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August 20, 2017—TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Letter from Fr. Tom, ofm

May the Lord give you peace.

Living in the chaos of the 13th century world Francis of Assisi wrote:

Prayer before the Crucifix

Most High,
 glorious God,
 enlighten the darkness of my heart
 and give me true faith,
 certain hope,
 and perfect charity,
 sense and knowledge, Lord,
 that I may carry out
 Your holy and true command.

(Francis, 1205-1206)

Over the last week, I have prayed this prayer as I considered the racism, xenophobia, antisemitism, and violence of our nation and our world. Francis prays first for enlightenment. He desires to see by the light of Christ. This is to be able to hold a greater vision, to see more clearly, to not be blinded by cultural boundaries, religious traditions, or hatred in any form. He recognizes the greatness of his need, the darkness of his heart, and the overwhelming compassion that is God. Francis, then goes on to pray for a true faith, a faith that is rooted in the experience of the cross and resurrection of Jesus. This is a faith in God, not Assisi, not any institution. In order to know this faith, he desires to know an experience of God for himself. He desires to encounter God in the brothers and sisters who may be lepers, the poor, creation, and the everyday encounters with children, men, women, and the world. Francis longs for hope,

a certain hope. He desires to live in the vision of the Reign of God where the dynamism of God's own Spirit energizes the good in all. Francis prays for perfect charity. This is a tall order. To have perfect charity is to be like God who is charity. This charity does no violence to the other in thought, word, or deed. This charity is a compassionate presence to any and all he might encounter. Finally, Francis prays that he might have the sense and knowledge to live as a disciple of the Crucified and Risen One. He asks for sense or insight to discover the suffering, the hunger, the fear, the brokenness that undergirds hatred and violence as he seeks the knowledge/wisdom to be God's compassionate presence in every situation.

We live in a challenging time. The noise, violence, and rhetoric are overwhelming. The media coverage offers no relief or place to hide. Francis' prayer and the desire to embody that prayer provide insight and the hope of being a compassionate presence in the midst of conflict and division. This is the call to discipleship for our time, a call to be compassionately present, to support the broken, to speak words of hope even when they fall on deaf ears. With Francis, we keep our eyes fixed on the message of the Gospel as we gaze on the Crucifix. I invite you to pray this prayer and to be open to the grace of God's gift. This is a call to an activism rooted in compassion and the grace of God's presence.

On another note, my traveling computer has found its way back to me. I am grateful for your prayers and the intercession of any and all that enabled this possibility.

Fr. Thomas M. Gallagher, ofm
 Pastor



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2017

It is less than 4 weeks before we tee off for the Charity Golf Tournament. Have you attended to your "TO-DO" List?

- ✓ Place my ad/memorial in the program book—**DEADLINE is AUGUST 25th**
- ✓ Register to play golf
- ✓ Order a tee-sign
- ✓ Register to attend the Dinner
- ✓ Drop off my silent auction item
- ✓ Buy my "Go-for-the-Green" Raffle Ticket

Please help us make this year's tournament a success.
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STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship Reflection

In today's second reading, St. Paul tells the Romans, "God's gifts and His call are irrevocable." To what is God calling me today? What gifts are mine to share?

Volunteer Ministry

- ◆ Consider sharing your gifts with others in the community. The following is from a person sharing her gifts in service of a member of a House of Bread Team.

Although I volunteer in a variety of ways around the parish, many of my most memorable experiences have arisen out of my service at the House of Bread. It is a place of grace, where those who come to be nourished at the table end up nourishing those of us who serve, by their presence.

It is hard to transfer to words the experiences we share there—the look on their weary face when you offer a client a cold drink, or a cup of tea. The blessings and thanks offered as you serve lunch, the faces of the children when they get a treat. There have been so many moments that have been emotional for me that I could not begin to recount them.

Moments God has selected for me so that I can know Him and serve Him better.

When I looked into the faces I serve there, it is not hard to see the face of Jesus. To serve there is a privilege because it provides me with a tangible way to be the Lord's hands, feet and heart on this earth as we endeavor to care for one another. —Maria Retartha

House of Bread

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

General day care supplies such as diapers (sizes 3, 4, 5), wipes, baby powder, juice boxes, toddler friendly snacks and paper goods—paper towels, napkins, toilet and facial tissue.

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Living Stewardship

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who recognize that each of us is uniquely gifted and each of us has our own special role in building the kingdom.



COMMUNITY LIFE

SPSA Men's Fellowship—Day of Reflection at Enders Island, Saturday, September 16, 2017

We are looking to "kick off" our Men's Fellowship Group year with our "traditional" and quite popular Men's Day of Reflection at Enders Island. This year we are indeed fortunate to have Fr. Jim Kelly, ofm as our guest speaker. Also we have been able to keep the cost of the "day" at \$45 per person. **Please consider signing up to attend this relaxing day with us.**

By looking at the eight core human feelings, Fr. Jim hopes to help us understand their essential place in our daily lives and in our assessment of the quality of our moral Christian lives.

The Day includes coffee, tea and danish pastry upon arrival and a BBQ lunch. We

must limit participation to the first 30 men to register. Invite your friends from other parishes!

To reserve your space, call the parish office at 860-756-4034. For more information, email Fr. John Leonard, ofm jeonard@spsact.org. We hope that you will join us. **Payment requested by September 1.**

Open Hearts LGBT Ministry

Please join us for our **Welcome Back Picnic**, our kick-off for the 2017-18 year of activities and programming for our ministry. Find out about new programs to be offered, connect and re-connect with one another, and enjoy good food! **Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, September 10 at 6:00 pm** in the Franciscan Center. Bring an appetizer, dessert or beverage to share. Meats, etc. provided. To RSVP or more information, contact Michael at canarywings@gmail.com.

Booth at Hartford PRIDEFEST! Our Ministry will once again have a booth at this year's Hartford PRIDE, Saturday, September 9. Help is needed to man the booth at various times, from 12N to 6 pm. Other helping roles needed as well. Great way to outreach/network to our larger LGBT community! For more information or if you can help in any way, please e-mail patwhittel@gmail.com.



SISTER PARISH UPDATE

Have you ever considered a trip to our Sister Parish?

It's time to start planning for 2018 trips to Haiti. If you are interested in learning about what a typical trip entails, please call the office and leave your contact information and someone will return your call. 860-756-4034. Travel to our Sister Parish and the rest of Haiti is life changing. Dates for 2018 travel will be announced next month.

The next Sister Parish meeting will be on September 11, 2017 at 6:30 in the Franciscan Center. Please join us if you are interested in learning more.



FAITH FORMATION

Sunset Cruise & Evening of Reflection

Wednesday, September 6

5:30-7:30 pm

All men and women are invited to sail aboard the Argia, a replica of a 19th century gaff-rigged schooner, down the Mystic River. Sebastian Kolodziej of the House of Bread will once again provide a delicious dinner as we sail the waters of Fisher's Island Sound.

Speaker: Br. John Gill, ofm

Offering: \$40

Moving In The Spirit Workshop

Saturday, September 16, 10:00 am—12:00 pm

Come experience a "moving" way to pray! We will share The Prayer of St. Francis in a gestural prayer that is an outward expression of our inner spirit and faith. No previous experience is necessary—just a willing spirit and an open heart. Dress comfortable—looser clothing is recommended

Suggested Offering: \$10.00

Co-Facilitators: Karen Rossignol & Lisa Muscanell-DePaola

A Closer Look at Prayer

Thursday, September 28; 7:00-8:30 pm

Prayer is a vital component of our Faith Journey! In this time together, we'll discuss the foundation of prayer, share our experiences of prayer, and be introduced to a method of Christian Contemplative Prayer known as Centering Prayer.

Presenter: Mike Smoolca

Suggested Offering: \$8.00

A Vineyard on a Fertile Hill

Isaiah 1-12

Saturday, September 30

8:30 am - 3:30 pm

The biblical book that we call Isaiah is a multi-faceted prophecy that has long been a favorite of Christians. The early chapters of the book record the core prophecies of the eighth-century prophet, Isaiah of Jerusalem. After an introduction to Isaiah's life and times, this day-long session will focus on a reading—a message that continues to challenge us even today. Participants may find it useful to bring a Bible with them.

Please bring your own lunch.

Presenter: Paul D. Sansone

Suggested Offering: \$30.00

Thin Places

Wednesdays

**October 4, 11, 18, 25, November 1, 8
12:45 to 2:15 pm**

Join the Thin Places Circle, facilitated by Sister Ginny Sheehan, SND, as we delve into our own wisdom while pondering John O'Donohue's *Anam Cara*. (*please read prologue and chapter 1 before 1st session*) If you are able, suggested donation is \$50. Call the church office to register.

"Once the soul awakens, the search begins and you can never go back. From then on, you are inflamed with a special longing that will never again let you linger in the lowlands of complacency and partial fulfillment." — John O'Donohue, *Anam Cara: A Book of Celtic Wisdom*

A Note From Emily Rizza



Last Friday, I attended the New England Convocation 2017: "Pathways of Hope: Evangelization, Catechesis Community" - an annual Catholic conference designed for ministry

leaders from the Northeast to come together in prayer and service to their school or parish programs. A common theme throughout the conference was discipleship, answering the questions: "How can we be better disciples of Christ?" and "How can we foster discipleship in others?" I thought of my ten weeks here at St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church and the abundant examples of hospitality, selfless love, and generous community outreach that I have been blessed to witness through spiritual direction, the sandwich ministry, the Clare Gallery, the Sacrament of the Sick, ESL classes, Baptism and Funeral preparation, and weekly Mass. Every parishioner uniquely serves as a model of charity, service, and prayer, and my valuable experiences here have taught me the true meaning of following Christ. As my time at the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry comes to a close this week, I want to thank you all for receiving me into your community, for sharing with me the inspiring work of your ministries, and for showing me that a parish is a home into which everyone is welcomed, just as Christ welcomes us. I wish you a happy, healthy, blessed year and I look forward to visiting soon! Peace and blessings.



OTHER INFO

Couples Celebrating Their 25th, 50th, 60th and any other special anniversary this year are invited to attend a special Mass at St. Joseph's Cathedral on Sunday, October 15 at 2:00 pm. Mass will include the renewal of marriage vows. A simple reception and an opportunity for a photo with Archbishop Blair. Call the parish office by **September 11** at 860-756-4034 if you would like to participate.

Upcoming Events

- 8/20/2017** RCIA Come and See, 11:00 am
Emmaus Ministry, 3:15 pm
- 8/21/2017** Golf Committee, 6:30 pm
- 8/22/2017** Group Spiritual Direction, 12:30 pm
- 8/23/2017** Sandwich Ministry, 4:00 pm
- 8/24/2017** Creole Class, 6:30 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—August 21-27, 2017

- Monday** Jgs 2:11-19; Mt 19:16-22
- Tuesday** Jgs 6:11-24a; Mt 19:23-30
- Wednesday** Jgs 9:6-15; Mt 20:1-16
- Thursday** Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51
- Friday** Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Mt 22:34-40
- Sunday** Is 22:19-23; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20



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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Church and Franciscan Center are handicap accessible.

We Pray...

- For the sick: Edith Clark.
- For our newly married couple: **Rebecca Fanelli and Bryan Sandahl.**
- For our Choirs—the Bass Clef, the Gallery and the Treble Clef.

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 2017

4:00 Francelina Marques

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 2017

8:00 Nell O'Donnell Kinney

10:00 Mary V. Ramos, 10th anniversary

11:45 Luigi & Flaminia Ficocelli

5:00 John O'Meara

MONDAY, AUGUST 21, 2017

7:00 Our Parishioners

8:00 In thanksgiving to St. Cristina

12:05 Ethan Lee Pemberton

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22, 2017

7:00 Franciscan Center Ministry

8:00 In thanksgiving to St. Anthony

12:05 Intentions of John & Diana

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2017

7:00 Our Parishioners

8:00 In thanksgiving

12:05 Licia Ciogli

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24, 2017

7:00 Franciscan Center Ministry

8:00 In thanksgiving to All Saints

12:05 Tom & Catherine Powers

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25, 2017

7:00 Out Parishioners

8:00 George McDermott

12:05 Encarnacion Nieves

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 2017

4:00 Elizabeth Gagliano

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 2017

8:00 Patrick K. Kinney

10:00 Mary Marut, 30th anniversary

11:45 Dorothy & Alfred Silver

5:00 George Sanford

Sanctuary Lamps: If you wish to reserve a seven-day Sanctuary Lamp on either side of the tabernacle in memory of a deceased loved one, a member of your family who is ill, or for any special intentions, please make arrangements by calling the Church Office at 756-4034.

Flowers for the Church: In order to enhance the visual beauty of the liturgical environment, we have a fresh floral arrangement for our weekend Masses. We place it in front of the altar and leave it in Church throughout the following week. Several people have expressed an interest in donating these flowers to memorialize a loved one, a birthday, wedding anniversary, anniversaries of death and other special occasions. If you are interested in doing this, please contact the church office. We will publish the memorial in the bulletin and place the order with our regular supplier. *Suggested offering is \$125.00.*



EMMAUS GRIEVING PARENTS

Upcoming Events

** FLYERS for our fifth annual all-day retreat on *October 28th* are now available on the bulletin board in the back of the church. Please consider picking one up and inviting a parent that you know who has lost a child or children, including prior to birth and many decades ago.

All parents are welcome to attend any or all of the following upcoming events in the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry:

- * *August 20 at 3:15 p.m.* -- Regular (monthly) circle of parents
- * *September 10 at 11:00 a.m.* -- "**Come and See**" -- Parents may get a cup of coffee and a donut in the main meeting room as they enter the Franciscan Center and then come downstairs to meet fellow parents and ask any questions about the retreat or ministry.
- * *October 28 at 9 a.m.* -- Annual all-day retreat facilitated by our experienced retreat team

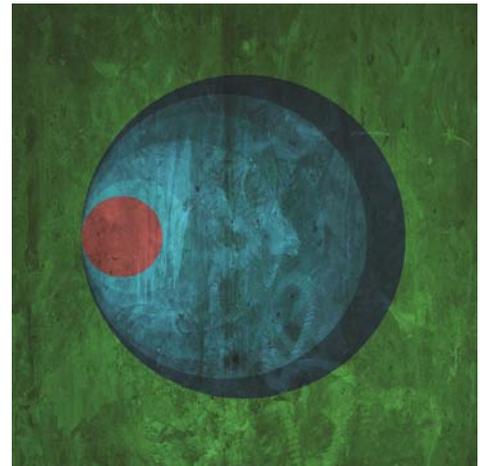
We thank all members of the SPSA community for your ongoing, prayerful support of this ministry.

CLARE GALLERY

hosts

New England premier of

The Minimum Bible



an exhibition of graphic design artwork by Michigan artist and Presbyterian pastor, *Joseph Novak*. Being a pastor and a graphic designer, Novak considered whether the books of the Old and New Testament could be rendered utilizing essential symbols and themes. If successfully done, the images visually communicate the books' overall stories. Clare Gallery will be exhibiting 30 of the 66 images, from both the Old and the New Testament series.

A reception will be held on Saturday, September 23rd, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

At the reception, Novak will present via Skype from Flint Michigan. He will discuss his intention in creating the series, his process, as well as how he hopes viewers will interact with his work.



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