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December 4, 2016—Second Sunday of Advent



ST. PATRICK-ST. ANTHONY 2016 GIVING TREES

- ◆ Gift cards are available this weekend **ONLY** for the Local Giving Tree. All gifts must be returned by 6:00 pm on Sunday, December 11.
- ◆ Gift cards for the Time and Talent Giving Tree and the Haiti Global Giving Trees are available through December 11th.

LOCAL GIVING TREE

We can share our blessings by providing gifts for our neighbors, both children and adults, in Hartford. Organizations that distribute the gifts include Adventure Saturdays, CT Children’s Medical Center, and other House of Bread programs including the Soup Kitchen, Families in Need, Refugee Program, ESOL, and Transitional living for women and for men. **Please note - all gifts must be returned by 6:00 pm on Sunday, December 11.**

TIME AND TALENT GIVING TREE

The cards on this tree are for those who are looking for ways to share their time or talent with others through prayer or service in 2017 such as the Walk Against Hunger, Taste of Haiti, making sandwiches or handing them out for the Sandwich Ministry, or other volunteer opportunities.

HAITI GLOBAL GIVING TREE

This tree holds cards to assist our sister parish, St. Genevieve, in Zoranje, Haiti. Our focus is educating the children and donations are used for tuition, teacher salaries, new text books, and the school lunch program.

Letter from Fr. Tom, ofm

May the Lord give you peace.

We are well into our Advent journey. We will light our second candle this weekend. We seek the light that can only come from our experience of God’s presence. This presence is boundless and beyond our imaginings. Advent is our journey into the continuing self-revelation of God. It culminates in our discovery of grace beyond our expectations. Several years ago, I came across a prayer of Thomas Merton. In our time of Advent and our national time of transition, I would like to share this with you.

My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself,

and the fact that I think I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so.

But I believe that my desire to please you, does in fact please you. And I pray that I have that desire in all that I am doing. I pray that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this, you will lead me by the right road, though I may know nothing about it.

Therefore, I will always trust you though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and I believe you will never leave me to face my perils alone.

For Merton and for us, it is a journey of desire. Our desire to enter into ever

deeper communion with the experience of God, enables us to reflect more and more radiantly the love, compassion, healing that is so needed in our world. It is the human birthing of these gifts that we celebrate as we remember their embodiment in our brother, Jesus. In your love for Jesus, you have made us sharers of those same gifts.

As we draw nearer to the celebration of Christmas, I invite you to invite family and friends to gather with us for prayer, celebration, and hope. No matter where life’s journey has led any of us, all are welcome. Come to the feast.

Fr. Thomas M. Gallagher, ofm

Upcoming Events

- 12/4/2016** Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, 8:30 am
Confirmation Class, 11:00 am
7th & 8th Grades, 11:15 am
Clare Gallery Reception, 1:00 pm
- 12/5/2016** Pastoral Advisory Board, 6:00 pm
Spiritual Reflection, 6:30 pm
- 12/6/2016** Advent Nourishment, 12:35 pm
Group Spiritual Direction, 1:00 pm
Lectio Divina, 7:00 pm
- 12/7/2016** Living a Life of Compassion, 12:45 pm
Sandwich Ministry & Wellness Center, 4:00 pm
Treble Clef Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 pm
Women of Hope, 6:30 pm
- 12/7/2016** Social Justice Committee, 7:00 pm
- 12/7/2016** Treble Clef Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 pm
Gallery Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 pm

- 12/8/2016** Muslim/Christian Dialogue, 6:45 pm
Bass Clef Choir, 7:00 pm
- 12/9/2016** Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, 4:00 pm
- 12/10/2016** A New Day Bereavement Program, 9:30 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

Readings – December 5-11, 2016

- Monday** Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30
Thursday Gen 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Friday Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19
Sunday Is 35:1-6a, 10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11



SISTER PARISH UPDATE

- Creole lessons will be offered via Skype on Thursday evenings, 6:30 to 8:00 pm beginning in January. Call the parish office (860-756-4034) for more details.
- Finally, it's not too early to mark your 2017 calendars for June 17, the Taste of Haiti. It will have a new look this year and if you are interested in helping with planning, leave a message at the parish office.



MUSIC MINISTRY

Kids' Chorale and Liturgical Dancers

Create a special Christmas memory for your child by encouraging participation in one of the Children's Liturgies on Christmas Eve - Saturday, December 24, 2016.

LITURGICAL DANCERS

Under the direction of parishioner, Mary Beth Griffith of Griffith Academy of Dance in Wethersfield, youth will provide Liturgical Dance during the 4:00 pm Mass

in the Church on Christmas Eve.

Rehearsal Schedule:

Saturday, December 10
8:00 am at The Griffith Academy
27 Main Street, Wethersfield

Sunday, December 18
1:00 pm in the Church

All youth (*including middle school and high school*) who are interested in dancing at the 4:00 pm Mass in the Church on Christmas Eve should contact Pam Johnson at 860-756-4034 x 112 or at pjohnson@spsact.org.

Dancers should attend both rehearsals.

KIDS' CHORALE

The Christmas Kids' Chorale will provide musical leadership for the 5:30 pm Mass on Christmas Eve in the Church. Reading age youth and up are encouraged to sing.

There are two more rehearsals scheduled for The Kids' Chorale. We would love to have your child participate if they can attend these rehearsals:

Saturday, December 10
8:30 am to 9:15 am

Saturday December 17
8:30 am to 9:15 am

Please contact our cantor, Pam Johnson, via email at pjohnson@spsact.org or at the Parish Office at (860) 756-4034, x-112.



FAITH FORMATION

Advent Nourishment

Tuesdays, 12:30—12:55 pm
December 6 & 13

Offering \$5.00/per each luncheon
Presenters:

December 6—Fr. John Leonard
December 13—Fr. Thomas Gallagher

Advent Twilight Retreat: The Road to Bethlehem

Thursday, December 15
5:30-8:30 pm

Facilitators: Elaine Wiatr and Pamela Morrison Wolf
Suggested Offering: \$10.00
Includes dinner

Registration Deadline: December 11

Now More Than Ever: Putting our Faith in Acts of Hope

Potluck Supper for Muslim & Christian Women with conversation, reflection and prayer

Thursday, December 8, 6:30-8:30 pm

As we stand in the present moment, and look ahead day by day, we know that we always see more clearly, and have more hope, when we are **together**, than when we are alone. What **challenges** do we face? What **good** are we doing to help others and to care for ourselves? What

good do we see others doing that **inspires** and **encourages** us?

Bring a friend and a dish to share! Please call the parish office to let us know you are coming: 860-756-4034.



COMMUNITY LIFE

Open Hearts Gay & Lesbian Ministry

- **GLBT Ministry** meets monthly. Next meeting is on December 11 at 6:00 pm
- **Families & Friends of the Gay & Lesbian Community** next meeting—TBA

Emmaus Grieving Parent Ministry

Many thanks to all of the prayer shawl and hospitality ministers, members of the prayer network, breakfast bakers, healing touch practitioners, small group and clay facilitators, music ministers, staff and friars who gave generously of their time and talents to create a holy space for our retreat on October 29!

Parents who suffered the loss of a child at any time—including prior to birth and many decades ago—are welcome to lean-in together at 3:15 pm on December 11.

Spiritual Companionship

Spiritual Companionship 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. Interested in working with a Spiritual Director? Contact Fr. Tom at 860-756-4034, ext 114.

Ladies Guild Christmas Party

The Ladies Christmas Party will be held at **Ficara's Restaurant, Hartford, on Sunday, December 11 at 12:00 Noon.** Delicious dinner — Antipasto, Salad, Pasta and Chicken Sebby, Dessert — is \$25 per person. **Christmas Corner** drawing will be

held. Reservations, please, to Alice Brennan, Treasurer, 860-563-1003, email (al.brennan@att.net) Come One, Come All, Family and Friends Welcome!

Novel Idea Fiction Discussion Group

Gather once a month 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 Selection:

December 15: *The Little Paris Bookshop* by Nina George

Time: 7:00 to 8:30 pm



STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship Reflection

We must be good stewards of God's gifts to us, receiving them gratefully and cultivating them with care lest we be the ones about whom John the Baptist speaks today. "Every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."

Personal Care Items Needed

We continue to collect travel size items such as razors, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, soap and shaving cream. We will assemble these items for those who come to our door seeking assistance. Please help our neighbors by placing items in the bin at the back of the church marked "travel kits". Thank you!

Your Weekly Giving

November 19/20	\$13,260.50
November 26/27	\$14,387.50
Online November 14-20	\$ 5,459.50
Online November 21-27	\$ 5,502.50

Total available for operating budget

November 19/20	\$18,720.00
November 26/27	\$19,889.50

To register for **Online Giving**, please visit our website: WWW.SPSACT.ORG. We're still here while you are away. Use On-Line Giving to schedule recurring or one-time donations. Need help signing up for On-Line Giving? Our Sunday Visitor Support is

available at 1-800-348- 2886, option 4.

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

Second Collection December 10/11, 2016

The second collection next weekend will be taken up for the **Archdiocesan Retirement Fund for Religious.**

House of Bread Thrift Store...Serving our neighbors in the North End

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Living Stewardship

We are grateful this week for all stewards who strive to consider how they are fulfilling God's purpose to be of service to our parish and to the wider community.



OTHER INFO

Winter Boot Drive

Help Hartford's homeless by donating new or used gently used boots. Adults and kids boots accepted. All boots will be accepted **until December 6** at:

Fleet Feet
1003 Farmington Avenue
West Hartford

For more information call 860-756-7035.

This Winter Boot Drive is sponsored by:

Community Partners in Action
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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, **Charles Francomano; Al Tufano**
- For all of our choirs who are preparing music for Advent and Christmas. The choirs rehearse regularly and provide wonderful additions to our worship services.

Holy Day—December 8, 2016

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be celebrated at the 7:00, 8:00 am and 12:05 pm Masses.

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2016

4:00 Concetta Gianni

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2016

8:00 William & Angeline Speziale

10:00 Paul & Santina Spagna

11:45 James Pezzulo

5:00 Carl Tinti

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2016

7:00 Pietro Contrina

8:00 Donald Ghegan

12:05 Jean Griffin

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2016

7:00 Betty N. Hardiman

8:00 Intentions of Madeline Malone

12:05 Mantello Family

6:00 **Evening Prayer**

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2016

7:00 Josef Hundhammer

8:00 Francesca Wish

12:05 Salvatore Gianni

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2016

7:00 In thanksgiving to the Immaculate Conception

8:00 Concepcion Vallanueva

12:05 Frank Brennan & Frank Marut

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2016

7:00 Elba Josefina Famiglietti

8:00 Bruce Skiff

12:05 Brian Heffernan

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2016

4:00 Pauline S. Ward

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2016

8:00 Tina & Charles Vella; Lucille Vella Konstandaras

10:00 Tony Intino

11:45 In thanksgiving to St. Lucy

5:00 John V. Ramos, 24th anniversary

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: _____

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

A FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

Sunday, December 11, 2016

7:00 pm

St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church Choirs ▪ Gabriel Löfvall, *Director of Music Ministry*

Pamela Johnson, *Treble Clef Choir Director* ▪ James Barry, *Organ*

Soloists ▪ Church Street Orchestra

present the



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GLORIA by Ola Gjeilo

MARY THE DAWN by Leo Nestor

AVE MARIA by Franz Biebl

LULLY, LULLA, LULLAY by Philip Stopford

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