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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 2017!

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MOVING IN THE SPIRIT WORKSHOP

Saturday, September 16, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Come experience a “moving” way to pray! We will share *The Prayer of St. Francis* in a gestural prayer that is an outward expression of our inner spirit and faith.

No previous experience is necessary—just a willing spirit and an open heart.

Dress comfortably—looser clothing is recommended.

Co-Facilitators: Karen Rossignol & Lisa Muscanell-DePaola

Suggested Offering: \$10.00



LECTIO DIVINA

**Tuesdays, September 19, October 3 & 17, November 7 & 21,
December 5 & 19**

7:00-8:00 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.

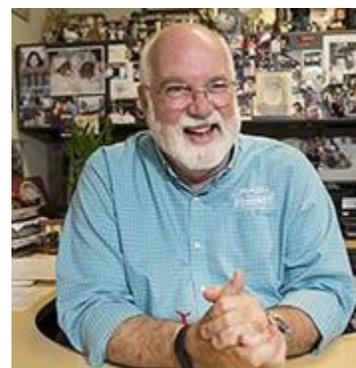
Facilitator: Sheila Denion

The Open Hearth and St. Patrick - St. Anthony
Present

An Evening with FR. GREGORY BOYLE, SJ

**Wednesday, September 20; 7:00-8:00 p.m.
Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry**

Fr. Gregory J. Boyle, S.J., is the founder of Homeboy Industries in Los Angeles, the largest gang intervention, rehabilitation and re-entry program in the world. Homeboy Industries employs and trains former gang members in a range of social enterprises, and provides critical services to 15,000 men and women who walk through its doors every year seeking a better life.



Fr. Gregory, author of New York Times bestseller *Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion*, will give an hour-long presentation. There will be an opportunity for open dialogue.

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CLARE

GALLERY

at the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry

hosts

New England premier of THE MINIMUM BIBLE

Exhibition: August 11-October 12, 2017



Image: Genesis

an exhibition of graphic design artwork by Michigan artist and Presbyterian pastor, *Joseph Novak*. A pastor and a graphic designer, Novak considered whether the books of the Old and New Testaments could be rendered utilizing essential symbols and themes. If successfully done, the images visually communicate the books' overall stories.

Clare Gallery will be exhibiting 30 of the 66 images, from both the Old and the New Testament series.

A reception will be held on Saturday, September 23rd, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

At the reception, Novak will present via Skype from Flint, Michigan. He will discuss his intention in creating the series, his process, and how he hopes viewers will interact with his work.



A CLOSER LOOK AT PRAYER

Thursday, September 28; 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Prayer is a vital component of our Faith Journey! In this time together we'll discuss the foundation of prayer, share our experiences of prayer, and be introduced to a method of Christian Contemplative Prayer known as *Centering Prayer*.

Presenter: Mike Smoolca Suggested Offering: \$8.00

“A VINEYARD ON A FERTILE HILL” (Isa 5:1): Isaiah 1-12, Part One Saturday, September 30; 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

The biblical book of Isaiah is a multi-faceted prophecy that has long been a favorite of Christians, both for its arresting poetic imagery and for its profound reflection upon God's relationship with the human community of Israel. The early chapters of the book record the core prophecies of the eighth-century prophet, Isaiah of Jerusalem. After an introduction to Isaiah's life and times, this day-long session will focus on a reading of selected passages from Isaiah 1-12, which illustrate the prophet's God-given mission and message—a message that continues to challenge us even today.

Please bring your own lunch.

Participants may find it useful to bring a Bible.

Presenter: Paul D. Sansone

Suggested Offering: \$30.00





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.

Tuesday, October 3:

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

Wednesday, October 4, Feast of Saint Francis:

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

Saturday, October 7:

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

Saturday & Sunday, October 7 & 8:

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

PERSISTENT WOMEN OF SCRIPTURE ~ THE STORIES CONTINUE

“Water, Water Everywhere...”

Thursdays, October 12 and November 16; 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Persistent women are nothing new! Join us on October 12 and/or November 16 as we explore the stories of women who persisted. As we learned in our first session in April, women have been able to push through limitations imposed upon them despite the demands of popular culture and religious tradition. This fall, we will explore two more women (one at each session) – the prophet Miriam and the Samaritan woman at the well. They faced challenges, found a way around or through them, and have been inspiring us through the ages. Come experience their stories through storytelling, conversation, meditation, song, and creative expression. Women and men are welcome.

Co-Facilitators: Janet Bristow & Rev. Donna Manocchio Suggested Offering: \$10.00 per session



CLARE GALLERY ~ ARTISTS’ RECEPTION

Saturday, October 14, 5-7 p.m.

“A Glimpse of Infinity”: Works by Aric Attas

An exhibition of photographic prints by Vero Beach, Florida artist, Aric Attas. The images are large, voluminous in detail, rhythmically circular, and integrate earthly colors from space. While staring at the images, the viewer is asked to reflect on the creation of the world, our relationship to it, and each other. At the reception, Attas will discuss his study of Kabbalah, how being a cancer survivor has influenced his artistic journey, and how science and spirituality are mutually beneficial in the creation of his artwork.



Image: A Glimpse of Infinity 906

“Healing Art”: Works by Irene Hilbert

Many years ago, Hilbert attended a series of workshops based on Julia Cameron’s book, *The Artist’s Way*, which explores creativity as a practice and a philosophy. She also survived breast cancer and finds the practice of making art restorative. Hilbert believes creativity is life’s energy and God’s gift to us. Being open to its influence can reveal powerful changes in one’s life. Hilbert states, “I paint for the joy I feel when creating art and for its transformational and healing capabilities.”



Image: Round and Round

Creativity Workshop on Saturday, November 18, 10-11:30 a.m.

Registration is free, but required. To register, call 860-756-4034.

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

Facilitator: Trudi Campbell

Mondays, October 16, November 20, December 18; 6:30-8:00 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.

REEL FAITH: “In America”

Film is 105minutes in length.

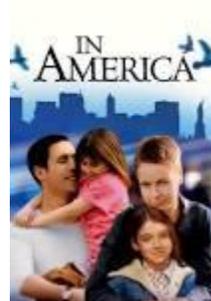
Monday, October 23; 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Facilitator: Patricia Metzner

This film is the story of a family who is trying to immigrate to the U.S., but can't come directly because they have no sponsor, so they come through Canada. After arriving in New York City, this immigrant family encounters difficulties including problems of finding housing and work. The film deals with Aids and health care the family can't afford when the mother has an extended hospital stay.

Sponsored by the Committee for Social Justice

Free Will Offering



ANNUAL RETREAT SERVING GRIEVING PARENTS ON THEIR SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

Saturday, October 28; 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

If you have lost a child or children, including prior to birth and many decades ago, dedicate a day to yourself and join others who share this uniquely challenging journey. Your fellow parents, and our experienced retreat team, will offer the opportunity 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



REEL FAITH: “Tapped”

Thursday, November 9; 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Film is 76 minutes in length.

Tapped examines the role of the bottled water industry and its effects on our health, climate change, pollution, and our reliance on oil. The documentary is well structured and records the history and some of the outcomes of the Nestle Company's entrance into the state of Maine to bottle water under the name of Poland Springs. Maine and CT have discovered there are no laws to protect such usage of public trust waters.

Sponsored by the Committee for Social Justice

Co-Facilitators: Patricia and Bill O'Connor

Free Will Offering



GIVING THANKS — OUR ACTIVE RESPONSE

Thursday, November 23, 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.



ADVENT EVENING OF REFLECTION FOR WOMEN:

“Be Still and Know That I Am God”

Presenter: Patricia Curtis

Tuesday, November 28; 6:30-8:30 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 baking 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*

“A CHILD IS BORN UNTO US” (Isa. 9:5): Isaiah 1-12, Part Two

Saturday, December 2; 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

The liturgy of Advent is saturated with texts from the prophet Isaiah. And with good reason: it is the joyful, expectant, and hopeful prophecy of Isaiah that early Christians turned to again and again to better understand Jesus and his mission. In this day-long session, we will focus on selected passages



from Isaiah 1-12 that are used in the Advent and Christmas liturgies. We will consider Isaiah’s prophetic message and how it continues to shape our perception of Jesus, as we too wait in joyful hope for his coming. *Please bring your own lunch. Participants may find it useful to bring a Bible.*

Presenter: Paul D. Sansone

Suggested Offering: \$30.00

ADVENT NOURISHMENT

Tuesdays, December 5, 12 & 19

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.

REEL FAITH: “Roses in December”

Film is 56 minutes in length

Thursday, December 7; 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Sponsored by the Committee for Social Justice



On December 2nd, 1980, lay missionary Jean Donovan and three American nuns were brutally murdered by members of El Salvador's security force. This "sensitive, marvelously constructed film" (Catholic New York) chronicles Jean's life, from her affluent childhood in Connecticut to her decision to volunteer with Maryknoll Sisters in El Salvador, to her tragic death. An award-winning classic for the ages, *Roses in December* is both an eloquent memorial to the commitment of this courageous young woman and a powerful indictment of U.S. foreign policy in Central America.

Co-Facilitators: MaryJoan Picone & Jack Wentland

Free Will Offering

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ADVENT TWILIGHT RETREAT –

“People Look East: Looking and Waiting with Advent Hope”

Tuesday, December 12; 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 8

Suggested Offering: \$20.00; includes dinner

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



**** NEW Retreat Opportunities for the NEW YEAR ****

“All Are Welcome” Retreat



Friday–Sunday, March 9-11, 2018

Mercy Center, Madison, CT

All men and women are invited to consider this annual retreat opportunity in the Lenten Season to set aside time for one’s relationship with God. The retreat theme of **“Discovering God on Your Journey”** will focus our presentations, discussion, and prayer together. Here’s a chance to truly retreat from the ordinary schedule of life and devote this time to your spiritual growth. ***And, if you have never experienced a retreat before, please join us!*** Mercy Center offers beautiful, simple, and peaceful spaces that spark the imagination, enable reflection and creative thinking, 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 as a Christmas gift to someone you care about!

Men’s Retreat Weekend – March 23-25, 2018 at Holy Family Retreat Center, West Hartford

The retreat theme will be “Grace Enough”. In an age of division, tension and change, Grace Enough will explore the many ways God’s presence empowers us and supports us through every step of life’s journey. Retreatants will discover anew how God’s grace is our greatest source of strength and courage to meet the ever-present challenges in our lives. Together we’ll reflect on how living in God’s grace guides us to make wise choices, leading to true happiness and peace.

The retreat begins with a buffet dinner from 6:00-7:30 p.m. on Friday evening and concludes with the celebration of Sunday Eucharist at 10:45 a.m., followed by a hot brunch at noon. Families of retreatants are most welcome to attend the Sunday mass and brunch at no extra charge.

Offering: \$315; more if you can, less if you can’t.



Biographical Information:

Ms. Janet Bristow, a graduate of the first Women's Leadership Institute at Hartford Seminary, is a 2009 recipient of its Distinguished Alumna Award. She is co-founder of The Prayer Shawl Ministry and co-author of The Prayer Shawl Companion, The Crocheted Prayer Shawl Companion, and The New Prayer Shawl Companion. She is a parishioner of St. Patrick - St. Anthony Church, coordinator of the Prayer Shawl Ministry, and member of the Women of Hope Ministry.

Ms. Trudi Campbell, CVA, holds an MS 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.

Ms. 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.

Ms. Sheila Denion has participated in Lectio Divina at SPSA for the past 10 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.

Rev. Donna Manocchio has served as Associate Pastor of Asylum Hill Congregational Church, the Senior Pastor of Rocky Hill Congregational Church, and an adjunct faculty member in spirituality and interfaith relations at Hartford Seminary. A certified spiritual director, she previously served as the Associate Director of the Women's Leadership Institute at the Seminary. Donna and Janet Bristow have presented numerous times together in a variety of settings. Donna is passionate about discovering women's stories in the Bible and in the world as a source of inspiration and hope.

Ms. Pat Metzner is a parishioner and an active member on the Committee for Social Justice. She is a retired insurance attorney with a grasp of complexities of health insurance and the plight of working-class families struck with catastrophic health issues.

Ms. Lisa Muscanell-DePaola has taught liturgical dance to children at St. Dunstan, Glastonbury, as well as various faith festivals and events. Karen Rossignol and Lisa have choreographed, taught, and danced many liturgical pieces to share with retreatants at Holy Family Retreat Center and other faith-based or spiritual based groups in the Greater Hartford area.

Ms. Patricia and Mr. Bill O'Connor are West Hartford, CT residents who have worked with Save Our Water CT members in two legislative sessions to attempt to pass bills protecting the state water supply from privatization. Save Our Water CT is a non-partisan grass roots citizen action group born in Bloomfield, CT when, unbeknownst to the citizens of Bloomfield, the Bloomfield Town Council, the Metropolitan Water District, and Niagara Water Bottling entered into an agreement to allow the

building of a plastic bottling plant in the town. CT has no current laws providing oversight of such transactions.

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. 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. 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 in May 1999. Fr. Ken's book, entitled Outside the Walls: Encountering God in the Unfamiliar, will be published this fall. In addition to teaching, research, and writing, Fr. Ken has given numerous parish missions and retreats.

Ms. MaryJoan Picone, LCSW created the Emmaus Migrant Advocacy project - to promote awareness of the plight of our brothers and sisters in Mexico, El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras; to provide for basic needs of migrants on both sides of the border; in AZ, TX and CT. MaryJoan is a parishioner at St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church and is a member of the Committee for Social Justice.

Ms. Karen Donahue Rossignol has had the privilege of studying and performing with members of the Boston Liturgical Dance Ensemble directed by Fr. Robert VerEcke – “the dancing priest” at Boston College. Karen offers workshops in movement and prayer at Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center and is on the faculty at Dance Step in Berlin, CT.

Mr. 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.

Mr. Mike Smoolca is a commissioned Presenter of Centering Prayer and the Chapter Coordinator for Contemplative Outreach of Connecticut. He is an experienced contemplative group and workshop facilitator, dedicated student of Contemplative practices, and a practicing Spiritual Director.

Mr. Jack Wentland has served many years in various social justice settings including most recently on the Committee for Social Justice, Mothers United Against Violence in Hartford, and with the School of the Americas Watch. The later work grew out of the results of his undergraduate degree in Latin American Studies after eleven years of service in the Latin American Community in Illinois. Jack is a parishioner at St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church and is a member of the Committee for Social Justice.

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