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JULY 1, 2018—THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Office Hours

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

LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR, FR. TOM, OFM

May the Lord give you peace.

That we are living in a time of great divisiveness in our nation is an understatement. This divisiveness pervades our news, social media, conversations and relationships. This malady infects the way that our nation is treating immigrants, refugees, and the poor. The horror of warehousing children apart from their families is a national nightmare. Divisiveness inspires fear, distrust, animosity, and isolation. Sometimes we may feel trapped or overwhelmed. The publication, *US Catholic*, offers five points that call us to conversion and empower us to stand firm in the Gospel.

While they mention prayer as the final point, I believe the entire process is one that engages us in prayer. I invite you to join us for daily mass and for evening prayer on Mondays at 6:00 PM. Come when you are able and bring your friends. When we pray, let us consider prayer for those elected to serve our nation and those appointed to serve as well. All three branches of the Federal Government are in great need of our prayer. We pray for immigrants, refugees, the sick and the poor. We pray for those whose lives are committed to caring for others.

The first point is to be well educated and informed. This means that we listen, attend to alternate perspectives, consider what we know and experience, reflect on what we learn in light of the Gospel message and respond. Some recommended sources include CLINIC, Kino Border Initiative, the Hope Border Institute, and Justice for Immigrants.

With a knowledge base, contact your representatives. They were elected to serve the nation and not simply to keep their jobs. Affirm what you believe and ask for accountability. (For example, when and how will children be reunited with their families? What restitution will be made for this horrific event?)

As you are able, support organizations that represent your understanding of the best solution to the issues facing our nation and world.

Create possibilities for folks to know their rights and for the community to understand the options available for those in need and for the community to respond with compassion.

Prayer is the guiding energy that transforms our lives. I suggest considering St. Francis' Prayer before the Crucifix (1205/1206).

Most High,
 glorious God,
 enlighten the darkness of my heart
 and give me right faith,
 certain hope and perfect charity,
 sense and knowledge Lord,
 that I may carry out Your holy and true will.

Fr. Thomas M. Gallagher, ofm
 Pastor

MONDAY EVENING PRAYER—JULY 1

Join us for the next several Monday evenings at 6:00 PM for a few moments of prayer, song and quiet meditation. Service lasts 15-20 minutes and takes place in the in the Chapel of St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church. Our readings will include excerpts from the Apostolic Exhortation — *Gaudete et Exultate* — of the Holy Father Francis, on the call to holiness in today's world.

SEPTEMBER 2018 TRIP TO HAITI

On September 9th, our sister parish, St. Genevieve, will be celebrating its 15th Anniversary of becoming a parish. An immersion trip to Haiti to celebrate with our sisters and brothers, is scheduled for **September 5th - 11th**. All are invited. If interested in more information, kindly call the Church office at 860-756-4034. **Individuals must register by July 15.**



20-year old Laura Kelly went on the last immersion trip in January 2018. To read her story go to www.spsact.org.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Did you know...

- ◆ that we have programs for children as young as three years old?
- ◆ that we have a team of experienced and dedicated professionals that work together for the best possible experiences for your family?
- ◆ that no matter what program you choose we all come together to prepare for First Communion as a parish group?
- ◆ that all of our programs include service ministry and connections to parish life?



We look forward to welcoming any new families to join our religious education programs.

Questions? Call 860-756-4034.

Register Online for the 2018-2019 Religious Education Programs at www.spsact.org.

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL AS OF 6/27

Goal: \$115,000
Number of Gifts: 332
Pledged to Date: \$107,838
% of Goal: 93.77%
% of Participation: 22.46%

Thank you to all who have made a gift or pledge commitment to the 2018 Archbishop's Annual Appeal.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- July 2** Evening Prayer Service, 6:00 PM
Palestine Heirloom Seed Presentation, 6:30 PM
- July 3** Group Spiritual Direction, 12:30 PM
Lectio Divina, 6:45 PM
- July 4** **Parish Office Closed**
Sandwich Ministry, 4:00 PM
- July 7** Cenacle Meeting, 6:30 AM
- July 8** Community Sunday—Donuts, Juice and Coffee available after Sunday morning Masses.

NOVEL IDEA FICTION DISCUSSION GROUP

Gather at 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 Sara Zagorski (860-721-1814). **Upcoming selections:**

- July 19:** A House Among the Trees-*Julia Glass*
Aug 16: A Gentleman in Moscow-*Amor Towles*
Sep 20: The Leavers-*Lisa Ko*

WEEKLY MASS READINGS: JULY 2-8

Mon. Am 2:6-10, 13-16; Mt 8:18-22
Tues. Eph 2:19-22; Jn 20:24-29
Wed. Am 5:14-15, 21-24; Mt 8:28-34
Thurs. Am 7:10-17; Mt 9:1-8
Fri. Am 8:4-6, 9-12; Mt 9:9-13
Sun. Ez 2:2-5; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Mt 6:1-6a

LIVING STEWARDSHIP

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who ask themselves "What do I have to share that might meet someone's else's need?"

WEEKLY OFFERING: JUNE 18-24

Envelope & Loose Collection: \$12,047.00
Online Giving: \$6,478.12

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St. Anthony Bread for the Poor: \$301.00
Franciscan Missionary Union: \$2,406.50

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STEWARDSHIP

Today's reading from St. Paul explains the "divine economy" of stewardship - "The relief of others ought not to impoverish you; there should be a certain equality. Your plenty... should supply their need so their surplus may in turn one day supply your need."

**FOOD COLLECTION FOR HANDS ON HARTFORD
COMMUNITY PANTRY**

Uh oh! The peanut butter and jelly shelves at Hands on Hartford's Community Pantry are empty! School is out and kids are looking for the popular PB & J sandwiches. Soup is also in short supply and is a popular item among the 550 families who rely on the pantry each month to help meet their food and nutrition needs.



YOU can help make a difference in the lives of our Hartford neighbors this summer by bringing PEANUT BUTTER, JELLY, and SOUP to Mass on the weekend of July 21 -22.

There will be a collection point outside of the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry before each Mass on the weekend of July 21 and 22 ONLY.



HOUSE OF BREAD

Soup Kitchen & Day Shelter

It's Meatloaf Sunday—Cook a meatloaf for your family and one for the House of Bread. Frozen meatloaves will be collected next week. Bring home cooking to the Soup Kitchen clients.

We would also welcome donations of 39-gallon trash bags, kitchen garbage bags, dish detergent, dishwasher detergent, bleach, salt, pepper, sugar, coffee, coffee creamer, cooking oil, penne pasta, paper napkins, paper towels, toilet tissue.



www.hobread.org ... more than just soup.

OPEN HEARTS LGBT MINISTRY

Meetings for Open Hearts LGBT start again in the Fall. The next meeting for Families & Friends of the LGBT Community is TBA, however, Sr. Ginny Sheehan and/or individual parents are available to meet on request. Contact info@spsact.org or 860-756-4034 for more info.

**FR. ANDREW 2018
CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT**



Did you know that The Franciscan Center is currently housing 12 adults and 9 children from Puerto Rico displaced by Hurricane Maria.

Proceeds from the Annual Charity Golf Tournament make this possible.

Currently there are many ways to participate in the tournament. Check out the golf brochures located at the entrances of the Church or go on-line at www.spsact.org.

Thank you for your continued support.

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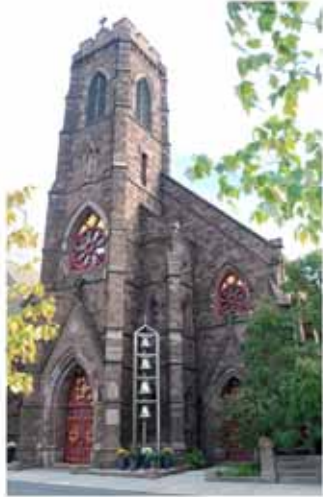
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Free, well-lighted parking is available in the Saints Surface Parking Lot located directly across the street from St. Patrick -St. Anthony Church and the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry.

Reconciliation

Mon, Wed, Fri -11:30 AM—12:00 NOON; Sat—3:30 PM-4:00 PM
Private confessions by appointment are available.

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



We Pray For...

- the newly baptized children: Maxon, son of Michael and Melissa Perez; Julian, son of Sebastian and Alexandra Lombardi.
- the sick: Louis Aleia; Judith Armstrong; Wayne Urbanski.

Sanctuary Lamps—Week of July 1, 2018

In loving memory of Richard Formica for his birthday.

Holiday Mass Schedule

Please note that on Wednesday, July 4, there will be one Mass for the day at 8:00 AM.

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, June 30, 2018

4:00 Petronella Pace

SUNDAY, July 1, 2018

8:00 William & Angelina Speziale

10:00 Maria Monaco

11:45 Mark Callahan

5:00 Robert Menhart

MONDAY, July 2, 2018

7:00 St. Genevieve in Haiti

8:00 Our Parishioners

12:05 Lynn DeNino Fahey

6:00 Evening Prayer Service

TUESDAY, July 3, 2018

7:00 Franciscan Center Ministry

8:00 Ana Davis Green

12:05 Concetta Gianni

WEDNESDAY, July 4, 2018

8:00 Michael & Stacey Price

THURSDAY, July 5, 2018

7:00 Our Parishioners

8:00 Alexander Cardoni

12:05 Mimi Jahn

FRIDAY, July 6, 2018

7:00 Adriano & Maria da Costa (Roxo)

8:00 Donald L. Quattrocchio

12:05 Intentions of Mary Ann Dubin

SATURDAY, July 7, 2018

4:00 Deceased members of the Pinnone Family

SUNDAY, July 8, 2018

8:00 Salvatore Gianni

10:00 Intentions of Joyce & John Lemega's 50th Wedding Anniversary

11:45 Francesco & Elissa Lanaro

5:00 Mary McClintock



Summer Faith Formation Opportunities

To register for a program, please call the Parish Office at 860-756-4034 or email info@spsact.org



Palestine Heirloom Seed Presentation

Monday, July 2 at 6:30 p.m.

Free will offering

Vivien Sansour, a Palestinian Christian from Bethlehem, has been instrumental in establishing an *Heirloom Seed Library* to preserve the cultural heritage of the produce of the land. As part of the Fertile Crescent, Palestine has been considered one of the world's centers of diversity, particularly for wheat and barley. This biodiversity is being threatened by policies that target farmers and force them to give up their heirloom seeds and adopt new hybrid varieties. The Palestine *Heirloom Seed Library* is an attempt to recover ancient seeds and put them back into people's hands. The seed library is an interactive art and science project that aims to provide a public space for the exchange of seeds & knowledge.

Lectio Divina: The Ancient Art of Praying The Scriptures

Tuesdays, July 3 & 17, August 7 & 21; 6:45-7:45 p.m.

We seek the presence of the living God by listening – giving the Lord the first word and letting that word expand our listening. We create a safe and sacred space to read, contemplate, and share what the Bible reveals to our hearts. Come to one or more of these meetings and experience a different kind of prayer.



*Share
Your
Faith!*

Summer Nourishment: Witnessing to Our Faith in Today's World

Tuesdays, July 17, 24 & 31; 12:30-12:55 p.m. *Offering: \$5.00 per each luncheon*

The youth of our parish are living their faith each and every day as they negotiate the conflicts, discrimination, and expectations they encounter. This summer immediately following the 12:05 p.m. Mass, we have an opportunity to listen to six youth of our parish who will provide us with insights into the possibilities and challenges to living their baptismal light. Let us, let them, provide all of us with their witness. Come hear thoughtful and inspiring reflections! The talks with a light lunch are provided in the Franciscan Center.

Summer Book Discussion - "Mr. Blue"

Wednesdays, July 18 & 25; 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Facilitators: Bill Baker, John Lemega, & Patty Panetta

Join us as we read and experience *Mr. Blue*, a novel written in 1928 by Myles Connolly. J. Blue, the protagonist, is a young man who elects to take Christianity seriously. He spends his inherited wealth almost as soon as he gets it. For a time, he lives in a packing box on the roof of a New York City office building. He has a kinship of sorts with St. Francis. And his effect on the people he meets, as well as those reading this book, is overwhelming. The text is barely a hundred pages and is an easy read. But it could change your life!

The reading text will be provided for participants. *Co-sponsored by Men's Fellowship & Women of Hope Ministries*

Psalms of Trust

Thursdays: July 19, 26 August 2, 9, 16; 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Presenter: Fr. A. Francis Soucy, OFM

The psalms usually get short shrift in the Eucharistic liturgy, functioning only to separate one reading from another. Join us this summer as Fr. Francis will explore particular psalms pertaining to one's personal trust in God.

Free Will Offering



Sunset Cruise & Evening of Reflection

Wednesday, September 5; 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Offering: \$45

All men and women are invited to our annual cruise aboard the *Argia* schooner while enjoying a delicious dinner as we sail the waters of Fisher's Island Sound.

**** Brother John Gill, OFM will be our speaker for the sail ****

There will be time for music & prayer during this Evening of Reflection.






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