



**St. Patrick - St. Anthony Church**  
**Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry**  
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**Church Hours:** Monday - Friday · 6:30 AM - 2:00 PM

January 14, 2018—The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Letter from Fr. Tom, ofm

May the Lord give you peace.

Our Christmas celebrations are ended — the church looks bare; if the weather held up the outdoor crèche has been put away; the wreath is gone — but we have been reinvigorated by the celebrations of the memory of God’s presence among us in Jesus, of God’s presence among us in the community — the Body of Christ, and God’s presence that transcends our imaginations. I thank you for all that you have done and are doing to embody the celebrations of God’s love, healing, and compassion.

We shift this week from the Advent-Christmas readings to a text from the Gospel of John at the beginning of Jesus’ public ministry. John recounts the movement of disciples from the Baptist to Jesus, the discovery of titles from Lamb of God to Teacher to Messiah. The disciples of the Baptist are told there is the Lamb of God. He is speaking of what he has come to know, they encounter and name Jesus “Teacher”; ultimately, they discover the one who is the anointed of God, the

Messiah. Perhaps that is our journey as well. When we are beginning our journey, it is someone else who points the way. Our early encounters are as with a teacher, we learn who we are as we learn who he is. Finally, we discover more than a teacher. We discover the one who embodies the love, compassion, graciousness that is God. We repeat the stories as we repeat our own journeys. The revelation is always more and the awe is always greater. We are indeed blessed.

This week there was a move to deport more undocumented refugees from the US. The Salvadorans join the Haitians and the Nicaraguans as people who came for shelter and temporary assistance and have made a home here. It is not that they will return to places that are in any better condition than they left or that life has not changed for them while they were in the US. Some have married and have children; many have jobs and responsibilities; many have homes. The possibility of deportation may separate families, deprive families of income and the loss of a home. The US Bishops have

spoken clearly in support of these refugees, immigrants, brothers and sisters. Our Provincial administration has also joined with the other Provincials of the US in calling for compassion. I ask your prayers for all and for the leaders who are entrusted with the responsibility of supporting the values of our nation. I have been in touch with a friar of our Province who works with the immigrant community and am hoping he or his team will be able to visit us soon to give us a better understanding of what we can do and what is being done. This weekend the Archbishop has a DVD that you can view at Community Sunday on Immigration and Refugees. The disciples of the Baptist ask Jesus, “Where do you stay?” He replies, “Come and see.” I suspect that as we ask that question we will see that he stays with us as well as with these refugees and immigrants.

Fr. Thomas M. Gallagher, ofm  
 Pastor

Upcoming Events

- Jan 14** Community Sunday, 8:00 AM  
 Religious Ed Traditional Program, 9:00 AM  
 RCIA, 1:00 PM  
 Clare Gallery Artist Reception, 2:30 PM  
 Emmaus Ministry, 3:15 PM  
 LGBT “Open Hearts” Ministry, 6:00 PM
- Jan 15** **Parish Office Closed**  
 Bass Clef Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 PM
- Jan 16** Group Spiritual Direction, 1:00 PM  
 Women of Hope Committee, 6:30 PM  
 Lectio Divina, 7:00 PM
- Jan 17** Sandwich Ministry, 4:00 PM  
 Treble Clef Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 PM

- Jan 17** Baptism Prep, 6:30 PM  
 Gallery Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 PM
- Jan 18** Novel Idea Book Club, 7:00 PM
- Jan 19** Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, 4:15 PM

Weekly Mass Readings  
 January 15-21, 2018

- Monday** 1 Sm 15:16-23; Mk 2:18-22
- Tuesday** 1 Sm 16:1-13; Mk 2:23-28
- Wednesday** 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mk 3:1-6
- Thursday** 1 Sm 18:6-9, 19:1-7; Mk 3:7-12
- Friday** 1 Sm 24:3-21; Mk 3:13-19; Mk 3:13-19
- Sunday** Jon 3:1-5, 10; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20



## COMMUNITY LIFE

### Open Hearts LGBT Ministry

#### **LGBT Ministry Next Meeting**

January 14 at 6:00 PM

#### **Families & Friends of the LGBT**

#### **Community Meeting**

January 23 at 6:30 PM

### Emmaus Grieving Parent Ministry

Parents who suffered the loss of a child at any time—including prior to birth and many decades ago—are welcome to gather in the Franciscan Center on **Sunday, January 14 at 3:15 pm** “Come and See” - grab coffee and donut at Community Sunday and come to Rooms 9/10 for the introduction to this ministry.

### SPSA Men’s Fellowship Group

**Next Meeting:** January 17, 2018 at 7:00 to 8:30 pm in the Franciscan Center. Br. John Gill, ofm will be our first presenter for 2018 as he plans to describe his experiences in working with the homeless in Philadelphia. *Decaf coffee will be provided. Bring snacks to share.*

### SPSA Men’s Retreat at Holy Family Retreat Center—March 23-25, 2018

Consider joining us this season as we engage in fellowship on the retreat theme of “*Grace Enough*” The promise is for attendees to learn/relearn of the many ways God’s presence empowers us and supports us through every step of life’s journey. We 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. For more information, contact the Holy Family Retreat Center online at [www.holyfamilyretreat.org](http://www.holyfamilyretreat.org) or contact Jack Martins, the retreat chairman by phone or e-mail. “Scholarships” will be available.

### Thin Places Coming this Lent

Join a Thin Places Circle, facilitated by Sister Ginny Sheehan, SND, as we walk together this Lent. On six consecutive **Wednesdays**, beginning February 14, Ash Wednesday, we will continue with 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 1 prior to our first meeting.)

A second Circle will convene on six consecutive **Thursdays**, beginning February 15 to consider Joyce Rupp’s “*Your Sorrow is My Sorrow*”, and her request that we meet our own sorrows in Mary’s journey. (Please read Introduction and Chapter 1 prior to our first meeting.) For each group, you may register by calling the church office, and, if you are able, the suggested donation is \$50.00.

### Novel Idea

#### **Fiction Discussion Group**

Gather once a month from 7:00-8:30 PM in the Franciscan Center to discuss works of fiction with a wide appeal. For more information contact Marybeth Walsh (860-523-7034) or Zara Zagorski (860-721-1814). **Upcoming selections:** **January 18:** *The Nest* - Cynthia D’Aprix Sweeney; **February 15:** *Everything I Never Told You* - Celeste Ng; **March 15:** *The Absolutist* - John Boyne



## STEWARDSHIP

### Donations Needed

#### **It’s COLD Outside**

In this special season of giving and receiving, please consider a donation of **MEN’S** hats, scarves, gloves, mittens and socks. These warming items are given out at the door to those in need. Thank you for your generosity.

### Volunteers Needed

• Jubilee House (part of House of Bread) is seeking **tutors for small group instruction** in English Skills. Times are from 9:30-11:30, Monday through Thursday and 12:30-2:00, Monday and Wednesday. To find out more, please call 860-247-3030, ext, 104. Thank you!

- On August 4, 2015, Pope Francis said to 9000 altar servers in St. Peter’s Square at the Vatican, “*The closer you are to the altar, the more you will remember*



*to speak with Jesus in daily prayer; the more you will be nourished by the word and the body of the Lord, the better able you will be to go out to others, bringing them the gift that you have*

*received, giving in turn with enthusiasm the joy you have received.”*

**Please consider the Altar Server Ministry at St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church.**

- Are you looking for a way to offer your time during a worship service? We are seeking a detail oriented person who can assist as a **Sacristan** during a weekend Mass.

Contact Trudi Campbell for these and other volunteer opportunities at St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church and the Franciscan Center. (860-756-4034, ext. 110; [twhite@spsact.org](mailto:twhite@spsact.org))

### Stewardship Reflection

In today’s reading, we hear Samuel respond eagerly, “Here I am!” each time the Lord calls him. May we, too, be listening for the call of God in our lives and be ready to say like the Psalmist, “Here am I, Lord, I come to do your will.”

### House of Bread

#### **HOME Day Care (Babysitting while mom studies for her GED)**

General daycare supplies such as diapers (sizes 3, 4, 5), wipes, baby powder, juice boxes, toddler-friendly snacks (Cheerios, graham crackers, etc.) and paper goods.

Thanks to all who brought meat loaves today! You’ve brought home cooking to those in need! [www.hobread.org](http://www.hobread.org)  
**MORE THAN JUST SOUP! BECOME A FAN**

### Your Weekly Giving

**January 1—January 7, 2018**

Envelope & Loose Collection	\$11,918
Online	\$7,427
Solemnity of Mary	\$289
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$19,634</b>
St. Anthony Bread (Poor Box)	\$247

Did you know that you can contribute to our other ministries through Online Giving — The Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry, a 501(3)(c) public charity; Our Sister Parish — St. Genevieve in Zorangé Haiti; St. Antony Bread for the Poor—our sandwich ministry that provides sandwiches 365 days a year, rental assistance, utility assistance, medical co-pay assistance and so much more.

Sign up today for Online Giving by going to [www.spsact.org](http://www.spsact.org) and clicking on the Online Giving link. If you need help, **Our Sunday Visitor Support is available at 1-800-348-2886** or contact Pam Johnson in the Parish Office.

Thank you for your continued generous support to St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church and the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry.

### Living Stewardship

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who answer their call to service by assisting Catholic Charities' Housing Program to provide safe and affordable community facilities for the well being of their residents.



## FAITH FORMATION

### “All Are Welcome” Retreat

“Discovering God on Your Journey”

March 9-11, 2018 at Mercy By The Sea, Madison, CT

Retreat Leader, **Jeanne Williams, OSF**

All men and women are invited to consider this annual parish retreat opportunity in the Lenten Season to set aside time for one's relationship with God. The retreat theme will focus our presentations, discussion and prayer together. You will have the time to explore the seaside grounds of Mercy By The Sea, enjoy their hospitality and walk their waterfront labyrinth. There will be time to just 'BE'.

Located on the shores of Long Island Sound, Mercy By The Sea 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.

**Retreat Fee: Double Room—\$255; Single Room—\$285 (limited availability).**

*Fee includes program & bedroom accommodations with meals. Registration Deadline is February 9, 2018. **Registration forms are available by contacting Pat Curtis (860-756-4034, X-113; [pcurtis@spsact.org](mailto:pcurtis@spsact.org).) Consider offering this retreat as a Christmas gift to someone you care about!***



## SISTER PARISH UPDATE

Madame Samson will be remembered at the 5:00 pm Mass this Sunday. All are invited to attend, especially those who were privileged to have met her when they visited Haiti. Mme Samson passed away in July of 2017. The children's feeding program that she started continues today under the supervision of her daughter with funding from Outreach to Haiti, your gifts from the Haiti Giving Tree, and the help of local volunteers.

Mme Samson provides a meal to a student at our Sister Parish—St. Genevieve in Haiti.



The Feast of St. Genevieve will be celebrated at the 5:00 PM Mass on Sunday, January 21. There is a trip to Haiti from January 25 to 30. There will be a blessing of the travelers at the end of Mass. Fr. Cid, Kathy Cassidy, Tom Cuthbertson, Frances D'Amico, Eric Henon and Laura Kelly will be at St. Genevieve for the celebration of her Feast Day at our Sister Parish in the village of Fouji in Zoranje, Haiti.



## OTHER INFO

St. Brigid - St. Augustine Partnership School, West Hartford Parishioners, Alumni & Friends Join Us for Refreshments... For Our Catholic Schools' Week **OPEN HOUSE: Sunday, January 28 12:30 to 3 pm**

St. Timothy Middle School West Hartford **Prospective Student Open House**

Interested in learning more about St. Timothy Middle School for your child? Call us at 860-236-0614 or visit our website at [www.stmswh.org](http://www.stmswh.org). You can also register to attend our Prospective Open House on Thursday, January 25 at 7:00 PM (REGISTRATION IS NOT REQUIRED). Academic Excellence Through the Light of Faith. We have space available for all grades 6-8 for next fall.

St. Thomas the Apostle School West Hartford

**Open House for Prospective Parents, Wednesday, January 24**

**9:00 AM-Noon**

Drop by to receive a tour of the building, see the teachers and students in action and discover our dynamic learning community.

**Kindergarten Breakfast for Parents of Prospective Kindergarteners**

**Tuesday, February 6**

**9:00 AM**

This very informative presentation led by our Kindergarten teachers provides answers to your questions about the transition to Kindergarten, including curriculum, philosophy and daily schedule of the program.

### 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

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**



## 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.

## Reconciliation

Mon • Wed • Fri -11:30 am; Sat - 3:30 pm

*Private confessions by appointment are available.*

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## We Pray...

- For the sick: Marie Germain
- For our Altar Servers who assist the Presider at the weekend Masses.

## Holiday Mass Schedule

Please note that on Monday, January 15, Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday, there will be one Mass for the day at 12:05 pm.

## Mass Intentions

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 2018

4:00 Diane Baio

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2018

8:00 Eileen Mahoney

10:00 Intentions of Joe Menhart

11:45 In thanksgiving to St. Cristina

5:00 Madame Samson

### MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 2018

12:05 Michael Torbicki

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2018

7:00 Dominick Donza

8:00 James McConkey, Month's Mind

12:05 Anita Botticello

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2018

7:00 Our Parishioners

8:00 Anna Cabral

12:05 Robert Carmine

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2018

7:00 Elaine D'Amico

8:00 Helene Napolitano

12:05 Sr. Francis de Sales

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 2018

7:00 Catherine Aponte

8:00 Franciscan Center Ministry

12:05 Paul Rousseau

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2018

4:00 Dorothy Silver

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2018

8:00 John Choi

10:00 Helen McCue

11:45 Anna Ellis

5:00 Robert Cuthbertson

## Flowers For The Church

In order to enhance the visual beauty of the liturgical environment, we have a fresh floral arrangement for our weekend Masses. We place it in front of the altar and leave it in Church throughout the following week. Several people have expressed an interest in donating these flowers to memorialize a loved one, a birthday, wedding anniversary,



anniversaries of death and other special occasions. If you are interested in doing this, please contact the church office. We will publish the memorial in the bulletin and place the order with our regular supplier. *Suggested offering is \$125.00.*



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





