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FEBRUARY 24, 2019 — SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Monday-Thursday: 8:30 AM-7:00 PM; Friday: 8:30 AM-5:30 PM
 Saturday: 9:00 AM-4:00 PM; Sunday: 9:00-11:30 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.

I hope you enjoy the Mardi Gras this weekend. Our Sister Parish and Open Hearts committees have worked hard to offer a fun afternoon celebrating the goodness of God. It is always good to come together to party and to get to know folks who come to different Masses. There will be good company, good food and good music! Enjoy.

Our Gospel this weekend can be seen as a great challenge, particularly in the current time of the church and our nation. Jesus instructs his disciples to love their enemies, to bless those who curse them, and to forgive continually from the heart. He invites them into a way of life that is radically different from what they know. How can we enter into this process for ourselves? Perhaps, it might be interesting to pray with this text focusing on God who loves everyone, who is blessing for all, who is forgiveness. The attributes to which Jesus invites his disciples are the very ways of God. In this we might shift our understanding of God. Perhaps we

have been taught that God seeks retribution, that God's love is conditional, that God will withhold forgiveness or that God's blessings are to be earned. Would Jesus ask us to be better than God or would he invite us to be in communion with God? Ultimately, Jesus embodies everything he asks of his disciples. In his passionate love, he continues his mission—even with opposition. He seeks out those estranged from the community without forgetting those who belong. He invites all to know the goodness of God for themselves. Jesus in his dying and his rising offers forgiveness and the invitation to communion. Jesus' radical gift to us is the Spirit in whom we share in the wonder of God. This Spirit empowers us in the ways of discipleship that we hear in today's Gospel.

We continue to remember those who suffered abuse by clergy and the church. The constant news attention serves to bring healing at times but also to open the wounds of those who have suffered. The abuse of women,

including religious sisters, has now been recognized. We pray for healing for all. We wonder about a renewal in the church where power is found in the care of the little ones, the marginalized, the poor. The gathering of bishops called by Pope Francis to address the issues of abuse in the church is a hopeful sign of a deeper understanding of the sexual abuse and the conversion of heart required by all bishops and clergy in the understanding of human dignity and sexuality.



On another note, the visit from representatives of our Province has been postponed. One of the visitors is ill and will not be able to join us on the first weekend of March. We do not have a new date at this time. I will keep you posted on the rescheduled visit. Please keep him in your prayers as he recovers.

Fr. Tom Gallagher, ofm
 Pastor

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Feb 25** All Are Welcome Retreat Committee, 3:45 PM
 Bass Clef Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 PM
- Feb 26** Group Spiritual Direction, 12:30 PM
- Feb 27** Woman of Sorrow, Woman of Hope, 12:45 PM
 Sandwich Ministry, 4:00 PM
 Treble Clef Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 PM
 Gallery Choir, 7:00 PM
- Feb 28** Prayer Shawl Ministry, 10:30 AM
 Secular Franciscans Council, 5:30 PM

- Feb 28** Scripture & the Servant Leader, Group 1 & 2, 6:30 PM
- Mar 1** Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, 4:15 PM
- Mar 2** Cenacle Meeting, 5:30 AM
 Archdiocese of Hartford Course, 12:00 PM
 Pastoral Advisory Board, 12:30 PM
- Mar 3** Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, 8:30 & 11:00 AM
 Family Program Religious Ed, 8:45 AM
 Archdiocese of Hartford Course, 12:30 PM
 RCIA Group, 12:45 PM

<p>THIN PLACES—PLEASE NOTE</p>	<p>OPEN HEARTS LGBT MINISTRY</p>
<p>Wednesdays, March 6, 13, 20, 27; April 3 and 10 Thursdays, March 7, 14, 21, 28; April 4 and 11 12:45 - 2:15 PM</p> <p>During Thursday Lenten Sessions we will reflect on <i>The Way of the Cross</i> by Joan Chittister. During the Wednesday sessions we will reflect on <i>The Passion and the Cross</i> by Ronald Rolheiser. Register by calling the Parish Office.</p>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;">  <div style="text-align: center;"> <p><u>Families of the LGBT Community</u> Meets on February 19 at 6:30 PM</p> <p><u>Open Hearts LGBT Ministry</u> Meets on March 10 at 6:00 PM</p> </div>  </div>
<p>NOVEL IDEA BOOK CLUB</p>	<p>HOUSE OF BREAD — THRIFT STORE</p>
<p>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 Books: March 21: <i>Manhattan Beach</i>—Jennifer Egan April 18: <i>Autumn</i>—Ali Smith May 16: <i>The Keeper of Lost Things</i>—Ruth Hogan June 20: <i>Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine</i>—Gail Honeyman</p>	<p>Make some room at home and feel good doing it. Please consider donating your unused household items to The House of Bread. We accept small appliances (toasters, microwaves, irons, TV's) dishes, flatware, glasses, pots & pans, and small furniture (dressers, end tables, etc.). We are also in need of winter hats, sweaters, gloves, jackets, socks and underwear for adult men and women. Help us keep our neighbors warm. www.hobread.org</p>
<p>PLEASE CONSIDER FOR THE HOMELESS</p>	<p>EMERGENCY NO-FREEZE SHELTER</p>
<p>Your generosity of hats, scarves and gloves to help the homeless stay warm has been amazing. The supply of hats and scarves should hold us for a time, however, we are still in need of men's gloves and socks. Donations may be left in the green basket at</p>	<p>Our next meal for the Emergency No-Freeze Shelter is on March 3, 2019. Contact Trudi in the parish office of Volunteer Ministry at twhite@spsact.org to find out more. Thank you.</p>
<p>STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION</p>	<p>HELP NEEDED</p>
<p>Love your enemies. This is often much easier said than done! However, it must be done. Jesus shows us this when He prayed for his persecutors. It may be easy to hate your enemy, hold on to anger and become bitter, but God calls us to much more. Hate the sin, but love the sinner, God commands it for our own good.</p>	<p>We are seeking someone to help answer the phone and doorbell in the early evenings. If you would like to help out in this way, please contact Trudi in the Volunteer Ministry office. Thank you!</p>
<p>THE SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER</p>	<p>MEN'S RETREAT AT HOLY FAMILY PASSIONIST RETREAT CENTER</p>
<p>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 Franciscan Center on Sunday, February 24 to learn more about the Secular Franciscan Order. The rosary will be recited at 1:30 PM and the meeting starts at 2:00 PM. Chapter 7 in <u>Principles, Prophecy and a Pastoral Response</u> on "Care for God's Creation" will be discussed.</p>	<p>Please consider attending our annual Men's Retreat March 22-24, 2019 at Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center in West Hartford. The retreat theme is: <i>"No Ordinary Path: Holiness in Everyday Life"</i>. God has called all of us to lives of holiness. No Ordinary Path will explore ways that we can be attentive, intentional and cooperative with God's grace in serving the world. Together we will take a journey with the hope of discovering that who we are and what we do <i>matters</i>. For more info contact info@spsact.org or to register go to www.holyfamilyretreat.org.</p>
<p>LIVING STEWARDSHIP</p>	<p>VOCE PRESENTS "LIGHT ETERNAL" THE MUSIC OF THOMAS LAVOY</p>
<p>We are grateful for all Christians who are able to forgive, especially in times of persecution. Their love and forgiveness provide us with the inspiration to live above hate, and not be weighed down by it.</p>	<p>SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2019 AT 3:00 PM ST. PATRICK-ST. ANTHONY CHURCH</p>
<p>CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT AND DINNER</p>	<p>Thomas LaVoy, emerging as one of the finest composers of our era, will join Voce as Composer-in-Residence in "Light Eternal." A former student of Paul Mealor, Thomas brings unique colors to some of the most profound poems and sacred scriptures ever penned. His music is warmth to the ears and will evoke a song in your heart with subtle harmonies, ethereal tones and tenderness. Parking is free in the Saints Lot located directly across the street from the Church. Our own cantor, Pam Johnson, sings alto with this professional ensemble of singers. <i>For tickets go to voceinc.org or contact Pam Johnson in the parish office. (860-756-4034) Advance tickets: \$25</i></p>
<p>Thank you for helping to raise \$70,000 for the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry in 2018 through the Fr. Andrew 23rd Annual Charity Golf Tournament and Dinner.</p> <p>Now is the time to Save the Date — Friday, September 13th, 2019 at Tunxis Country Club, Farmington — for our 24th!</p> <p>Want to help? Our first meeting is Monday, March 18th, 6:00 PM, in the Franciscan Center. For more information, contact golf@spsact.org.</p>	

<p style="text-align: center;">SISTER PARISH UPDATE</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ADULT FAITH FORMATION CALL 860-756-4034 OR EMAIL INFO@SPSACT.ORG TO REGISTER.</p>
<p>Consider our April Immersion Trip which coincides with during many town's school vacations. The trip will run from April 6 - April 13, 2019. It's a great opportunity for parents and teens to visit St. Genevieve, its school and other organizations that help Haitians. The experience can be life changing. Call the office at 860-756-4034 with questions or for more information</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>TWILIGHT RETREAT FOR LENT</u> Tuesday, March 5; 5:30-7:00 PM <i>Presenter: Fr. Thomas Gallagher, ofm, PhD</i> <i>Suggested Offering: \$15.00; includes dinner.</i> <i>Presentation only at 6:00 p.m.: \$10.00</i> REGISTRATION DEADLINE: March 1</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">SPSA MEN'S FELLOWSHIP</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>PSALMS OF LAMENT</u> Thursdays: March 7, 14, 21, 28 & April 4, 11; 10:30 AM <i>Presenter: Fr. A. Francis Soucy, ofm</i> <i>Free-Will Offering</i></p>
<p>Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 27 (This was re-scheduled due to snow last week) at 7:00 PM in the Franciscan Center. We are fortunate to be able to engage Chris Rago along with a representative from the Village for Families and Children in Hartford as speakers. They will talk about the work of the Village for Families and Children, as well as Chris' experience as a co-manager of the "Second Chance Shop" facility in Suffield. Refreshments will be available.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>INNER PEACE IN DIVINE LOVE</u> Mondays, March 11, 25 & April 1, 8, 15; 7:00-8:30 PM You are invited to experience the Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, the classic retreat in Catholic spirituality, in an innovative form that is accessible to anyone without the need to get away from ordinary life. We will use the book, <u>The First Spiritual Exercise</u>, by Michael Hansen, SJ; a creative and easy to use text, by a renowned Jesuit retreat director. <i>Facilitators: Patricia Curtis, Sheila Denion & Suzanne Nolan</i> <i>Suggested Offering: \$40.00; text & journal will be provided.</i> REGISTRATION DEADLINE: March 4</p>
<p>The St. Patrick-St. Anthony Men's Fellowship provides an opportunity to gather for mutual encouragement and support in our service to God, to our families, to the parish community, and to the world at large. Monthly meetings are held throughout the year around specific spiritual topics; presentations are followed by small group discussions. Each meeting includes time for prayer, fellowship, and refreshment. The Men's Fellowship also takes on specific service projects in support of the parish and the community.</p> <p>We are grateful to Dan Lareau and Jack Martins who have co-chaired this ministry for 10 years. We are looking to increase participation in the Men's Fellowship and looking for new leadership. Come to our next meeting listed above. If you can't make it but are still interested in this ministry, email</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>LENTEN NOURISHMENT</u> Tuesdays: March 12, 19, 26 & April 2, 9, 16; 12:30-1:00 PM March 12: Deacon Art Miller—A prophet confronts the status quo March 19: Rev. Donna Manocchio—A prophet listens attentively to the Word of God March 26: Joan Martin—A prophet becomes a voice for the voiceless. <i>Offering: \$5.00 per lunch A light lunch is provided</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">RE-ENTRY WELCOME CENTER</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>AN INTRODUCTION TO CELTIC SPIRITUALITY</u> Tuesday, March 12; 7:00-8:30 PM Why is Celtic spirituality so popular today? You will discover the answer to that question when you learn the basic principles and values of Celtic spirituality. You will also get a glimpse of Celtic history and discover if your ancestors could have been shaped by the Celtic tradition. <i>Presenter: Sr. Jane Comerford, CSJ</i> <i>Suggested Offering: \$10.00</i></p>
<p>On Community Sunday, March 10, members of the Social Justice Committee will be available to provide information on this program which supports people recently released from prison. Stop by to learn more about their extensive programs, and how you may assist in their mission.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">WEEKLY OFFERING—FEBRUARY 11-17, 2019</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">ST. PATRICK-ST. ANTHONY COMMUNITY DAY</p> <p>at Dunkin Donuts Park Yard Goats' Game on Saturday, June 22 We'll gather first for some "tailgating" in our Saints Parking Lot between 2:00-4:00 PM. Attend the 4:00 PM Mass and then walk over to the stadium for the 6:05 PM Baseball Game. <i>Tickets on SALE after all Masses on the weekend of March 9-10. Plan to JOIN US for this memorable day!</i></p>	<p>Envelope & Loose Offering: \$10,708; Online Giving: \$7,985.62 TOTAL: \$18,693.62 Thank you for your generosity.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">CLARE GALLERY CARDS</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">WEEKLY READINGS—FEBRUARY 25-MARCH 3</p>
<p>Take our stained glass windows home, or give them as gifts!</p> <p>Choose from two different sets of twelve cards each. <i>Entry into Jerusalem, Resurrection, Ascension, Pentecost:</i> Set with 4 images; Overall set with 12 beautiful individual images. One package for \$20 or two packages for \$30. On March 9-10, you may purchase Cards after all Masses in the Franciscan Center.</p>	<p>Monday: Sir 1:1-10; Mk 9:14-29 Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11; Mk 9:30-37 Wednesday: Sir 4:11-19; Mk 9:38-40 Thursday: Sir 5:1-8; Mk 9:41-50 Friday: Sir 6:5-17; Mk 10:1-12 Sunday: Sir 27:4-7; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45</p>



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We Pray For...

- the sick: Carmela Ricciardi; Bill Scalf
- the leadership and members of our Men's Fellowship Group.

Sanctuary Lamps—Week of February 24, 2019
In Loving Memory of Margaret Dinunzio

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, February 23, 2019

4:00 Antonio & Analia Alves

SUNDAY, February 24, 2019

8:00 Margaret Dinunzio

10:00 Dorothy & William Lauer

11:45 John Fusco

5:00 Intentions of the Oppenheimer Family

MONDAY, February 25, 2019

7:00 James Gallagher

8:00 Deceased members of the 100% Voters League

12:05 William Leone

TUESDAY, February 26, 2019

7:00 Joan Cuccia

8:00 Michael Lang

12:05 Michael & Margaret Abbruzzese

WEDNESDAY, February 27, 2019

7:00 Our Parishioners

8:00 Intentions of Norman McEnaney

12:05 Joe Alexinski

THURSDAY, February 28, 2019

7:00 In thanksgiving to Our Lady of Fatima

8:00 Norma Sullivan Contois

12:05 Virginia M. Horne

FRIDAY, March 1, 2019

7:00 Frank D'Amico

8:00 Ann Borowski

12:05 Florencia Rosal & Encarnacion Nieves

SATURDAY, March 2, 2019

4:00 Anthony LaBriola

SUNDAY, March 3, 2019

8:00 Concetta Gianni

10:00 Rose & Angelo Perrone

11:45 Deceased members of the Michael Foley-Gates Family

5:00 In thanksgiving for the Urbanucci Family

SANCTUARY LAMPS

If you wish to reserve a seven-day Sanctuary Lamp on either side of the tabernacle in memory of a deceased loved one, a member of your family who is ill, or for any special intentions, please make arrangements by calling the Church Office at 860-756-4034.





LENT

Our Lenten Journey Begins

Tuesday, March 5 at 7:00 PM
LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

On this eve of Ash Wednesday, all are invited to bring your dried blessed palms that you may still have to be burned to ash and used for Ash Wednesday services.

Ashes distributed.

Wednesday, March 6—ASH WEDNESDAY
Liturgy of the Eucharist with ashes distributed at 7:00 AM, 8:00 AM and 12:05 PM

SOLEMN VESPERS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY
Wednesday, March 6 at 7:00 PM
Sung anthems and psalms, readings from Scripture featuring the Gallery Choir
Ashes distributed.

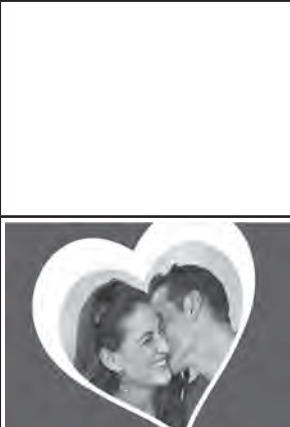
STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Fridays in Lent at 12:30 PM—March 8, 15, 22 & 29; April 5 & 12
Each Friday in Lent immediately following the 12:05 Mass.
This is a wonderful opportunity to meditate with family and friends
on the saving journey of Christ.

VESPERS
Tuesdays in Lent at 6:00 PM—March 12, 19 & 26; April 2 & 9
Each Tuesday in Lent we will gather for a Vespers Service in the church.
You are invited to join us. We come together during this Lenten Season to pray, reflect,
and become more and more aware of the tremendous love that our God has for us.



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