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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

February 25, 2018—The Second Sunday of Lent

Letter from Fr. Tom, ofm

May the Lord give you peace.

The Second Sunday of Lent invites us to be attentive to the disciples' experience of the Transfiguration of Jesus. They see in him the glory of God and hear for themselves God's naming of Jesus as beloved and son. They also hear the charge given to them to listen to him. We gather not simply to remember the ancient recounting of their experience but to realize that we are invited to enter more deeply into the mystery of our own experiences of the revelation of God's glory, naming and call to listen. Like Jesus, we are named beloved daughter and son. This naming is not for a select few but in God's own generosity for all. The call to listen continues in our own time.

In this last week we have witnessed God's beloved daughters and sons from Parkland crying out for healing. Many of those whose lives have been forever changed by the shooting in Parkland have called our nation's attention to the level of violence that they have experienced and that we have witnessed in them. As Pope Paul VI enjoined the UN, "war never again", these voices echo the plea "never again" to gun violence. Their voices are those to which we are called to listen as they recount their horror of loss and fear. We have heard these voices raised from Columbine through Sandy Hook and now in Parkland. They cry out for a change in our gun laws, in our attitude, and in our way of being with one another. There is a march scheduled for March 24th in Washington to support significant change in our gun laws. I invite you to join the gathering. It would be great to have a bus from St. Patrick-St. Anthony represent our desire for peace, for right relationships, and the recognition that the

voices of those who lament their grief, their pain, or their experience are heard.

Other voices to which we are called to listen in these days are the voices of Dreamers and those who live in fear of deportation. These voices call for justice and for remembering of our own histories. We are a nation of immigrants, many came - WithOutPapers. Many of our families came from places of famine, of war, of violence, or of poverty. I ask you to call your representative in Washington on Monday to tell them of your feelings and your support. The US Franciscans together with the US Bishops have called for us to encourage our representatives to support the voices that cry for a home with us. There is a flyer in bulletin with the information. Please take the time to make the call.

The disciples were in awe of their experience. We likewise, are in awe of the good that is present in the lives and voices of God's beloved daughters and sons. We have seen wonderful things in the care for the poor, in the presence of homeless women and men among us, in the care of the sick, and the consoling of those who grieve. In all of these experiences we walk together as a community. We do not always agree with one another however the core understanding of God's beneficent love for all pervades our hearts and shapes our lives. I thank you.

Fr. Thomas M. Gallagher, ofm
 Pastor

Weekly Mass Readings - February 26 - March 4, 2018

Monday DN 9:4B-10; LK 6:36-38
 Tuesday IS 1:10, 16-20; MT 23:1-12
 Wednesday JER 18:18-20; MT 20:17-28

Thursday JER 17:5-10; LK 16:19-31
 Friday GEN 37:3-4; 12-13A, 17B-28A; MT 21:33-43, 45-46
 Sunday EX 20:1-17; I COR 1:22-25; JN 2:13-25



STEWARDSHIP

Your Weekly Giving

February 12—February 18, 2018

Envelope & Loose Collection	\$8,007
Online	\$6,819
Total	\$14,826
St. Anthony Bread for the Poor	\$305

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. You will note that we typically have upwards of \$19,000 in weekly offerings, however, due to inclement weather, the collection was short of that goal. Sign up today for Online Giving by going to www.spsact.org and clicking on the Online Giving link.

Donations Needed

It's warm as of this writing, however, winter is in no way ended and we will continue to have many come to the Franciscan Center for gloves and hats. Please consider a donation of **men's** hats/gloves. Place the items in the green basket at the back of the church. Thank you!

Volunteers Needed

Have you heard a Liturgical Ministry calling to you? We have Choir members, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Sacristans, Ushers and Altar Servers assisting at each Mass. Each ministry is a way for you to share your gifts with God and the community. For more information contact Trudi in the parish office.

Stewardship Reflection

Abraham was prepared to sacrifice his only son, Isaac. St. Paul reminds us that God Himself "did not spare his own Son." Are my gifts to the Lord - of my resources, of my time, of myself - also sacrificial?

House of Bread

Thrift Store: Want to get a head start on your spring cleaning. Consider this: Our Thrift Store will take your unwanted items: 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 space). One person's clutter is another person's treasure! Help find gold!

Living Stewardship

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who, through fasting, become more conscious of their faith and its interaction in daily life!



COMMUNITY LIFE

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). *All are welcome.*

Upcoming selections:

- March 15:** *The Absolutist* - John Boyne
April 19: *Moonglow* - Michael Chabon

Open Hearts LGBT Ministry

- LGBT Ministry Next Meeting
March 11 at 6:00 PM
- The next families and Friends of the LGBT Community Meeting will be held on **February 27 at 6:30 PM**

The Secular Franciscan Order

Meeting—February 25 at 1:30 PM

Is God calling you to live a life of love, peace, and holiness in the model of St. Francis of Assisi? Join us in the lower level of the Parish Center at St. Patrick-St. Anthony on this Sunday to learn more about the Secular Franciscan Order. We will pray the rosary at 1:30, followed by our gathering at 2:00. We will begin our study of Social Justice by discussing "*Life and Dignity of the Human Person*" from a program developed by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.



Committee for Social Justice

Save the Date!

Saturday, April 14 from 2:00 to 4:00 PM

GUNS TO GARDEN TOOLS

"They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks." (Isaiah 2:4)



On Saturday April 14 from 2 to 4PM, the St. Patrick-St. Anthony Committee for Social Justice will be hosting craftsmen from Raw Tools, who will be forging and transforming a Gun into a Garden Tool. During this time there will be readings, personal stories, and songs, to encourage peace and nonviolence. The resulting tool will be donated to the KNOX group, which fosters community gardens in Hartford. Please plan to attend this event.



The Clare Gallery

Have you ever wondered how you would feel leaving your homeland, because you feared for your safety, perhaps never to return? What would you bring? What would you carry?

The Clare Gallery is pleased to present Adeebah: My Life, My Story...

... an exhibition of drawings by Adeebah Alnemar. Adeebah sees herself as an artist, a woman, and a mother. She is a Syrian refugee from Homs, Syria. Adeebah is a self-taught artist and her work addresses themes of the tragedy of war and displacement, beauty amidst turmoil, and her hope for peace.

The exhibition is from March 19 through May 18, 2018.

A reception and panel discussion will be held on April 10th from 6:30 to 8:30 pm.

During the panel discussion, the artist will speak about her work and life's journey.



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

Mondays during Lent—11:15 to 11:55 AM; Wed • Fri -11:30 AM; Sat - 3:30 PM; *Private confessions by appointment are available.*

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We Pray For...

- Maureen McAuliffe
- Please pray this week for members of our **Bass Clef Choir**. This is a choir of Tenors and Bases who enrich our Sunday 8 am, 11:45 am or 5 pm Mass every other weekend.

Sanctuary Lamps—Week of February 25, 2018

- In Loving Memory of Matthew Pearce on the 1st Anniversary

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2018

4:00 Matthew Pearce, 1st Anniversary

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2018

8:00 Deceased Members of the 100% Voters League
10:00 Kiyoshi Nakamura
11:45 German Feged
5:00 William Leone

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2018

7:00 Our Parishioners
8:00 Franciscan Center Ministries
12:05 Margaret Leonard

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2018

7:00 Frank D'Amico
8:00 Lorean & Roy Redwanz
12:05 Darren Hurley
6:00 Vespers

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2018

7:00 Our Parishioners
8:00 Phyllis Watkins
12:05 For the Intentions of Jeff Peterson

THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 2018

7:00 Franciscan Center Ministries
8:00 Our Parishioners
12:05 Mary Lorayne Chamberland

FRIDAY, MARCH 2, 2018

7:00 Franciscan Center Ministries
8:00 Anthony Labriola
12:05 Florencia Rosal
12:30 Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 2018

4:00 Mary Vasquez, 3rd Anniversary

SUNDAY, MARCH 4, 2018

8:00 Concetta Gianni
10:00 Phyllis Marella
11:45 Rose & Angelo Perrone
5:00 Justin Donnelly



Flowers for the Church: To enhance the visual beauty of the liturgical environment, we have a fresh floral arrangement for our each weekend. We place it in front of the altar and it remains throughout the following week. If you would like to donate these flowers to memorialize a loved one, a birthday, wedding anniversary, anniversaries of death and other special occasions, 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.





Lenten Action for Dreamers: Congressional Call-In Campaign

Please participate in the Call-in Day to Congress on **Monday, February 26, 2018!** Your advocacy is critical to help the nearly 1.8 million Dreamers, young people who were brought into the United States by their parents as children. They may face deportation as soon as March 6, unless Congress reaches a bi-partisan deal to protect them. Please follow these easy steps to help:

1. Please call 855-589-5698 to reach the Capitol switchboard, and **press 1 to connect to your Senators**. Once you are connected to each Senator's office, please ask the person on the phone to **deliver this simple message:**

"I urge you to support a bipartisan, common-sense, and humane solution for Dreamers:

- *Protect Dreamers from deportation and provide them with a path to citizenship.*
- *Reject proposals that undermine family immigration or protections for unaccompanied children.*
- *As a Catholic, I know that families are not "chains," but a blessing to be protected.*
- *Act now to protect Dreamers, our immigrant brothers and sisters."*

2. Please call 855-589-5698 a second time to reach the Capitol switchboard again, and **press 2 to connect to your Representative**. Once you are connected to the Representative's office, please ask the person on the phone to **deliver the same message as above**.

After completing your call, please go to <http://www.justiceforimmigrants.org> to learn more about Dreamers and find other ways to voice your support.



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Upcoming Events

Feb 25 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, 8:30 & 11:00 AM
Traditional Religious Ed, 9:00 AM
Confirmation Class (I & II), 12:45 pm,
In Church for Stations of the Cross
RCIA, 1:00 PM

Secular Franciscans, 1:30 PM

Feb 26 Bass Clef Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 PM

Feb 27 Lenten Nourishment, 12:30 PM

Group Spiritual Direction, 1:00 PM

Vespers, 6:00 PM

LGBT Friends & Family, 6:30 PM

Feb 28 Thin Places: Eternal Echoes, 12:45 PM
Sandwich Ministry, 4:00 PM
Treble Clef Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 PM
Gallery Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 PM

Mar 1 Praying The Psalms, 10:30 AM

Thin Places: Your Sorrow is My Sorrow, 12:45 PM

Hope & Healing: Separated and Divorced, 6:30 PM

Mar 2 Stations of the Cross, 12:30 PM

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, 4:15 PM

Mar 3 Cenacle Meeting, 6:30 AM

Marriage Preparation, 8:30 AM

Mercy Associates Meeting, 10:00 AM

Voce presents "Faire is the Heaven"

Mark Singleton, Artistic Director

Sunday, March 11 at 3:00 PM

St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church, Hartford

Voce returns to the sacred space and acoustical wonder of St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church to present a concert of works old and new, featuring a rare performance of the Heinrich Schütz' most famous work of funeral music – *Musikalische Exequien*; Morten Lauridsen's exquisite *Mid-Winter Songs*; and the concert's namesake, *Faire is the Heaven* by William Henry Harris. Be transported through the splendor of the choral arts from age to age! Our own cantor, Pam Johnson, sings alto with this professional ensemble of voices.

For tickets go to www.voceinc.org or contact Pam Johnson in the parish office. (860-756-4034)

Advance tickets: \$20 Tickets at the Door: \$25

Journey for the Soul: Brahms' Ein Deutsches Requiem

Good Friday, March 30 at 7:30 PM

St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church, Hartford (*Free-will offering*)

Saturday, April 14 at 4:00 PM

Washington Congregational Church, Washington (*Ticketed event*)

St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church Choirs • Chorus Angelicus & Gaudeamus • "Church Street" Orchestra

Dr. Gabriel Löfvall, Director

Chorus Angelicus & Gaudeamus joins forces with the choirs of St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church to present the extraordinarily comforting and humane *Ein Deutsches Requiem* by German composer Johannes Brahms, a masterwork distinguished by its sumptuous choral writing, ingenious orchestration, and a deep tone of gentle reassurance rather than the overwhelming sorrow of other *Requiem* settings: a "not-to-be-missed" event to let your soul bask in the depth of vocal splendor!

Go to www.chorusangelicus.org for more information.



Keeping
a Holy Lent

FAITH FORMATION in LENT

Invite a friend to join you! PLEASE register for any of these programs by contacting the Parish Office at 860-756-4034.

LENTEN NOURISHMENT

Tuesdays: February 27, March 6, 13, 20, 27; 12:30-1:00 p.m.

Join us this Lent at noontime for spiritual and physical nourishment. Immediately following 12:05 Mass, Spiritual Talks will be presented in the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry. We will explore the theme: *Discovering the Gifts of Lent.*

Offering: \$5.00 per lunch

A light lunch is provided.

2/27: Rev. Donna Manocchio 3/6: Fr. Tom Gallagher 3/13: Fr. Francis Soucy 3/20: Fr. Jim Kelly 3/27: Fr. Tom Gallagher



REEL FAITH: Romero

Monday, March 5; 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Romero tells the moving story of a bookish prelate's change of attitude from theoretical theologian to champion of justice for the poor struggling to survive in a country torn by political unrest. In March 1980, he was murdered and his funeral was celebrated in the Cathedral of San Salvador amid violence perpetrated by the government. This film offers us a Lenten opportunity not only to reflect on the price of working for justice paid by Blessed Oscar, a martyr for justice, but also to consider the qualities needed for being justice-seekers with the poor today.

Sponsored by the Committee for Social Justice

Film is 104 minutes in length.

Free Will Offering

WOMEN IN RELIGIOUS LEADERSHIP ~ Christianity and Islam

Tuesday, March 13; 6:45-8:30 p.m. *Sponsored by Muslim & Christian Women of Hope & Faith*

Women have made great strides in taking on leadership within their respective religious traditions and institutions. What various roles are women playing, and what makes it hard for women to reach their goals? Join the conversation with Muslim and Christian women as they share their experiences, challenges, and hopes for the future. *All women and men are welcome.*



Arabic script for the word "dialogue"

Brahms

Ein deutsches Requiem

INSIDER'S TALK WITH GABRIEL LÖFVALL

Monday, March 19; 5:30-7:15 p.m.

Presenter: Dr. Gabriel Löfoall

Join us in the Franciscan Center to share an insider's talk on Johannes Brahms's Ein Deutsches Requiem (A German Requiem). The session will provide historical and cultural context for this imposing masterwork, which, as the title indicates, is sung entirely in German. Gabriel will offer a sense of the development of the work as Brahms wrote it while journeying through the loss of his own mother, also delving into the evolution of the musical Requiem Mass as a liturgical genre and its special significance in the context of Holy Week.

Suggested Offering: \$10.00; includes a light supper

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: March 15

LENTEN TWILIGHT RETREAT: Holy Week ~ A Time of Reconciliation and Joy

Thursday, March 22; 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Presenter: Fr. Frank Sevola, OFM

As Lent comes to an end and we look to Holy Week, there is still time to fulfill the Lenten call to return to God with all your heart! Holy Week, beginning with Palm Sunday and leading into the Sacred Triduum, is all about reconciliation -- reconciliation with God, reconciliation with the world, and reconciliation with ourselves. Let's take some time on this twilight retreat to explore the many ways Holy Week is a time of reconciliation and joy!

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

Suggested Offering: \$20.00; includes dinner

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: March 18



SAVE THE DATES!



AN EVENING WITH FR. KEN HIMES, OFM

Thursday, April 12; 6:30-9:00 p.m.

Presenter: Fr. Kenneth Himes, OFM, PhD

We welcome Fr. Ken once again to Hartford for an enlightening evening of conversation. Be sure to join in this dialogue about faith and ethical living!

Suggested Offering: \$10.00



WOMEN AND THE RESURRECTION

Sunday, April 15; 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Presenter: Amy Ekeh

Suggested Offering: \$10.00

How do we encounter and understand the Risen Christ in our own lives? *All women and men are welcome.*

The complete program schedule for WINTER/LENT/SPRING 2018 is available on our website at www.spsact.org