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

February 19, 2017—Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

Upcoming Events

- 2/19/2017** Traditional Rel Ed, 9:00 am
Confirmation Class, 11:00 am
RCIA Meeting, 12:45 pm
- 2/20/2017** LGBT “Open Heart” Ministry Book Group, 6:30 pm
Sister Parish Committee, 6:30 pm
Bass Clef Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 pm
- 2/21/2017** Group Spiritual Direction, 12:30 pm
Lectio Divina, 7:00 pm
- 2/22/2017** Thin Places, 12:30 pm
Sandwich Ministry & Wellness Center, 4:00 pm
Treble Clef Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 pm

- 2/22/2017** Gallery Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 pm
Men’s Fellowship Group, 7:00 pm
- 2/23/2017** Prayer Shawl Ministry, 10:30 am
- 2/23/2017** REEL Faith: Hidden in Plain Sight, 6:30 pm
- 2/24/2017** Hartford Deanery Meeting, 1:30 pm
Catechesis Of The Good Shepherd, 4:15 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

Letter from Fr. Tom, ofm

May the Lord give you peace.

I thank you for your generosity in our collection for the Franciscan Missionary Union. Fr. Tom Kornacki, ofm spoke briefly of our friars who serve in Bolivia. Fr. Tom has been in Bolivia for 40 years. In my time in Bolivia Fr. Tom and Fr. Ignatio (Fr. Ignatio Harding, ofm, also a friar of our Province who has spent his life in Bolivia, had joined us from time to time while he was recovering from his surgery last year.) were great hosts. We were able to send \$5,141.00. I thank you for your kindness.

I also thank you for your generosity in our Poor Boxes. Through your help we are able to assist in some co-pays for medication. There are folks who come to the door having been released from the Emergency Room or a hospital stay and are unable to obtain the medications they have been prescribed. We are also able to provide food for some families and single adults as well as bus fare that newly hired folks need to get to their jobs. There are many people who still live on the streets, under bridges, and tucked away in abandoned buildings. There is not enough room in the shelters, and for some the shelters are not a safe place. I spoke with a young man recently whose mother had to leave their home with him due to abuse. He was a first-grade student when they fled and sought refuge in another city. They had a very difficult time finding a shelter that could accommodate a mother and child. He is now an adult and very

self-sufficient. He carries the memories of his mother’s love and of the struggle to find a home. Each person has a name and life experience. Your constant care is a great blessing. I thank you.

I ask your continued prayers for refugees around the globe. Many people are fleeing violence, war, famine, and natural disasters. The Litany for Aleppo that we printed earlier this month is available on our website home page (www.spsact.org). If reading the bulletin on line, [click here](#). The prayer is long and perhaps overwhelming, so take just a section at a time and allow yourself to pray with and for these sisters and brothers as well as others who struggle. We need to also be attentive to the numbers of people who fear deportation. No matter what our perspective is on this issue, there are families and relationships linked to people with names and stories.

Mark your calendars and come to Hartford for the St. Patrick’s Day Parade. I am honored to be the City Marshall for the parade. It will be a fun day. The parade is on Saturday, March 11, 2017

Fr. Thomas M. Gallagher, ofm
 Pastor



SISTER PARISH UPDATE

The feast of St. Genevieve was celebrated here at St. Patrick – St. Anthony Church on January 29. On that same date, our sister parish was celebrating the feast and the 25th anniversary of St. Genevieve School in Haiti. The following words were sent by Fr. Philippe in honor of this milestone and to celebrate the school’s director, who is pictured with Fr. Philippe in this article.

February 3rd, 1992 - February 3rd, 2017: Today we also celebrate the 25th anniversary of St Genevieve's school foundation.

We started this celebration on the feast of our patroness’ feast on Sunday, January 29th. We honoured [sic] Mr. Gesner, both teacher and director for his faithfulness and accomplishments. He has been there for all those 25 years. His commitment and competence are just awesome. He is a true role model in our community. I hope this June I could have the joy to bring him to you.

And speaking of June, mark your calendars for this year’s Taste of Haiti. Because of a conflict with the celebration of Pentecost and the Friar’s attendance at their Chapter meeting, Taste of Haiti will be celebrated on Saturday, June 17. Anyone wishing to volunteer for this event can leave a message at the office 860-756- 4034.



COMMUNITY LIFE

Open Hearts GLBT Ministry

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

Novel Idea Fiction Discussion Group

Gather once a month to discuss works of fiction with a wide appeal. For more information 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/>

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 Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry on February 26 to learn more about the Secular Franciscan Order. At our February gathering we will have a guest speaker, Shirley Cooper, who will share her experiences in prison ministry. We will also begin discussion of Chapter Five of Joy of the Gospel by Pope Francis.

Rosary During Lent



Please bring your prayers and petitions to be placed before our Blessed Mother as we pray the scriptural rosary each Friday evening during Lent beginning on March 3 at 7:00 pm. Join us in church in Our Lady of the Angels Chapel. All are welcome



STEWARDSHIP

Your Weekly Giving

February 11/12	\$9,091.00
Online Feb. 6-12.....	\$5,500.50
Total available for operating budget	
\$14,591.50	

St. Anthony Bread for the Poor

\$302.00 Week ending February 5
\$392.00 Week ending February 12



Online Giving

Online Giving helps our parish to plan and budget more efficiently when we can be assured of our income each weekly—**especially when attendance is low due to inclement weather.** 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.

Thank you for your continued generous support to 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.
- We are seeking individuals who can offer time from 4:30-7:30 on Thursday nights, or 4:30-6:00 on Friday nights to help answer our phones and the door. If you are interested in this ministry of Hospitality, please contact Trudi in the office.
- **Are you interested** in learning more about the various volunteering opportunities here at St. Patrick-St. Anthony? For more information contact Trudi Campbell in the office of Volunteer Ministry and/or pick up a Ministry Guide in the office. All are welcome!

Stewardship Reflection

In today's reading, the Israelites are urged to love their neighbors as themselves. In the Gospel, Jesus spells out how we are to do that—to give generously to those who ask of us and not to turn our backs on those who seek to borrow.

House of Bread Kids Café...It's hard to study when you're hungry!

Help feed over 450 kids a day with cooking oil and rice...in addition to canned vegetables, pasta, tuna, powdered milk, yummy spices of taco seasoning, adobo, sofrito...or help with plastic wrap, aluminum foil, bleach, dish detergent, paper towels/napkins/cups.

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Living Stewardship

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish whose giving—whether of alms or of service—will be an expression of gratitude for what the Father has given them.



FAITH FORMATION

Thin Places

"Seven Last Words: An Invitation to a Deeper Friendship with Jesus"

February 22; March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

April 5 from 12:45 to 2:15 pm

Join **Sr. Ginny Sheehan, SND** in the Franciscan Center as we share a series of James Martin's meditations on the seven sayings of Jesus from the cross, which reveal not only His love and forgiveness, but also why we can confidently turn to Him with our worries, fears, or doubts. Please call the parish office to register. Suggested Offering: \$50 (if you are able).

REEL Faith

"Hidden In Plain Sight"

Thursday, February 23, 6:30-8:30 pm

Facilitator: Jack Wentland

Free Will Offering

MOMS Night Out:

"Food for the Body...Food for the Soul"

Monday, February 27, 6:30-8:30 pm

Suggested Offering: \$10.00

Twilight Retreat for Lent

Tuesday, February 28, 5:30-7:00 pm

Registration Deadline: February 24

Presenter: Fr. Tom Gallagher, ofm, PhD

Lenten Nourishment

Tuesdays, March 7, 14, 21, 28;

April 4, 11

12:30-1:00 pm

We will explore Hope: "The Humble but Strong Virtue" (Pope Francis)

A light lunch will be provided.

Offering: \$5.00 per lunch

Lenten Evenings of Reflection

Wednesdays: March 8, 15, 22, 29

6:30-8:00 pm

Presenter: Fr. Tom Gallagher, ofm, PhD

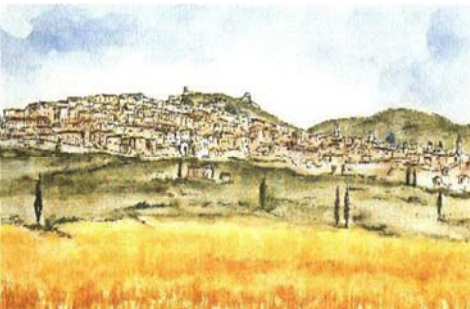
Lenten Twilight Retreat

Thursday, March 16, 5:30-8:30 pm

Registration Deadline: March 12

Presenter: Fr. Tom Hartle, ofm

Suggested Offering: \$20.00



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!

Brochures with itinerary and pilgrimage expense are available. For more information, contact Pat Curtis at 860-756-4034 x-113 or via email at pcurtis@spsact.org

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



OTHER INFO

"I Phone Fast! Will U?"

For the first time ever, the Archdiocese of Hartford is inviting people to "fast" from using cell phones on Ash Wednesday, March 1, and Good Friday, April 14, in an initiative called "I Phone Fast!"



Silencing our busy phones, gives God a chance to call our hearts. Please consider including this practice in addition to fasting from food, almsgiving and prayer, which are traditional disciplines by which the Church observes Lent. Visit www.archdioceseofhartford.org

Weekly Mass Readings February 20-26, 2017

Monday	Sir 17:20-24; Mk 10:17-27
Tuesday	35:1-12; Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday	Jl 1:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday	Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25
Friday	Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15
Sunday	Gn 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Rom :12-19; Mt 4:1-11



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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Church and Franciscan Center are handicap accessible.

We Pray...

- For the sick: Charles Francomano; Kathy Hutcheson
- For our newly baptized children: **Layla**, and **Lacey** daughters of Sarah Adams; **Arman**, son of Adnan & Elizabeth Mithani
- For our newly married couple: Carol Warren and Daniel Camerota
- For all who make and serve sandwiches to all who come to the door between 4 and 5:30 pm every day. Additional families and individuals create cookies for us to hand out with the sandwiches. Pray for those who make the Sandwich Ministry possible as well as for all those who come to the door to receive sandwiches.
- Please note that on Monday, February 20, Presidents' Day, there will be one Mass for the day at 12:05 pm

SANCTUARY LAMPS—WEEK OF FEBRUARY 19, 2017

In loving memory of Thomas Romano

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2017

4:00 Raymond Fusco

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2017

8:00 John J. Daly, Jr.

10:00 June Perody

11:45 Richard H. Blackstone

5:00 Thomas & Helen McCue; Edward Marshall

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2017

12:05 Tom & Catherine Powers

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2017

7:00 Franciscan Center Ministry

8:00 Our Parishioners

12:05 Maureen Sheehy Hart

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2017

7:00 Franciscan Center Ministry

8:00 Marianna Alessandro

12:05 Robert Suchecki

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2017

7:00 Antonio & Analia Alves

8:00 Intentions of Carmen E. Lopez Hernandez

12:05 Intentions of Ramona Guldelska

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2017

7:00 Doris Cugini

8:00 Deceased Members of 100% Voters League

12:05 Mary Giardino

7:30 **Mass of Remembrance & Healing**

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2017

4:00 William Leone

4:00 **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2017**

8:00 Rosemarie Clarke

10:00 Eugene Kosakowski

11:45 Fr. Andrew Giardino, ofm

5:00 Ellie Sullo

EARLY LOSS MASS of HEALING and REMEMBRANCE

Friday, February 24, 2017 at 7:30 PM

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Emmaus Grieving Parents Ministry*,

The parents who have attended our fall retreats and monthly gatherings are so grateful for the tremendous support that you and the friars offer to all parents who have suffered the loss of a child. Parents who lost children prior to birth have been particularly effusive in expressing gratitude for this welcoming place in which to share their stories. After the most recent retreat, one mother wrote of experiencing emotions "that I have either never acknowledged or have not had in years ... At Mass, I finally was able to honor the spirits of my little ones in a very real way; to me, it was the funeral we never had."

The early loss of a child -- whether miscarriage, stillbirth, abortion, SIDS, illness, or accident -- while not uncommon, is ALWAYS a very heavy burden, and one that is frequently borne in silence and alone. If you have been touched by the loss of a life that was just beginning, please come to a Mass of Healing and Remembrance at **7:30 pm on February 24, 2017**. All those affected by the early loss of a life -- mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters, grandparents, uncles, aunts, cousins, other relations, friends, co-workers, medical and counseling personnel, ... -- are welcome! Please attend and bring your loved ones.

You may call (860-756-4034) or email (info@spsact.org) the office with any name(s) that you would like read at the mass in honor of the beloved child(ren) in your life. (Please note: this is not required; all are welcome!)

Hope to see you then,

Natalie and Jon Welsh
Jacky and Nate's Parents

** The Emmaus Grieving Parents Ministry at St. Patrick-St. Anthony supports parents whose spiritual journey includes the death of a child. Each fall a full-day retreat is offered by an experienced retreat team that includes friars and staff, and each month parents gather to share their journey. All who have suffered the loss of a child at any time – including prior to birth and many decades ago – are welcome.*



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