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March 12, 2017 2nd Sunday of Lent

Letter from Fr. Tom, ofm

May the Lord give you peace.

Last week we were treated to the homily of Archbishop Blair inaugurating the 2017 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. This week he has sent us another DVD with even more details about the project. We have placed a link to the DVD on our Web Page so that you can give it your full attention at your leisure. Our parish goal for the appeal has been raised to \$106,000. The financial goal is coupled with the percentage of participants who respond. I ask that you consider the information that has been presented, pray and consider the potential that your response will make for the charitable works of the Archdiocese and then consider your situation. I invite you to contribute as you deem fit and within your means. No gift is too small. For those who did not receive the packet mailed by the Archdiocese, there are additional packets available at the doors of the church. I thank you for your consideration and your generosity.

Last weekend we heard the Gospel of Matthew recounting the temptations of Jesus in the desert. We can link this

experience to the baptism by John. As Jesus comes up out of the water a voice is heard from the heavens, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." Each of the temptations is prefaced by, "If you are Son of God." The focus here is the understanding for Jesus of his identity as beloved Son. The identity is communion with God thus Jesus rejects the false ways presented by the tempter of embodying that identity.

This weekend we hear the Transfiguration of Jesus and again a voice that says, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." Added to this statement is "listen to him." The confused disciples are overawed by the experience. Finally, they saw no one but Jesus. This new look at Jesus is powerful. How could they see him in the same way again? Disciples are invited to "listen to him" not just in his words but in his deeds, his faithfulness to the mission of the Reign of God, the expansiveness of the offer of liberation and salvation, to his suffering and death, and finally to their realization of his presence in resurrection. The message of God's dynamic energy and love continues beyond every human

limitation. Perhaps in this time of transformation for us we might consider, what do we hear? How do we respond to the healing, liberating, dynamic message of God's presence among us now?

I ask your prayers for all affected by the travel and refugee ban. This is a significant situation that touches the lives and experiences of real people in very difficult situations. If we cannot accommodate those in need within our boundaries, what are we doing to help alleviate the underlying causes for which people are seeking refuge? I also ask your consideration of the recent Health Care Bill. Please become aware of the work, consider it in its totality. As people of the Gospel we address the building of the community with questions of how this Bill affects the poor, the child, the marginalized, and the senior members of our nation? Please be in touch with Senators and Representatives to let them know of your feelings.

Fr. Thomas M. Gallagher, ofm
 Pastor



**2017 GAELIC & GARLIC
 PASTA FEAST and BASKET BAZAAR
 SATURDAY, MARCH 18**

TWO SEATINGS: 1:30-4:00 PM or 5:00-7:00 PM

Entertainment: Irish Step-Dancing and Bagpipers.
 Delicious Meal prepared by Chef Sebastian from the House of Bread.
 Fundraiser to benefit Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry,
 House of Bread & Ladies Guild Scholarship Fund

**Tickets available after
 ALL MASSES this Weekend.**

Upcoming Events

- 3/12/2017** Community Sunday, 8:00 am
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, 8:30 am
Traditional Rel Ed, 9:00 am
Confirmation Class, 11:00 am
RCIA Meeting, 12:45 pm
Baptism preparation, 1:00 pm
Emmaus Ministry, 3:15 pm
LGBT "Open Heart" Ministry, 6:00 pm
- 3/13/2017** Visiting Eucharistic Ministers, 12:45 pm
Mothers United Against Violence, 6:30 pm
Sister Parish Committee, 6:30 am
Assisi Pilgrimage, 6:30 pm
Prayer Shawl Ministry, 7:00 pm
Bass Clef Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm
- 3/14/2017** Lenten Nourishment, 12:30 pm
Group Spiritual Direction, 1:00 pm
The Saint and the Pope, 6:30 pm
- 3/14/2017** Clare Gallery Committee, 6:30 pm
- 3/15/2017** Thin Places, 12:30 pm
Sandwich Ministry & Wellness Center, 4:00 pm

- 3/15/2017** Treble Clef Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 pm
Lenten Evenings of Reflection, 6:30 pm
Gallery Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 pm
Men's Fellowship Group, 7:00 pm
- 3/16/2017** Lenten Twilight Retreat, 5:30 pm
Sister Parish Creole Class, 6:30 pm
Novel Idea Book Club, 7:00 pm
- 3/17/2017** Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, 4:15 pm
Recitation of the Rosary, 7:00 pm

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 13-19, 2017

- Monday** Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28
Thursday Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31
Friday Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Sunday Ex 17:3-7; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42



FAITH FORMATION

Adult Faith Formation Programs

(Please call the parish office to register for these programs)

- **Lectio Divina**—Tuesdays: March 7, 21; April 4—7:00-8:00 pm
Facilitator: Sheila Denion
- **Lenten Nourishment**—Tuesdays: March 14, 21, 28; April 4, 11—12:30-1:00 pm; **Presenters:**
March 14: Fr. Tom Gallagher, OFM
March 21: Pat Curtis
- **Lenten Evenings of Reflection**—Wednesdays: March 15, 22, 29—6:30-8:00 pm; *Presenter: Fr. Tom Gallagher, OFM, PhD*
- **Lenten Twilight Retreat**—Thursday: March 16—5:30-8:30 pm
Registration Deadline: March 12
Suggested Offering \$20.00 includes dinner. Presentation only at 6:30 pm: \$15.00; *Presenter: Fr. Tom Hartle, OFM*
- **REEL Faith: "Romero"**: Monday, March 20—6:30-8:30 pm
Free Will Offering
Presenter: Jack Wentland

- **"It Is Finished" (John 19:30): The Passion Story of Jesus**—Saturday, March 25—8:30 am—3:30 pm
Bring your own lunch
Suggested Offering: \$30.00
Presenter: Paul Sansone



STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship Reflection

"Bear your share of the hardship which the Gospel entails," St. Paul tells Timothy in today's second reading. What sacrifice is asked of me for the sake of the Gospel? How willing am I to bear by share?

Your Weekly Giving

March 4/5..... \$24,755.00
Online Feb 27-Mar 5 \$7,403.00
Total available for operating budget
\$32,158.00

St. Anthony Bread for the Poor \$470.00
(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.

Charity Golf Tournament

Looking For a Few Good People!

NO! – It's not The Marines!

The Fr Andrew Charity Golf Tournament Committee needs to fill some vacancies. Specifically Managing the Silent Auction AND Managing the Live Auction. Prior managers are available for guidance / training and a list of previous donor information will be provided.

Not Sure ... But Want To Help?

Come to our **first meeting on March 20th at 6:30 PM** in The Urban Center or contact Charlie Cormier (347) 721 – 6330 or Charles.Cormier@Hotmail.com

Meetings are not mandatory — You can "work from home".

This is the 22nd annual tournament and It Is **THE** major revenue source for the critical ministries of the Franciscan Center For Urban Ministry.



Thank you for your continued generous support of St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church.

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.
- **Interested** in learning more about the various volunteering opportunities here at St. Patrick-St. Anthony? For more info contact Trudi Campbell in the office of Volunteer Ministry and/or pick up a Ministry Guide in the office. All are welcome!

House of Bread

Home Day Care (Babysitting while mom studies for her GED)

General day care supplies such as diapers (sizes 3, 4,), wipes, baby powder, juice boxes, toddler friendly snacks (Cheerios, graham crackers, etc.) and paper goods.

Thanks to all who brought meat loaves today! You've brought home cooking to those in need!

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

Living Stewardship

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who use the season of Lent as an opportunity to fast and give alms, seeking neither recognition nor applause for their effort.



**COMMUNITY
LIFE**

Open Hearts LGBT Ministry

- **LGBT Ministry** meets monthly. Next meeting is on March 12 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:

March 16: *Outline* by Rachel Cusk

April 20: *The Turner House* by Angela Flourney

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.**

SPSA Men's Fellowship Group

Please consider attending our **March 15** meeting at 7 pm in the Urban Center. **Jack Martins will provide a presentation relating to "The Light of Simplicity"**, the 2017 theme of the Men's retreat at Holy Family Retreat Center. A video of Brandon Nappi's conference will be included as part of the session.

This is a no-cost opportunity for those men who were unable to attend the retreat and/or those men who wish to learn a bit more about the "retreat experience." **Refreshments will be served. All men are welcome.**

IROKO: Tree of Life/Arbol De Vida Opens at Clare Gallery

The Clare Gallery is pleased to present IROKO: Tree Of Life/Arbol de Vida, from March 16 through May 21. The exhibit draws on the importance of the sacred Tree Of Life, containing great symbolic, spiritual, mythological, medicinal, magical, commercial, ecological and aesthetic import.

Ms. Arroyo explores "the marvelous power of nature" ancient myths of creation, fertility, and spirituality, as well as our relationship to the environment and the challenges of climate change.

The artist will lead a workshop at the Gallery on Saturday, April 8 from 4 to 5 pm. Immediately following the workshop, a reception and artist talk will begin (artist talk at 5:30 pm)



**SISTER PARISH
UPDATE**

Photos from the feast of St. Genevieve here at St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church and at St. Genevieve, our sister parish, can be seen either on the display board in the back of the church or on the Sister Parish

Facebook page. There are also photos taken in Haiti as part of the 25th anniversary of St. Genevieve School

There is a small contingency of parishioners traveling to Haiti at the end of this month—March 23 through March 28. Anyone interested in joining this group should call the parish office (860-756-4034).

This year's Taste of Haiti will be celebrated on Saturday, June 17. Anyone wishing to volunteer for this event can leave a message in the parish office.



OTHER INFO

2017 Archbishop's Annual Appeal

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal helps provide the critical funding needed to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, counsel those in despair, offer much needed assistance to the unemployed, and make medical care available to those without health insurance. Your gift to the 2017 Appeal will help to continue these and other vital ministries, services, and programs that reach out to so many in need.

Dispensation from Lenten Abstinence

Friday, March 17

Archbishop Leonard Blair has formally dispensed the Faithful of the Archdiocese of Hartford from the obligation to abstain from meat on the Memorial of Saint Patrick, Bishop, which will be observed this year on Friday, March 17. Inasmuch as fasting is a spiritual good, meant, in the words of the *Catechism*, "to help us acquire mastery over our instincts and freedom of heart," the Faithful who partake of meat on March 17, 2017 are encouraged to observe the Lenten abstinence on Thursday, March 16, or Saturday, March 18.

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.spsat.org.



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.

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Hearing assisted devices available.



Church and Franciscan Center are handicap accessible.

We Pray...

- For the sick: Claire Shea
- For our Treble Clef Choir who assist the congregation in worship during the Mass.

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 2017

4:00 Mary Lou Kendrick

SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2017

8:00 William & Angeline Speziale

10:00 Frank Perrone

11:45 Ricciardi & Bochicchio Families

5:00 Donald Broggin

MONDAY, MARCH 13, 2017

7:00 Franciscan Center Ministry

8:00 Our Parishioners

12:05 Francis O'Callahan

6:00 **Vespers and Confessions**

TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2017

7:00 Franciscan Center Ministry

8:00 Our Parishioners

12:05 Edward Galligan, 25th anniversary

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2017

7:00 Franciscan Center Ministry

8:00 Francis Curis

12:05 Helen Little

THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2017

7:00 Patrick McEntire

8:00 Hernan Bohorquez

12:05 Catherine Roche, 3rd Anniversary

FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 2017

7:00 Clotilde Firmina & Jose Batista Pereira

8:00 Julio Cruz

12:05 Helen & James Egan; Alice & Don Jaquith; Bridget & Patrick Grandfield

12:30 **Stations of the Cross**

SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 2017

4:00 Rosa D'Angelo

SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2017

8:00 Edward Gallagher

10:00 Matthew Sromek & Bob & Lisa McVicker

11:45 Dora Adams

5:00 Bill Callahan

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.

Name: _____

Address: _____

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