



**St. Patrick - St. Anthony Church**  
**Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry**  
 285 Church Street, Hartford, CT 06103-1105

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DECEMBER 23, 2018 — FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**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.

We come to the Fourth Sunday of Advent. We light our fourth candle and contemplate the longing that we have for the light that is Christ. We look forward to Christmas and the celebration of the Incarnation in Jesus. The text from Micah speaks of a shepherd who draws strength from the name of the Lord. We follow the Shepherd who came to birth in the darkness of fear, confusion, anger, oppression, and frustration. From that place of darkness his light shines forth, at times just the twinkling of a star and at other times the radiance of the sun. Here from the darkness the light comes to life. The same text says of this shepherd, "he shall be peace." The responsorial psalm reminds us of the nature of God as shepherd. The shepherd who keeps watch over the flock by night and throughout the day. We often wander in the darkness and cry out for the light. In these final moments of Advent, perhaps we can consider how God acts in our darkness to call us into peace. In the Letter to the Hebrews, we hear of the Christ who says, "Behold, I come to do your will". The author realizes that it is not in sacrifice or sin offering, but in a heart open to receive the great gift of God and to respond in kind. The will of God made known in Jesus is one of reconciling justice, love, hospitality, and self-gift. Discovering this "will" is seeing the glimmers of light that awaken us from the darkness of self-preoccupation. Finally, our Gospel invites us into the space of two women whose pregnancies are considered scandalous. The one well beyond the natural time and the other seemingly outside of marriage. Elizabeth has been in seclusion

and Mary seeking safe space. They meet and bring light to each other. The embrace of two women, possibly shunned by others, has one bless the other for her faith in the God who calls forth light from darkness.

As we celebrate the Incarnation, the birthday of Jesus, I invite you to consider the darkness that brings to birth new light in you. This is a season of hope and celebration. God's love is revealed in God's choice to be so radically in communion with us as to come to birth as we do, to grow, mature, and be changed by life's circumstances. As one of us Jesus discovers what it means for a human person to grow into the realization that it is not law, sacrifice or oblation, but a heart open to living the will of God that reciprocates the love already given.

I invite you to join us for our Christmas celebrations. Our dancers are on point, our young choristers-the Songbirds- and in good voice, our ministers and lectors together with our choirs, musicians, and cantors are ready to celebrate this awesome gift- Jesus, ever present among us. Please do not hesitate to invite family and friends to join us. All are welcome. As angels, shepherd and the wise ones with their entourage come to give thanks for this birth, so to we in all our goodness, wandering (getting lost-separated from the norm), wisdom, and adventures are called — O' come let us adore....

Fr. Tom Gallagher, ofm, Pastor

**THE CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS AND THE NEW YEAR**

- **December 24—Children's Liturgy, 4:00 PM and 5:30 PM**  
 The 4:00 PM and 5:30 PM Masses on Christmas Eve will focus on the children gathered. The 4:00 PM Mass will feature youth Liturgical Dancers. The 5:30 PM Mass will feature the Songbirds. *ALL should bring bells to ring at appointed times during both Masses. Also bring the baby Jesus from your crèche for a special blessing.*  
*Due to overcrowding at the 4:00 PM Mass, please consider attending the 5:30 PM Mass.*
- **December 24 — Christmas Eve Mass, 7:00 PM**
- **December 24/25 Midnight Mass—Prelude at 11:30 PM**
- **December 25 — Christmas Day**  
 Masses at 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 11:45 AM and 5:00 PM
- **Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**  
 December 29-30 — Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM  
 Sunday masses — 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 11:45 AM and 5:00 PM
- **New Year's Eve, December 31 at 5:00 PM**  
 The Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of Mary will be followed by a reception in the Franciscan Center. Stay and watch the 6:00 PM Hartford Fireworks from the warmth of the Center. *(Bring cookies or snacks to share. Warm and cold beverages will be provided.)*
- **New Year's Day, January 1, 2019 at 10:00 AM**

<p>WEEKLY OFFERING: DECEMBER 10-16</p>	<p>OPEN HEARTS LGBT MINISTRY</p>
<p>Envelope &amp; Loose Collection: \$13,395.00  Online Giving: \$6,616.50  <b>TOTAL: \$20,011.50</b>  <b>Poor Box: \$254.00</b></p> <p>PLEASE NOTE: Typically we have 2 collections at each Christmas Mass. The envelopes were incorrectly marked and although the 2nd collection is specifically for the added liturgical costs for Christmas, the first collection is our regular Christmas collection. Both of these collections are critical for our operating budget especially this year as we are looking at a \$300,000 budget deficit. Please know that we are grateful for whatever you are able to do to support the mission of St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church.</p> <p>Go to <a href="http://www.spsact.org">www.spsact.org</a> for Online Giving.</p>	<p>Open Hearts LGBT Ministry meets January 13 at 6:00 PM  Families of the LGBT Community meets: January 22 at 6:30 PM</p>
<p>PLEASE CONSIDER FOR THE HOMELESS</p>	<p>THIN PLACES—COMING ATTRACTION</p>
<p>The cold weather is here! Please consider donating new pairs of gloves, new hats and scarves for our brothers and sisters in need. Donations may be left in the green basket at the back of the church or brought to the parish office. Please choose inexpensive items as they may end up destroyed in the elements. Thank you so much.</p>	<p>Join Fr. Francis Soucy, OFM, Gretchen Craffey and Sr. Ginny, SND as we explore the grace in aging, a time of celebration and opening to gentle wisdom and peacefulness! These sessions are for those who are young at heart and who long for a deeper and richer spirituality. Suggested text: <i>Vesper Time</i> by Frank Cunningham. <b>Wednesdays, Jan. 16, 23, 30; Feb. 6 and 13 from 12:45 to 2:15 PM</b></p>
<p>HOUSE OF BREAD THRIFT STORE</p>	<p>THE CENACLE</p>
<p>Spring Cleaning Time is all year long! Consider helping out our neighbors in the North End by donating small appliances like toasters, microwaves, irons, TV's, dishes, flatware, glasses, pots &amp; pans, dressers, end tables, etc. We can accept almost anything except clothing. <a href="http://www.hobread.org">www.hobread.org</a>.</p> <p>Additionally, The House of Bread Thrift Shop is seeking help on Wednesdays between 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. If you can help with this vital outreach to our neighbors, please call Tom Porell at 860-416-8965. Thank you!</p>	<p><b>First Saturday of the Month from 5:30 AM to 8:30 AM</b>  <b>St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church in Our Lady of the Angels Chapel</b></p> <p>A "cenacle" is a group of people who come together for study, reflection, prayer, and sharing. It is also the name of the Upper Room in which Jesus ate the last supper with his apostles as well as where Mary and the apostles were gathered when the Holy Spirit descended upon them for the first time.</p> <p>This is a an opportunity to spend time with Jesus, in the Blessed Sacrament, to remember the Blessed Virgin Mary by praying the Rosary, and other related prayers and hymns. The Cenacle usually ends with coffee/tea and light refreshment (<i>bring something to share if you can</i>). For more information contact Fr. Cidouane Joseph, ofm at 860-756-4034, ext. 167 or <a href="mailto:cjoseph@spsact.org">cjoseph@spsact.org</a>. <b>NEXT CENACLE: January 5, 2019 at 5:30 AM</b></p>
<p>MEAL PREPARATION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED</p>	<p>SISTER PARISH UPDATE</p>
<p><b>New members are welcome to join a team to prepare dinner twice a month for 80 people living in a no-freeze shelter.</b> Please contact Trudi in the parish office or by email at <a href="mailto:twhite@spsact.org">twhite@spsact.org</a> to help with this project. We are planning to make supper on the first and third Sundays until the end of March. Our next date is January 6, 2019. We will gather at 11 a.m. in our church kitchen to make the meal. <b>We also need someone to deliver the meal at 7 p.m. when the shelter opens.</b> Please let Trudi know you will help and also help create the menu!</p>	<p>The Sister Parish Committee would like to thank all those who stopped by to talk with us about the Haiti Giving Tree. Many thanks to those who sent donations to support St. Genevieve School. Unlike the gifts for the Local Giving Tree, donations are still welcomed.</p> <p>Have you thought about travelling to Haiti to visit our Sister Parish? Consider an immersion trip which coincides with many town's school vacations. The trip will run from April 6 thru April 13, 2019. It's a great opportunity for parents and teens to visit St. Genevieve, its school and other organizations that help Haitians. The experience can be life changing. Call the parish office at 860-756-4034 for questions or more information.</p>
<p>WEEKLY MASS READINGS DEC. 24-30</p>	<p>SHOPPERS NEEDED</p>
<p>Monday: Is 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25  Tuesday: Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18  Wednesday: Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22  Thursday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8  Friday: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Mt 2:13-18  Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3: 12-21; Lk 2:41-52</p>	<p>We need Friday morning shoppers to shop for needed items at BJ's for the House of Bread Meals and for the Franciscan Center and Friary. We are grateful to those who have been involved and now are in need of two new shoppers in January. Please speak with Trudi in the parish office, or after Mass if you feel you would like to help.</p>
	<p>LIVING STEWARDSHIP</p> <p>We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who have the courage to follow the example of Mary by listening to God's voice and saying "yes" to the tasks to which they have been called.</p>

## NOVEL IDEA BOOK CLUB

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). **Upcoming Selections:**  
**Jan. 17:** *East of the Mountains*—David Guterson  
**Feb. 21:** *The Women in the Castle*—Jessica Shattuck  
**Mar. 21:** *Manhattan Beach*—Jennifer Egan

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

The Gospel today tells of the Virgin Mary, pregnant herself, hurrying off to help her cousin Elizabeth. The model of good stewardship, she who had given herself to bear the Savior, gave her time and love to others as well.

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

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

### CONVERSATION ON LAUDATO SÍ WITH FR. TOM

**Mondays: January 14 and 28;  
February 4 and 11—6:30-7:30 PM**

*Laudato Sí*, an encyclical letter from Pope Francis, invites the readers to consider the natural environment and all of the current forces that nurture or destroy the beauty and bounty of the earth. Each of the six chapters of the work may also provide a lens through which to consider our local “church environment”, St. Patrick-St. Anthony Parish and the Franciscan Center. Come and enter the discussion

### SERVANT LEADERSHIP—DEEP LISTENING

**Thursday, January 10; 6:30-8:00 p.m.** *Free Will Offering*

How well do we listen, really listen to others as they speak? This interactive session will explore barriers to listening vs. critical listening, listening as an attitude and listening as an adventure.

**Facilitator:** Elaine Wiatr

### “ALL ARE WELCOME” LENTEN DAY OF REFLECTION

**with Retreat Day Leader: Fr. Frank Sevola, ofm  
Saturday, April 13, 2019; 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m. at  
Mercy by the Sea Retreat Center**

All men and women are invited to consider this “new” Day of Reflection with Fr. Frank 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 beautiful, simple, and peaceful spaces that enable reflection, open the heart to prayer, and facilitate opportunities for conversation. Don’t miss this opportunity open to all!

**Offering: \$50.00 \*\*REGISTER EARLY\*\*  
to reserve a spot for you and a friend.**

**Consider offering this retreat day as a Christmas  
gift to someone you care about**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Dec 24 Parish Office is Closed through Dec. 28**  
**Dec 26 Sandwich Ministry, 4:00 PM**

# Christmas Flower Remembrances 2018

Joan Marie Montovani  
Concetta Gianni & Salvatore Gianni  
Salvatore & Josephine Tanasi; Samuel & Marjorie  
Crockett  
Joan Marie Montovani  
Chelsea Clyburn Morehouse  
J. Gregori Montano, Lenny Ford, Steve Gray  
In honor of First Responders  
In honor of Refugees  
Donald Hall, Mildred Hall, John Rutkauski,  
Kim Rutkauski, In honor of Jane Rutkauski  
Madeline G. Bartholomay, Gary S. Bunting  
Matthew Sromek Ron & Julia Luzi,  
Robert & Lisa McVicker, Bruno & Mildred Sromek  
Carroll Tierney, Hy Gottlieb, Debbie Chase;  
Joan Ragna  
East Family; Koluch Family  
The Clyburn Family  
Lisa Garavel Terry; Franklin L. Carifa  
Bob & Phyllis Garavel  
Hilda, Pablo, Paul, Kristen, Alex, Ava, Scott  
Ernie & Emily Keeton; James Prenetta, Sr.  
Leonard Ford  
Nancy LaRoche  
Abigail Jane Langschultz; Dorothy & Alfred Silver  
Carl Tinti; Stefan Mielczarek  
Thomas & Margaret Murray  
Barbara Hope O’Connell; Megan O’Connell Albright  
Sr. John Kevin, OSF; Paul Conforto; Hermance Winshell;  
Elizabeth Gibbons  
Kelsey O’Connor  
Anna & Edward Alexis  
George Sanford  
Antino Pizzoferrato Family; Daniel Cronin Family  
Rene Portland  
Family, Friends, Friars – Living & Deceased  
Mary Alexis; Kristen Bing Clarke  
William Leone  
Vibert Sullivan; Hewley Barker; Robert Soto, Jr.;  
Dorothy David  
Claire Eppolito  
Bertha Smith; Ruth, Frank & Anne Martin;  
Isabelle Talbot; Genevieve Mango; Barbara  
Sanchirico  
Anthony & Evelyn Severi  
DelPhinie & Leo Bricuglio; Shirley Johnson; Robert  
Parlente; Betty Kingsbury

# Christmas Flower Remembrances 2018

Mary R. Infante  
Melzen, Lukach, & Humphrey Families  
Joanne Walker; Phyllis Marella;  
In honor of Lisa Marella  
Powers & Low Families  
The Errickson & W. E. Hardy Family  
Fr. Murphy; Fr. Jim Hynes; Fr. Andrew  
In honor of Gianna Young  
Joseph & Eileen Whittel  
John M. Craffey; Jack Craffey  
Daniel Buckanavage; Fr. Andrew; Buckanavage &  
Gentkowski deceased families & loved ones  
Shirley & Robert Watt; Rosa & Harold Johnson  
The Gannon & Carroll Families  
Jesse Luke Kasmer  
Miriam & Darby Costello  
Louis & Anita Valente  
Conley & Cummings Families  
Rebecca Stark; Thomas & Mary Bowie  
Barbara Pierz; Jean Field  
Rob Casinghino  
The Bourn Family  
Robert Faulkner; Jean & Donald Unwin  
Faulkner, Coscia, Unwin & Gallagher Families  
Thomas Sataro; Anna Pavlick; Joseph Pavlick; Mary  
Satara; Joannr Skrade  
Anthony & Ann Amato; Charles & Mary Kauke  
John J. Tortoro  
Caroline Zachmann; Fred & Kathy Elmy; Mathias & Anna  
Petsche; Helen Murray; George & Elizabeth  
Zachmann  
James & Isabel Watt; Jeanne Reed  
Elizabeth Nabeta  
Ada Taylor; Priscilla Lippitt; deceased members of the  
Lippitt Family  
Fitol & Fedoruk Families  
Judith Cardoni  
Louise Brackett; George Brackett; Jeanette Brackett;  
George Perreault; Eileen Perreault  
Elizabeth, John, Marguerite Nolan  
Alice & Joseph Wilson; June & Cliff Price  
Douglas Corr; Carolyn Moore; Jean Moore; Ellen Corr;  
Richard Corr  
Thomas Zaleski; Mr. & Mrs. Larry Tauro  
Don Wilson

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Concepcion; Eugenio Carrillo  
Grace Paula; Gert Laurence  
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Digby; John V. Ramos; Barbara A. Dubovik; August  
W. Linder; Inez Williams; Carole A. Spector; John C.  
Brennan; Fr. Jim Hynes, ofm; Laura S. Diunizio;  
Hilda T. Perry  
Donatelli Family; Serafini Family; Gasper Family; Taylor  
Family  
Ed, Fran & Jerry Marin; John, Carmella &  
Jack Karwan  
Agnes & Philip Arcari; Martha & Victor Sena  
Anna Calabrese; Antonio Calabrese; Salvatore Rinaldi;  
Guisseppe Calabrese; Rocco Calabrese  
O'Brien, Lanning, Doyle, Flood & Devaney Families  
John Manfredi  
Eleanor Laffin; Sal Coco; Francis Coco  
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Kathryn & Paul Rizza; Mary G. Falvey  
William D. Brown; Mary & John Fiorello  
The Felice & O'Mara Families  
Michael Dell'Aquila; Jack Lynch  
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James McCullagh  
John C. Brennan; deceased members of the Brennan,  
Lemega, Ramos, Watt &  
Marut Families  
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O'Callaghan; Pauline O'Callaghan; Timothy J.  
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Eileen Mahoney; Brian Mahoney  
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Mr. & Mrs. Thomas A. Fox; Mr. & Mrs. Bernard J. Fagan  
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June Larson  
Georgene & Martin Tuch; Irene & Emmanuel Tulumaris  
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#### Reconciliation

Mon, Wed, Fri -11:30 AM—12:00 NOON; Sat—3:30 PM-4:00 PM  
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#### Staff

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Fr. Thomas Gallagher, ofm, *Pastor and Guardian*  
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## We Pray For...

- the many who serve in our Feeding the Hungry Sandwich ministry.

### Mass Intentions

#### SATURDAY, December 22, 2018

4:00 William Brown

#### SUNDAY, December 23, 2018

8:00 William & Angeline Speziale

10:00 Donato & Maria Monaco

11:45 Luigi & Flaminia Ficocelli & Robert Carmine

5:00 Anthony LaBriola

#### MONDAY, December 24, 2018

4:00 In Thanksgiving

5:30 for Christ's Presence

7:00 Among

Mid-Night Us

#### TUESDAY, December 25, 2018

8:00 In Thanksgiving

10:00 for Christ's Presence

11:45 Among

5:00 Us

#### WEDNESDAY, December 26, 2018

12:05 John Walsh, 7th anniversary

#### THURSDAY, December 27, 2018

7:00 Patrick Giardino

8:00 Tommy LaBriola

12:05 Frank Giardino

#### FRIDAY, December 28, 2018

7:00 Franciscan Center Ministry

8:00 Thomas Scalise

12:05 Maureen Kelly

#### SATURDAY, December 29, 2018

4:00 In thanksgiving for Annette & Art Corey's  
55th Wedding Anniversary

#### SUNDAY, December 30, 2018

8:00 Christine Boscarino

10:00 Dawn Nostin

11:45 Richard Nolan

5:00 Barton & Lorayne Smith

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