



# St. Patrick - St. Anthony Church

## Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry

285 Church Street, Hartford, CT 06103-1105

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MARCH 10, 2019 — FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

### Office Hours

Monday-Thursday: 8:30 AM-7:00 PM; Friday: 8:30 AM-5:30 PM  
Saturday: 9:00 AM-4:00 PM; Sunday: 9:00-11:30 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.

Our journey of renewal has begun. Many, very many, were marked with ashes to begin this holy season. I thank everyone who participated in our services with special thanks to the various ministers - Eucharistic, lectors, ushers, sacristans, and musicians. In this time of renewal, we are invited to fast, not a mechanical, mindless fast, but an intentional fasting that better enables us to deepen our love for the Lord and for one another. This fasting opens our hearts and minds to the grace of God. It is not a punishment nor a penance, but a way of life. Pope Francis has made some fasting suggestions for our consideration:

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.

- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

We make this journey together and create a community of compassion as we enter into the mystery of God. I also invite you to join us for Mass during the week, if it can fit your schedule and for our vespers on Tuesdays at 6:00 PM. These times of prayer can be a great respite in the busyness of life. Younger members of our community are always welcome.

I know that you have received the first letter from Archbishop Blair regarding the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. I ask that you prayerfully consider his request and respond as you are able. The video of the request has been sent via e-mail to you and will also be shown during our community Sunday gathering — coffee and donuts with the Archbishop followed by blood pressure screening with our nurses!

Finally, we may have a surprise visitor, who will delight you, join us for Community Sunday. This is not to be missed. The tickets for our Yard Goats game go on sale this weekend. Our music ministry has been asked to provide the singers to lead the day in the National Anthem.

Fr. Tom Gallagher, ofm  
Pastor

### UPCOMING EVENTS




- Mar 11** Visiting Eucharistic Ministers Reflection, 12:45 PM  
Sister Parish Committee, 6:30 PM  
Inner Peace in Divine Love, 7:00 PM  
Prayer Shawl Ministry, 7:00 PM  
Bass Clef Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 PM
- Mar 12** Lenten Nourishment, 12:30 PM  
Group Spiritual Direction, 1:00 PM  
Celtic Spirituality, 7:00 PM
- Mar 13** Thin Places, 12:45 PM  
Sandwich Ministry, 4:00 PM  
Treble Clef Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 PM

- Mar 13** Clare Gallery Committee, 6:30PM  
Franciscan Reading Group, 6:30 PM  
Gallery Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 PM
- Mar 14** Psalms of Lament, 10:30 AM  
Mercy Associates, 5:30 PM
- Mar 15** Catechesis of the Good Sjepherd, 4:15 PM
- Mar 16** Gaelic & Garlic Pasta Dinner, 8:00 AM  
Adventure Saturday Mentor Group, 9:30 AM
- Mar 17** Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, 8:30 & 11:00 AM  
No-Freeze Dinner Prep, 12:00 PM  
RCIA Group, 12:45 PM

### WEEKLY READINGS—MARCH 11-17

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46  
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15  
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12  
Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26  
Sunday: Gn 15:5-12; Phil 3:17-4:1; Lk 9:28b-36

<p>WEEKLY OFFERING—FEBRUARY 25-MARCH 3</p>	<p>OPEN HEARTS LGBT MINISTRY</p>
 <p>Envelope &amp; Loose Offering: \$14,975.50  Online Giving: \$7,480.12  <b>TOTAL: \$22,455.62</b></p> <p>Go to <a href="http://www.spsact.org">www.spsact.org</a> to register for online giving.</p> <p>Need help signing up for Online Giving? Our Sunday Visitor (OSV) Support is available at 1-800-348-2886.</p> <p>Thank you for your continued support of the mission of St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church, St. Genevieve and the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry.</p>	 <p><u>Open Hearts LGBT Ministry</u>  Meets on March 10 at 6:00 PM  <u>Families of the LGBT Community</u>  Next Meeting—March 19 at 6:30 PM</p> 
<p>STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION</p>	<p>HOUSE OF BREAD</p>
<p>As we enter this Lenten season, let us allow God into our weaknesses to break us free from all temptations. We cannot defeat sin alone, only God can do that. We need to let God into our lives and clean up the mess within us. Be open to Him in prayer, be yourself and be vulnerable to His Love.</p>	<p><b>Help out a mom.</b> While moms work on getting their GED at The House of Bread, we watch their children. To help us, we are asking for donations of diapers (sizes 3, 4, 5), wipes, baby powder, juice boxes, toddler friendly healthy snacks like Cheerios, graham crackers, etc. Thanks for helping out our moms. <a href="http://www.hobread.org">www.hobread.org</a></p>
<p>CURRENT NEED FOR OUR HOMELESS</p>	<p>NOVEL IDEA BOOK CLUB</p>
<p><b>MEN'S GLOVES</b>  Donations should be brought to the parish office.  <b>THANK YOU!</b></p>	<p>Gather at 7:00-8:30 PM in the Franciscan Center to discuss works of fiction. For more info contact Marybeth Walsh (860-523-7034) or Sara Zagorski (860-721-1814). <b>Upcoming Books:</b>  <b>March 21:</b> <i>Manhattan Beach</i>—Jennifer Egan  <b>April 18:</b> <i>Autumn</i>—Ali Smith  <b>May 16:</b> <i>The Keeper of Lost Things</i>—Ruth Hogan  <b>June 20:</b> <i>Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine</i>—Gail Honeyman</p>
<p>LIVING STEWARDSHIP</p>	<p>MEN'S RETREAT  AT HOLY FAMILY PASSIONIST RETREAT CENTER</p>
<p>We are thankful for all Christian stewards who bear the ashes on their heads on Ash Wednesday and attend the special prayers available during Lent (i.e. Stations of the Cross). Their testimony shines a light in a dark world.</p>	<p>Please consider attending our annual <b>Men's Retreat March 22-24, 2019</b> at Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center in West Hartford. The retreat theme is: <i>"No Ordinary Path: Holiness in Everyday Life"</i>. God has called all of us to lives of holiness. No Ordinary Path will explore ways that we can be attentive, intentional and cooperative with God's grace in serving the world. Together we will take a journey with the hope of discovering that who we are and what we do <i>matters</i>.</p> <p>For more info contact <a href="mailto:info@spsact.org">info@spsact.org</a> or to register go to <a href="http://www.holyfamilyretreat.org">www.holyfamilyretreat.org</a>.</p>
<p>SEPARATED AND DIVORCED SUPPORT GROUP:  HOPE AND HEALING</p>	<p>IMMIGRATION FOLLOW-UP</p>
<p>We plan to hold an 8- week support group for separated and divorced persons starting Thursday, March 28, 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Franciscan Center and running each Thursday after until May 23 (skipping Holy Thursday on April 28). The group will view parts of the video series <i>"Surviving Divorce: Hope and Healing for the Catholic Family."</i> This features presentations by experts along with the personal testimonies of men and women who have undergone the experience of marital and possibly family breakdown. Part of each meeting will be devoted to the sharing of personal stories and other input by participants. We do look for a minimum of six people to sign up in order to go forward.  <b>Please call the parish office by March 25</b> to register at (860) 756-4034. You may leave only your first name if you wish.  Experienced Co-facilitators: Cathy Posteraro and Stacie Mawson.  <b>All are welcome including former participants and those from other parishes.</b></p>	<p>On January 17<sup>th</sup> an Immigration Forum was held at St. Patrick - St. Anthony. For those who did attend, and others interested in helping immigrants navigate the legal system, there will be a <b>Workshop on Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM</b> that you won't want to miss. The session will be led by Attorney Glenn Formica who has over 25 years of experience in immigration law. He will provide information and training for potential volunteers to do legal support work (nothing overwhelming) such as gathering information to prepare applications. The volunteer teams then use their training to lighten the work of pro bono attorneys by supplementing the lawyers time to help the client understand the process. The general idea is to support and make the client feel connected, supported, and in control of the process. For more information or to register if you plan to attend please send an email to <a href="mailto:INFO@SPSACT.ORG">INFO@SPSACT.ORG</a>, using Immigration Workshop in the subject line.</p>
<p>ALTAR SERVER OPPORTUNITY</p>	
<p>If you are 10 years of age or older and would like to help in our time of worship by serving as an <b>Altar Server</b>, please call Trudi in the office, or speak with Chris and Sarah Devine or Meg Hutcheson. This is a wonderful chance for a parent and child to serve together!</p>	

## ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL—2019

The 2019 Archbishop's Annual Appeal is now underway in our parish. Your support of this year's Appeal ensures that essential charitable, educational, and pastoral ministries of the Archdiocese of Hartford are carried forward.

We hope you can help meet our parish goal of \$116,000. If you would like to make a gift, kindly mail in your pledge card. You may also visit the Archdiocesan website at [www.archdioceseofhartford.org](http://www.archdioceseofhartford.org) or call the Appeal Office at (800) 781-2550. Keep in mind that an early pledge will allow you to best use the monthly payment plan.

All funds contributed to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal are used exclusively for the purposes outlined in the Appeal literature which can be found at <https://archdioceseofhartford.org/aaa-2019-last-years-appeal-impact/>. No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements.

## MONTHLY BEREAVEMENT PROGRAM

Join us for one meeting or more to share your journey and lighten your burden. All who have suffered the loss of a loved one at any time are welcome. The group will meet on Sundays from 1:00 to 2:00 PM on the following dates: **March 10, April 14, May 19 and June 9**. The circle will be facilitated by Parish Nurse Judee Martz. Call the parish office at 860-456-4034 to let us know you will be attending. Please leave your name and contact info so that we may call you in case of any change in schedule.

## SISTER PARISH UPDATE

The Immersion Trip planned for early April 2019 has been postponed. The news from Haiti is that there is civil unrest and until the country gets back to calm, there will be no parish sponsored trips to Haiti. However, while we cannot predict when the trip will be rescheduled, it will happen, so for those who were set on going, keep the faith.

The next Sister Parish meeting will be held on **Monday, March 11 at 6:30 PM** in the Franciscan Center. All are welcome. There will be an opportunity for input on our annual celebration of Haiti in early June. So if you have ideas, please bring them.

## RE-ENTRY WELCOME CENTER

### COME TO THE FRANCISCAN CENTER

Members of the Social Justice Committee are available after the Sunday morning Masses to provide information on this program which supports people recently released from prison. Stop by to learn more about their extensive programs, and how you may assist in their mission.

## EMMAUS GRIEVING PARENT MINISTRY

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 at **3:15 PM on Sunday, March 24**. For more information, please email [info@spsact.org](mailto:info@spsact.org) or call the parish office at 860-756-4034.

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

CALL 860-756-4034 OR EMAIL [INFO@SPSACT.ORG](mailto:INFO@SPSACT.ORG) TO REGISTER.

### LENTEN NOURISHMENT

**Tuesdays: March 12, 19, 26 & April 2, 9, 16; 12:30-1:00 PM**

**March 12: Deacon Art Miller**

A prophet confronts the status quo

**March 19: Rev. Donna Manocchio**

A prophet listens attentively to the Word of God

**March 26: Joan Martin**

A prophet becomes a voice for the voiceless.

*Offering: \$5.00 per lunch*

*A light lunch is provided*

### AN INTRODUCTION TO CELTIC SPIRITUALITY

**Tuesday, March 12; 7:00-8:30 PM**

Why is Celtic spirituality so popular today? You will discover the answer to that question when you learn the basic principles and values of Celtic spirituality. You will also get a glimpse of Celtic history and discover if your ancestors could have been shaped by the Celtic tradition.

*Presenter: Sr. Jane Comerford, CSJ Suggested Offering: \$10.00*

### IN ANOTHER TIME, AT ANY PLACE:

#### The Stations of the Cross in Scripture

**Saturday, March 23, 8:30 AM—3:30 PM**

The Stations of the Cross mark the walls of churches with the memory of Jesus in his final hours. While the Stations are rooted in the Gospel accounts of Jesus' passion and death, they also developed over time to include episodes that are not found in any Gospel.

*Presenter: Paul Sansone*

*Suggested Offering: \$35.00*

*Please bring your own lunch*

### LENTEN EVENING OF REFLECTION: FINDING STRENGTH IN THE WEAKNESS OF MY CROSS

**Thursday, April 4, 6:30-8:30 PM—In Church**

St. Paul said it well: "When I am weak, then I am strong". Join us in Christ for a Lenten Evening of Reflection as we explore the meaning of these mysterious and life-changing words. How does powerlessness make us strong? How can times of suffering be times of fruitfulness? What happens when human weakness meets the power of God? The answers await us on the Cross of Jesus. Join us for reflection, quiet prayer time and discussion as we take up our crosses and follow him this Lent

*Presenter: Amy Ekeh Suggested Offering: \$10.00*

### "ALL ARE WELCOME" - LENTEN DAY OF REFLECTION

**with Retreat Day Leader: Fr. Frank Sevola, OFM**

**Saturday, April 13; 8:30 AM—4:30 PM**

**At Mercy by the Sea Retreat Center**

All men and women are invited to consider this \*new\* Day of Reflection in the Lenten Season to set aside time for one's relationship with God. Here's a chance to step away for one day from the ordinary schedule of life and devote this time to your spiritual growth. Mercy by the Sea offers peaceful spaces that enable reflection and facilitate opportunities for conversation. **Registration & payment deadline is April 1. Offering: \$50.00**



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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.*

### Staff

#### PASTORAL STAFF

Fr. Thomas Gallagher, ofm, *Pastor and Guardian*  
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Orville Russell, *Director of Maintenance*  
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Franciscan Center are handicap accessible.



### We Pray For...

- the sick: Mike Canty; Carmela Ricciardi; Jenn Pace
- the members of our Prayer Network.

### Mass Intentions

#### SATURDAY, March 9, 2019

4:00 Diane Yacavone

#### SUNDAY, March 10, 2019

8:00 William & Angie Speziale

10:00 Frank Perrone

11:45 Anita Valente

5:00 Joseph Raymond Murphy

#### MONDAY, March 11, 2019

7:00 Parishioners of St. Genevieve

8:00 Franciscan Center Ministry

12:05 Intentions of Miles Cedrani

#### TUESDAY, March 12, 2019

7:00 Our Parishioners

8:00 Franciscan Center Ministry

12:05 John M. "Jack" Flynn

6:00 **Vespers**

#### WEDNESDAY, March 13, 2019

7:00 Our Parishioners

8:00 Franciscan Center Ministry

12:05 Thomas R. Neville

#### THURSDAY, March 14, 2019

7:00 Our Parishioners

8:00 Edward Galligan

12:05 Heather Norris

#### FRIDAY, March 15, 2019

7:00 Franciscan Center Ministry

8:00 Marjorie G. Creaturo

12:05 Mark Farley

12:30 **Stations of the Cross**

7:00 **St. Patrick's Day Parade Mass**

#### SATURDAY, March 16, 2019

4:00 Antonio Russo

#### SUNDAY, March 17, 2019

8:00 Nathaniel Malega & Sam Martz

10:00 Ricciardi & Bochicchio Family

11:45 Dora Adams

5:00 Intentions of Kaia Pazdersky

### SPIRITUAL DIRECTION



Spiritual Direction refers to the active conversation centering on the relationship with God/Divine Presence/Higher Power, Spirit of what is life-giving. As companions on the journey, the director listens for the underlying flow of life (often named 'spirit') in the shared story. Seven trained

Spiritual Directors are available to be a companion on the journey. If you are interested in working with a Spiritual Director, please call Fr. Tom at 860-756-4034, ext. 114.

# 2019 Gaelic & Garlic Pasta Feast and Basket Bazaar

Saturday, March 16th

5:00 - 7:00 PM

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Tickets available after ALL MASSES on  
February 23rd/24th, March 2nd/3rd and March 9th/10th

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Proceeds from both events will benefit The Ladies Guild Scholarship Fund,  
The House of Bread and The Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry.

## CELEBRATING ST. PATRICK - ST. ANTHONY "Community Day"

at Dunkin' Donuts Park

### *Yard Goats game on Saturday, June 22*



We'll gather first for some "tailgoating" in our  
Saints Parking Lot between 2-4 p.m.,  
attend 4:00 Mass, and then walk over to the stadium  
for the 6:05 p.m. Baseball Game.

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