



St. Patrick - St. Anthony Church
Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry
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 Sat. 9 am - 4 pm; Sun. 9 - 11:30 am **Church Hours:** Monday - Friday · 6:30 am - 2:00 pm

SEPTEMBER 18, 2016—Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Upcoming Events

- 9/18/2016 7th & 8th Grade Rel. Ed Orientation, 9:00 am
- 9/18/2016 Confirmation Class, 11:00 am
- 9/18/2016 Drumming Circle, 1:00 pm
- 9/18/2016 Clare Gallery Artist Reception, 1:00 pm
- 9/19/2016 Spiritual Reflection, 6:30 pm
- 9/19/2016 Bass Clef Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 pm
- 9/20/2016 Group Spiritual Direction, 12:30 pm
- 9/20/2016 Lectio Divina, 7:00 pm
- 9/21/2016 Alcoholics Anonymous, 12:00 pm
- 9/21/2016 Sandwich Ministry & Wellness Center, 4:00 pm
- 9/21/2016 Treble Clef Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 pm
- 9/21/2016 Gallery Choir rehearsal, 7:00 pm
- 9/22/2016 New Life Program, 6:30 pm
- 9/22/2016 Introduction to Mindfulness, 7:00 pm

Mass Schedule

- Saturday Vigil - 4:00 pm
- Sunday - 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 11:45 am & 5:00 pm
- Monday through Friday - 7:00 am, 8:00 am & 12:05 pm

Readings – September 19 - 25, 2016

- Monday** Prv 3:27-34; Lk 8:16-18
- Tuesday** Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Lk 8:19-21
- Wednesday** Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13
- Thursday** Eccl 1:2-11; Lk 9:7-9
- Friday** Eccl 3:1-11; Lk 9:18-22
- Sunday** Am 6:1a, 4-7; 1 Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31

Letter from Fr. Tom, ofm

Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Patrick-St. Anthony and St. Genevieve,
 May the Lord give you peace.

I thank our Golf Committee and all who have supported our Fr. Andrew Charitable Golf Tournament. The committee has been working feverishly for months to make this a great event for all. As I write this letter, the weather is looking good for the day. I thank the golfers, those who sponsored an ad in our book, those who came to the dinner, all who were involved in the auction and the donors of the many items in the silent auction. I thank Scot Haney for his support of the tournament and his skills in the live auction. The committee has done a marvelous job, with the leadership of Joanna Penta, and all the proceeds from the tournament will assist the many ministries of our Franciscan Center. As Pam noted at the

announcement last weekend, our sandwich ministry is growing and your support helps us to keep pace with the many children, women and men who live with hunger every day.

Pat Curtis came through her second knee surgery well. She is recovering and has been up and walking already. Please continue to keep her in your prayers. I thank you for your prayers for Pat as she prepared for each surgery.

Each year at this time we begin to look to our Easter Celebration and the welcoming of men and women to the Sacraments of Initiation—Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. If you or someone you know is looking to be baptized, receive Confirmation or the Eucharist for the first time, or have already been Baptized in another Christian tradition but want to participate more fully in the Catholic Church, please contact Fran at the parish

office with your name and contact information. We are looking to begin an inquiry group in October. I look forward to hearing from you. There is no pressure to join the inquiry group. It is a “come and see” experience.

I invite you to our upcoming Ministry Fair. The weekend of October 8-9 we will host our Ministry Fair. This is an opportunity to share stories with folks who are engaged in the many ministries of St. Patrick-St. Anthony, St. Genevieve, and the Franciscan Center. If you have been looking for a way to get involved, to share your gifts, this is a great opportunity to meet representatives from the various ministries as well as to offer your suggestions for areas not yet present. I thank Trudi White Campbell who coordinates our volunteer ministry services.



FAITH FORMATION

The Fall/Advent listing of Adult Faith Formation Programs is available at the entrance of the Church or online.

Our Lady of Calvary Retreat

The women's retreat for our parish begins on Friday, September 23 at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center in Farmington, CT. There may still be time to make a reservation. Give yourself the gift of quiet time to "hear God's voice." This year's theme is "Embracing Joy: Learning to Bear the Beams of Love." For information email Elaine Wiatr at elaine.wiatr@yahoo.com.

"Introduction to Mindfulness" Thursdays, September 22 and 29 from 7:00-8:30 pm

Come learn about "mindfulness", an innate capacity we all have to pay attention to the present moment in a kind, receptive way. We'll sample breath meditation, deep relaxation, walking meditation, and loving-kindness practices. Its health, psychological, and spiritual benefits will be introduced. No experience is needed. You may either sit in a chair or lie on the floor to participate in the program. All participants are asked to bring a blanket. For those who are able to lie on the floor, please also bring a yoga mat and small pillow. *Free Will Offering*

Val Rossetti, M.D. has received training at the UMass Center for Mindfulness in Medicine and the Barre Center for Buddhist Studies. She has been involved in mindfulness meditation for many years, teaches Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction courses, and co-leads a weekly meditation program at MacDougall Prison.

Thin Places: "The Gifts of Imperfection"

October 5, 12, 19, 26
November 2 & 9 – 12:45-2:15 pm

Join Sr. Ginny Sheehan, SND in the Franciscan Center as we share our own life-long journey from "What will people think?" to "I am enough" while reading Brene Brown's **'The Gifts of Imperfections.'** Harriet Lerner said it best: The author's "unique ability to combine original research with honest storytelling makes this reading like having a long, uplifting conversation with a very wise friend who offers compassion, wisdom and great advice."

Call the parish office to register. Please read the introductory materials up to Guidepost #1 prior to October 5th.

Suggested offering: \$50 (if you are able)

Servant Leadership

Are YOU interested in becoming a Servant Leader?

Imagine serving others first. Putting others' needs in front of your own is your choice and your priority. This paradox of serving others while leading is the crux of Servant Leadership.

The 2016-17 program will meet twice a month in the evening from October thru April. Please e-mail Elaine Wiatr at elaine.wiatr@yahoo.com or call the parish office at 860-756-4034.

Classes begin the week of October 2 and will meet on either Tuesday or Thursday depending on the day best suited to the participants. Deadline for registering is Tuesday, September 27.



COMMUNITY LIFE

The Clare Gallery is pleased to present **Two Sacred Views: Serigraph Landscapes/Nature Photography**, a two-person exhibition by Connecticut artists

Jeff Feldman and Dan Russell.

The exhibition is free and open to the public and extends from August 30-October 23, 2016. **An artist talk will be held on Sunday, September 18, 1-3 p.m.** Both artists will discuss their processes, how and why they choose their subject matter, their journeys in the natural world, as well as where you might find them lecturing.

Emmaus Grieving Parents Ministry

October 29 Retreat Invitation

If you have lost a child and would like information regarding the Emmaus Grieving Parent ministry here at St. Patrick-St. Anthony and our annual retreat on October 29, please come to an Open House in the Franciscan Center at 2:45 on October 2 (prior to our regular monthly gathering). Retreat flyers are available in the literature rack at the back of the church.

All who have suffered the loss of a child at any time – including prior to birth and many decades ago – are welcome.

Open Hearts Gay & Lesbian Ministry

- **GLBT Ministry** meets monthly. Next meeting is on October 9 at 6:00 pm
- **Families & Friends of the Gay & Lesbian Community** meets on Tuesday September 27 at 6:30 pm

The Secular Franciscan Order Meeting



Is God calling you to live a life of love, peace, and holiness in the model of St. Francis of Assisi? Join us for our gathering in the

lower level of the Franciscan Center on September 24 to learn more about the Secular Franciscan Order. The rosary is at 1:30 and the meeting starts at 2:00. Our guest speaker will be Sr. Theresa Fonti from The House of Bread. We will also discuss The Joy of the Gospel by Pope Francis as it relates to the social dimension of evangelization.



SISTER PARISH UPDATE

Greetings.

Traveling to Haiti can be life changing. This summer the update column ran reflections from several parishioners who traveled to Haiti with our parish. They spoke to how their trip changed them. The feedback from you was very positive.

The Sister Parish Committee invites you to visit our display at the Ministry Fair on October 8 & 9 where there will be a binder with the unedited versions of those and other reflections for you to peruse. If you are interested in traveling to Haiti or joining the Sister Parish Committee, stop by and chat with a member at our display.

The next trip to Haiti will be over a long weekend in late January to celebrate the Feast of St. Genevieve. Call the office if you would like to go.

Peace and All Good.

The Sister Parish Committee



STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship Reflection

The dishonest manager in today's parable knew how to manipulate money to his own advantage. But the Gospel warns that no one can serve both God and money. Which do I serve? Is my stewardship such that anyone can tell?

Living Stewardship

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who seek to "possess lightly," knowing that Jesus taught about the dangers of clinging to material possessions and always pointed to the real treasures available to us.

Personal Care Items Needed

We are collecting travel size items such as razors, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, soap and shaving cream. We will assemble these items for those who **come to our door seeking assistance**. Please help our neighbors by placing items in the bin at the back of the church marked "travel kits". Thank you!

Volunteer Ministry Opportunities

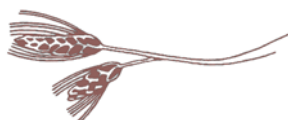
- There are openings in the **Sandwich Serving** Schedule on a monthly frequency. If you are available between 4-5:30 pm on a certain day of the month, please contact Trudi Campbell in the office or email Lise Perody at Pug7266-Random@yahoo.com
- Are you a Nurse with an hour to offer one Sunday a month? Our **Parish Nurses** are eager to have you join them as they meet with individuals for blood pressures and check-ins during community Sunday coffee and doughnuts. Please speak with Helen Martins after the morning Masses today, or contact Trudi in the parish office for more information.

House of Bread Kids Café...It's hard to study when you're hungry!

Help feed over 450 kids a day with cooking oil and rice...in addition to canned vegetables, pasta, tuna, powdered milk, yummy spices of taco seasoning, adobo, sofrito...or help with plastic wrap, aluminum foil, bleach, dish detergent, paper towels/napkins/cups.

Thank you for all you do!

House of Bread... more than just soup.



Your Weekly Giving

September 10-11..... \$15,177.00
On-line Giving-Sept. 5-11..... \$ 6,313.00

Total available for operating budget
\$21,305.00

To register for Online Giving, please visit our website: WWW.SPSACT.ORG.

Thank you for your continued generous support to St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church.

Second Collection September 24/25, 2016

The 2016 Catholic elementary schools of the Archdiocese HOPES Collection will be taken up next weekend.



MUSIC at P & A

Choral Concert

VOCE presents *I'll Follow the Sun* at St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church Saturday, October 15, 2016 5:30pm (following the 4:00 pm Mass).

Voce is an auditioned, professional mixed choir based in Hartford. Our own cantor, Pam Johnson, is a member of this ensemble. This 45 minute concert will feature works by Paul Mealor, Eric Whitacre, Dan Forrest and more. For ticket information go to www.voceinc.org.

After working with Voce, Morten Lauridsen, one of the most widely performed composers in the United States, had this to say about Voce: "Voce is clearly already in the upper echelon of American chamber choirs. During my recent residence with the ensemble I was constantly astonished at the level of artistry displayed by both the singers and their conductor, Mark Singleton. I have no doubt that this superb chorus will soon be recognized throughout the United States as exemplifying choral performance at its finest."



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, **Laurie Burzynski.**

For our newly married couple, **Evyne Graveline and John Calabrese**

For our newly baptized child, **Conor**, son of Douglass and Cassella Clark.

For the members of our Community Life ministries including Committee for Social Justice, Parish Nurse, Pastoral Care Team, Prayer Network, Prayer Shawl, Open Hearts, Ladies Guild, A Novel Idea, Men's Fellowship, Church Street Life Newsletter Committee.

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2016

4:00 Virginia Rose & Roger Morgan

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2016

8:00 Tina & Charles Vella; Lucille Vella Konstandaras

10:00 John N. Ramos, 10th anniversary

11:45 Selena Grace Mason

5:00 Johanna Pace

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2016

7:00 Franciscan Center Ministry

8:00 Baula Choe

12:05 Pamela Langdon

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2016

7:00 Our Parishioners

8:00 Franciscan Center Ministry

12:05 Dr. Gregory Sheehan

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2016

7:00 Our Parishioners

8:00 Franciscan Center Ministry

12:05 Our Parishioners

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2016

7:00 Franciscan Center Ministry

8:00 Our Parishioners

12:05 Franciscan Center Ministry

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2016

7:00 Johanna Pace

8:00 Our Parishioners

12:05 Franciscan Center Ministry

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2016

4:00 William & Angeline Speziale

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2016

8:00 Michael Fusco

10:00 Mary Lemega, 12th anniversary

11:45 Donato Monaco

5:00 Kapila Siriwardente



Hearing assisted devices available.



Church and Franciscan Center are handicap accessible.



Annual Retreat Serving Grieving Parents on their Spiritual Journey

All Are Welcome!

If you have lost a child to death, at any time, 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.

Saturday, October 29, 2016, 9:00 am - 7:00 pm

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For more information and to register, contact the church/center office at 860-756-4034 or info@spsact.org. St. Patrick-St. Anthony is located at 285 Church Street, Hartford, CT 06103. Free parking is available in the Saints Parking Lot across the street. You can visit the church at <http://www.spsact.org/>.