

St. Patrick - St. Anthony Church
Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry

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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Welcome to a new semester of Faith Formation opportunities! We have many inspirational, thought-provoking, prayerful, and informative offerings for adults which will speak to your heart, challenge your thinking, and uplift your spirit. We think you'll be pleased with the diversity of our programming – both daytime and evening, weeknight and weekend – something for everyone! These gatherings or groups will help us to grow in our faith, to ask questions, to open new doors to learning about our spirituality, our call/response to discipleship, and our relationship with God.

The listing is available through our parish website at www.spsact.org. And, we encourage pre-registration through our Parish Office, 860-756-4034. Please feel free to pass along this link and information to friends, colleagues and family members. **We envision our Faith Formation offerings available on a regional level, open to anyone who is interested in the journey of faith. All are Welcome!**

The following pages can be placed behind the PROGRAMS/SCHEDULES tab in your parish three-ring binder. If you do not have a binder, please stop by the parish office to pick one up.

The Adult Faith Formation Ministry works throughout the year planning each semester of programs and activities. Please feel free to pass along suggestions and ideas for their consideration. On their behalf, I thank you for the support of the ministry they faithfully provide and I look forward to seeing you at these functions in this Fall/Advent season of 2018!

Patricia Curtis
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**** Please note:** *For Faith Formation Programs that include a full meal, we have listed a registration deadline date 4 days prior to the event. We are requesting pre-registration for these programs so that our volunteers can purchase and prepare enough food for everyone's enjoyment. We would like to decrease the number of walk-ins for programs that serve a full meal out of courtesy for the ministers who are preparing our dinner. Therefore, we strongly encourage pre-registration by the deadline date.*

**** Please note:**

Payment: Checks should be made payable to *Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry*.

For Faith Formation Programs that include a full meal, we have listed a *registration deadline date* 4 days prior to the event. You may choose one of three options for that program:

If you choose:	Start Time	Suggested Offering
1. Presentation and meal	5:30PM	\$15.00 / \$20.00
2. Presentation only	6:30PM	\$10.00 / \$15.00
3. Register after deadline = Presentation only	6:30PM	\$10.00 / \$15.00

Pre-registration for ALL programs is strongly encouraged.
Please call the parish office at 860-756-4034 or email Fran Martyn at fmartyn@spsact.org

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GROUP SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

Every Tuesday: 12:30-1:30 p.m.



Group Spiritual Direction refers to the active conversation centering on the relationship with God/Divine Presence/Higher Power/Spirit of what is life-giving. *Every Tuesday after the 12:05 Mass*, two Spiritual Directors gather with all who attend for reflection on the Gospel for the upcoming Sunday Mass. As companions on the journey, the directors listen for the underlying flow of life (often named ‘spirit’) in the reading while facilitating conversation within the group. Please join us!

Co-facilitators: Trudi Campbell & Pamela Morrison-Wolf

LECTIO DIVINA

Tuesdays, September 4 & 18, October 2 & 16, November 6 & 20,
December 4 & 18

6:45-7:45 p.m.

Lectio Divina is an ancient art of praying the Scriptures that honors the most basic source of all real prayer – an interior desire for God. We seek the presence of the living God by listening – giving the Lord the first word and letting that word expand our listening. We create a safe and sacred space to read, contemplate and share what the Bible reveals to our hearts.

Facilitator: Sheila Denion



SUNSET CRUISE & EVENING OF REFLECTION

Wednesday, September 5; 5:30-7:30 p.m.



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 during this Evening of Reflection.

****Brother John Gill, OFM will be our speaker for the sail ****

Reserve your spot on the *Argia* for you & a friend!

Payment due at time of registration.

Offering: \$45.00

Checks payable to “Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry”

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SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

**Mondays, September 17, October 15, November 19, December 17
12:45-2:15 p.m.**

Spiritual Reflection offers a monthly opportunity to take a moment, an experience of everyday life, or an event in time and to consider it through a spiritual lens using Scripture and stories from our tradition. All are welcome to join this group process of reflecting upon spiritual moments in daily life.

Facilitator: Trudi Campbell

**The glory of God is a
human being fully alive.**

— Irenaeus of Lyon



DRUMMING CIRCLE

Sponsored by the Women of Hope Ministry

Mondays, September 17, October 1, November 5, December 3; 6:45-8:00 p.m.

Did you know that drumming is good for the spirit as well as the heart and mind? Please join us for an evening of African drumming rhythms once a month in the Church. Anyone can learn to drum - no musical experience is needed. If you have a drum, please bring it with you.

First time participants, please arrive at the Church by 6:30 p.m.

Let us know if you need a drum when you call the Parish Office to register.

Facilitator: Elaine Wiatr

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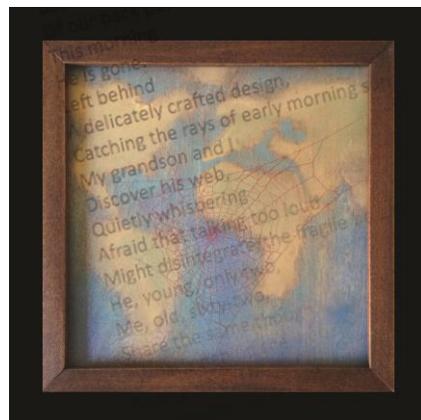
GALLERY

at the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry

hosts

THE WEBS WE WEAVE

Exhibition: September 17 - October 31, 2018



Painting *Anything and Everything* by Amy Hannum
with poem fragments from Steve Balkun

The Clare Gallery is pleased to present *The Webs We Weave*, an exhibition of paintings by international artist, **Amy Hannum**, and poems from members of the Connecticut Poetry Society. Continuing the tradition of displaying exhibitions that include words in the artwork, this fall the Clare Gallery will further investigate how visuals and poetic language intersect.

A reception and poetry reading will be held on Thursday, September 20 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., with the poetry reading beginning at 7 p.m. An artist talk will be held on Thursday, October 25 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., during which Ms. Hannum might just share her secret method of transferring a web to her canvas. Spider webs are delicate, almost ephemeral, and ever changing. They can be destroyed in a flash; however, their makers often create new ones soon thereafter. Amy Hannum became enamored with spider webs and their beauty in 2006. She studied the variety of spiders and noticed their web diversity. Wanting to capture the beautiful webs and preserve them forever, Ms. Hannum decided to develop a method for integrating actual spider webs into her paintings, thereby using them as a medium for her work.

Prior to this exhibition, Ms. Hannum's spider web paintings will be shared with the poets. The poets will create new poems inspired by her work. This collaboration will bring forth new work from Ms. Hannum and the poets, both being inspired by the creative process.

A DAY WITH SAINT CLARE OF ASSISI

Gaze and Consider the Light Within

Saturday, September 22; 12:30-4:00 p.m.

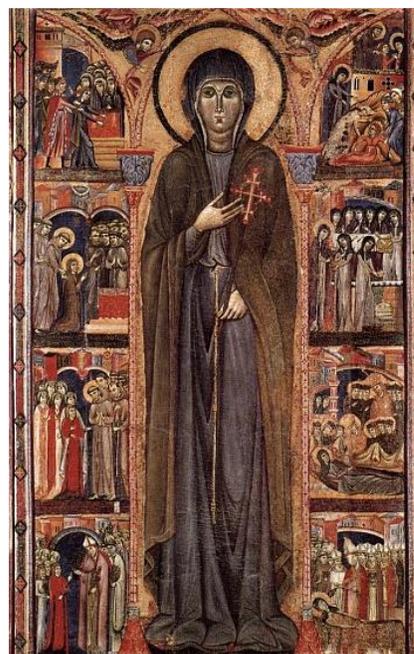
St. Clare of Assisi, perhaps best known as the first female follower of St. Francis of Assisi, was a medieval mystic and contemplative. Clare founded the Poor Ladies of San Damiano, a group of religious women, who, after her death, became known as the Poor Clares. She is the first woman to write a rule 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 to spend some time with the tavola of St. Clare, an altar screen pictured on the right, 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?

Following the 4:00 Mass, you are invited to a simple meal followed by a Prayer Service in the church to celebrate the Feast of Finding the Body of Clare of Assisi.

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; 1:00-3:00 p.m.

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 through this time with key reminders about our path toward healing. Current bereavement teaching and spiritual wisdom are shared, affirming that grief is, indeed, a sacred journey.

Presenter: Lisa Irish

Suggested Offering: \$10.00

BEGINNINGS: An Introduction to Servant Leadership

**Tuesdays, September 25, October 9 & 23, November 13 & 27, December 4
6:30-8:30 p.m.**

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.

Servant leaders come from all walks of life. Some may formally manage staff in their places of employment; others may lead volunteer or athletic teams; and, of course, we all interact with neighbors, family, colleagues, and friends.



If you are interested in improving your listening skills, developing your empathy and intuition, and cultivating a deeper understanding of yourself, consider joining **Beginnings**, a course designed to awaken the Servant-Leader in you.

*Meeting as a small group, you will be guided by trained facilitators through mindful and meditative topics chosen to increase your awareness, deepen your faith, and arm you with a toolkit for your daily life. ** This program will continue to meet twice a month on Tuesday evenings through April 2019 ***

Offering: \$40.00 Materials Fee

FRANCISCAN READING GROUP

Wednesdays, October 3, November 7, December 5

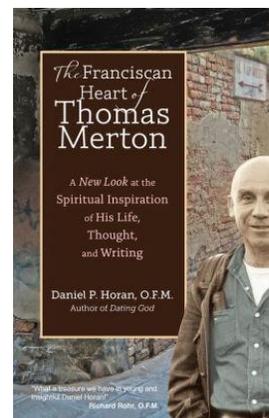
6:30-8:00 p.m.

With the focus on St. Francis himself – his life, spiritual energy, and his passionate closeness to God, displayed and valued through a life of poverty, chastity and obedience, the Franciscan Reading Group will continue to examine the life of St. Francis and our own lives through reading and dialogue.

However, we will begin this semester honoring the 50th anniversary of Thomas Merton's death by reading, The Franciscan Heart of Thomas Merton – A New Look at the Spiritual Inspiration of His Life, Thought and Writing. Written by Fr. Daniel P. Horan, O.F.M., who has presented programs and retreats at St. Patrick and St. Anthony Church, this text presents the untold story of how Saint Francis of Assisi inspired the most popular spiritual writer of the twentieth

century, and how together they can inspire a new generation of Christians to live richer, deeper, and more justice-minded lives of faith. Author Fr. Horan shows how Merton's life, both before and after he became a Trappist monk, was shaped by his love for St. Francis and for the Franciscan spiritual and intellectual tradition. In this book, St. Francis and Thomas Merton are described as "Two Kindred Hearts" whose spiritual paths share distinctive similarities although their lives are separated by centuries. Join us for discussion and prayer each month!

Co-facilitators: Joe & Jo Anne Harrison-Becker



Free Will Offering

CELEBRATING OUR FRANCISCAN LIFE –

The Franciscan community at St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church invites you to celebrate the life of Francis of Assisi who is so close to their hearts.

Wednesday, October 3:

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

Thursday, October 4, Feast of Saint Francis:

- * **7:00, 8:00 & 12:05 Masses**

Saturday, October 6:

- * **Blessing of Live Animals – 9:00 a.m.;** in the Garden between the Franciscan Center & church

Saturday & Sunday, October 6 & 7:

- * **Blessing of Stuffed Animals at all weekend Masses**



PSALMS OF THANKSGIVING

Thursdays, October 11, 18, 25 & November 1, 8, 15
10:30-11:30 a.m.

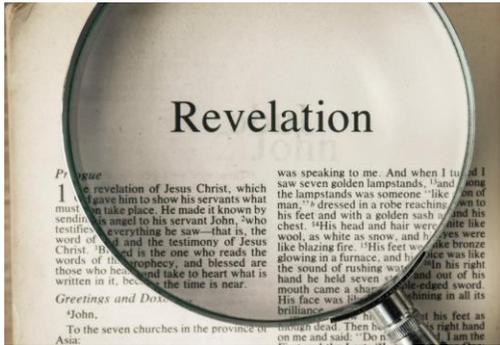
“The psalms open a door to the spiritual life of a believing community,” wrote Fr. Konrad Schaefer, OSB, “where both the poet and the [one praying] find a home. Both are searchers. Each helps the other arrive at the richest meaning from the prayer. The poet provides the words and images, and the [one praying] infuses them with new meaning and, in the case of the Christian, baptizes them in the experience of Christ. To appreciate the psalms is to understand them as the poetic expression of a religious experience, preserved by a worshipping community which extends to the present.” Studying the psalms from this perspective, participants will focus on individual Psalms of Thanksgiving and other psalms the participants choose to discuss.

Presenter: Fr. A. Francis Soucy, OFM

Free Will Offering



“WHO IS WORTHY TO OPEN THE BOOK AND BREAK ITS SEALS?” (Rev 5:2):



Introduction to the Book of Revelation

Saturday, October 20; 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

The Book of Revelation is perhaps the most difficult New Testament writing to read and understand. Throughout history it has been a favorite of those who want to peer into the future and work out precise scenarios of God’s plan for things to come; but ordinary readers are often baffled by its bizarre imagery, seeming incoherence, and obscure language. Yet the book has a prominent place in the church’s liturgy, and throughout history has inspired great works of art, music, and

literature. During this day-long session, we will read key texts from Revelation and consider the ways in which John communicated to his audience an understanding of God, of Christ, and of Christian discipleship in a hostile and challenging world. *Participants may find it useful to bring a Bible.*

Presenter: Paul D. Sansone

Please bring your own lunch.

Suggested Offering: \$35.00

INSIDER’S TALK WITH GABRIEL LÖFVALL

Rich Hymnody: Understanding Why We Sing the Hymns We Sing
Monday, October 22; 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Join us in the Franciscan Center to share an insider’s talk with our Director of Music Ministry, Dr. Gabriel Löfvall, on the hymns that we sing at church, week in and week out. *What is this vast collection of songs spanning centuries of styles and traditions?* Hymns are small time capsules, precious miniatures that open windows to our ancient Christian past while enriching our worshipping experience in the present.

The session will provide historical and cultural context for this extraordinary body of music, offering a sense of the development of hymnody from its Gregorian roots, through reformation chorales, Anglican influences, African-American spirituals, to modern “hits” such as *All Is Ready* and *All Are Welcome*, amid many other sources.

Presenter: Dr. Gabriel Löfvall

Free Will Offering





6th ANNUAL GRIEVING PARENT RETREAT

Saturday, October 27; 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

If you have lost a child or children to death at any time - including prior to birth and decades ago, dedicate a day to yourself and your child(ren). Join other parents who share this uniquely challenging journey and our compassionate retreat team for quiet, reflection, peace, and community... and the freedom to decide what is right for you.

For more information and to register, contact the church/center office at 860-756-4034 or info@spsact.org.

Sponsored by the Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents

INNER PEACE IN DIVINE LOVE

Mondays, October 29 & November 12, 19, 26 & December 3

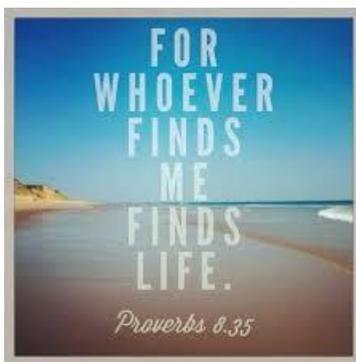
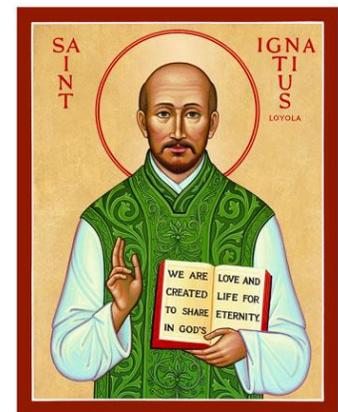
7:00-8:30 p.m.

You are invited to experience the *Spiritual Exercises* of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, the classic retreat in Catholic spirituality, in an innovative form that is accessible to anyone without the need to get away from ordinary life. We will use the book, The First Spiritual Exercises, by Michael Hansen, SJ; a creative and easy-to-use text, by a renowned Jesuit retreat director. Father James Martin, SJ has called this, “A beautiful book and an important one...” “... much more than a guide for a fulfilling personal retreat; it is also a compendium of inspiring meditations, useful insights, and practical advice for anyone who seeks a closer relationship with God.”

Co-facilitators: Patricia Curtis, Sheila Denion & Suzanne Nolan

Maximum number of participants is 20; please register early!

Suggested Offering: \$40.00; text & journal will be provided



SEEK WISDOM & DISCOVER LIFE

Saturday, November 10

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Suggested Offering: \$15.00

Are you seeking the Divine Feminine in your spiritual journey? Are you having difficulty finding her? Did you know that in the beginning of creation, “[She] was at God’s side ... delighting Him day after day, ever at play in God’s presence, at play everywhere in His [created] world ...” (Proverbs 8:30-31)?

What happened to her? Where did she go?

The Divine Feminine is known by the Greek feminine name of Sophia which means wisdom, and by the Hebrew feminine name of Chokmah.

Through prayer, sacred scripture, creative movement/dance and sharing, you will discover who Sophia Wisdom is, where she can be found and how she can enrich your life today. “For whoever finds [Her] finds life” (Proverbs 8:35).

Co-presenters: Suzanne O’Brien & Maria Roja
Sponsored by the Women of Hope Ministry

Pre-registration for ALL programs is strongly encouraged.

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CLARE GALLERY

at the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry

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HOMAGE TO SAINT JOSEPH

Exhibition: November 3 through December 31, 2018



Grieving his Death

The Clare Gallery is pleased to present a sculptural exhibition by Connecticut artist, Stephen J. Balkun. Wood is the medium of Stephen's work. He considers himself an artist and a craftsman. When carving, he thinks of Saint Joseph (the patron saint of craftsmen) and likens the activity to a form of prayer and meditation. **A reception and artist talk will be held on Thursday, November 15 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. A hands-on artist workshop will be held on Saturday, December 1 from 10:00–11:30 a.m.,** during which Stephen will demonstrate his method of woodcarving and teach participants about wood selection, types of tools, and how to use them to create carvings of their own; there is no fee, but RSVP is required.

Wood has a scent, grain, texture and warmth. It comes in diverse colors. It changes over time. Once it is no longer growing, Stephen believes it is still alive. Light, as well as touching the wood, can change it. He has worked with wood for over twenty-five years making choices—which wood to use for what purpose, or how to communicate an idea. Using various tools such as knives, gouges and chisels, Stephen connects to the spirit of all those who've worked with the wood before him. He believes he will continue to advance the spirit forward and give the wood new life by transforming it into something beautiful.

In this exhibition, Stephen chose to focus on Saint Joseph because of his connection to the craft of woodcarving. Like Saint Joseph, Stephen shared his knowledge of and love for wood with his son, and they presently share a workshop. Stephen J. Balkun teaches woodcarving lessons and has studied wood and stone carving with Connecticut artists, George Hanover and Elizabeth Rafael.

GIVING THANKS — OUR ACTIVE RESPONSE

Thursday, November 22, Thanksgiving; 8:00-9:45 a.m.



"Our Active Response" offers us an opportunity for **action** on Thanksgiving morning. From the tables at the House of Bread, to our Eucharistic table, to your table at home, we will be people not only giving thanks but also "living thanks." Join us to prepare brown bag lunches at the Franciscan Center to be distributed at the House of Bread and in the community.

Adults and children of all ages are welcome to participate.

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED – limited to 30 volunteers.

Thanksgiving Mass will take place in the church at 10 a.m.

Pre-registration for ALL programs is strongly encouraged.

Please call the parish office at 860-756-4034 or email Fran Martyn at fmartyn@spsact.org



ADVENT EVENING OF REFLECTION FOR WOMEN:

“Be Still and Know That I Am God”

Presenter: Patricia Curtis

Tuesday, November 27; 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Free Will Offering

Throughout this Advent, you are invited to take some time to “be” in this busy season of “doing”. Step away from the Christmas shopping, decorating, and preparations to dwell in the “gifts” of this season of waiting.

Are you longing for those few moments of silence and reflection to connect with the inspiring Advent messages? Set aside this Tuesday before the Season begins for an opportunity in Church to be still, and come to know once again the true spirit of Advent. *Sponsored by the Women of Hope Ministry*

ADVENT NOURISHMENT

Tuesdays, December 4, 11 & 18

A light lunch is provided

12:35-12:55 p.m.; immediately following the 12:05 p.m. Mass Offering: \$5.00 per each luncheon

Join us this Advent at noontime for spiritual and physical nourishment. Gather for the Celebration of the Eucharist at 12:05 p.m. Immediately following Mass, Spiritual Power Talks will be presented in the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry. The talks begin at 12:30 p.m. & end promptly at 12:55 p.m.

ADVENT TWILIGHT RETREAT

People Look East: Looking and Waiting with Advent Hope

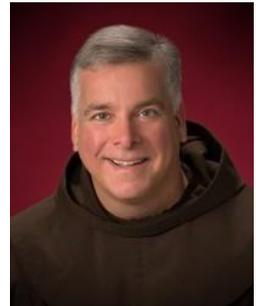
Tuesday, December 11; 5:30-8:30 p.m. Presenter: Fr. Ken Paulli, OFM

We are delighted to invite Fr. Ken back to Hartford for an evening of presentation and reflection in this season of Advent. Come, be inspired by the seasonal messages of Hope!

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: December 7

Suggested Offering: \$20.00; includes dinner

Presentation only at 6:30 p.m.: \$15.00.



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**** NEW Opportunity in the NEW YEAR ****

“All Are Welcome” Lenten Day of Reflection

Saturday, April 13, 2019

8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Mercy by the Sea Retreat Center, Madison, CT

Offering: \$50.00

All men and women are invited to consider this **new** Day of Reflection

with **Fr. Frank Sevola, OFM**

in the Lenten Season to set aside time for one’s relationship with God.

Here’s a chance to step away for one day from the ordinary schedule of life and devote this time to your spiritual growth. **And, if you have never**

experienced Mercy by the Sea before, please join us! Mercy by the Sea offers beautiful, simple, and peaceful spaces that enable reflection, open the heart to prayer, and facilitate opportunities for conversation. Don’t miss this opportunity open to all!

Register early to reserve a spot for you and a friend.

Consider offering this retreat day as a Christmas gift to someone you care about!



Biographical Information:

Trudi Campbell, CVA, holds an M.S. degree in Nonprofit Management and Philanthropy, Certification in Education for Ministry, and is a trained Spiritual Director and Supervisor. Trudi has worked extensively in spiritual group facilitation (including Spiritual Reflection) since 1995. Trudi continues to use reflection tools in her work with other Spiritual Directors, people on the margins and individuals on an ongoing basis. Trudi's work as the Director of Volunteer Ministry at St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church and The Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry continues to challenge her in the areas of community building and empowerment of all the baptized.

Patricia Curtis joined the Pastoral Staff in December 2001. Pat's responsibilities include collaborating with the Women of Hope Ministry, Baptism Preparation Team, Clare Gallery Ministry and Adult Faith Formation Committee. Prior to relocating back to Connecticut, Pat lived and worked in Rochester, NY as a Pastoral Associate for 12 years in the Diocese of Rochester. Pat has an M.A. degree in Pastoral Ministry from Boston College.

Sheila Denion has participated in Lectio Divina at SPSA for the past 11 years. She is a longtime parishioner who has served as a choir member, Eucharistic Minister, Adult Faith presenter, Retreat Planning team member, and Social Justice Committee member with a special passion to end the death penalty. She and her husband, Tom Eysmans, have been married for 40 years, and have served on the parish Marriage Preparation team.

Dr. Alexandria Egler, Ph.D. is the Executive Director of Mission, Ministry & Interfaith Dialogue at St. Francis College in Brooklyn, New York. Her scholarly research primarily focuses on religious pilgrimage, with a particular interest in Franciscan spirituality. She is a staff leader with Franciscan Pilgrimage Programs and enjoys introducing pilgrimage groups to the lives and spirituality of St. Clare and St. Francis while visiting Assisi and Rome. Dr. Egler has been teaching a variety of classes as an adjunct professor in the Religious Studies Department at St. Francis College for 18 years. During the summers she teaches experiential undergraduate courses on pilgrimage while walking the Camino de Santiago in Spain with her students and has led adult groups along the Camino as well. Additionally she serves as an adjunct faculty member in the Graduate School of Religion and Religious Education at Fordham University in the Bronx, New York, from whom she received her Ph.D. degree in May 2016.

Jo Anne & Joe Harrison-Becker will once again facilitate the Franciscan Reading Group after a five year hiatus. **Jo Anne**, semi-retired, currently works as a Therapeutic Recreation Consultant. She loves working with people who are aging and those who care for them. Jo Anne has a Master's degree in Gerontology. Jo Anne is especially interested in mindfulness and has taught mindfulness seminars in Connecticut and neighboring states. **Joe**, retired from a career supporting people with developmental challenges, possesses a Master's degree in Human Services. Joe is also a certified Spiritual Director.

Lisa Irish, MEd, MA, BCC brings hospital chaplaincy experience, spiritual direction, retreat leadership and a life of prayer to a creative understanding of grief. She is the author of inspirational publications and regular "Glimmers" on her blog at lisairish.com. In her new book, Grieving - the Sacred Art: Hope in the Land of Loss, Fr. Richard Rohr's endorsement says, "...The roadmap is wise, but sensitive – grounded in hope – and reminds us to rest in God's healing love."

Dr. Gabriel Löfvall, DMA is the Director of Music Ministry at St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church. Gabriel grew up listening to the sounds of the tango in his native Argentina, and is at ease conducting,

playing the keyboards, or singing tenor. From a very young age Gabriel sang with the Universidad Nacional de Cuyo Boys' Choir in the city of Mendoza, Argentina, where he also studied piano. He received his Bachelor's degree in Music from the same university. Gabriel moved to the U.S. in 1997 and got his Master of Music in Piano Performance as well as a Master's degree in Choral Conducting from the Hartt School of Music at the University of Hartford. In addition to his duties as Director of Music, Gabriel is the director of both the Bass Clef Choir and Gallery Choir. Gabriel received his D.M.A. (Doctor of Musical Arts degree) in choral conducting from the Hartt School of Music at the University of Hartford in May 2016.

Pamela Morrison-Wolf is a Connecticut Master Gardener and a Spiritual Director. She never ceases to be amazed at how these two passions work together! Pamela joined St. Patrick- St. Anthony in 2002, drawn by the Franciscan commitment to "Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors." She also serves as lector, home visitation Eucharistic Minister, and past steward of the Servant Leadership School. Pamela and her husband Guy Wolf live in Farmington.

Suzanne Nolan is a longtime member of the parish who has served as a Eucharistic Minister, a member of the Adventure Saturday team, an Adult Faith presenter, and twice as a leader of the All Are Welcome retreat. For over 20 years she has worked as a hospital chaplain, and recently retired as Director of Spiritual Care at Saint Francis Hospital. Suzanne has been a Spiritual Director for many years.

Suzanne O'Brien, an Associate of Wisdom (affiliated with the Daughters of Wisdom) is a skilled Spiritual Director whose work includes hospice care. She is also a formally trained, accomplished Cantor and chant composer. In addition to her passion for using her voice in liturgical and other settings, Suzanne has created and facilitated prayer rituals and healing services, and developed and presented programs for parish reflection days and weekend retreats focused on Women in Scripture. Suzanne has completed the four-year Biblical Studies Program at St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield, CT.

Fr. Kenneth P. Paulli, OFM, Ed.D. is a Franciscan priest of the Province of the Most Holy Name of Jesus and a Professor of Education at Siena College, Loudonville, NY. Born and raised in Westchester County, NY, he graduated from Siena in 1982 with a B.S. degree in Marketing/Management. Upon his college graduation, Fr. Ken taught high school and subsequently entered the Franciscan Order. After graduating from the Washington Theological Union in May 1990 with an M.A. degree in Theology, Fr. Ken was ordained to the priesthood in September of that same year. After serving as a parochial vicar in two parishes, Fr. Ken enrolled in Columbia University's Religion & Education doctoral program. Columbia awarded him a doctorate degree in May 1999. Fr. Ken's new book, entitled Outside the Walls: Encountering God in the Unfamiliar, is available this Fall. In addition to teaching, research, and writing, Fr. Ken has given numerous parish missions and retreats.

Maria Roja, an Associate of Wisdom (affiliated with the Daughters of Wisdom), is a recently retired medical social worker whose career was dedicated to hospice home care. She is also a trained but retired Spiritual Director. Maria has been a contributing member of retreat teams for women in twelve-step recovery programs. She has initiated and facilitated a three-year parish prayer group in Lectio Divina, and has developed and presented retreat days on Mid-Life Spirituality, Spiritual Autobiography and Women in Scripture. Maria has completed the four-year Biblical Studies Program at St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield, CT.

Paul D. Sansone studied Scripture at The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C. and has been active in adult education and formation for many years.

Fr. A. Francis Soucy, OFM taught English literature and linguistics for fifteen years in Pennsylvania and Massachusetts, during which time he also chaired the Medieval Colloquium of the Lehigh Valley. In 1986 he entered new waters. Fr. Francis established a nursing home in New Jersey for infirm Franciscan Friars where he served as the licensed administrator for 26 years. Currently, he is a Senior Associate Friar of Holy Name Province ministering at St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church.

Elaine Wiatr has been a member of St. Patrick-St. Anthony since 1999. Elaine serves in the following ministries - Prayer Shawl, Women of Hope, and Servant Leadership. Elaine retired from Manchester Community College in 2014. She is a graduate of the Women's Leadership Institute at Hartford Seminary where she was introduced to African drumming. She is an Associate of the Sisters of Mercy and is passionate about Social Justice for the Palestinian people in The Holy Land.

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1. Presentation and meal	5:30PM	\$15.00 / \$20.00
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