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ALL ARE WELCOME!

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September 29, 2019—Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 11:30 am—12:00 noon
 Saturday 3:30 pm-4:00 pm
Private confessions by appointment are available

CHURCH IS OPEN FOR PRAYER

Monday through Friday 6:30 AM—2:00 PM

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.

PARKING

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.



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



September 29, 2019

May the Lord give you peace.

St. Patrick-St. Anthony, originally Holy Trinity, celebrates 190 years of mission and ministry. We were the



Holy Trinity Church
Founded in Hartford in 1829.
Holy Trinity was Connecticut's
first Catholic church.

first Catholic parish in the state of Connecticut. We have indeed been blessed in the communities that have found and created a home here. Thank you for all of the many ways that you enrich the mission and ministry of this wonderful parish. What began as a small community of unwanted Irish immigrants later welcomed the Italian immigrant community of St. Anthony's and now provides a home where all are welcome. We are happy to welcome those whose

life's journey has led them to unusual places and sometimes painful situations. Having begun with a small community of marginalized immigrants, we are happy to meet others who may feel left out-even from the Church. It is God who calls and God who desires that no one would be left out. Come to celebrate the Word of God and the Table of God's love.

Our celebration includes remembering St. Francis as we gather to give thanks to God for his legacy in the church. Please join us on **Thursday, October 3rd at 7:00 PM** as we remember the passing of St. Francis from this life into the fullness of God's love. We will share stories of St. Francis, sing God's praise, bless and break bread together. I encourage you to come to this beautiful service.

The weekend will be a celebration of our anniversary and the Feast of St. Francis. On **Saturday, October 5th at 9:00 AM we will bless the animals.** At the weekend

Masses (**October 5-6**) we continue our tradition of **blessing stuffed animals.** Yes, no matter what your age, bring your stuffed animal to church and we will bless God for the security, love, joy, and peace that they are.

Our Music Ministry has planned some **special music for the Mass at 4:00 PM on Saturday after which we will move to the courtyards for our garden party.** The pizza truck has been ordered as are the sandwiches. There will be beverages and I ask that you bring something sweet to share. There will be face painting and a special surprise. Bring your family! We will continue to give thanks throughout the weekend for God's grace and gift in this wonderful community.

St. Francis is known for his love of creation. He invited others to see the imprint of the creator, God in all of creation. His great Canticle of the Sun, the oldest piece of literature in the Umbrian dialect, is a hymn of praise to God for the wonders of God made visible in our world. Five years ago, Pope Francis wrote an encyclical bearing the opening line of St. Francis' Canticle- "Laudato Si" — Praise be yours. In this time of great pollution and accumulation of waste, Pope Francis calls us to see God's grace and goodness through the lens of creation and to develop greater care for all of the ways that we experience God in our world.

The encounter with/embrace of a person with leprosy changed St. Francis' life. Francis realized that in that embrace he held love. The Franciscan tradition continues to recognize the loving face of Christ in those who are excluded, objectified, and unwanted. The immigrant of today, not unlike the immigrant in 1829, faces great hardship and horrific living situations. Please continue to pray and to advocate for ways of compassionate immigration reform.

Peace and All Good,

Fr. Thomas M. Gallagher, ofm
Pastor



Weekly Readings — September 30-October 6, 2019

Monday Zechariah 8:1-8; Luke 9:46-50

Tuesday Zechariah 8:20-23; Luke 9:51-56

Wednesday..... Nehemiah 2:1-8; Matthew 18:1-5, 10

Thursday..... Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Luke 10:1-12

Friday..... Baruch 1:15-22; Luke 10:13-16

Sunday..... Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2:2-4; 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14; Luke 17:5-10

Bulletin Submission Deadline: Monday by Noon Prior to Publication.

IT'S TIME FOR A CELEBRATION!

Saturday, October 5, 2019

5:00 pm to 7:00 pm



October 5 we will celebrate the 190th anniversary of the founding of our parish. What began as a small community of beleaguered Irish immigrants and later merged with a struggling Italian community and as the first Catholic parish in the state of Connecticut, has become a vibrant home for the mission of the Gospel. This is certainly a reason to celebrate.

We will have special music at the 4:00 PM Mass and then move to the beautiful courtyards, Friary Meeting room, and rear parking area for Pizza, Gluten Free Pizza, salad and Italian Ice. In addition, we will have D & D Market's 6-foot long grinders. There will be games for the kids, face painting and a great time to socialize.

Contact Trudi Campbell in the parish office to assist at the party.

Bring Desserts to Share and Lawn Chairs.

REGISTER by calling the Parish Office at 860-756-4034 or by going to www.spsact.org and clicking the link found on the home page.

Vespers—Tuesday at 6:00 pm

Join us as we gather in the Chapel of St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church and pray for the intentions of our parish and the world. We will continue to hear Excerpts from Pope Francis' Message for 2019 World Day of Migrants and Refugees.



**St. Patrick-St. Anthony
Open Hearts Ministry**

Open Hearts LGBT Ministry:

October 13 at 6:00 PM

Friends & Families of the LGBT Community

October 15 at 6:30 PM

Emmaus Grieving Parent Ministry

The next two meeting dates are October 6 and November 17 at 3:15 p.m. in the Franciscan Center.

The Emmaus Grieving Parent Ministry at St. Patrick-St. Anthony welcomes all parents whose child/children have died, no matter when or why, and without regard to religious affiliation.

House of Bread

Make some room at home and feel good doing it. Please consider donating your 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

NOVEL IDEA BOOK CLUB



Join our book club each month to discuss works of fiction. We meet in the Franciscan Center from

7:00-8:30 PM. **October 17: Warlight** by Michael Ondaatje — *Go to*

www.spsact.org for future books.

"If Today You Hear God's Voice, Harden Not Your Heart..."



Are you or someone you know interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church? We invite you to consider exploring our parish's RCIA program. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a gradual welcoming

of adults into the Catholic Faith. In our Catholic community, we warmly receive members of all ages, and try to provide appropriate spiritual formation to suit each person's needs.

RCIA also provides a great opportunity for baptized Catholics who wish to complete their sacraments by preparing for Eucharist and Confirmation.

For more information, please contact the parish office at 860-756-4034.



Care of Creation

Care of Creation is a subcommittee in the Social Justice ministry. The following events in honor of St. Francis, the patron of ecology, will be co-sponsored by The Collaborative Center for Justice (a Hartford-based Catholic advocacy and social justice organization).

1. There will be an opportunity for advocacy to sign letters to our senators and Governor after all Masses on October 5 and 6. Please stop by the table located across from the Church to learn more.
2. On Monday, October 7, an interactive workshop *All Connected: Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor* will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the Franciscan Center.
3. On October 24 and 25, we will have a 2-part look at *Laudato Si* through a Franciscan lens, to be held in the Franciscan Center at 6:30 p.m. See more details in the SPSA e-News.

Nurturing Children's Understanding of God: It Takes a Village

Tuesday, October 23, 7:00-8:30 PM

Spiritual development begins at birth and is a life-long process. With a focus on early and middle childhood, the speakers for this program, Dr. Sara Whitcomb and Carol Gammell, will provide a social-emotional framework for understanding children and their spiritual development. The purpose of this program is to give parents and all caregivers of children a night to reflect on how children are nourished during this beginning period of faith formation.

Grandparents and Godparents are welcome

Sara Whitcomb, Ph.D., is an Associate Professor of Student Development in the College of Education at UMASS, Amherst. She is also a Licensed Psychologist. *Carol Gammell, M.Ed., M.A.*, a Licensed Professional Counselor, is a Psychotherapist in private practice in Glastonbury.

****Sara and Carol are daughter and mother.****

Reserve your spot early! Free Will Offering

Invite friends and family members to join us

Call: 860-756-4034 or Email: info@spsact.org

Inner Peace In Friendship with Jesus Sundays, October 20 & November 3, 10, 17, 24

1:00 - 2:30 PM

CO-FACILITATORS

Patricia Cu *Sheila Denion & Suzanne Nolan*

Suggested **g: \$40.00;**

text & journal will be provided

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: October 10;

Call: 860-756-4034 or Email: info@spsact.org

Monthly Bereavement Program

Have you suffered the loss of a loved one and would like to explore your feelings along with others who have similarly lost loved ones? Meetings are from 1:00 to 2:00 PM on Sundays: October 13, November 10 and December 8. Please RSVP at the parish office at 860-756-4034 so that we can inform you of any schedule changes.



**Help Needed at
St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church and
The Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry**

In the planning stages: We are beginning plans for two cooking opportunities.

The first is a team of volunteers providing parts of a meal for 80 people in a no-freeze shelter beginning in November.

The second opportunity is for a household or group providing a meal for 15-28 people once a month. This project will likely begin after the 1st of January.

Contact Trudi at 860-756-4034, ext. 110 or at twhite@spsact.org for more information or to let her know of your interest in these cooking opportunities

Stewardship Reflection

The sin of the rich man in today's parable was not that he was rich, but that he failed to share his wealth with the beggar at his gate. He knew Lazarus, walked by him every time he came in or out, but did nothing to relieve his suffering. Is there a Lazarus in my life?

Living Stewardship

This week seek out the Lazarus in your life that needs love. Maybe your neighbor, elderly parents or grandparents?

We pray for the families and individuals who assist our hungry brothers and sisters. Many come to our door for sandwiches which are assembled by our Sandwich Making Team. The Sandwich Distribution Team serves every day between 4 and 5:30 PM. Additionally, on Monday, Wednesday and Friday other volunteers make homemade cookies to distribute. We thank God for their willingness to be part of this project and we pray for those giving and those receiving.



Weekly Offering — September 16-22

Envelope & Loose: \$10,344.50

Online Giving: \$7,457.00

TOTAL: \$17,801.50

The **HOPES** collection (Help Our Parish Elementary Schools): \$1,337.00

These funds are sent to the Archdiocese of Hartford.



Please consider online giving to help continue to grow and sustain your Church. Go to—www.spsact.org—and click on the Online Giving icon.



Celebrate

SAINT FRANCIS

of Assisi

- **Thursday, October 3 at 7:00 PM**
Transitus of Saint Francis of Assisi
- **Friday, October 4**
Feast Day of Saint Francis of Assisi; 7, 8, 12:05 Masses
- **Saturday, October 5**
Blessing of Live Animals at 9:00 AM
Mass at 4:00 PM with special liturgical music
190th Anniversary Celebration at 5:00 PM
- **Saturday & Sunday, October 5 & 6**
Blessing of Animals at all Weekend Masses

Drumming Circle

**Mondays, October 7, November 4,
December 2 from 6:45-8:00 PM**

Did you know that drumming is good for the spirit as well as the heart and mind? Join us for an evening of African drumming rhythms once a month in church.

First time participants, please arrive at the church by 6:30 pm. Let us know if you need a drum when you call the parish office to register.

Facilitator: Elaine Wiatr

Sister Parish Update



The next visit to Haiti and our Sister Parish St. Genevieve is the Immersion Trip from January 21 - 28, 2020. The highlight of the trip will be to spend three

days in the village of Fouji to celebrate the feast of St. Genevieve with the parish and to visit the school on Monday morning. A final headcount for the trip is needed by November 15, 2019. If you have questions or would like more details, please call 860-756-4034, and someone will return your call. Or you can send inquiries to frandamico525@yahoo.com

It Is No Longer I Who Live: Scriptural Perspectives on Baptism and Confirmation

Saturday, October 19 from 8:30 AM-3:30 PM

The Church's three sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist) are the means by which each of us is incorporated into Christ's body, the Church. These sacraments join us to the saving power of Christ, and also define and shape our identity as his followers throughout our lives.



This day-long session will consider the rich spirituality that is contained in the scriptural text that pertain to the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. *Participants may find it useful to bring a Bible.*

Please bring your own lunch; Presenter: Paul D. Sansone; **Suggested Offering:** \$35.00

Please register: 860-756-4034 or info@spsact.org.

Persistent Women of Spirit: Hildegard of Bingen & Dorothy Day

**Thursday, October 10 and Tuesday, November 12
7:00-8:30 PM**



These two women of faith, separated by eight centuries, invite us to reflect on how we can persist

in our life and faith journeys. Rooted in community, seeking after God and leading with courage and strength, Hildegard and Dorothy's words and deeds changed lives, communities, and the world. Each session focuses on one woman, and includes times for prayer, reflection, holy conversation and creative expression.

Co-Presenters: Janet Bristow & Rev. Donna Monocchio

Suggested Offering: \$10.00

Please register: 860-756-4034 or info@spsact.org.



Dorothy Day
1897-1980

Thin Places: ETTY HILLESUM: A Life Transformed by Patrick Woodhouse

We invite you to a seven week read that will lead you to experience the power of love through Patrick Woodhouse's text. Woodhouse reflects on the diary and letters of this young Jewish woman, revealing a woman who was shaped by a spirituality of hope in the darkest period of the Nazi Holocaust.

Participants can secure text at Alibris.com, Amazon or Thrift books. Each has an occasional discount. "Homework!" Forward; Introduction; Brief Summary of her life.

Wednesdays from 12:45 – 2:15 PM

First session: October 2, 2019

Please register: 860-756-4034 or info@spsact.org.

How The World Worships: The Ukrainian Catholic Church

Sunday, October 6 from 1:00-2:30 PM

Presenter: Alex Kuzma; **Suggested Offering:** \$10.00; **Register:** 860-756-4034 or info@spsact.org





Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY, September 28, 2019

4:00 In thanksgiving to Our Lady of Fatima

SUNDAY, September 29, 2019

8:00 Kathryn Chance

10:00 John N. Ramos

11:45 Amalia Alvarez Guerrero

5:00 Mary Rathnamala

MONDAY, September 30, 2019

7:00 Franciscan Center Ministry

8:00 Our Parishioners

12:05 Michael O'Donnell

TUESDAY, October 1, 2019

7:00 St. Genevieve School Teachers

8:00 Franciscan Center Ministry

12:05 Tom Picone

WEDNESDAY, October 2, 2019

7:00 Our Parishioners

8:00 Franciscan Center Ministry

12:05 Jean Frigo Bell

THURSDAY, October 3, 2019

7:00 Deceased Friars of Holy Name Province

8:00 Deceased Benefactors of Franciscan
Friars of Holy Name Province

12:05 Concetta Gianni

7:00 Transitus of St. Francis of Assisi

FRIDAY, October 4, 2019

7:00 Joan Marie Montovani

8:00 Our Parishioners

12:05 Fr. Andrew Giardino, OFM

SATURDAY, October 5, 2019

4:00 Katie Keene Olsen

SUNDAY, October 6, 2019

8:00 William & Angie Speziale

10:00 Rose & Angelo Perrone

11:45 Donato Monaco

5:00 Chelsea Clyburn Morehouse



We Pray For...

- for our newly baptized child:
Cecelia, daughter of Jay and Jessica Abraham.

Calendar of Events

- Sept. 30 Forward With Faith, 6:30 PM
Bass Clef Choir, 7:30 PM
- Oct. 1 Group Spiritual Direction, 12:35 PM
Secular Franciscans JPIC, 12:35 PM
Vespers, 6:00 PM
Lectio Divina, 6:45 PM
- Oct. 2 Thin Places, 12:45 PM
Sandwich Ministry, 4:00 PM
Treble Clef Choir, 5:30 PM
Gallery Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 PM
Social Justice Committee, 7:00 PM
- Oct. 3 Psalms of Wisdom, 10:30 AM
Suicide Advisory Board, 2:00 PM
Immigration Subcommittee, 6:30 PM
Servant Leadership Beginnings, 6:30 PM
Transitus of St. Francis of Assisi, 7:00 PM
- Oct. 4 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, 4:15 PM
- Oct. 5 Cenacle, 5:30 AM
Secular Franciscans Regional Meeting, 9:00 AM
Blessing of Animals, 9:00 AM
Pizza/Firetruck Party, 4:30 PM
- Oct. 6 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, 8:30 &
11:00 AM
Religious Ed Family Program, 8:45 AM
Religious Ed Confirmation, 11:00 AM
Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, 12:45 PM
How The World Worships: Ukranian Catholic
Church, 1:00 PM

OFFERTORY GIFTS

Have you asked us to pray for your loved one at a week-end Mass?



It is customary to have the family or friends of your loved one bring forward the gifts of bread and wine at the particular Mass that they have requested. Please let the Sacristan know if you would like to participate in the offertory procession before the start of the Mass.



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