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OCTOBER 30, 2016—Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time



Please Help in our Upcoming Thanksgiving Turkey Drive

The parish will be having our **8TH ANNUAL TURKEY DRIVE** the weekend of **November 12-13**. Please bring the following items to church with you that weekend to help us feed the hungry for the holiday:

- Frozen Turkeys (no fresh or live turkeys)
- Bags/Boxes of Stuffing Mix
- Canned Vegetables (large cans)

There will be a collection point outside the Franciscan Center before each Mass that weekend. Please be alerted that due to a

lack of storage these items will be collected **ONLY** on the weekend of November 12-13. Sponsored by our Men's Fellowship Group to benefit the House of Bread. *Thank you for your support in feeding the hungry!*

Letter from Fr. Tom, ofm

May the Lord give you peace.

Happy Halloween to all, especially our boys and girls who will dress up to celebrate the day. It is the eve of "all hallows" that is to say All Saints. It is time for us to remember all of those whose lives have shaped our own. The gifts and grace that have revealed God's presence for us is celebrated and lived. I certainly invite you to join us for Mass on All Saints and in our remembrance of those who have died on All Souls Day. We give thanks to God for the significant people in our lives.

In our reading from the Book of Wisdom this weekend, we hear the author note that God overlooks our sins that we may repent. This is a foreign notion to many of us. It is not our earning forgiveness through repentance but rather our transformation through forgiveness. If we hold fast to the Gospel, we recognize the great love of God that tenders forgiveness leading us into transformation. The

repentance is our being transformed more and more closely into sharing the very life of God. It is God who initiates the possibility. The text continues to remind us that God, as creator, loves everything that God has called into being. This is helpful as we consider the many ways that men and women are told that there is something wrong with them. God loves everyone/ everything that God has created. The struggle for many is to live the life into which they have been called. The transformation is not to be someone else but to become our truest self. Culture, society, and the Church ask for conformity, God creates diversity. In *Laudato Si* Pope Francis decries the lack of diversity in creation as we seek to control and manage the environment. He speaks of reforestation efforts that move from the devastation of forests with multiple species of plants and trees to a monoculture of trees in the replanting. There is great loss in the species and opportunities for life in the monoculture. Beauty is also diminished in the managed uniformity. If this is true of

forests, how much more so in churches. God loves everything/everyone God has called into being. The richness and beauty of the culture is in its diversity. This is essential for our consideration as we continue to nurture the life of the Church. This is the underpinning that enables us not simply to say, *all are welcome*, but to become a gracious community rich in hospitality.

In a few short days, although it may seem longer, we will go to elect leaders for our nation. I ask your prayers for all voters and candidates. This has been an exhausting, pain-filled, and seemingly interminable quest for public office. I ask your prayers that we might be inspired to consider the values of the Gospel as we make the choices required of us in this democracy. May those who are elected be filled with the grace and inspiration needed to fulfill the obligations of office.

Fr. Tom Gallagher, ofm

Upcoming Events

- 10/30/2016** Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, 8:30 am
Traditional Rel. Ed, 9:00 am
Rel. Ed Sacramental Prep—Parents, 9:00 am
Rel. Ed/Clare Gallery Art Review, 11:00 am
- 10/31/2016** Bass Clef Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 pm
A Journey in Discipleship, 7:00 pm
- 11/1/2016** Group Spiritual Direction, 12:30 pm
Lectio Divina, 7:00 pm
- 11/2/2016** Thin Places, 12:45 pm
Sandwich Ministry & Wellness Center, 4:00 pm
Treble Clef Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 pm
The Saint and the Pope, 6:45 pm
Gallery Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 pm
Social Justice Committee, 7:00 pm
- 11/3/2016** New Life Program, 6:30 pm
- 11/4/2016** Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, 4:00 pm

- 11/5/2016** Cenacle Meeting, 6:30 am
Prayer Shawl Ministry Annual Meeting, 8:00 am
Adventure Saturday Mentor Group, 9:00 am
A New Day Bereavement Program, 9:45 am
Holiday Cards Sale, 4:00 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 – October 31-November 6, 2016

- Monday** Phil 2:1-4; Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a
Wednesday Wis 3:1-9; Rom 5:5-11; Jn 6:37-40
Thursday Phil 3:3-8a; Lk 15:1-10
Friday Phil 3:1704.1; Lk 16:1-8
Sunday 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14; 1 Thes 2:16-3:5; Lk 20:27-38



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.

Communal Anointing at Weekend Masses

We invite you to celebrate anointing of the sick with us at the weekend Masses on **November 19-20**. From our Baptism we are called to discipleship. The way of living our gifts changes with the frailty of our bodies, yet we are still called to share our gifts. The anointing is for healing and for a renewal of our commitment to share ourselves in new ways. We embody the gift of God's Spirit at every

stage and situation of our lives. We invite and encourage anyone who is seriously ill, with prolonged or chronic illness or disease (heart, cancer, respiratory ailments, diabetes, etc.), those with the disease of alcoholism or other addictions, those who suffer from mental illness and disorders, anyone facing exploratory surgery with its uncertainty and anxiety, those experiencing aging with its limitations, its fears and isolation together with caregivers and family members to join us at any of those weekend Masses. All are welcome.



COMMUNITY LIFE

Open Hearts Gay & Lesbian Ministry

- **GLBT Ministry** meets monthly. Next meeting is on November 13 at 6:00 pm
- **Families & Friends of the Gay & Lesbian Community** next meeting—November 29 at 6:30 pm

Clare Gallery Exhibition

The Clare Gallery is pleased to present *Silent Witness: Works by Nancy Wynn*. This exhibition features twelve large scale photographs. The works are artifacts of community events that took place in the sacred space of St. Patrick – St. Anthony Church. The subjects of Wynn's work are bits and pieces of floral

matter – the silent witnesses – which lend their stories to the conversation of each event's memory. This process utilized time, but more importantly, asks viewers to question interpretations of events and their memories.

The exhibition is free and open to the public and extends from November 1 – December 31, 2016. An artist talk will be held on **Sunday, December 4th, 1:00-3:00p.m.** during which Wynn will discuss her project's process and John Bizis, floral designer, will discuss how and why he chooses certain floral materials for celebrations, or for liturgical meaning.

Clare Gallery Notecards may be ordered in the Franciscan Center after all Masses on the weekends of November 5/6, 12/13, and 19/20. There are three different sets to choose from. Nine cards in each package. One package—\$15; three packages—\$40. Deadline for ordering is November 20.



SISTER PARISH UPDATE

It is hard to believe that it is time to prepare the cards for the Haiti Giving Tree. The Committee is looking for volunteers to help at our "card party" on Wednesday, November 16. Everything will be ready for volunteers at 6:30 pm (any time before 7:00).

It is an opportunity to chat with Committee members and learn more about our Sister Parish. Please leave a message at the office if you plan to come—860-756-4034.

The next meeting of the Sister Parish Committee is Monday, November 7.



STEWARDSHIP

We will collect "2016 Commitment to Ministry Intention Forms" next week at the Masses. Watch for collection baskets at the doors of the church. Thank You!

Volunteer Ministry

Have you ever considered offering your gifts and talents to assist in or support some work of ministry with others? Please consider this, and look at our newly updated Ministry Guide found on our website at www.spsact.org. Click on the "Serve Volunteer Opportunities" on the right and you will be able to view the Ministry Guide. Contact Trudi in the parish office to sign up and get your questions answered. Thank you!

Stewardship Reflection

We are called to be good stewards of our personal vocations. St. Paul's prayer for the Thessalonians is therefore ours, too - "that God may make (us) worthy of his calling and powerfully bring to fulfillment every good purpose and every effort of faith."

Living Stewardship

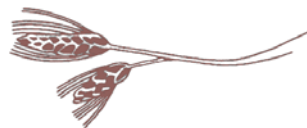
We are grateful this week for all stewards who help spread the faith by living the faith.

Personal Care Items Needed

Consider assisting our brothers and sisters who are in need. 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!

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!



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Your Weekly Giving

October 22/23 \$13,195.50
On-line October 17-23\$ 4,884.50

Total available for operating budget \$18,080.00

Propagation of the Faith Collection sent to the Archdiocese: \$2,137.00

Thank you for your continued support of your parish.

Second Collection—November 5/6, 2016

The second collection next weekend will be taken up for the Archdiocese for the Military Service, USA.



OTHER INFO

All Saints Day, November 1



The Holy Day Mass Schedule is:

7:00 am, 8:00 am,
12:05 pm
7:00 pm—Mass of Remembrance

Evening Prayer

Tuesdays at 6:00 pm. This is a brief respite from the busyness of life and an opportunity to gather in Our Lady of the Angels chapel to pray for peace in our city, our nation, and our world.

- November 8, 15
- NO Evening Prayer on November 22
- November 29; December 6, 13, 20

2017 Assisi-Rome Pilgrimage



Pat Curtis is looking into the possibility of an Assisi-Rome Pilgrimage for 2017. The 10-day Pilgrimage would be in the timeframe of May 15 -27. If you

think you might be interested, please call Fran at the parish office so we can begin to get a sense of the potential pilgrims.

Open House for Local Catholic Schools:

- **East Catholic High School**
Open House—Thursday, November 3, 2016 at 6:45 pm. The entrance exam for 8th graders will be given on Saturday, November 12 at 8 am at East Catholic High School. Pre-registration for the exam is advised but not required. Visit www.echs.com or call our Admissions office at 860-649-5336 x6456 for more information.
- **St. Thomas the Apostle School**
Tuesday, November 15 from 9 am to Noon to receive a tour of our school and to see our teachers and students in action. St. Thomas the Apostle is celebrating its 79th year of excellence in Scholarship, Spirituality and Service. Applications are currently being accepted for students entering grades Pre-K3—Grade 5 in the 2017-18 school year. All are welcome, but reservations are required. Contact the school at 860-236-6257 or stthomasapostlewh.org to register.
- **St. Timothy's Middle School**
Interested in learning more about St. Timothy Middle School in West Hartford for your child? Call us at 860-236-0614 or visit our website at www.stmswh.org. You can also register to attend our Prospective Student Open House on Thursday, November 10t at 7 pm (registration not required). Academic Excellence Through the Light of Faith.



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, **Edward Gaffney; Dan Laffin, Sr.; Arian Prevalla**

For our newly married couple, **Tim Onyuke and Amaka Obi.**

For the members of our Bereavement Ministry and Care Ministry. These ministers are available as one journeys after the loss of a loved one.

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2016

4:00 Kathleen Gallagher, 5th anniversary

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2016

8:00 Marion Kuzma

10:00 Tony Intino

11:45 Rosemary Zendan

5:00 Tom Picone

MONDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2016

7:00 Our Parishioners

8:00 Franciscan Center Ministry

12:05 John Walsh, 42nd anniversary

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2016

7:00 Arlene & Wilson da Silva

8:00 Frank D'Amico

12:05 Jacky Welsh & Jane Wheatall

7:00 **Mass of Remembrance**

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2016

7:00 Our Parishioners

8:00 George & Aynesse Farrah

12:05 Deceased members of Our Lady of Grace Society

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2016

7:00 Franciscan Center Ministry

8:00 Hank Martyn

12:05 Concetta Gianni

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2016

7:00 Johanna Pace

8:00 Stephen G. Kristofak, Jr

12:05 Juliano Family

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2016

4:00 Eugene Neil

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2016

8:00 William & Angeline Speziale

10:00 Santina Spagna

11:45 Deceased members of the St. Valentine Society

5:00 Monaco & Masciulli Families

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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285 Church Street, Hartford, CT 06103 (*checks made payable to: Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry*).

Fall Faith Formation Opportunities

* Register NOW for a program or two with a friend * Please call the Parish Office at 860-756-4034.



DRUMMING CIRCLE

Sunday, November 13, 3:00-4:30 p.m.

Whether you want to try drumming for the first time, are a seasoned drummer looking for some additional practice, or a drumming master looking for others to drum with, join us for a drumming circle on Sunday, November 13. We will explore the Djembe (African hand drum) while learning some traditional African rhythms as found in the "Getting Started on Djembe" book and DVD by Michael Wimberly. When you call the parish office to register, be sure to let us know if you need a drum.

** Please note: the Drumming Circle scheduled for November 20 will not meet. **

"SIGNS OF THE TIMES: Islam and the West"

Monday, November 14; 7:00-8:30 p.m.

In a February 2016 essay written by Fr. Michael Calabria for the "Franciscan Response" reflection series, he states,

"Faithful, law-abiding Muslims suffer not only the effects of violence and unrest in Africa and Asia, but also the effects of prejudice and discrimination here in the United States.

Sadly, "Islamophobia" has been added to the list of other "phobias" plaguing our society and world." Join us for an evening of dialogue and discussion! What can a small, grassroots community do?

How can we respond? Here is the link to the essay: <https://hnp.org/signs-times-islam-west/>

Presenter: Fr. Michael D. Calabria, OFM, a Franciscan Friar of Holy Name Province, is Director of the Center for Arab and Islamic Studies at St. Bonaventure University.



Free Will Offering

MERCY IN ISLAM AND CHRISTIANITY: A Shared Understanding

Tuesday, November 15; 6:45-8:30 p.m.

Free Will Offering



Join us for an enlightening and reflective evening as we consider the importance of Mercy in both of our traditions. We mark the closing of Pope Francis' Jubilee Year of Mercy, by celebrating our shared understanding of Mercy: as an essential attribute of our God, and a vital aspect of our lives of faith.

Presenters: Imam Refai Arefin and Fr. Michael D. Calabria, OFM

Imam (and Attorney) Refai Arefin is full-time imam of the Islamic Association of Greater Hartford at the Berlin Mosque.

LIVING A LIFE OF COMPASSION

Wednesdays, November 16, 30 and December 7; 12:45-2:15 p.m.

This three part experience will include presentations, group dialogue, and prayer. We will view compassion from various disciplines and spiritualities, explore what it means to be compassionate toward oneself, and look at how personal beliefs and experiences of suffering influence the practice of compassion. Participants may want to read the book, *Compassion: Listening to the Cries of the World* by Christina Feldman.

Presenter: Mary Marsan



Suggested Offering: \$25



DISCOVERING SHARED THEMES in ISLAM and CHRISTIANITY:

Studying the Bible and Qur'an Together

Tuesdays, November 29 and December 6; 6:45-8:30 p.m.

Join us for two sessions in which we explore, compare, and discuss the stories, the imagery, and the wisdom to be found in the Qur'an and the Bible. When we read both texts together, we discover important teachings that are common to our two faith traditions.

Facilitators: Fr. Tom Gallagher, Feryal Salem, and Jane I. Smith



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