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Church Hours: Monday - Friday · 6:30 am - 2:00 pm

SEPTEMBER 25, 2016—Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Upcoming Events

- 9/25/2016** Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, 8:30 am
 Traditional Rel. Ed Class, 9:00 a.m.
 Family Program Rel. Ed, 9:30 am
 Confirmation Class, 11:00 am
 Marriage Preparation Team, 11:00 am
 Secular Franciscans, 1:30 pm
- 9/26/2016** Bass Clef Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 pm
- 9/27/2016** Group Spiritual Direction, 12:30 pm
 GLBT Friends & Family, 6:30 pm
- 9/28/2016** Sandwich Ministry & Wellness Center, 4:00 pm
 Treble Clef Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 pm
 Gallery Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 pm
- 9/29/2016** Prayer Shawl Ministry, 10:30 am

- 9/29/2016** New Life Program, 6:30 pm
 Introduction to Mindfulness, 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 26-October 2, 2016

- Monday** Jb 1:6-22; Lk 9:46-50
- Tuesday** Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 30-23; Lk 9:51-56
- Wednesday** Jb 9:2-23, 14-16; Lk 9:57-62
- Thursday** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Jn 1:47-51
- Friday** Jb 38:1, 12-21, 40:3-5; Lk 10:13-16
- Sunday** Hb 1:2-3, 2:2-4; 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-10

Letter from Fr. Tom, ofm

May the Lord give you peace.

This week we hear again the parable of the rich man and Lazarus in Luke's Gospel. Remembering that this is a parable and thus an invitation to enter into the mystery of God's compassion we are invited to recognize the many children, women and men who are seen as objects and dismissed as persons. The rich man apparently knows Lazarus by name as he speaks with Abraham about sending the poor man to provide him with refreshment and to warn his brothers. Yet, even knowing his name, he passed by him day after day as the man sat in rags and hunger at his door. He was to be sure considered an eye sore. Perhaps our considerations might lead us to consider the many who silently wait for the assistance we are able to give. The many whose names we know and somehow we have dismissed. This is the experience of children who are "different", of the orphan, of the elderly who are no longer independent, the experience of the street person who joins us for Mass, the one that no one wants to have join them for lunch, the person

grieving an abortion who has been made to feel shame and is afraid to let someone in on her grief, or the person whose marriage is considered "irregular" and loses their job with the church. There are also the unnamed who sit silently waiting for human compassion; the refugee, the person who sleeps in the park, the homeless person who gets a \$110 summons for panhandling, the one who is considered "other" for any reason at all. The great turn around in the parable is how bereft the rich one is who has missed the opportunity for the interchange of compassion wherein he/she receives compassion from the one who is thought to be destitute. This parable invites us to see, know, and experience the members of the human family in the great hospitality of God.

I thank you for all that you are already doing. Our Poor Box in church assists many who suffer and live on the streets.

As you know, I have done the walk for Suicide Awareness and Prevention many times since 2006. I have done the overnight walk twice in New York, Seattle, and San Francisco and once in Boston

(where it rained heavily all night long!). We have a local chapter of the American Federation for Suicide Awareness and Prevention who will be hosting a shorter, very manageable daytime walk here in Hartford on October 15. I invite you to consider walking with me that day. You can park in our lot for the walk. The details are available at: <http://afsp.donordrive.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.event&eventID=4082>. I will register soon and ask your sponsorship for the walk. Once again, it is an opportunity to consider the Lazarus Parable as we think of the many who feel that the only response to their pain is to take their own life. In our call to respond to Lazarus, we see him/her in the fundamental human struggles. There is a very high rate of suicide among LGBT teens and young adults as well as among veterans and people in military service. I am sure that each of us can name a person who has been touched in some way by suicide. The walk can be our prayer.



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.



MUSIC at P & A

Choral Concert

VOCE presents *I'll Follow the Sun* at St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church Saturday, October 15, 2016 5:30pm (following the 4:00 pm Mass).

Voce is an auditioned, professional mixed choir based in Hartford. Our own cantor, Pam Johnson, is a member of this ensemble. This 45 minute concert will feature works by Paul Mealor, Eric Whitacre, Dan Forrest and more. For ticket information go to www.voceinc.org.

After working with Voce, Morten Lauridsen, one the most widely performed composer in the United States, had this to say about Voce: "Voce is clearly already in the upper echelon of American chamber choirs. During my recent residence with the ensemble I was constantly astonished

at the level of artistry displayed by both the singers and their conductor, Mark Singleton. I have no doubt that this superb chorus will soon be recognized throughout the United States as exemplifying choral performance at its finest."



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

The sin of the rich man in today's parable was not that he was rich, but that he failed to share his wealth with the beggar at his gate. He knew Lazarus, walked by him every time he came in or out, but did nothing to relieve his suffering. Is there a Lazarus in my life?

Living Stewardship

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who work to alleviate the sufferings of the poor and hungry in our community and beyond through our Parish Social Ministries.

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!

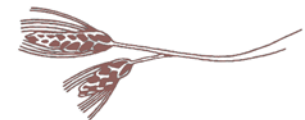
Volunteer Ministry Opportunities

- 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 **parish office**.
- Are you a Nurse? Come join us for breakfast on October 2, 2016 at 9 am to meet our parish nurses, hear about the ministry and consider joining them! Please contact Trudi in the parish office (twhite@spsact.org) for more information or to let us know you will join us.

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 & 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!

House of Bread... more than just soup.



Your Weekly Giving

September 17/18 \$12,968.50
On-line Sept. 12-19 \$ 5,402.00

Total available for operating budget
\$18,370.50

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.

**Second Collection
September 24/25, 2016**

The 2016 Catholic elementary schools of the Archdiocese HOPES Collection will be taken up this weekend.



**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** meets on Tuesday September 27 at 6:30 pm

**The Secular Franciscan Order
Meeting**



Is God calling you to live a life of love, peace, and holiness in the model of St. Francis of Assisi? Join us for our gathering in the lower level of the Franciscan Center on **Sunday, September 25** (NOT the 24th as previously published) to learn more about the Secular Franciscan Order. The rosary is at 1:30 and the meeting starts at 2:00. Our guest speaker will be Sr. Theresa Fonti from The House of Bread. We will also discuss The Joy of the Gospel by Pope Francis as it relates to the social dimension of evangelization.



**FAITH
FORMATION**

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

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.

Classes begin the week of October 2 and will meet on either Tuesday or Thursday depending on the day best suited to the participants. Deadline for registering is Tuesday, September 27.

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)



**The Catholic
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Archdiocese of Hartford, Inc.**

Choosing a final resting place is inevitable. Advanced planning of your Cemetery needs is a loving gift that relieves your family of a difficult decision in the midst of their grief. At Catholic cemeteries we have 0% financing options, paid over two or three years, on all graves, crypts and niches. In this area, this includes: Holy Cross Cemetery (Glastonbury), St. James Cemetery (Manchester), St. Mary's Cemetery (New Britain) and Mt. St. Benedict (Bloomfield). There are also frequent promotions and savings. If you're interested in doing Advanced Planning for your family's Cemetery needs, please contact either: Michael Klinger, Family Service Advisor, 203-507-8234, or mklinger@ccacem.org; Amy Chester, Family Service Advisor, 203-507-7509 or achester@ccacem.org; or Lydia Cassarino, Family Service Advisor, 203-507-8328, or lcassarino@ccacem.org. Also visit www.ccacem.org for more on the Catholic Cemeteries Association. Thank you.

**"GO FOR THE GREEN"
RAFFLE**

Thank you to all who participated in the "Go-for-the-Green" Raffle. The winners are:

- 1st Prize: Joe St. Pierre
- 2nd Prize: Tom O'Keefe
- 3rd Prize: Henry Sposito

Celebrate St. Francis

Saturday, October 1

Blessing of Live Animals at 9:00 am
Blessing of Stuffed Animals at 4:00 Mass
Sunday, October 2

Blessing of Stuffed Animals at all Masses
Blessing of Live Animals – 12:45 p.m.

Monday, October 3

Transitus of Saint Francis – 7:00 p.m.; followed by a reception in the Urban Center

Tuesday, October 4, Feast of Saint Francis: 7:00, 8:00 & 12:05 Masses



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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We Pray...

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

For our newly married couple, **Kyleigh Condon and Andrew Weinfurter**

For our newly baptized children, **Grayson**, son of Christopher and Rhiannon Scioscio; **Henry**, son of Nathan and Kayleigh Stewart

For all those who minister the Good News of God's love—in our community, the city of Hartford and the world.

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2016

4:00 William & Angeline Speziale

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2016

8:00 Michael Fusco

10:00 Mary Lemega, 12th anniversary

11:45 Donato Monaco

5:00 Kapila Siriwardente

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2016

7:00 Franciscan Center Ministry

8:00 Our Parishioners

12:05 Elizabeth Anderson Foran

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2016

7:00 Franciscan Center Ministry

8:00 Our Parishioners

12:05 Mary Wolfenberger

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2016

7:00 In thanksgiving to Our Lady of Fatima

8:00 Franciscan Center Ministry

12:05 Our Parishioners

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2016

7:00 Franciscan Center Ministry

8:00 Our Parishioners

12:05 John Manfredi, 4th anniversary

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

7:00 Franciscan Center Ministry

8:00 Michael Lowe

12:05 James & Virginia Boyle

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

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.

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