, 2017—TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Letter from Fr. Tom, ofm**

May the Lord give you peace.

I thank the Golf Committee for all of their great work that made our Fr. Andrew Golf Tournament a success. I also thank Fr. Andrew for his intercession with the weather. The predictions for the day included rain but it turned out to be a glorious day. Unfortunately, there were only three winners of the *Go For The Green* raffle. They are:

- \$5,000 to Mary Lee & Joe Gaffney
- \$2,000 to Susan Sullivan
- \$1,000 to Eileen Ragnoni

I thank everyone who participated in the *Go for the Green* as the biggest winner was the ministry and outreach of the Franciscan Center. Our care for our sisters and brothers is wonderfully supported by your generosity. I thank you.

Next Sunday, we will begin our Anniversary Celebration of the 60-year merger of St. Patrick and St. Anthony Parishes. The richness of the mingling of the Irish and the Italians in the 1950's is a model for the ever-increasing diversity of our parish today. All are welcome! I thank you for your constant hospitality as we welcome children, women, and men from so many experiences of the presence of God. Please try to join us for the gathering. As a reminder of Christ's presence to us throughout the year, we will keep our Paschal Candle lit during

the Masses until Ash Wednesday and then from Easter until the beginning of October 2018. This is a reminder of our commitment to hospitality, prayer, and thanksgiving at the gift of so many people from such rich traditions of God's goodness. We are indeed blessed.

I thank you for your support of the Walk for Suicide Awareness and Prevention. I am grateful for your prayers, the names of your loved ones, and the donations to the AFSP. I am hoping for good weather on Saturday morning! I remember the Overnight in Boston when it rained for the entire walk. I ask your continued prayer for all whose lives are touched in any way by suicide.

This weekend, we welcome Fr. Francis Soucy, ofm. Fr. Francis joins us as a Senior Friar. I am sure you will find his preaching and teaching to be inspirational. I have known Fr. Francis for many years and look forward to his participation in our fraternal and parish life.

Finally, we are fortunate to have Archbishop Blair speak at all the Masses this weekend via CD. This is a bit of a challenge for our listening. I thank you for your attentiveness to the message. All are welcome.

Fr. Thomas M. Gallagher, ofm  
 Pastor

**Upcoming Events**

- 9/24/2017** Religious Ed, Family Program, 8:45am  
 Religious Ed, Traditional Program, 9:00 am  
 Religious Ed, 7th & 8th Grades, 11:00 am  
 Marriage Prep Team, 11:00 am
- 9/25/2017** Mothers United Against Violence, 6:30 pm  
 Bass Clef Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm
- 9/26/2017** Group Spiritual Direction, 12:30 pm
- 9/27/2017** Sandwich Ministry, 4:00 pm  
 Treble Clef Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 pm  
 Gallery Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 pm
- 9/28/2017** Prayer Shawl Ministry, 10:30 am  
 A Closer Look at Prayer, 7:00 pm
- 9/30/2017** Marriage Prep, 9:00 am
- 9/30/2017** A Vineyard on a Fertile Hill, 8:30 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  
 September 25-October 1, 2017**

- Monday** Ezr 1:1-6; Lk 8:16-18
- Tuesday** Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Lk 8:19-21
- Wednesday** Ezr 9:5-9; Lk 9:1-6
- Thursday** Hg 1:1-8; Lk 9:7-9
- Friday** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Jn 1:47-51
- Sunday** Ez 18:25-28; Phil 2:1-11; Mt 21:28-32



## STEWARDSHIP

### Stewardship Reflection

Good stewards follow the advice of St. Paul and conduct themselves—by wise use of their time and talents—in a way worthy of the Gospel of Christ.

### Plan to Lend a Hand!

We are having a parish event on October 1, 2017 starting at 4:00 pm and after the 5:00 pm Mass. Help is needed in a variety of areas including setup (earlier on Sunday—around 2:30 pm), clean up when the event is over, assistance with food and more. Contact Trudi in the office to offer your help for this event!

**Please ask if you are interested in getting involved.** Trudi Campbell, Director of Volunteer ministry is in the parish office or outside after Mass. Please call at 860-756-4034, ext. 110 or email her at [twhite@spsact.org](mailto:twhite@spsact.org) and inquire about **opportunities for ministry.**

### Donations Needed!

It's that time of year again! We are looking for donations of **men's and women's gloves and mittens**, as well as **scarves** to give to our brothers and sisters who come to the door in need. Please bring the items in and place them in the green basket in the back of the church. Thank you!

### 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. 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](http://www.hobread.org)...more than just soup!

### Second Collection— September 23/24, 2017

The HOPES Collection will be taken up this weekend. Thank you for your generosity.

### Second Collection— September 30/October 1

There will be a special second collection next weekend for the victims of Hurricane Irma.

### Your Weekly Giving

September 16-17	\$ 10,924
Online	\$ 6,329
11% to Hartford Archdiocese	(\$1,898)
<b>Available for Parish Expenses</b>	<b>\$15,355</b>
Poor Box (St. Anthony Bread)	\$275
Window/Door Restoration	\$47,422

*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. Please use Online Giving to catch up on offertory. Go to [www.spsact.org](http://www.spsact.org) and click on the Online Giving link

### Living Stewardship

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who put their faith into action by using their gifts in support of our parish ministries and community activities.



## COMMUNITY LIFE

### Join A Choir

We prayed this week for our choirs who have returned. If you are interested in joining the Bass Clef, Treble Clef or Gallery Choirs, please speak with Gabriel Löfvall in the parish office or email him at [glofvall@spsact.org](mailto:glofvall@spsact.org).



## SISTER PARISH UPDATE

### Sister Parish Update

An Immersion Trip to Haiti is being planned for January 23-30, 2018. We will be in Fouji (Zoranje) for the celebration of the Feast of St. Genevieve on the weekend. Travelers will have the

opportunity to visit students in their classrooms. If you are interested in more information about this trip, there will be a table set up after Masses the weekend of October 7/8. The table will be across from the church entrance after the 4 pm Mass on Saturday and the 5 pm Mass on Sunday. On Sunday morning, the table will be in the Franciscan Center at Community Sunday after all the morning Masses. For more information, please call the parish office at 860-756-4034 and leave your contact information—someone will return your call.



## FAITH FORMATION

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

Are you hungering for a sense of belonging to God and to a Faith community? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process that prepares and welcomes the unbaptized or those baptized in other Christian faiths into the Catholic faith community. We warmly welcome all interested persons! For more information, please call the parish office at (860) 756-4034.

### Lectio Divina

**Tuesdays, October 17, November 7 and 21, December 5 and 19**  
**7:00-8:00 PM**



We create a safe and sacred space to read, contemplate and share what the Bible reveals to our hearts.

**Facilitator:** Sheila Denion

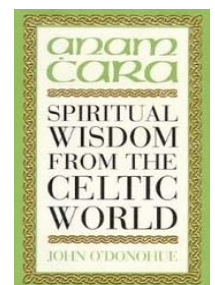
### Thin Places

**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.



## OTHER INFO

### A NOTE FROM FR. TOM

We proclaim “all are welcome” here at St. Patrick-St. Anthony and sometimes it is a stretch for us. Currently we have a good number of folks who are homeless or struggling financially joining us for services or asking for help in the parking lot or on the street. I appreciate your desire to help and the apprehension that many feel when encountering strangers. It would be helpful to not give cash to folks on the street. We do help many people from the funds that are given in the Poor Box or directly donated for this assistance. When asked for help, send the person to me. If we have the ability to assist, we will. Please advise me if you feel that you are being harassed by anyone. We do distribute sandwiches every day at the door from 4-5:30 PM. I thank you for your support of this ministry and your care for the many people who have found a welcome here.

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We request that parents accompany their young children when using the restrooms in our church. Our church building is open to the public throughout our weekend Masses. Therefore we appreciate your attention to and cooperation with this concern.

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## Archdiocesan Women’s Conference

**Saturday, November 4, 2017**

Hartford Marriott Downtown, Hartford  
9 am—6 pm

### Speakers:

*Halle Lord*, Sirius Radio,  
The Catholic Channel

*Dr. Gloria Rodriguez*, founder of AVANCE,  
Family support & education nonprofit

### Mass celebrated by

*Archbishop Leonard P. Blair*

Opportunities for Eucharistic Adoration  
and the Sacrament of Confession  
Breakout sessions

**Sponsored by:** The Office of Education, Evangelization and Catechesis

**Deadline for registration: October 15**

**Cost:** \$50 for Archdiocesan residents. Includes: Deli lunch buffet and validated parking. For more Info or to register visit [www.CatholicEdAOHCT.org](http://www.CatholicEdAOHCT.org) or call Nicole Perone at 860-242-5573, x-2677

## Fourth Annual Lourdes in a Day Pilgrimage of the Sick

*“I want the people to come in procession”*

Celebrant: Bishop

Peter Rosazza

October 14, 2017

St. Peter Claver

Church, West

Hartford

9:30 am—3:00 pm

**Please register with Mark Sullivan by September 30 at [slvnchrth@yahoo.com](mailto:slvnchrth@yahoo.com) or 860-523-1405**



## Flowers for the Church

In order to enhance the visual beauty of the liturgical environment, we have a fresh floral arrangement for our weekend Masses. We place it in front of the altar and leave it in Church throughout the following week. Several people have expressed an interest in donating these flowers to memorialize a loved one, a birthday, wedding anniversary, anniversaries of death and other special occasions. If you are interested in doing this, please contact the church office. We will publish the memorial in the bulletin and place the order with our regular supplier. *Suggested offering is \$125.00.*



## IT’S TIME FOR A PARTY SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1ST from 4:00—7:30 PM

2018 marks the 60th anniversary of the merging of St. Patrick and St. Anthony Parishes—the Gaelic and the Garlic! We will kick off a year-long celebration with our favorite PIZZA FIRE TRUCK. Gluten-free pizza available. We will set up in our new courtyards behind the Urban Center and use our Friary Meeting Room. Bring a dessert to share.

**RSVP at 860-756-4034, [info@spsact.org](mailto:info@spsact.org) or [register here online](#)**



## 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.*

## Staff

### PASTORAL STAFF

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Gilberto Lisboa, *Church Custodian*



*Hearing assisted devices available.*

*Church and Franciscan Center are handicap accessible.*

## We Pray...

- For the sick: Br. Chris Coccia, ofm; Raymond Laffin; Wayne Urbanski.
- For the newly baptized children: **John**, son of Grant and Kristen Rubin; **William**, son of Richard and Katherine Scierka.
- For the newly married couple: **Lisa Lovallo and Daniel Ceppas.**
- For our Choirs who returned!

## Mass Intentions

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2017

4:00 James Ahern

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2017

8:00 Eleanor Laffin

10:00 John N. Ramos, 11th anniversary

11:45 Donato Monaco

5:00 Susan Furlong

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2017

7:00 Franciscan Center Ministry

8:00 Our Parishioners

12:05 Michael Fusco

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2017

7:00 Franciscan Center Ministry

8:00 Our Parishioners

12:05 Franciscan Center Ministry

6:00 **Evening Vespers**

7:00 Lloyd Dublin

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2017

7:00 Our Parishioners

8:00 Intentions of Angelo Faenza

12:05 Franciscan Center Ministry

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2017

7:00 Our Parishioners

8:00 Franciscan Center Ministry

12:05 Our Parishioners

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2017

7:00 Lori Thom

8:00 Charles F. Foley

12:05 In thanksgiving to St. Anthony

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

4:00 Robert Pezzulo

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2017

8:00 William & Angeline Speziale

10:00 Matthew Sromek & Ron & Julia Luzi

11:45 Margaret Kennedy Samolyk, 4th anniversary

5:00 Tom Picone

## Sanctuary Lamps

If you wish to reserve a seven-day Sanctuary Lamp on either side of the tabernacle in memory of a deceased loved one, a member of your family who is ill, or for any special intentions, please make arrangements by calling the Church office at 860-756-4034. **\$10.00 suggested offering**

