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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

LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR, FR. TOM, OFM

May the Lord give you peace.

We are in great need of God’s peace as we realize the impact of the Pennsylvania Grand Jury’s report of the clergy sexual abuse in six dioceses. It is scandalous and horrifying to consider the stories that have been recounted by those who have been abused by clergy and the response or lack of response by bishops. This may well drive many people from the church. However, we are the church and we need to work together for the healing of all. We must also be attentive to false accusations. Not every allegation is true.

This scandal invites us to move aside from the usual scapegoats. Gay men and gay clergy are often the first to take the fall for the issues of abuse. Some posit blame on Pope Francis leadership. Pope Francis has certainly not adequately addressed the issue, but he has only been pope for a few years. Celibacy is also often blamed for the abuse. No particular person can bear responsibility for the culture of abuse that we have realized in our time. Scapegoats allow us to bury our heads in the sand and not to acknowledge the true issues. Scapegoats enable us to think that new rules, laws or penalties can evoke the conversion of heart that creates the new culture of a vibrant, healthy church.

As church we need to engage in active, participative conversation regarding human sexuality. How do we understand what it is to be a sexual person? How are we generative? We are called to give life. This is not simply about conception, it is to nurture the goodness of the other, to call forth the gifts and beauty of the other, to heal brokenness, to discover the depth of intimacy possible to the human person and to strengthen the bonds of relationship. True expressions of human sexuality are expressions of the love that is God.

As church we need to engage in active, participative conversation regarding authority and right use of power. Church leaders are empowered to gather with the faithful to nurture and sustain the building of the Body of Christ. Sexual abuse is an abuse of that power. It disempowers the abused person and the entire community. Covering up sexual abuse is an abuse of power; it diminishes the abused as well as the rest of us. We are all gifted with God’s very Spirit and empowered by God to heal, strengthen, and reconcile one another. Leadership, authority is recognizing and encouraging those gifts of the Spirit.

As church we need to engage in active, participative conversation about healing. The experience of

abuse, its crippling effects throughout the Body of Christ, cry out for genuine healing. The healing that comes from being heard, seen and believed. The healing that comes from being held and recognized as a valued member of the People of God.

It is certainly my hope that we, as church, can address gracefully and openly these issues with the depth and insight that they demand as well as to enter into the conversion that these conversations bring. This is a call for change, for new vision, for healing and response to God’s Spirit at work within us. The conversations revealing the signs of the times call for action on behalf of justice, a justice that is not about new rules or penalties but about reconciling the fractured Body of Christ.

The uncovering of this study once again opens the wounds of many who have been abused. I ask your prayers for all whose lives have been forever changed by the abuse and invite you to an information evening “Toward Healing the Wounds of the Catholic Clergy Sexual Abuse Scandal” on September 26th. This information session is a prelude to Healing Circle gatherings for those who are interested.

Thomas M. Gallagher, ofm
 Pastor



September 14, 2018
Tunxis Country Club

Thank you to all who have registered. There's still room for GOLF and DINNER registrations. Join in the fun! Amazing live and silent auction along with the "Rico" teacup raffle!

Deadline for sponsor book is fast approaching (August 24); This is a great way to support this critical charity if you are unable to attend the day of 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.

OPEN HEARTS LGBT MINISTRY

- Open Hearts LGBT Ministry — Join us for our kick-off picnic for the 2018-2019 programming year! Sunday, September 9th at 6 pm in the Franciscan center.
- Families & Friends of the LGBT Community—Sr. Ginny Sheehan and/or individual parents are available to meet on request. Contact info@spsact.org for more info.

BIG BROTHERS / BIG SISTERS

Have you thought about becoming a Big Brother or Big Sister, but just never have the extra time in your schedule? Try e-mentoring! Nutmeg Big Brothers Big Sisters is launching mentor2.0 at the CREC Academy of Science & Innovation in New Britain, CT this fall. Every incoming freshman will be matched with a college-educated mentor for all 4 years of high school to help them graduate high school college-ready, succeed in college, and fulfill their potential. With one prompted e-mail per week and one event on the third Thursday evening of every month at the school, you can make a big difference in a young person's life — and in your own.

To become a mentor,
 apply online at <https://nutmeg.imentor.org>.

You will be asked to provide references and agree to a background check.

Questions? Email Allison Holst-Grubbe at allisonh@nbbbs.org.

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

Sep 20: The Leavers — *Lisa Ko*

Oct. 18: Pachinko — *Min Jin Lee*

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

In today's second reading, St. Paul reminds us that blessed by the Lord, the good steward should "give thanks to God the Father always and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."

WEEKLY OFFERING—AUGUST 6—12

Envelope & Loose Collection \$11,293.00

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MEN'S DAY OF REFLECTION

The St. Patrick-St. Anthony Men's Fellowship Group is pleased to offer a Men's Day of Reflection at Ender's Island. The event will take place on **Saturday, September 15, 2018**. *All men are invited.*

Our speaker will be Fr. Francis Soucy, OFM who will speak about the Eucharist.

Join us for meaningful, spiritual dialog and fellowship as you enjoy the beauty and serenity of Ender's Island. Plan to arrive at 9:30 AM and feel free to stay to 3:00 PM (*or later*). Car pooling will be available.

\$45.00 Registration Fee includes baked goods and coffee/tea upon arrival and a BBQ lunch. Contact the Parish Office to register.

Make checks payable to "Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry" and mail to Attn: Fran Martyn, 285 Church Street, Hartford, CT 06103

Registration Deadline: September 5, 2018.

This has been a very popular event in past years. We can only accept the first 30 registrations, so do not delay!

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

We are in search of someone to help us twice a month on Tuesdays with our **door and phones from 4:30 to 7:30 PM** by answering the phones and door at the Franciscan Center. For more information, please connect with Trudi in the parish office. Thanks!

<p>THE EMMAUS GRIEVING PARENTS MINISTRY</p>	<p>ADULT FAITH FORMATION To register call the Parish Office at 860-756-4034 or email info@spsact.org.</p>
<p>This ministry supports parents whose spiritual journey includes the death of a child or children. All who have suffered the loss of a child at any time—including prior to birth and many decades ago—are welcome. Our circle of parents will gather at the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry at 3:15 PM on Sunday, August 26. For more information, please email info@spsact.org or call the church office at 860-756-4034.</p>	<p>GROUP SPIRITUAL DIRECTION Every Tuesday: 12:30-1:30 PM</p> <p>Group Spiritual Direction refers to the active conversation centering on the relationship with God/Divine Presence/Higher Power/Spirit of what is life-giving. <i>Every Tuesday after the 12:05 Mass</i>, two Spiritual Directors gather with all who attend for reflection on the Gospel for the upcoming Sunday Mass. As companions on the journey, the directors listen for the underlying flow of life (often named ‘spirit’) in the reading while facilitating conversation within the group. Please join us! <i>Co-Facilitators: Trudi Campbell and Pamela Morrison-Wolf</i></p>
<p>ITEMS NEEDED FOR THE HOMELESS</p>	<p>LECTIO DIVINA Tuesdays, September 4 & 18, October 2 & 16, November 6 & 20, December 4 & 18 6:45-7:45 PM</p> <p>Lectio Divina is an ancient art of praying the Scriptures that honors the most basic source of all real prayer – an interior desire for God. 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. Facilitator: Sheila Denion</p>
<p>We are seeking donations of new tube socks, foot powder in small containers, travel size toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant, soap, razors and toothbrushes for our brothers and sisters who come to the door in need. The highest quality socks are usually not necessary. When socks get really dirty or wet they may be thrown out by those who don’t have access or means to get to a laundromat. <i>Please bring your donations to the office or leave them in the marked basket at the back of the church.</i></p>	<p>SUNSET CRUISE & EVENING OF REFLECTION Wednesday, September 5 from 5:30-7:30 PM</p> <p>All men and women are invited to our annual Sunset Cruise and Evening of Reflection. We will sail aboard the Argia, a replica of a 19th century gaff-rigged schooner, down the Mystic River while enjoying a delicious dinner as we sail the waters of Fisher’s Island Sound. There will be time for music & prayer during this Evening of Reflection. *Brother John Gill, OFM will be our speaker for the sail * Reserve your spot on the Argia for you & a friend! Payment due at time of registration. Offering: \$45 Checks payable to “Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry” Please mail payment to Fran Martyn, 285 Church Street, Hartford, CT 06103</p>
<p>CHURCH CHOIRS</p>	<p>SPIRITUAL REFLECTION Mondays: September 17, October 15, November 19, December 17 from 12:45-2:15 PM</p> <p>Spiritual Reflection offers a monthly opportunity to take a moment, an experience of everyday life, or an event in time and to consider it through a spiritual lens using Scripture and stories from our tradition. All are welcome to join this group process of reflecting upon spiritual moments in daily life. <i>Facilitator: Trudi Campbell</i></p>
<p>The St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church Choirs will begin rehearsing shortly after Labor Day. There are three choirs – The Gallery Choir, The Treble Clef Choir, and the Bass Clef Choir. If you are interested in finding out more about these choirs, go to: www.spsact.org/http://www.spsact.org/main-menu/worship-ministries/music-ministries/ or contact Gabriel Lofvall at glofvall@spsact.org.</p>	<p>WEEKLY MASS READINGS: AUGUST 20-26</p> <p>Mon. Ez 24:15-24; Mt 19:16-22 Tues. Ez 28:1-10; Mt 18:19:23-30 Wed. Ez 23:1-11; Mt 20:1-16 Thurs. Ez 36:23-28; Mt 22:1-14 Fri. Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51 Sun. Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Eph 5:21-32; Jn 6:60-69</p>
<p>STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION</p>	<p>UPCOMING EVENTS</p> <p>Aug. 21 Group Spiritual Direction, 12:30 PM Women of Hope Committee, 6:30 PM Lectio Divina, 6:45 PM Aug. 22 Sandwich Ministry, 4:00 AM</p>



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.

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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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We Pray For...

- the sick: Nancy John, Stephanie Lamire, Louise MacDonnell;
- all preparing for the upcoming Faith Formation programs—catechists, students, workshop leaders and attendees.

Sanctuary Lamps—Week of August 19, 2018
In loving memory of Hazel and Norman Mawson

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, August 18, 2018

4:00 Nancy Laing

SUNDAY, August 19, 2018

8:00 Nathaniel J. Maliga

10:00 Mary Ramos

11:45 Luigi & Flaminia Ficocelli

5:00 Louise Gunning

MONDAY, August 20, 2018

7:00 Our Parishioners

8:00 Franciscan Center Ministry

12:05 Intentions of Chris McDermott

6:00 Evening Prayer Service

TUESDAY, August 21, 2018

7:00 Our Parishioners

8:00 Franciscan Center Ministry

12:05 Jessica Mullen

WEDNESDAY, August 22, 2018

7:00 Our Parishioners

8:00 Franciscan Center Ministry

12:05 Deneen Piscotono & Frank Piscotono, Jr.

THURSDAY, August 23, 2018

7:00 Our Parishioners

8:00 Franciscan Center Ministry

12:05 Our Parishioners

FRIDAY, August 24, 2018

7:00 Franciscan Center Ministry

8:00 Our Parishioners

12:05 Encarnación Nieves

SATURDAY, August 25, 2018

4:00 Francelina Marques

SUNDAY, August 26, 2018

8:00 Eleanor Alexander & Alan Gates

10:00 Mark Santoro

11:45 John O'Meara

5:00 Dorothy & Alfred Silver

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FALL Faith Formation Opportunities

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

A DAY WITH SAINT CLARE OF ASSISI: Gaze and Consider the Light Within

Saturday, September 22; 12:30-4:00 p.m.

Saint Clare of Assisi, perhaps best known as the first female follower of St. Francis of Assisi, was a medieval mystic and contemplative. Clare founded the Poor Ladies of San Damiano, a group of religious women, who, after her death, became known as the Poor Clares. She is the first woman to write a rule for a women's religious community and received Papal approval for it on her deathbed. A feminist before the word was coined, Clare, above all else, recognized and embraced her calling to love and serve God by ministering to, and praying for the poor, marginalized and outcast of Assisi.

The workshop will offer an opportunity to spend some time with the tavola of St. Clare, an altar screen pictured on the right, which depicts eight scenes from her life. We will reflect on and discuss the challenges, joy and unwavering love she had for God, Francis, the Friars, her Sisters and the people of Assisi as we study this extraordinary icon. Participants will be invited to consider their own lives in light of Clare's devotion. How might we envision our personal tavolas?



Suggested Offering: \$25.00

Following the 4:00 Mass, you are invited to a simple meal followed by a Prayer Service in the church to celebrate the Feast of Finding the Body of Clare of Assisi.

Presenter: Dr. Alexandria Egler is the Executive Director of Mission, Ministry & Interfaith Dialogue at St. Francis College in Brooklyn, NY. She was part of the leadership team for our SPSA 2017 Pilgrimage to Assisi and Rome.

TRUST YOUR GRIEVING HEART



Sunday, September 23; 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Suggested Offering: \$10.00

Losses weave their way throughout our lives, influencing the next path we take. Grief is our built-in response to loss, our ally in traveling the confusing, painful and transformative Land of Loss. This program gently supports those with recent loss and provides us all with a template for the losses yet to be. Tangible ideas will be offered to help navigate through this time with key reminders about our path toward healing. Current bereavement teaching and spiritual wisdom are shared, affirming that grief is, indeed, a sacred journey.

Presenter: Lisa Irish, MEd, MA, BCC brings hospital chaplaincy experience, spiritual direction, retreat leadership and a life of prayer to a creative understanding of grief. Her new book is entitled, Grieving - the Sacred Art: Hope in the Land of Loss.

BEGINNINGS: An Introduction to Servant Leadership

Tuesdays, September 25, October 9 & 23, November 13 & 27, December 4
Are YOU interested in becoming a Servant Leader?

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This paradox of serving others while leading is the crux of Servant Leadership.

Servant leaders come from all walks of life.

Some may formally manage staff in their places of employment; others may lead volunteer or athletic teams; and, of course, we all interact with neighbors, family, colleagues, and friends.

If you are interested in improving your listening skills, developing your empathy and intuition, and cultivating a deeper understanding of yourself, consider joining **Beginnings**, a course designed to awaken the Servant-Leader in you.

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