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Church Hours: Monday - Friday · 6:30 AM - 2:00 PM

January 28, 2018—The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Letter from Fr. Tom, ofm

May the Lord give you peace.

This past Sunday we blessed those heading off to visit our sister parish, St. Genevieve. I ask your continued prayers for their experience of the grace and gift of this community. I thank you for all of your support of our sister parish and for the many ways that we have become sharers of the Gospel together. It is my hope that on their return they will share some of the experience with us. Our representatives will be with the community for the celebration of the feast of St. Genevieve. They are fortunate to be able to share in this festive time with the community. Happy feast of St. Genevieve to all!

This past Sunday, we also welcomed all who are currently participating in our RCIA/RCIC programs this year. As the time of prayer and discernment continues, we may welcome new members through Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist as well as receive some baptized in another

tradition into the Catholic Church. I ask your prayers for each of those who are sharing in this time of grace and discernment. It is your example and witness that calls them to a life of discipleship. I thank you.

The Adult Faith Formation Guides are out and available both on line and in hard copy. I encourage you to check them out and see what offerings might speak to you. I know that Fr. Francis is preparing a series on the Psalms and am sure that you will find that enlightening. Paul Sansone is coming to teach in February on the Prophet Jeremiah and in May on the Holy Spirit. There is a workshop on prayer and a discussion of Mary Magdalen, persistent woman of the bible. Gabriel is offering an "insiders talk" on Brahms' *German Requiem* that will aid our prayer through Lent and Good Friday. I hope that you can join us.

I also invite you to join us as we begin our Vesper Services again on Tuesday's at 6:00 PM. These will start again in Lent and

offer a time of reflection and prayer in our chapel. Perhaps this could become part of your Lenten Experience.

Our Pentecost journey begins with Lent on Ash Wednesday, February 14, celebrates Easter on April 1 and culminates with the celebration of Pentecost on May 20. It is our life journey in grace and in the recognition of the outpouring of God's Spirit in our lives and hearts. Yes, the calendar does have a sense of humor with the season of penance beginning on Valentine's Day and the Lord's resurrection celebrated on April Fool's Day! We pray with Paul, "the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us...it is the power of God." Mark your calendars and be open to the grace and gift of God.

Fr. Thomas M. Gallagher, ofm
 Pastor

Upcoming Events

- Jan 28** Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, 8:30 & 11:00 AM
 Religious Ed Traditional Program, 9:00 AM
 Confirmation Class (Year 1), 11:15 AM
 RCIA, 1:00 PM
 Secular Franciscans Meeting, 1:30 PM
- Jan 29** Bass Clef Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 PM
- Jan 30** Group Spiritual Direction, 12:30 PM
- Jan 31** Sandwich Ministry, 4:00 PM
 Treble Clef Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 PM
 Gallery Choir, 7:00 PM
- Feb 1** Praying The Psalms, 10:30 AM
 Clare Gallery Artist Meeting, 6:30 PM
- Feb 2** Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, 4:15 PM
- Feb 3** Cenacle Meeting, 6:30 AM
 First Reconciliation Retreat, 9:00 AM

Weekly Mass Readings

January 29-February 4, 2018

- Monday** 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30, 16:5-13; Mk 5:1-20
- Tuesday** 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3; Mk 5:21-43
- Wednesday** 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Mk 6:1-6
- Thursday** 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; Mk 6:7-13
- Friday** Mal 3:1-4, Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40
- Sunday** Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

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
- ALL ARE WELCOME!**



COMMUNITY LIFE

Open Hearts LGBT Ministry

LGBT Ministry Next Meeting

February 11 at 6:00 PM

Families & Friends of the LGBT

Community Meeting

January 23 at 6:30 PM

Separated and Divorced Support Group: Hope and Healing—Feb 15 - May 10

We plan to hold a new 12-week support group for separated and divorced persons beginning on Thursday evening, February 15, and running each Thursday afterward until May 10. We will meet in the Franciscan Center from 6:30-8:00 pm. The group will view parts of the video series: *“Surviving Divorce: Hope and Healing for the Catholic Family.”* 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. (In case of a large response we will limit to twenty participants.) Please call the parish office at (860) 756-4034. You may leave only your first name if you wish. Co-facilitators will be Cathy Posteraro and Stacie Mawson who have run past support groups at the Franciscan Center. All are welcome including former participants and those from other parishes.

SPSA Men’s Retreat at Holy

Family Retreat Center

March 23-25, 2018

Consider joining us this season as we engage in fellowship on the retreat theme of *“Grace Enough”*. The promise is for attendees to learn/relearn of the many ways God’s presence empowers us and supports us through every step of life’s journey. We will discover anew how God’s grace is our greatest source of

strength and courage to meet the ever-present challenges in our lives. Together we’ll reflect on how living in God’s grace guides us to make wise choices, leading to true happiness and peace.

For more information, contact the Holy Family Retreat Center online at www.holyfamilyretreat.org or contact Jack Martins, the retreat chairman by phone or e-mail. “Scholarships” will be available.

The 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



January 28 to learn more about the Secular Franciscan Order. We will pray the rosary at 1:30 pm followed by our gathering at 2:00 pm. This month we will have a retreat talk via CD and a discussion of a Franciscan topic.

We thank everyone who participated in our Feed the Birds project for Christmas. St. Francis cared for creation and all the creatures of the earth. Feeding the birds is an act of love for God’s creation.

Thin Places Coming this Lent

Join a Thin Places Circle, facilitated by Sister Ginny Sheehan, SND, as we walk together this Lent. On six consecutive **Wednesdays**, beginning February 14, Ash Wednesday, we will continue with John O’Donohue as he explores the most basic of human desires—the desire to belong—in *“Eternal Echoes.”* (Please read the Prologue and Chapter 1 prior to our first meeting.)

A second Circle will convene on six consecutive **Thursdays**, beginning February 15 to consider Joyce Rupp’s *“Your Sorrow is My Sorrow”*, and her request that we meet our own sorrows in Mary’s journey. (Please read Introduction and Chapter 1 prior to our first meeting.) Each group will meet from 12:45 to 2:15 pm. You may register by calling the church office, and, if you are able, the suggested donation is \$50.00.

Novel Idea

Fiction Discussion Group

Gather once a month from 7:00-8:30 PM

in the Franciscan Center to discuss works of fiction with a wide appeal. For more information contact Marybeth Walsh (860-523-7034) or Zara Zagorski (860-721-1814). **Upcoming selections:**

February 15: *Everything I Never Told You* - Celeste Ng; **March 15:** *The Absolutist* - John Boyne

A New Peace Group

Are you interested in learning more about peace and justice in the Catholic tradition?



There will be an informational meeting with discussion, on **Monday, February 19 at 7:00 pm in the Franciscan Center** on the possibility of starting a Pax Christi USA Chapter in our parish. Pax Christi is the national Catholic peace with justice movement that has local groups through out the country. A local group consists of members who meet on a regular basis to pray, study, and act for peace with justice and work for Pax Christi USA’s vision.

If you have any questions or are interested but unable to attend, please contact Brother John at 860-756-4034 or email: jgill@spsact.org.



STEWARDSHIP

Donations Needed

It’s COLD Outside

The need for **MEN’S** hats, scarves, gloves, mittens and socks continues. The highest quality socks are usually not necessary. When



socks get really dirty they may be thrown out by those who don’t have access or means to get to a laundromat. Likewise, hats, gloves and scarves are often discarded when they get wet as often happens when living on the streets of Hartford. Thank you for your generosity.

Volunteers Needed

- **Singers!** Our Bass Clef Choir is seeking Tenors, Baritones and Basses. The Bass Clef Choir rehearses on Monday evening and enriches worship on a rotating basis with the Treble Clef Choir. For more information or to audition, please contact Gabriel Löfvall, our Director of Music Ministry.
- Our **Care Ministry** is comprised of individuals who work with families at the time of the loss of a loved one. We are seeking additional ministers for this ministry. Gifts of compassion, caring with attention to detail are vital in the successful planning of the Mass for a loved one. Please contact Trudi Campbell in the parish office for more information.
- The **House of Bread** is in need of assistance with periodic updates to the social media sites. Updates would be done weekly or monthly as needed. As a partner with St. Patrick-St. Anthony, the House of Bread wants to ensure that its supporters and the community at large are continually informed of the great work of its dedicated workforce. Please contact Andy at 860-247-3030, ext. 104 for more information.

Stewardship Reflection

Moses told the people, "A prophet like me will the Lord, your God, raise up for you from among your own kinsmen." God still provides among His people the gifts and talents necessary to continue the work of His Church. What gifts are yours to share?

House of Bread

Thrift Store ...Serving our neighbors in the North End

It's always time for Spring Cleaning! 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). One person's stuff is another person's treasure! Help find gold!



www.hobread.org

MORE THAN JUST SOUP! BECOME A FAN

Archdiocesan High School Collection - January 27-28

This weekend, baskets will be available at the doors of the Church as you leave to accept your free-will offering to the Archdiocesan Catholic High Schools. Thank you for your generosity.

Your Weekly Giving

January 15—January 21, 2018

Envelope & Loose Collection	\$12,983
Online	\$6,423
Total	\$19,406
St. Anthony Bread for the Poor	\$527

Did you know that you can contribute to our other ministries through Online Giving — The Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry, a 501(3)(c) public charity; Our Sister Parish — St. Genevieve in Zorangede Haiti; St. Anthony Bread for the Poor—our sandwich ministry that provides sandwiches 365 days a year, rental assistance, utility assistance, medical co-pay assistance and so much more.

Sign up today for Online Giving by going to www.spsact.org and clicking on the Online Giving link. If you need help, **Our Sunday Visitor Support is available at 1-800-348-2886** or contact Pam Johnson in the Parish Office.

Thank you for your continued generous support to St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church and the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry.

Living Stewardship

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who set aside time with the Sunday Readings throughout the week so as to be better prepared to hear the Word of God and act on it.



SISTER PARISH UPDATE

Travelers from St. Patrick – St. Anthony are now safely in Haiti. They will be staying at the parish and are looking forward to meeting with Fr. Philippe and seeing all of the changes that have been made to the school since our last visit in March 2017.

We are most excited about meeting with our Sisters and Brothers in Fouji, Zorangede and celebrating the feast of their Patroness, St. Genevieve, with them. This is a big event in Haiti and everyone in the village will be celebrating on Saturday night and there will be a special Mass on Sunday, followed by a feast. Please keep us in your prayers. We look forward to bringing you photos and talking with you about our visit.



FAITH FORMATION

"All Are Welcome" Retreat "Discovering God on Your Journey"

March 9-11, 2018 at Mercy By The Sea, Madison, CT

Retreat Leader, Jeanne Williams, OSF
ALL MEN AND WOMEN are invited to consider this annual parish retreat opportunity in the Lenten Season to set aside time for one's relationship with God. The retreat theme will focus our presentations, discussion and prayer together. You will have the time to explore the seaside grounds of Mercy By The Sea, enjoy their hospitality and walk their waterfront labyrinth. There will be time to just 'BE'.

Here's a chance to truly retreat from the ordinary schedule of life and devote this time to your spiritual growth.

And if you have never experienced a retreat before, please join us!

Located on the shores of Long Island Sound, Mercy By The Sea offers beautiful, simple, and peaceful spaces that spark the imagination, enable reflection and creative thinking open the heart to prayer.

**Retreat Fee: Double Room—\$255
Single Room—\$285**

Fee includes program & bedroom accommodations with meals.

Registration deadline is February 9, 2018. RESERVE a spot NOW for you and a friend. Registration forms are available—call 860-756-4034



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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We Pray...

- For the sick: Joe Kastrup
- For our newly married couple: **Karen Bedula and Troy Rooney**
- For the children in the Religious Ed program and the Catechists.

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 2018

4:00 Mary Mittica

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2018

8:00 J. Robert Ford

10:00 Intentions of Joe Menhart

11:45 Gladys Gilbert

5:00 Anna Cabral

MONDAY, JANUARY 29, 2018

7:00 Franciscan Center Ministry

8:00 Our Parishioners

12:05 Franciscan Center Ministry

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2018

7:00 Ralph Hedenberg

8:00 Our Parishioners

12:05 Betsy Wittemann

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2018

7:00 Franciscan Center Ministry

8:00 Our Parishioners

12:05 Mary R. Infante

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2018

7:00 Franciscan Center Ministry

8:00 Our Parishioners

12:05 Concetta Gianni

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2018

7:00 Our Sister Parish, St. Genevieve

8:00 Franciscan Center

12:05 Our Parishioners

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2018

4:00 Father Pat Latina, 1st anniversary

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2018

8:00 William & Angeline Speziale

10:00 McAfee & Duddy Families

11:45 Rashid & Yesmin Ellis

5:00 Jo-Ann Regan

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, our daily Sandwich Distribution Program and local rental and utility assistance.

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