



**St. Patrick - St. Anthony Church**  
**Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry**  
 285 Church Street, Hartford, CT 06103-1105

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**SEPTEMBER 30, 2018 TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Office Hours

Monday-Thursday · 8:30 AM-7:00 PM; Fri. 8:30 AM-5:30 PM Sat. 9 AM-4 PM; Sun. 9-11:30 AM

Church Hours

Monday-Friday · 6:30 AM-2:00 PM

Mass Schedule

**Saturday Vigil** - 4:00 PM

**Sunday** - 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 11:45 AM and 5:00 PM

**Monday through Friday**

7:00 AM, 8:00 AM and 12:05 PM

**LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR, FR. TOM. OFM**

May the Lord give you peace.

It seems that the church is in a time of crisis. I once lived with a friar who had spent over 20 years in Japan. His time there shaped his way of thinking and his facility with the language enabled him to discover many things. He would often say that he understood the Japanese symbol for crisis was also the symbol for opportunity. Perhaps we can reframe our understanding to consider the opportunities that this time offers to us as church.

Pope Francis has used the metaphor of field hospital as he considers the church. This is the space for healing of immediate needs. We are the church, we are the healers. For too long we have looked to authority to mediate the healing and often enough authority has claimed itself to the source of healing. However, we are all uniquely gifted to offer healing to one another according to our gifts. God's Spirit has abundantly blessed each of us. This same Spirit empowers us to use our gifts for the building of the community. I see this lived out in our parish in the many ministries we offer.

Our prayer shawl ministry engages the

gifts of members of the community in prayer and yarn to clothe the person who lives with illness or grief as well as clothing the newly baptized adults in the garments symbolizing unity with Christ. Our Emmaus ministry gathers parents who have lost a child for prayer, consolation, the opportunity to share their story, and time with others who have experienced the same loss. (This year's Emmaus gathering is on Saturday, October 27. If you or someone you know has experienced this loss, please consider joining us for the day.) Our Bereavement Ministry and our Ministry to folks who are separated or divorced enables space for healing. Open Hearts Ministry with LGBT men and women fosters the deepening of discipleship. The Religious Education Program empowers children, youth and young adults in the understanding of the Gospel and their ability to know for themselves the love of God in Jesus. Our partnerships with House of Bread and St. Joseph's University feed the body, the mind and the spirit. The Sandwich Ministry offers hospitality and nourishment daily to the hungry who come to our door. Music ministry nurtures our worship, healing strengthening, and uplifting us all. All of

these and many more ministries are coordinated by non-ordained members of the community. This is the field hospital where the grace of God is manifested for all of us. I thank you for the ways in which you share in one or more of the various ministries. Our ministry fair is October 13-14. These ministries are significant to our life and enable us to know for ourselves the grace and gift that is God. It is not any mandates that are imposed from the outside or from authority, but rather our unique response to God's grace and the call we feel to minister with and among those with whom we journey.

So, yes, there is a crisis, and yes, there is opportunity. There is opportunity to understand our Gospel life in new ways. We can continue to mature in our faith, putting aside a child/parent relationship of church and living into what it is to be adult Christian disciples. I invite you to read and study Paul's letter to the Galatians where he calls the community to maturity grounding himself in the Spirit and the Cross.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Sep 30** Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, 8:30 & 11:00 AM  
 Rel. Ed Family Program, 8:45 AM  
 Rel. Ed Traditional Program, 9:00 AM  
 Rel. Ed Grade 7, 11:00 AM  
 Bereavement Group, 1:00 PM
- Oct 1** Spiritual Reflection, 10:30 AM  
 Visiting Eucharistic Ministers Reflection, 12:45 PM  
 Drumming Circle, 6:30 PM  
 Golf Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM

- Oct 1** Bass Clef Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 PM
- Oct 2** Group Spiritual Direction, 12:30 PM  
 Treble Clef Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 PM  
 Gallery Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 PM  
 Lectio Divina, 7:00 PM
- Oct 3** Thin Places, 12:30 PM  
 Sandwich Ministry, 4:00 PM  
 Franciscan Reading Group, 6:30 PM  
 Transitus of St. Francis, 7:00 PM

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## Upcoming Events (cont.)

- Oct 4** Thin Places, 12:30 PM  
New Life Program, 6:30 PM
- Oct 6** Cenacle Meeting, 6:30 AM  
Blessing of Animals, 9:00 AM  
Mercy Associates Meeting, 10:00 AM  
Memorial Prayer Service for  
Matthew Shepard, 7:00 PM

## 60th Anniversary Party



Have you registered you and your family for the Party on October 7th? For More info see bulletin stuffer, call 860-756-4034 or go to [www.spsact.org](http://www.spsact.org). NO COST.

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

St. James warns in today's second reading that those who hoard their wealth and live only for themselves will be condemned. But in the Gospel, Jesus assures us that all who give of themselves for His sake will be rewarded.

## SEPARATED AND DIVORCED SUPPORT GROUP: HOPE AND HEALING

An 8-week support group is planned for separated and divorced persons on Thursday evenings from October 4 to November 29 (skipping Thanksgiving Day), 6:30-8:00 PM in the Franciscan Center. The group will view parts of the video series, "Surviving Divorce: Hope and Healing for the Catholic Family." Part of each meeting will be devoted to the sharing of personal stories and other input by participants.

**A minimum of six people is needed to go forward. Please call the parish office at 860-756-4034 by October 1 to register.** You may leave your first name if you wish. Co-facilitators are Cathy Posteraro and Stacie Mawson. All are welcome, including former participants and those from other parishes.

## WEEKLY OFFERING: SEPTEMBER 17—23



Envelope & Loose Collection \$9,702.00  
Online Giving: \$6,382.00  
**TOTAL: \$16,084.00**  
**Bread for the Poor: \$206.00**

Please support our parish mission through your donations and gifts. Whether through the traditional weekly envelope donation, direct gifts and endowments, or by using the convenience of online giving, your tax-deductible financial support will be gratefully received.

**Go to [www.spsact.org](http://www.spsact.org) to register for online giving.**

Need help signing up for Online Giving?

Our Sunday Visitor (OSV) Support is available at 1-800-348-2886.

**HOPES (Catholic Elementary Schools Collection) \$1,576.00**

**THANK YOU!**

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Call 860-756-4034 or email [info@spsact.org](mailto:info@spsact.org) to register.

### FRANCISCAN READING GROUP

**Wednesdays, October 3, November 7, December 5**

**6:30-8:00 PM • Free-Will Offering**

This semester we will read "The Franciscan Heart of Thomas Merton – A New Look at the Spiritual Inspiration of His Life, Thought and Writing" which text presents the untold story of how St. Francis inspired Merton and how together they inspire a new generation to live richer, deeper, and more justice-minded lives of faith. *Co-facilitators: Joe & Jo Anne Harrison-Becker*

### PSALMS OF THANKSGIVING

**Thursdays, October 11, 18, 25 & November 1, 8, 15**

**10:30-11:30 AM**

Presenter: Fr. A. Francis Soucy, ofm; *Free-Will Offering*

### INTRODUCTION TO THE BOOK OF REVELATION

**Saturday, October 20 — 8:30-3:30 PM**

During this day-long session, we will read key texts from Revelation and consider the ways in which John communicated an understanding of God, of Christ, and of Christian discipleship in a hostile and challenging world. *Please bring your own lunch.*  
*Presenter: Paul D. Sansone; 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 PM**

What is this vast collection of songs and hymns that we sing weekly at church spanning centuries of styles and traditions? The session will provide historical and cultural context for the extraordinary body of music. *Free Will Offering*

**Women of Hope Ministry is pleased to sponsor an important day for all men and women: CANCER: A DAY TO FACE IT, SURVIVE IT, AND EDUCATE OURSELVES... TOGETHER!**

Save the Date: October 28, 2018. The day's events include:

1. Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk in Bushnell Park  
Team name: St. Patrick-St. Anthony Making Strides; 8:30 - 10:30 AM. *Refreshments for Team walkers at the Franciscan Center post walk.*
2. Franciscan Center Gathering: 1:00-2:30 PM  
Guest speaker Pam Lacko "Laughing in the Face of Cancer"  
Cancer survivor stories and informational tables.

Consider making a day of it by also attending the 11:45 AM Mass. Please invite family and friends to join in all or any part of this important event.

## NOVEL IDEA BOOK CLUB

Gather at 7:00-8:30 PM in the Franciscan Center to discuss works of fiction. For more info contact Marybeth Walsh (860-523-7034) or Sara Zagorski (860-721-1814).

**Upcoming Selection: Nov. 15:**

*The Parish Architect*—Charles Bellfoure;

## OPEN HEARTS LGBT MINISTRY

- Open Hearts LGBT Ministry — Next meeting: October 14 at 6:00 PM
- Families of the LGBT Community—next meeting TBA

## WEEKLY MASS READINGS OCTOBER 1-7

Mon. Jb 1:6-22; Lk 9:46-50  
Tues. Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Mt 18:1-5  
Wed. Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Lk 9:57-62  
Thurs. Jb 19:21-27; Lk 10:1-12  
Fri. Jb 38:1, 12-21, 30:3-5; Lk 10:13-16  
Sun. Gn 2:18-24; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- Assistance is needed to offer hospitality after the Transitus of St. Francis of Assisi on October 3. Help with serving and clean-up will help to make this an offering for all.

To find out more, please contact Trudi Campbell in the parish office. 860-756-4034 x 110 or [twhite@spsact.org](mailto:twhite@spsact.org).

## HOUSE OF BREAD — THRIFT STORE

Spring Cleaning Time is all year long! Consider helping out our neighbors in the North End by donating small appliances like toasters, microwaves, irons, TV's, dishes, flatware, glasses, pots & pans, dressers, end tables, etc. We can accept almost anything except clothing. [www.hobread.org](http://www.hobread.org).

## LADIES GUILD CELEBRATION 80TH ANNIVERSARY!!!

Come celebrate with the Ladies Guild! Our 80th Anniversary will be held on **Sunday, October 21, 12:30 PM** at the Chowder Pot, Hartford. Sr. Dolores Liptak, RSM, a noted historian, is our guest speaker. *Reservations are open to all!*

**Please see this week's bulletin stuffer for a registration form.**

*Your reservation and payment is due by  
Sunday, October 14.*

## NEW SOCKS NEEDED FOR THE HOMELESS

Cold weather is soon to arrive! Please consider donating a new pair of socks for our brothers and sisters in need. Donations may be left in the green basket at the back of the church.

## SISTER PARISH UPDATE



The September travelers were greeted by the new pastor of St. Genevieve, Fr. Dominique. He speaks English and gave us a warm welcome. Before coming to Zoranje, he was principal at Our Lady of Altigrace School for 6 years. This school has grades 1 through 12, so he is a good fit for St. Genevieve School as it expands to include a growing secondary school.

In addition to his duties as pastor, he is going to school for an M.S. in administration of science education. He also has a weekly radio program on the Catholic station and he is responsible for the formation of new seminarians. We welcome Fr. Dominique into our extended community.

Fr. Dominique looks forward to visiting St. Patrick - St. Anthony and he extends a welcome to all to visit him in Haiti.

## ALL RN'S AND LPN'S



Are you looking for a way to share your expertise and assist members of our parish at the same time? You can be involved on Community Sundays, checking our parishioners' blood pressures and discuss any problems while forming a relationship with them.

We keep simple records and see people after the 8 a.m. and 10 am Masses. It's very rewarding and greatly appreciated by all. Our Community/BP Sundays are from September thru May. Stop by our booth at the Ministry Fair (October 13-14), or contact Judee Martz at 860-798-4928 or [judeemartz@gmail.com](mailto:judeemartz@gmail.com).

## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

Do you know someone who is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith and would like to become fully initiated in the Catholic Church? The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is a process that would help adults reflect on this question and prepare them to become full members of our Catholic community. For more information, please contact Br. John at the parish office, 860-756-4034.

## THANK YOU FROM THE GOLF TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Tournament: golfers, diners, volunteers, Go for the Green raffle purchasers! We are still tallying the results, but we are definitely over \$60,000 again this year for the Franciscan Center! We are proud to announce our Go for the Green winners:

1st Prize, \$5,000, Art McHugh  
2nd Prize, \$2,000, Aldo Valleria  
3rd Prize, \$1,000, James Gladue

**Congratulations to all!**

## THIN PLACES CIRCLE

You are invited to join a Thin Places Circle, facilitated by Sr. Ginny Sheehan, SND. On six consecutive Wednesdays, beginning October 3, we will break open Joyce Rupp's latest best seller, **Boundless Compassion**. (Please reflect upon each day of Week One's journey for our first gathering.) Paula D'Arcy's review tells us, "Joyce's exploration of how the heart might open to ourselves, to one another, to all living beings, and to the earth, becomes a master class in Love."

A second Thin Place Circle will convene on six consecutive Thursdays, beginning October 4. We will continue to explore John O'Donohue as he explores the most basic of human desires—the desire to belong—in **Eternal Echoes**. Please read the Prologue and Chapter One prior to our first meeting.

*Each group will meet from 12:45 to 2:15 PM; you may register by calling the church office at 860-756-4034, if you are able, suggested donation is \$50.00.*



### For More Information

Go to [www.spsact.org](http://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.

WWW.SPSACT.ORG  
860-756-4034  
INFO@SPSACT.ORG

### Reconciliation

Mon, Wed, Fri -11:30 AM—12:00 NOON; Sat—3:30 PM-4:00 PM  
*Private confessions by appointment are available.*

### Staff

#### PASTORAL STAFF

Fr. Thomas Gallagher, ofm, *Pastor and Guardian*  
Trudi Campbell, *Director of Volunteer Ministry*  
Patricia Curtis, *Pastoral Associate*  
Br. John Gill, ofm, *Pastoral Associate*  
Pamela Johnson, *Business Manager*  
Fr. Cidouane Joseph, ofm, *Parochial Vicar*  
Fr. J. Patrick Kelly, ofm, *Senior Assoc. Friar*  
Fr. John Leonard, ofm, *Parochial Vicar*  
Gabriel Löfvall, *Director of Music Ministry*  
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#### ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Frances Martyn, *Parish & Center Secretary*  
Carolyn Abramo, *Office Assistant*  
Roberta Horton, *Volunteer Scheduler*  
Stacie Mawson, *Saturday Receptionist*  
Salvatrice Mazzarella, *Saturday Receptionist*

#### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STAFF

Deborah Pelletier, *Religious Ed Team Coordinator*  
Sarah Christopher, *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd*  
Mary Gray, *Family Program*  
Lauren Kasperowski, *Traditional Program*  
Faith VosWinkel, *Confirmation*  
Michelle White, *7 & 8th Grade*

#### MAINTENANCE STAFF

Orville Russell, *Director of Maintenance*  
Gilberto Lisboa, *Church Custodian*



Hearing assisted devices available. Church and Franciscan Center are handicap accessible.



### We Pray For...

- our newly baptized child: **Dominic**, son of Michael and Tracy Avicolli.
- the sick: George Holst-Grubbe; Claire Shea
- our Committee for Social Justice.

### Mass Intentions

#### SATURDAY, September 29, 2018

4:00 Gerry Krug

#### SUNDAY, September 30, 2018

8:00 T. J. Prete

10:00 Virginia & James Boyle

11:45 Camille Tyskiewicz & Teresa Massaro

5:00 Joe Lonero

#### MONDAY, October 1, 2018

7:00 Franciscan Center Ministry

8:00 Our Parishioners

12:05 Tom Picone

#### TUESDAY, October 2, 2018

7:00 St. Genevieve in Haiti

8:00 Franciscan Center Ministry

12:05 Rev. Pasquale Latina

#### WEDNESDAY, October 3, 2018

7:00 Our Parishioners

8:00 Franciscan Center Ministry

12:05 Concetta Gianni

7:00 Transitus of St. Francis

#### THURSDAY, October 4, 2018

7:00 Deceased Friars of Holy Name Province

8:00 Hermance Winshell

12:05 Richard N. Shea

#### FRIDAY, October 5, 2018

7:00 Deceased Benefactors of the Friars of Holy Name Province

8:00 Francis McKenna

12:05 Frank Giardino

#### SATURDAY, October 6, 2018

4:00 Deceased Members of the Formica Family

7:00 Prayer Service for Matthew Shepard

#### SUNDAY, October 7, 2018

8:00 William & Angeline Speziale

10:00 Rose & Angelo Perrone

11:45 Deceased Members of the Jordan Family

5:00 Katie Campbell

### TAKE NOTE

We request that parents accompany their young children when using the restrooms in our church. Our church building is open to the public throughout our weekend Masses. Therefore we appreciate your attention to and cooperation with this concern.