



St. Patrick - St. Anthony Church
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March 5, 2017 1st Sunday of Lent

Letter from Fr. Tom, ofm

May the Lord give you peace.

Our 7th – 10th grade Religious Education Students hosted their peers from the Farmington Valley American Muslim Center last Sunday. This was an incredibly rich event as student with their parents prayed in both traditions, shared a meal, and packaged cookies for our Sandwich Ministry. Over 200 students participated in the experience. Without hesitation, our young people joined in the traditional prayer posture and reflective engagement with their peers. We are indeed graced in the openness of both communities to share a meal, pray, and engage in ministry. I have heard from parents who were present how awed they are and grateful for this opportunity. I thank Faith, Deb, and Michelle for coordinating this event together with Pat and the Women of Hope who hosted for us. I am grateful to Religious Education Director Ramla and Youth Leader Omar from the FVAMC.

We have begun our annual journey of renewal. It begins with the Lenten season where we are invited to engage more

deeply in prayer. This is not about saying prayers but about becoming prayer. We are invited to enter more deeply into the love that is God. There is no place for fear or shame in this love. We are loved for who we are.

This is also a season to commit to almsgiving, this is our natural response in gratitude to the love that embraces us. In this love, we see the person who is homeless, the persons who are refugees, the faces and names of those who fear deportation, and others from whom we turn our faces and respond as we are able.

We are invited to a time of fasting. What is fasting without feasting! This is not about self- deprivation, but about the engagement in life that transforms our being. This transformation deepens our prayer and informs our almsgiving. I offer some fasting/feasting ideas reworked from insights by Patrick Cheng. Far more significant than giving up our favorite things is to make a life change that feasts on the wonder of the love that is God.

Let us:

- Fast from exploitation. Feast on mutuality.
- Fast from hiding our true self. Feast on being present.
- Fast from apathy. Feast on engagement
- Fast from conformity. Feast on diversity.
- Fast from shame. Feast on pride.
- Fast from isolation. Feast on interdependence.
- Fast from singularity. Feast on interrelatedness.

This is not a short term journey but the opportunity for a renewal of our life and mission.

I invite you to join us for Mass during the week and for vespers on Monday evenings at 6:00 pm.

Fr. Thomas M. Gallagher, ofm
 Pastor

MARDI GRAS PARTY
Sunday, March 5
After the 11:45 am Mass
(1:00 pm-3:00 pm)

Join us and celebrate the graciousness of God as we enter into our pilgrimage to Pentecost. All are welcome. *Hosted by the Open Hearts Ministry.*

VOCE Choral Concert
Sunday, March 5 at 3:00 pm

After the Mardi Gras celebration see and hear VOCE in the beautiful and acoustical wonder that is St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church. You will hear Monteverdi's *Sestina Madrigals* - songs of parting and loss; Herbert Howells' *Requiem* which manages to express not just grief but also eternal hope; the angels singing the Sanctus in *Heilig* by Mendelssohn and the *Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis* by Eriks Esenvalds, one of the most prolific and significant composers of his time. **Tickets available at the door.** Our own cantor, Pam Johnson, is the alto vocal section leader for this professional choir.

Upcoming Events

- 3/5/2017** Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, 8:30 am
 Family Program, 8:45 am
 Confirmation Class, 11:00 am
 Mardi Gras Pot Luck, 11:00 am
 7th & 8th Grades, 11:15 am
 RCIA Meeting, 12:45 pm
 Voce Concert, 3:00 pm
- 3/6/2017** Spiritual Reflection, 6:30 pm
 Bass Clef Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 pm
- 3/7/2017** Lenten Nourishment, 12:30 pm
 Group Spiritual Direction, 1:00 pm
 The Saint and the Pope, 6:30 pm
 LGBT Family and Friends, 6:30 pm
 Lectio Divina, 7:00 pm
- 3/8/2017** Thin Places, 12:30 pm
 Sandwich Ministry & Wellness Center, 4:00 pm
 Treble Clef Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 pm
- 3/8/2017** Lenten Evenings of Reflection, 6:30 pm

- 3/8/2017** Gallery Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 pm
 Social Justice Committee, 7:00 pm
- 3/9/2017** Pastoral Advisory Board, 6:00 pm
 Sister Parish Creole Class, 6:30 pm
- 3/10/2017** Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, 4:15 pm
 St. Patrick's Day Parade Mass, 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

Weekly Mass Readings—March 6-12, 2017

- Monday** Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32
Thursday Est. C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12
Friday Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-25
Sunday Gn 12:1-4a; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9



STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship Reflection

What temptations lure us from the path of discipleship? Possessions? Pride? Power? Oh Lord, create for us a clean heart and renew a steadfast spirit within us.

Your Weekly Giving

February \$15,190.00
 Online Feb 20--26 \$5,297.00
Total available for operating budget
\$20,487.00

St. Anthony Bread for the Poor \$235.00
(These monies go directly to the poor through the Sandwich Ministry.)

- Thank you for your response to our request for men's socks and gloves. The cold weather is back and we will go through these items quickly... so again we ask that if you are able, please consider donating **MEN'S SOCKS, MEN'S GLOVES** and **MEN'S HATS** for our homeless and working poor that come to our door. Thank you for your generosity.

To register for Online Giving, please visit our website: WWW.SPSACT.ORG. Need help signing up for Online Giving? Our Sunday Visitor Support is available at 1-800-348-2886, option 4.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

March 20, 2017... Not only is it the first day of Spring, it is time to start planning the **2017 Fr. Andrew Charity Golf Tournament.**

The tournament is scheduled for Friday, September 15th, 2017 at Tunxis Country Club.

Our first meeting is **Monday, March 20, 2017 from 6:30—7:30 pm.** If you are interested in joining this dynamic group of volunteers, please contact Pam Johnson at pjohnson@spsact.org or call her at 860-756-4034.

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

Volunteer Ministry

- **The Community Sunday Hosts** are seeking families who will help with the hospitality on Community Sunday. If you attend a Sunday morning Mass and can help, please speak with our hosts at the next Community/Donut Sunday! Thank you.
- **Are you interested** in learning more about the various volunteering opportunities here at St. Patrick-St. Anthony? For more info contact Trudi Campbell in the office of Volunteer Ministry and/or pick up a Ministry Guide in the office. All are welcome!

House of Bread

Kitchen and Day Shelter

It's Meatloaf Sunday! Now you know what to do when hamburger is on sale.



Cook one for your family, one for the House of Bread! Frozen meat loaves will be collected next week. Bring home cooking to the Soup Kitchen!

Much needed are razors, socks, spray deodorant and other toiletries. Single use items from hotels are a treasure at the Day Shelter! Non-perishables for the Soup Kitchen of 39 gallon trash bags, dish detergent, bleach, salt & pepper.

Thank you for your generosity.
www.hobread.org... more than just soup

Living Stewardship

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who embrace their discipleship, using the ashes as a reminder to share their own gifts at home, work, school, our parish and in the wider community.



COMMUNITY LIFE

Open Hearts LGBT Ministry

- **LGBT Ministry** meets monthly. Next meeting is on March 12 at 6:00 pm
- **Families & Friends of the LGBT Community** March 7 at 6:30 pm

Novel Idea

Fiction Discussion Group

Gather monthly to discuss works of fiction with a wide appeal. For more info contact Marybeth Walsh (860-523-7034)

or Sara Zagorski (860-721-1814)

Upcoming Selection:

March 16: *Outline* by Rachel Cusk

Time: 7:00 to 8:30 pm

April 20: *The Turner House* by Angela Flourney

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

SPSA Men's Fellowship Group

Please consider attending our **March 15** meeting at 7 pm in the Urban Center. **Jack Martins will provide a presentation relating to "The Light of Simplicity"**, the 2017 theme of the Men's retreat at Holy Family Retreat Center. A video of Brandon Nappi's conference will be included as part of the session.

This is a no-cost opportunity for those men who were unable to attend the retreat and/or those men who wish to learn a bit more about the "retreat experience." **Refreshments will be served. All men are welcome.**

IROKO: Tree of Life/Arbol De Vida Opens at Clare Gallery

The Clare Gallery is pleased to present IROKO: Tree Of Life/Arbol de Vida, from March 16 through May 21. The exhibit draws on the importance of the sacred Tree Of Life, containing great symbolic, spiritual, mythological, medicinal, magical, commercial, ecological and aesthetic import.

Ms. Arroyo explores "the marvelous power of nature" ancient myths of creation, fertility, and spirituality, as well as our relationship to the environment and the challenges of climate change.

The artist will lead a workshop at the Gallery on Saturday, April 8 from 4 to 5 pm. Immediately following the workshop, a reception and artist talk will begin (artist talk at 5:30 pm)



SISTER PARISH UPDATE

Photos from the feast of St. Genevieve here at St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church and at St. Genevieve, our sister parish, can be seen either on the display board in the back of the church or on the Sister Parish

Facebook page. There are also photos taken in Haiti as part of the 25th anniversary of St. Genevieve School

There is a small contingency of parishioners traveling to Haiti at the end of this month—March 23 through March 28. Anyone interested in joining this group should call the parish office (860-756-4034).

This year's Taste of Haiti will be celebrated on Saturday, June 17. Anyone wishing to volunteer for this event can leave a message in the parish office.



OTHER INFO

2017 Archbishop's Annual Appeal

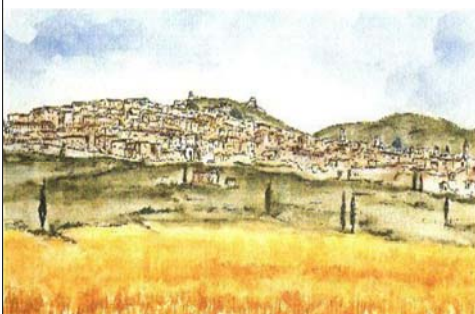
This weekend marks the start of the 2017 Archbishop's Annual Appeal in our parish. If you haven't already, you will receive a letter from Archbishop Blair seeking your support. Together we can change the lives of thousands of God's people. The "Good Works" performed by our Church in the areas of social services, healthcare, pastoral services are critical for so many in need.



Through the generosity of Appeal donors, we helped provide the following:

- Through the Catholic Charities basic needs program 750 families avoided homelessness in 2016. More than 140,000 meals were served to those who are hungry.
- In our Catholic elementary schools 2,379 eligible students benefited from scholarship awards.
- More than 44,000 free-patient-visits to the Malta House of Care has been provided to individuals since 2006.
- 218 families benefited from the Emergency Assistance Fund and received emergency funding for basic human needs.
- In 2016 Archbishop's Annual Appeal Vicariate Outreach Program provided over \$1,000,000 to 246 local organizations in Hartford, Litchfield and New Haven counties.

These are some examples of how your gift to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal was used. Please respond as generously as possible.



Pilgrimage to Assisi and Rome May 15 - 25, 2017

Please consider joining us for a pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi with Franciscan Pilgrimage Programs. A day in the life of a pilgrim includes: meaningful and well-prepared input by the pilgrimage staff—wholesome and delicious meals—visits to sacred sites significant in the lives of Francis and Clare—daily prayer and Eucharist at holy places—free time, leisure, and the good company of companion pilgrims—time to savor the beautiful Italian countryside and culture.

As pilgrims we walk—a lot! Assisi is especially hilly with cobblestone streets thousands of years old. Journey with us in a relaxed atmosphere to renew one's body, mind and spirit!

Contact Pat Curtis (860-756-4034, ext 113; pcurtis@spsact.org) for itinerary and pilgrimage expense.

Participants in the past, even those who have been to Italy before, say that this is the best trip they have ever taken!



St. Patrick's Day Parade Mass Friday, March 10 at 7:00 pm

The Central Connecticut Celtic Cultural Committee will celebrate its annual St Patrick's Day Parade Mass at St Patrick St Anthony Church. The celebrant will be our own Fr. Tom, who is being honored this year as Hartford's Town Marshal. This year's Parade Grand Marshal, Edward "Joe" Mullarkey Jr., of Wethersfield, will be presented with his official parade walking stick. **All are welcome.**



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: Claire Shea
- For members of our SPSA Yard Goats team who will be waking up our gardens in the next few weeks.

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 2017

4:00 Mary Vasquez, 2nd anniversary

SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2017

8:00 Eileen Whittel, 20th anniversary

10:00 Rose & Angelo Perrone

11:45 Mantello Family

5:00 Ann Janulevicz

MONDAY, MARCH 6, 2017

7:00 Dr. John Gibbons

8:00 Our Parishioners

12:05 Larry Bender & Gail Porter

6:00 **Vespers and Confessions**

TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2017

7:00 Franciscan Center Ministry

8:00 Louise M. Pergiovanni

12:05 Salvatore Gianni

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2017

7:00 Our Parishioners

8:00 Joseph Mazzefera, 3rd anniversary

12:05 Mary Marsdale

THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 2017

7:00 Franciscan Center Ministry

8:00 Our Parishioners

12:05 John Albert Potier

FRIDAY, MARCH 10, 2017

7:00 Franciscan Center Ministry

8:00 Our Parishioners

12:05 Florence Rosal

12:30 **Stations of the Cross**

7:00 **St. Patrick 's Day Parade Mass**

SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 2017

4:00 Mary Lou Kendrick

SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2017

8:00 William & Angeline Speziale

10:00 Frank Perrone

11:45 Ricciardi & Bochicchio Families

5:00 Donald Broggin

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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