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March 26, 2017—Fourth Sunday of Lent

Letter from Fr. Tom, ofm

May the Lord give you peace.

I have spoken with many people over the past few weeks concerning the arresting and deportation of undocumented immigrants and the harassing of many who look like they might be undocumented. I have read that ICE officials masquerading as Hartford Police Officers have also been tracking those suspected of being here without sufficient documentation. It is one thing to actively move to deport serious criminals, those who pose a threat to the security of our communities, but the “Dreamers” and disruption of families is contrary to the scriptural imperative of welcoming the stranger—for you were once strangers in the land. I ask your prayers, awareness, and correspondence with our elected officials to create a just immigration policy that nurtures the growth and diversity of our nation. In conjunction with many churches around the country we will ring our church bells at the beginning of the 10:00 am Mass in prayer for all who live in fear, for a just policy, and for those who are deported to places of famine, fear, and oppression.

I also ask your serious consideration of the proposed national budget. Significant areas for our consideration rooted in Catholic Social Teaching include:

- ◆ Environmental Justice, serious consideration of the encyclical *Laudato Sí* encourages us to be responsible for our common home. This is not just a governmental responsibility but one for each of us to take seriously.
- ◆ Distributive Justice, from the Council of Jerusalem to this day the consistent teaching of the Church is care for the poor. This includes housing, education, nourishment, the arts, health care, and athletics.
- ◆ Contributive Justice, the document, *Economic Justice for All*, states: “Social Justice implies that persons have an obligation to be active and productive participants in the life of society and that society has the duty to enable them to participate in this way.”
- ◆ Preferential Option for the Poor, our concern for those who struggle

within our society is paramount.

- ◆ The parable of the rich man and Lazarus, the judgement scene in Matthew 25, and the mandate to “love one another as I have loved you” cannot be abandoned or quantified.
- ◆ Global Justice, we belong to a larger community of men and women. John XXIII in *Pacem In Terris* stressed “the development of all humanity in a spirit of solidarity.”

I realize that these are highly politicized issues and of great import for us. We continue to affirm the life of the Gospel, and in this season of transformation ask to be open to the grace of greater awareness and compassionate activity. I thank you for all that you are already doing.

Fr. Thomas M. Gallagher, ofm
 Pastor



Archbishop’s Annual Appeal

In just a few weeks, our parish has raised \$45,480.00 for the 2017 Archbishop’s Annual Appeal. In these trying times, the need of our surrounding community grows and the assistance provided by the Appeal becomes all the more crucial. If you have not yet made your gift to this year’s Appeal, please consider doing so in the days ahead. Your gift to the Archbishop’s Annual Appeal will help continue the vital services, ministries and programs that help so many throughout our Archdiocese.



COMMUNITY LIFE

Open Hearts LGBT Ministry

- **LGBT Ministry** meets monthly. Next meeting is on April 9 at 6:00 pm
- **Families & Friends of the LGBT Community** next meeting is April 25 at 6:00 pm

Novel Idea

Fiction Discussion Group

Gather from **7:00 to 8:30 pm** to discuss works of fiction with a wide appeal. For more info contact Marybeth Walsh (860-523-7034) or Sara Zagorski (860-721-1814)

Upcoming Selection:

April 20: *The Turner House* by Angela Flourney

May 18: *The Readers of Broken Wheel Recommend* by Katarina Bivald

June 15: *Burial Rites* by Hannah Kent
Check the following website for book listings. <http://www.spsact.org/main-menu/community-life/spirituality-and-social-groups/book-discussion-group/>

Emmaus Grieving Parent Ministry

Parents who suffered the loss of a child at any time—including prior to birth and many decades ago—are welcome to gather in the Franciscan Center at 3:15 pm on: **April 9, May 21 and June 11.**

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 Franciscan Center on March 26 to learn more about the Secular Franciscan Order. At our March meeting we will celebrate the Franciscan Stations of the Cross. The rosary is at 1:30 and the meeting is at 2:00.

Stations of the Cross

Fridays in Lent

March 31 & April 7 at 12:30 pm

Each Friday in Lent immediately following the 12:05 Mass; a wonderful

opportunity to meditate with family and friends on the saving journey of Christ.

Lenten Vespers, Mondays -

March 27 and April 3 at 6:00 pm

Each Monday in Lent we will gather for a Vespers Service in the church. You are invited to join us. If you feel the desire for confession, one of the friars will be available after the Vespers Service to meet with you.

Pray the Rosary

Fridays in Lent

March 31 and April 7 at 7:00 pm

Please bring your prayers and petitions to be placed before our Blessed Mother as we pray the rosary during Lent. We will be praying the scriptural rosary. Please join us in church in Our Lady of the Angels Chapel. All are welcome!



STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship Reflection

The blind man was willing to let Jesus minister to him and willingly did all Jesus asked of him. The Pharisees were more resistant to His message, seeking to disprove the miracle. Which am I more like, the man born blind or the Pharisees?

Your Weekly Giving

March 18/19..... \$12,989.50

Online Mar 13-19 \$5234.50

Total available for operating budget
\$18,125.00

St. Anthony Bread for the Poor \$295.00

(These monies go directly to the poor through the Sandwich Ministry.)

Not only can you contribute to your weekly offering through online giving, you can also contribute to our Sister Parish, St. Anthony Bread for the Poor, the Franciscan Center or Easter Flowers. To register for Online Giving, please visit our website: WWW.SPSACT.ORG. Need help signing up for Online Giving? Our Sunday Visitor Support is available at 1-800-348-2886, option 4 or call Pam Johnson, Business Manger, in the parish office.

Volunteer Ministry

- **The Community Sunday Hosts** are seeking families who will help with the hospitality on Community Sunday. If you can help, please speak with our hosts at the next Community/Donut Sunday! Additionally, if you plan to be here this summer and could help with donuts and coffee on June 11, July 9 or August 13, please call Trudi in the Office.
- We are seeking assistance for Holy Thursday supper cleanup that will take place after the Holy Thursday service. To find out more, please contact Trudi in the office.
- Thank you for all the donations of adult gloves, mittens and socks to share with our neighbors who come to our doors in need. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

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Small appliances (toasters, microwaves, irons, TVs), dishes, flatware, glasses, pots and pans, dressers and end tables. We can use most anything except clothing. We simply don't have the space.

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Living Stewardship

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who are ready to respond whenever and wherever Jesus speaks and allow Him to change their lives.



OTHER INFO

2017 The Rev. Dawson D. Trenchard Scholarship Award

Applications for the 2017-2018 School Year Scholarship Awards are available on the home page of our website: www.spsact.org.

Pilgrimage to Assisi and Rome May 15 - 25, 2017

Please consider joining us for a pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi with Franciscan Pilgrimage Programs. A day in the life of a pilgrim includes: meaningful

and well-prepared input by the pilgrimage staff—wholesome and delicious meals—visits to sacred sites significant in the lives of Francis and Clare—daily prayer and Eucharist at holy places—free time, leisure, and the good company of companion pilgrims—time to savor the beautiful Italian countryside and culture.

As pilgrims we walk—a lot! Assisi is especially hilly with cobblestone streets thousands of years old. Journey with us in a relaxed atmosphere to renew one's body, mind and spirit!

Contact Pat Curtis (860-756-4034, ext 113; pcurtis@spsact.org) for itinerary and pilgrimage expense.

Participants in the past, even those who have been to Italy before, say that this is the best trip they have ever taken!



FAITH FORMATION

Adult Faith Formation Programs

Please call the parish office to register for programs.

- **Lectio Divina**—Tuesday—April 4 7:00-8:00 pm; Facilitator: Sheila Denion
- **Lenten Nourishment**—Tuesdays March 28; April 4, 11—12:30-1:00 pm; **Presenter: March 28:** Rev. Donna Monnachio

- **Lenten Evenings of Reflection**
Wednesday: March 29—6:30-8:00 pm;
Presenter: Fr. Tom Gallagher, OFM, PhD
- **Celebrating Women's History Month**
Thursday, March 30; 6:30-8:00 pm
Women's History Month is the annual declared month of March that highlights the contributions of women to events in history and contemporary society.



SISTER PARISH UPDATE

A small contingency of parishioners left for Haiti on March 23 and will return on March 28. Please keep them and our Sisters and Brothers at St. Genevieve in your prayers.

If anyone is interested in future travel to Haiti, please call the office (860-756-4034) and leave a message. Your call will be returned.

This year's Taste of Haiti will be celebrated on Saturday, June 17. It is delayed to the third Saturday because of the celebration of Pentecost and the Friars' attendance at their Chapter meeting occurring the first two Saturdays of June this year. Anyone wishing to volunteer for this event can leave a message in the parish office.



MUSIC MINISTRY

Easter Kids' Chorale

Sing for Easter Sunday Mass
April 16, 2017 at 10:00 am

The Music Ministry would love to have the St. Patrick-St. Anthony youth join them in providing music leadership for the 10:00 am Mass in the Church on Easter Sunday.

Your child should be of reading age to participate, however, the intent is to have a broad age range as the older youth are instrumental in guiding the little ones. Singers should be able to sing in the treble range. There are three rehearsals scheduled. A minimum attendance of two rehearsals is required but all three would be GREAT!

The Rehearsal Schedule is:

Saturday, April 1 from 8:30-9:15 am
Saturday, April 8 from 8:30-9:15 am
Saturday, April 15 from 8:30-9:15 am

If your child is interested in singing, please contact Pam Johnson at 860-756-4034 x 112 or at pjohnson@spsact.org.



Upcoming Events

- 3/26/2017** Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, 8:30 am
Traditional Rel Ed, 9:00 am
Confirmation Class, 11:00 am
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, 11:00 am
RCIA Meeting, 12:45 pm
Open Hearts Outreach, 1:00 pm
Secular Franciscans, 1:00 pm
Meditation #3, 3:30 pm
- 3/27/2017** Insider's Talk, 5:30 pm
Bass Clef Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 pm
- 3/28/2017** Lenten Nourishment, 12:30 pm
Group Spiritual Direction, 1:00 pm
The Saint and the Pope, 6:30 pm
- 3/29/2017** Thin Places, 12:30 pm
Sandwich Ministry & Wellness Center, 4:00 pm
Treble Clef Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 pm
Lenten Evenings of Reflection, 6:30 pm
Gallery Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 pm

- 3/30/2017** Prayer Shawl Ministry, 10:30 am
Sister Parish Creole Class, 6:30 pm
Women's History Month Celebration, 6:30 pm
- 3/31/2017** Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, 4:15 pm
Recitation of the Rosary, 7:00 pm
- 4/1/2017** Cenacle, 6:30 am
Adventure Saturday Mentor Group, 9:00 am

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

Weekly Mass Readings — March 27-April 2, 2017

- Monday** Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30
Thursday Ez 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47
Friday Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Sunday Ez 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45



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.

Staff

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Hearing assisted devices available.



Church and Franciscan Center are handicap accessible.

We Pray...

- For the sick: Claire Shea
- For our Gallery Choir who beautifully assist the congregation in worship during the Mass. If you sing Tenor, Bass, Alto or Soprano and would like to join this ministry, please contact Gabe Löfvall in the parish office.

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2017

4:00 Edward Alexis, 3rd anniversary

SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2017

8:00 Matthew Pearce

10:00 Joseph Patoka, Sr.

11:45 William Ellis

5:00 Nancy Callahan

MONDAY, MARCH 27, 2017

7:00 Elena & John Montello & Family

8:00 Jack Sullivan

12:05 Fr. Andrew Giardino, OFM

6:00 **Vespers and Confessions**

TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 2017

7:00 Franciscan Center Ministry

8:00 Our Parishioners

12:05 Franciscan Center Ministry

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 2017

7:00 Our Parishioners

8:00 Franciscan Center Ministry

12:05 In thanksgiving

THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 2017

7:00 Our Parishioners

8:00 Franciscan Center Ministry

12:05 Our Parishioners

FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 2017

7:00 Franciscan Center Minister

8:00 William R. Menner

12:05 Joseph Del Preppe

12:30 **Stations of the Cross**

SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2017

4:00 Catherine Havens

SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2017

8:00 William & Angelina Speziale

10:00 Richard Blackstone

11:45 Jack Kelliher

5:00 Dominic Giardino

St. Anthony's Bread for the Poor

Financial gifts to St. Anthony's Bread For The Poor help to support our Weekend Meal Program at the House of Bread and Sandwich Distribution Program that takes place 7 days a week, 52 weeks a year.

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285 Church Street, Hartford, CT 06103 (*checks made payable to: Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry*).

IROKO: Tree of Life/Árbol de Vida

Works by Imna Arroyo

**Clare Gallery will be part of a Global event—
SLOW ART DAY
on Saturday, April 8th.**

*Slow Art Day is taking place around the world.
Its premise is to encourage people to look at art
for more than 7 seconds. It is designed around the practice of slow looking.*

Clare Gallery is hosting an event from 4 to 5 p.m.
on Saturday, April 8th with international artist,
IMNA ARROYO.

She will encourage the act of slow looking at her
artwork exhibited in the gallery and conduct a
short workshop. ***Workshop is free and open
to the public, but registration is required.**

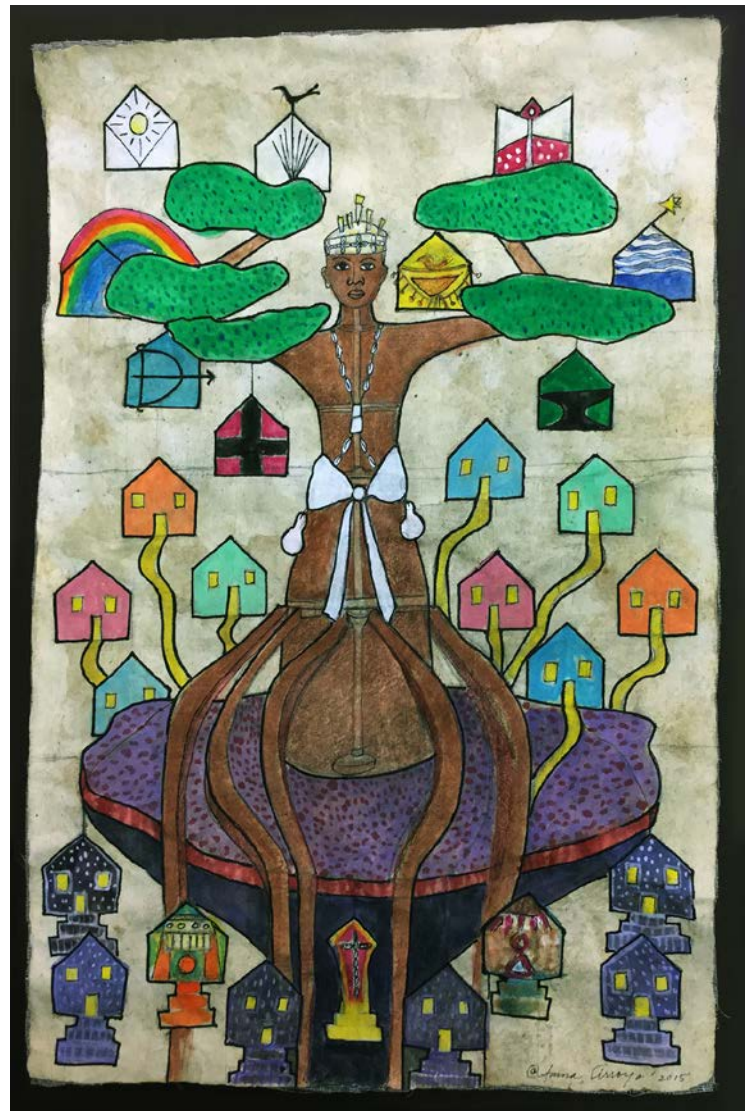
Please contact Patricia Curtis at
pcurtis@spsact.org or call 860-756-4034
for more information.

An **ARTIST RECEPTION** for Imna Arroyo
will take place immediately after the workshop
from 5-7 p.m.

For more information about Slow Art Day,
please visit their website.

The works featured in
IROKO: Tree of Life/Árbol de Vida draw on the
importance of the sacred Tree of Life in African and
other cultures around the world.
Known as Iroko to the Yoruba people of West Africa,
the Tree of Life contains great symbolic, spiritual,
mythological, medicinal, magical, commercial,
ecological and aesthetic import.

Using both traditional and non-traditional media,
Ms. Arroyo explores “the marvelous power of nature,”
ancient myths of creation and fertility, spirituality,
as well as our relationship to the environment and
the challenges of climate change.



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