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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

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil - 4:00 PM

Sunday - 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 11:45 AM and 5:00 PM

Monday through Friday

7:00 AM, 8:00 AM and 12:05 PM

LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR, FR. TOM, OFM

May the Lord give you peace.

This weekend Franciscan women and men throughout the world celebrate the gift of St. Clare of Assisi. Clare was one of the early followers of the Gospel in the way of Francis. She had heard him preach in word and deed. Against all social convention, this noble woman renounced her position and embraced the life of the Gospel. She had witnessed Francis' care of lepers, his presence among the poor and the sick, his brothers who had been drawn to his radical way of life among the outsiders and responded with her heart to the call of the Spirit.

While the friars embraced a life of itinerancy, Clare and the women who joined her lived within the enclosure. This stability of place did not hinder the sisters' mission of feeding the hungry, serving the sick, preaching the Gospel by the witness of their lives, or praying with and for the community. (During my time in Cochabamba there was a riot. The police were throwing tear gas canisters at the rioters. The sisters made a paste of baking soda to help those suffering from the effects of the tear gas. They brought them into a space beside the Monastery and applied the paste.) During her lifetime, monasteries of women devoted to the way of life Clare exemplified began to

be established throughout the world. We are fortunate to have the text of some of Clare's letters to Agnes of Prague. Spending time with these letters reveals a deep, Christ-centered spirituality.

In one of the letters, Clare encourages Agnes and the sisters of her community to a way of prayer before the cross:

Behold him, that is to say gaze upon him. Keep your eyes fixed on him. Find yourself in the mirror of the cross.

Consider him, that is to say reflect on what you see, what you know, realize the wealth of his poverty. Consider the remarkable self-gift freely offered in love.

Contemplate him, simply be with him. Be drawn into the depths of that love and rest there in him.

Desire to be like him, hear the call to the mission of that same love. Respond to the desire of your heart to live your discipleship with generosity and joy.

Clare's legacy continues in the lives of the Poor Clare sisters even to this day. I have had the privilege of knowing Poor Clare sisters in Chesterfield, NJ; Wilmington, DE; Cochabamba, Bolivia; Jamaica Plains, MA, Wappinger Falls, NY; Victoria, BC, and the many who

would come to St. Bonaventure University for the summers while I was with our novices. Among the amazing things for me was the joy of the sisters and their knowledge of the scripture. Few of these women had formal training in the scripture, yet their lives of contemplation had opened ways of knowing that are amazing.

The friars are deeply connected to our sisters, the Clares. From the beginning we are invited to the relationship that Francis had with Clare, the mutuality, the prayer, the joy, and the struggles of life. I ask your prayers for the many communities of sisters committed to the Gospel in contemplation. I also ask your prayers for those who might be considering this graced way of life.

On another note, please save the date: October 7, 2018, as we celebrate the 60th anniversary of the union between St. Patrick and St. Anthony parishes and the 80th anniversary of the Ladies Guild! We will host a gathering in the gardens and the area behind the Center. It is sure to be a great time. Please plan to join us.

Fr. Thomas M. Gallagher, ofm
 Pastor

ADULT FAITH FORMATION
To register call the Parish Office at
860-756-4034 or email info@spsact.org.

PSALMS OF TRUST
Thursdays, August 16 from 10:00 – 11:30 AM
Presenter: Fr. A. Francis Soucy, OFM
Free Will Offering

SUNSET CRUISE & EVENING OF REFLECTION
Wednesday, September 5 — 5:30-7:30 PM; Offering: \$45
All men and women are invited to our annual Sunset Cruise and Evening of Reflection. We will sail aboard the *Argia*, a replica of a 19th century gaff-rigged schooner, down the Mystic River while enjoying a delicious dinner as we sail the waters of Fisher's Island Sound. There will be time for music & prayer. ***Brother John Gill, OFM will be our speaker for the sail*** Limited seating, register early to reserve your spot on the *Argia* for you & a friend! Payment due at time of registration. Please make checks payable to "Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry" and mail to Attn: Fran Martyn, 285 Church Street, Hartford, CT 06103

A DAY WITH ST. CLARE OF ASSISI
Gaze and Consider the Light Within
Saturday, September 22 from 12:30-4:00 PM



St. Clare of Assisi, perhaps best known as the first female follower of St. Francis of Assisi, was a medieval mystic and contemplative. Clare founded the Poor Ladies of San Damiano, a group of religious women, who, after her death, became known as the Poor Clares. She is the first woman to write a rule for a women's religious community and received Papal approval for it on her deathbed.

A feminist before the word was coined, Clare, above all else, recognized and embraced her calling to love and serve God by ministering to, and praying for the poor, marginalized and outcast of Assisi.

The workshop will offer an opportunity for some to spend time with the tavola of St. Clare, which depicts eight scenes from her life. We will reflect on and discuss the challenges, joy and unwavering love she had for God, Francis, the Friars, her Sisters and the people of Assisi as we study this extraordinary icon. Participants will be invited to consider their own lives in light of Clare's devotion. How might we envision our personal tavolas?

Presenter: Dr. Alexandria Egler is the Executive Director of Mission, Ministry & Interfaith Dialogue at St. Francis College in Brooklyn, NY. She was part of the leadership team for our SPSA 2017 Pilgrimage to Assisi and Rome.
Suggested Offering: \$25.00

TRUST YOUR GRIEVING HEART

Sunday, September 23 from 1:00-3:00 PM

Losses weave their way throughout our lives, influencing the next path we take. Grief is our built-in response to loss, our ally in traveling the confusing, painful and transformative Land of Loss. This program gently supports those with recent loss and provides us all with a template for the losses yet to be. Tangible ideas will be offered to help navigate loss, with key reminders about our path toward healing. Current bereavement teaching and spiritual wisdom are shared, affirming that grief is, indeed a sacred journey. **Suggested Offering: \$10.00**
Presenter: Lisa Irish, Med, MA, BCC brings hospital chaplaincy experience, spiritual direction, retreat leadership and a life of prayer to a creative understanding.

WEEKLY OFFERING—JULY 30-AUGUST 5

Envelope & Loose Collection \$11,465.00
Online Giving: \$7,379.62

TOTAL: \$18,844.62

Bread for the Poor: \$247.00

MEN'S DAY OF REFLECTION

The St. Patrick-St. Anthony Men's Fellowship Group is pleased to offer a Men's Day of Reflection at Ender's Island. The event will take place on **Saturday, September 15, 2018**. *All men are invited.*

Our speaker will be Fr. Francis Soucy, OFM
who will speak about the Eucharist.

Join us for meaningful, spiritual dialog and fellowship as you enjoy the beauty and serenity of Ender's Island. Plan to arrive at 9:30 AM and feel free to stay to 3:00 PM (*or later*). Car pooling will be available.

\$45.00 Registration Fee includes baked goods and coffee/tea upon arrival and a BBQ lunch. Contact the Parish Office to register.



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Registration Deadline: September 5, 2018.

This has been a very popular event in past years. We can only accept the first 30 registrations, so do not delay!

HOUSE OF BREAD — DAY CARE

As Moms work on getting their GED, we care for their children. House of Bread would welcome donations of diapers (sizes 3, 4, 5), wipes, baby powder, juice boxes, toddler-friendly, healthy snacks like Cheerios, graham crackers, etc. www.hobread.org ... more than just soup.

<p>THE EMMAUS GRIEVING PARENTS MINISTRY</p>	<p>STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION</p>
<p>This ministry supports parents whose spiritual journey includes the death of a child or children. All who have suffered the loss of a child at any time—including prior to birth and many decades ago—are welcome. Our circle of parents will gather at the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry at 3:15 PM on Sunday, August 26. For more information, please email info@spsact.org or call the church office at 860-756-4034.</p>	<p>The gifts of God that the angel brought to Elijah—food, water, rest and encouragement—were given, not for his own good alone, but to strengthen him for service. How am I using my gifts to serve others?</p>
<p>ITEMS NEEDED FOR THE HOMELESS</p>	<p>VOLUNTEER NEEDED</p>
<p>We are seeking donations of new tube socks, foot powder in small containers, travel size toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant, soap, razors and toothbrushes for our brothers and sisters who come to the door in need. The highest quality socks are usually not necessary. When socks get really dirty or wet they may be thrown out by those who don't have access or means to get to a laundromat. <i>Please bring your donations to the office or leave them in the marked basket at the back of the church.</i></p>	<p>We are in search of someone to help us twice a month on Tuesdays from 4:30 to 7:30 PM by answering the phones and door at the Franciscan Center. For more information, please connect with Trudi in the parish office. Thanks!</p> 
	<p>ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL AS OF 8/9</p>
<p>BIG BROTHERS / BIG SISTERS</p>	<p>Goal: \$115,000 Number of Gifts: 364 Pledged to Date: \$113,193 % of Goal: 98.43% % of Participation: 24.64%</p> <p><i>Thank you to all who have made a gift or pledge commitment to the 2018 Archbishop's Annual Appeal.</i></p>
<p>Have you thought about becoming a Big Brother or Big Sister, but just never have the extra time in your schedule? Try e-mentoring! Nutmeg Big Brothers Big Sisters is launching mentor2.0 at the CREC Academy of Science & Innovation in New Britain, CT this fall. Every incoming freshman will be matched with a college-educated mentor for all 4 years of high school to help them graduate high school college-ready, succeed in college, and fulfill their potential. With one prompted e-mail per week and one event on the third Thursday evening of every month at the school, you can make a big difference in a young person's life — and in your own.</p>	<p>WEEKLY MASS READINGS: AUGUST 13-19</p>
<p>To become a mentor, apply online at https://nutmeg.imentor.org. You will be asked to provide references and agree to a background check. Questions? Email Allison Holst-Grubbe at allisonh@nbbbs.org.</p>	<p>Mon. Ez 1:2-5, 24-28; Mt 17:22-27 Tues. Ez 2:8-3:4; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14 Wed. Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56 Thurs. Ez 12:1-12; Mt 18:21-19:1 Fri. Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63; Mt 19:3-19 Sun. Prv 9:1-6; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58</p>
	<p>UPCOMING EVENTS</p>
	<p>Aug. 12 Community Sunday, 8:00 AM Aug. 13 Mothers United Against Violence, 6:30 AM Aug. 14 Group Spiritual Direction, 12:30 PM Aug. 15 Sandwich Ministry, 4:00 PM Baptism Prep, 6:30 PM Aug. 16 Psalms of Trust, 10:00 AM Novel Idea Book Club, 7:00 PM Aug. 18 Secular Franciscans Regional Meeting, 9:00 AM</p>
	<p>OPEN HEARTS LGBT MINISTRY</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Hearts LGBT Ministry — Join us for our kick-off picnic for the 2018-2019 programming year! Sunday, September 9th at 6 pm in the Franciscan center. • Families & Friends of the LGBT Community—Sr. Ginny Sheehan and/or individual parents are available to meet on request. Contact info@spsact.org for more info.



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—12:00 NOON; Sat—3:30 PM-4:00 PM
Private confessions by appointment are available.

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We Pray For...

- the sick: Louise MacDonnell; Hermance Winshell.
- our Women of Hope Ministry.

Holy Day—August 15, 2018

Please note that on August 15, The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, there will be the regular weekday schedule of Masses: 7:00 and 8:00 AM, and 12:05 PM.

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, August 11, 2018

4:00 James & Sadie Baio

SUNDAY, August 12, 2018

8:00 Cronin Family

10:00 Millie Intino

11:45 Hilda Megaw, 10th anniversary

5:00 Gary S. Bunting, 5th anniversary

MONDAY, August 13, 2018

7:00 Our Parishioners

8:00 Robert J. Caffrey

12:05 Ida Invelito

6:00 Evening Prayer Service

TUESDAY, August 14, 2018

7:00 Franciscan Center Ministry

8:00 Our Parishioners

12:05 Edward Galligan

WEDNESDAY, August 15, 2018

7:00 Franciscan Center Ministry

8:00 Kathleen Mulcahy

12:05 John Mangini, Jr.

THURSDAY, August 16, 2018

7:00 Our Parishioners

8:00 Deceased Friars of Holy Name Province

12:05 Thomas Farrell

FRIDAY, August 17, 2018

7:00 Franciscan Center Ministry

8:00 Deceased Benefactors of Franciscan Friars of Holy Name Province

12:05 Carol Curtis

SATURDAY, August 18, 2018

4:00 Nancy Laing

SUNDAY, August 19, 2018

8:00 Nathaniel J. Maliga

10:00 Mary Ramos

11:45 Luigi & Flaminia Ficocelli

5:00 Louise Gunning

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.





CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

**Friday
September 14, 2018**

Benefiting The Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry!

Hosted by Tunxis Country Club, Farmington

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Time to Register!

- Golf, \$175.00 per golfer – 39 Golf spots remain – REGISTER NOW! – Foursomes, Pairs, Singles are welcome.
- Dinner Only, \$55.00 – Many spots still available – Reserve a table with eight of your friends and enjoy the festivities of the Live and Silent Auction fun with host Scot Haney and the RICO Raffle with Jim Moriarty.

Seeking Sponsors, Tributes, Ads

Deadline for sponsor book is fast approaching;

This is a great way to support this critical charity if you are unable to attend the day of the tournament.

- Celebrate a First Communion, Baptism, Wedding
- Advertise your Business
- Remember a Loved One

Amazing Auction Items

These are just a few of the auction items that have been graciously donated for the Tournament.

- Two-bedroom condo in mid-town Manhattan – 3 night stay
- UConn Hockey Experience for 20 – attend practice, meet the players, get autographs
- Golf Foursomes – Ellington Ridge, Indian Hill
- Newly Renovated Vacation Home in Falmouth – 3 night stay

For those not able to attend the tournament dinner,
Pre-bids on all Auction Items will be received on September 8-9 after all Masses.

*To view a current list of Live and Silent Auction Items and Prizes for the Rico Raffle go to
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*Register online or download a registration form at
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