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January 7, 2018—The Epiphany of the Lord

Letter from Fr. Tom, ofm

May the Lord give you peace.

We remember the journey of the Magi and the wisdom of all who follow the light seeking the one who is light. This is an opportunity for us to reflect on our life's journey. Consider the struggles, the joys, the wonder, the letting go and the holding on. Consider the significant people who have touched our lives. Perhaps they challenged us, perhaps they encouraged us; perhaps they helped us to see things that had always been there but remained unseen. We remember especially the people who just loved us. In all of these experiences, we beheld the opportunity of our own epiphany, our own glance at the one who is light and love. The gifts we celebrate today are not gold, frankincense, or myrrh but rather the gift of revelation, of seeing and knowing for ourselves the great presence of God. The journeys of our lives continue to lead us into God's presence and into deeper relationship with one another in God. I invite you to consider T. S. Eliot's classic work the Journey of the Magi (<https://www.poetryarchive.org/poem/journey-magi>) as a meditation on this feast. He

invites consideration of the journey and what it is that we realize in the encounter.

The Archbishop has asked our prayer for migrants. The Magi's journey was their migration in search of the unknown. In Matthew's Gospel, we hear of the flight of Joseph, Mary and the child immediately after the departure of the Magi. As migrants, they sought refuge from the abuse of Herod's power. The friars of our Province are committed to gaining a better understanding of the current refugee and immigration crisis. As we come to greater understanding we will also look at ways of acting to assist as we are able. The journey out of oppression cannot be met with greater oppression.

Over the last few days we have seen serious snow. Each time I pass the manger scene in front of the church, I consider the family and angel with their coats of snow in the bitter cold. As I gaze, I wonder about the many homeless men, women, and children that walk the streets, sleep under the bridge or on our steps, live with addictions and wear coats of snow. I thank you for your generosity in your care for these our sisters and brothers. The sleeping bags, gloves, socks, sandwiches,

and volunteering at a shelter or House of Bread are all great blessings. I was able to give a number of sleeping bags to the police who spend the night searching for those who hide in whatever shelter they can find. (One man that I spoke with over the weekend sleeps in a porta-potty. I was able to give him a sleeping bag.) We have also been in touch with the Mayor's office about welcoming guests as we did last year with the "No Freeze" shelter. I will keep you informed of how this is working. We will be looking for volunteers to spend the night should our offer be accepted.

Finally, I thank you for your contributions to the Franciscan Challenge. We are at almost \$60,000 from nearly 250 households. We would like to reach \$75,000 with your help. I ask you to give as you are able in support of the elderly friars, those who are beginning our way of life and the mission of the friars to care for the poor. I thank you for your generosity.

Fr. Thomas M. Gallagher, ofm
 Pastor

Upcoming Events

- Jan 7** Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, 8:30 & 11:00 AM
 Religious Ed Family Program, 8:45 AM
 Religious Ed 7th & 8th Grades, 11:00 AM
 RCIA, 1:00 PM
 Sacramental Prep—Meditation #1, 3:30 PM
- Jan 8** Visiting Eucharistic Ministers, 12:45 PM
 Sister Parish Committee, 6:30 PM
 Mothers United Against Violence, 6:30 PM
 Prayer Shawl Ministry, 7:00 PM
- Jan 9** Deanery 3 Religious Ed, 6:00 PM
- Jan 10** Sandwich Ministry, 4:00 PM

- Jan 10** Treble Clef Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 PM
 Clare Gallery Committee, 6:30 PM
 Gallery Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 PM
- Jan 12** Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, 4:15 PM

Weekly Mass Readings

January 8-14, 2018

- Monday** Is 55:1-11; Mk 1:7-11
- Tuesday** 1 Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28
- Wednesday** 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39
- Thursday** 1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45
- Friday** 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mk 2:1-12
- Sunday** 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42



COMMUNITY LIFE

Open Hearts LGBT Ministry

LGBT Ministry Next Meeting

January 14, 2018 at 6:00 PM

Families & Friends of the LGBT

Community - NEXT MEETING: TBA

Clare Gallery Exhibition

The Clare Gallery is pleased to present **The Mayan Cycle**, an exhibition of paintings by Hartford, CT artist Gershöhn. The Mayan Cycle is a series of large-scale paintings filled with symbolism, patterns, and beautiful rich colors. They are interpretations of daily Mayan life, rituals and mythology. The exhibition is from January 11 through March 11, 2018. **A reception will be held on Sunday, January 14 from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.** At the reception, Gershöhn will discuss his interest in Mayan culture, why this series is especially important to his identity, and how being a self-taught artist informs his work.

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.

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

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!
- Have you ever considered becoming an **Altar Server**? Individuals or parent-child teams are encouraged to speak with Chris Devine, Meg Hutcheson or call Trudi in the parish office to find out more and arrange for training.



STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship Reflection

"Whatever you do," says St. Paul to the Colossians, "do it in the name of the Lord Jesus. Give thanks to God the Father through him." And so it is that we offer our gifts in the Eucharist "through Him, with Him and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit..."

House of Bread

Thrift Store...Serving our neighbors in the North End

It's always time for Spring Cleaning! Small appliances (toasters, microwaves, irons, TVs), dishes, flatware, glasses, pots and pans, dressers and end tables. We can use most anything except clothing (we simply don't have the space). One person's stuff is another person's treasure! Help find gold!

www.hobread.org

MORE THAN JUST SOUP! BECOME A FAN

THANK YOU FROM SR. THERESA AND SR. MAUREEN

We, at the House of Bread, "Thank You" for your generous Christmas gift giving for the children, women and men who are connected to our various programs. Your kindness and thoughtfulness brought much joy to many. Wishing the blessings of Peace and Joy to all.

Your Weekly Giving

December 26—December 31, 2017

Envelope & Loose Collection	\$18,388
Online	\$6,430
Additional Christmas Donations	\$3,845
Solemnity of Mary	\$1,715
11% to Hartford Archdiocese	(\$3,342)
Available for Parish Expenses	\$27,036
Additional Donations to the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry	\$9,766
St. Anthony Bread (Poor Box)	\$146
Window/Door Restoration	\$54,572

We continue to encourage online giving for your convenience and ours. Online Giving helps you maintain your giving even if you cannot be here at Mass. This also helps the parish streamline our cash flow, especially during weeks of bad weather.



Online donations are up by **13%** for the 2017 calendar year. The Christmas collection was down significantly due to inclement weather on Christmas day, however, because of online giving we are ahead of our budgeted number.

You can also 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.

Sign up today for Online Giving by going to 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.

Although the weather has slowed the **Window/Door Restoration**, there is still an opportunity for you to contribute if you would like to have a memorial for the repair and restoration of the doors and stained glass window trim. Names

will be added to the memorial wall in the vestibule of the church. The door on the friary side leading to the courtyard was in such bad condition it had to be completely removed. A temporary door is in its place until they complete restoration of the door.

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 accept their call to freely share their God-given gifts within our parish community as well as the wider world beyond.



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.) Consider offering

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



SISTER PARISH UPDATE

This note was received from Fr. Philippe at our Sister Parish, St. Genevieve:

Peace to you my very dear friends at St. Patrick - St. Anthony Church.

Christmas is at hand. My message to all in the Lord, to all human beings alike is simple: let us open our hearts to others. To those we love certainly but also to the needy. Many children in Fouji won't have any toys, or other gifts for the holidays. Thanks to you, we can give them the most durable and necessary gift, a good education. Some of you will come down for the big feast of St Genevieve the end of January. They will be happy and surprised seeing the joy, the smile of our students from pre-k to secondary because they attend the best school in Fouji. Peace and Joy to you all. We cannot change the world but we can make a difference. Thanks for your ongoing support. Merry Christmas and Happy new year to you, your family and friends.

Thank you for praying and working for St. Genevieve, its people, school and clinic.

Merry Christmas,
Fr. Philippe

2019 Mass Book

The Mass Book for the year **2019** is now open. Please call the church office at 860-756-4034.



OTHER INFO

National Migration Week

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Justice for Immigrants Campaign is working on behalf of the Bishops, including our own Archbishop Leonard P. Blair, to promote humane migration policies towards refugees and immigrants that reflect our Catholic values. To add your voice to this urgent issue, send an

electronic message to your lawmakers (see: Justiceforimmigrants.org).

National Migration Week

January 7 – 14, 2018

National Migration Week is an opportunity to become aware of the millions of God’s children fleeing war, persecution and poverty and to share their journey by walking with them in prayer and support.

In the words of Pope Francis: “Closeness to the poor, the refugee, the immigrant, the sick, the exploited, the elderly living alone, prisoners and all God’s other poor, will teach us a different way of resting, one which is more Christian and generous.”

Also visit these websites: Sharejourney.org, and/or ArchdioceseofHarford.org.



Flight into Egypt, c.1311 - c.1320 - Giotto

St. Brigid St. Augustine Partnership School

100 Mayflower St., West Hartford
“It takes teamwork to build a strong Catholic School”

Parishioners, Alumni & Friends
Join Us for Refreshments...

For Our Catholic Schools’ Week

OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, January 28, 2018—12:30 to 3 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

ALL ARE WELCOME!



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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We Pray...

- For the sick: Carl Allegretti; Marie Germain
- For our newly baptized children: **Cypress**, daughter of Jananie and Tia Jones; **Ryan**, son of David and Yoshiko Weaver.
- For our Lectors who proclaim the Word of God during our Masses.

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 2018

4:00 Mary Filomena

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2018

8:00 John Scully

10:00 Millie Intino

11:45 Donald C. Broggini, 1st anniversary

5:00 Salvatore Gianni, 10th anniversary

MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2018

7:00 Franciscan Center Ministry

8:00 Our Parishioners

12:05 William J. Fonti

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2018

7:00 Franciscan Center Ministry

8:00 Our Parishioners

12:05 Helen Torello

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2018

7:00 Franciscan Center Ministry

8:00 Our Parishioners

12:05 Emily Galecki

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2018

7:00 Franciscan Center Ministry

8:00 Our Parishioners

12:05 Richard Morrone

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 2018

7:00 Franciscan Center Ministry

8:00 Mattie Silas

12:05 Antonio & Stella Pizoferrato

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

St. Anthony's Bread for the Poor

Financial gifts to St. Anthony's Bread For The Poor help to support our Weekend Meal Program at the House of Bread, our daily Sandwich Distribution Program and local rental and utility assistance.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Send to Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry, 285 Church Street, Hartford, CT 06103 (checks made payable to FCUM)



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



Knitters and Crocheters ... we want YOU!

Calling all who knit or crochet and those who would like to learn these art forms. You are invited to contribute your time and talent to the Prayer Shawl Ministry at St. Patrick - St. Anthony Church.



We are in great need of new people to join us in this prayerful and rewarding ministry. The ministry provides the yarn and only asks that you provide knitting needles (size 11 or 13) or a large crochet hook. You do not have to attend the meetings to participate. This ministry welcomes those who are home bound or have difficulty coming to meetings as well as those who can join us for our monthly gatherings.

The daytime group meets the last Thursday of the month from 10:30-12:00 noon.

Winter/spring dates are January 25, February 22, March 29, April 26, May 31, and June 28.

The evening group meets the 2nd Monday of the month from 7:00-8:30 p.m.

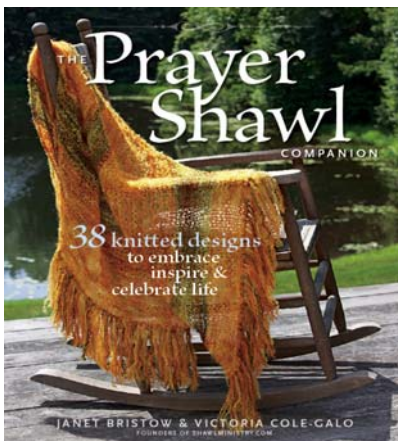
Winter/spring dates are January 8, February 12, March 12, April 9, May 14, and June 11.

Please consider joining us to learn the art of making Prayer Shawls and to help us continue to reach out to others in our community through this ministry of love.

*"Shawls ... made for centuries universal and embracing,
symbolic of an inclusive, unconditionally loving, God.
They wrap, enfold, comfort, cover, give solace,
mother, hug, shelter and beautify.*

*Those who have received these shawls have been uplifted and affirmed,
as if given wings to fly above their troubles..."*

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For more information, contact Janet Bristow at janetbristow@sbcglobal.net or

You may also call the parish office at 860-756-4034 and leave your contact information. Someone will get back to you with information.



