



St. Patrick - St. Anthony Church
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Church Hours: Monday - Friday · 6:30 AM - 2:00 PM

February 4, 2018—The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Letter from Fr. Tom, ofm

May the Lord give you peace.

I thank you for your support of our ministries and of our care for the poor. Your participation is a great gift. We are able to provide sandwiches for many hungry people every day. We are also able to offer some financial assistance that helps keep people from being homeless, losing electricity, or not getting the medications that they need. The sleeping bags are a great boon during the very cold days. Unfortunately, there is no safety net for many folks and they end up on the street with limited or no resources. Many come seeking not only financial assistance but also compassion and the recognition of their basic dignity. I thank you.

Over the last week we have begun opening our kitchen to the families staying at the Red Roof Inn. These are families from Puerto Rico who have been displaced by the hurricane. It is a delight to have them working in our kitchen. They have a great sense of community and seem to enjoy working together. Of course, the smells of the meals permeate

the entire building and the staff gets hungry just sitting at their desks! They make a significant amount of food that is taken back to the Inn where many families share on their own schedules the good food prepared by the team of the day. FEMA money has not yet been renewed so they may again be displaced in a couple of weeks. Many are employed, and their children are attending Hartford schools. We will keep a close eye to see what we can do to assist.

This weekend is the feast of St. Blaise. There is a tradition of blessing throats on the feast. To accommodate those who wish this blessing, we will be available after each Mass to do the blessing. This will occur after the end of the closing hymn. I invite you to receive the blessing and pray for all who are sick.

Given the magnitude of the Flu this season, I ask you to use your judgement regarding the sign of peace and receiving from the cup. Please do not feel snubbed if someone simply nods and wishes you peace. The Flu season will end soon enough. I also ask that you be attentive to those who have the Flu, particularly

children, the elderly and those with compromised immune systems. Please check in with folks to be sure they are okay and to see what they may need.

Finally, we continue to pray with refugees, Dreamers, those enslaved by the sex trade, those who endure hardship following natural disasters, and those many who live in oppression. At times we feel helpless in the face of so much suffering. One recourse is our prayer with those who suffer. The change of preposition is important, it is not so much that we pray “for” but that we are called to pray “with”. We are called to a solidarity, communion with all who struggle or live in abusive situations. May that prayer lead us to whatever action we are able to take to creatively assist those in need and work to end systems of human violence.

Fr. Thomas M. Gallagher, ofm
 Pastor

Upcoming Events

- Feb 4** Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, 8:30 & 11:00 AM
 Religious Ed Family Program, 8:45 AM
 Religious Ed 7th & 8th Grades, 11:00 AM
 Religious Ed Confirmation Class (Year II), 11:15 AM
 RCIA, 1:00 PM
- Feb 5** Bass Clef Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 PM
- Feb 6** Group Spiritual Direction, 12:30 PM
 Lectio Divina, 7:00 PM
- Feb 7** Sandwich Ministry, 4:00 PM
 Treble Clef Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 PM
 Gallery Choir, 7:00 PM
 Social Justice Committee, 7:00 PM

- Feb 8** Praying The Psalms, 10:30 AM
- Feb 9** Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, 4:15 PM
- Feb 10** Adventure Saturday Mentor Group, 10:00 AM

Weekly Mass Readings - February 5-11, 2018

- Monday** 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Mk 6:53-56
- Tuesday** 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Mk 7:1-13
- Wednesday** 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Mk 7:14-23
- Thursday** 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Mk 7:24-30
- Friday** 1 Kgs 11:29-32, 12:19; Mk 7:31-37
- Sunday** Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Cor 10:31-11:1; Mk 1:40-45

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



COMMUNITY LIFE

Open Hearts LGBT Ministry

LGBT Ministry Next Meeting

February 11 at 6:00 PM

Families & Friends of the LGBT

Community Meeting

February 27 at 6:30 PM

A Note From Our Parish Nurses

We are writing to all our special parishioners here at St. Patrick-St. Anthony. We have not seen some of you in a while. Even though we all get busy, we need to remember how important it is to pay close attention to our health. On Community Sunday we, the Parish Nurses, check your blood pressure and heart rate while going over your medications and assist you in any way we can.

Next Sunday, Parish Nurses will be available in the Urban Center at the end of the 8:00 am Mass through the beginning of the 11:45 am Mass. We hope to see you then!
Stay healthy!

The Emmaus Grieving Parents 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 for Urban Ministry at **3:15 PM** on Sundays, **February 18 and March 18**. For more information, please email info@spsact.org or call the church office at 860-756-4034.

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.

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

Due to the colder temperatures

We have many who come by the Urban Center for gloves and hats. We are in great need of men’s gloves. Please place the items in the green basket at the back of the church. Thank you!

Volunteers Needed

- 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.
- Are you interested in finding out more about the many ministry opportunities here at St. Patrick-St. Anthony and the Franciscan Center? Call Trudi Campbell in the parish office to discuss how you can become involved.

- Our Yard Goats Team is getting ready to plan the springtime activities. This is a ministry of our grounds that can be done on a regular schedule, or only at particular times of the year. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Bill Kilray, or call Trudi in the office of Volunteer Ministry.

Stewardship Reflection

Like St. Paul in the second reading, the good steward can say, "I do all that I do for the sake of the Gospel in the hope of having a share in its blessings."

House of Bread

Soup Kitchen and Day Shelter

It's Meatloaf Sunday! Now you know what to do when hamburger is on sale. Cook one for your family, one for the House of Bread! Frozen meat loaves will be collected next week. Bring home cooking to the Soup Kitchen.

Non-perishables for the Soup Kitchen & Day Shelter are 39-gallon trash bags, dish detergent, bleach, salt & pepper, cooking oil, penne pasta, paper napkins and toilet tissue. Thank you for your generosity.

www.hobread.org

MORE THAN JUST SOUP! BECOME A FAN

Your Weekly Giving

January 22—January 28, 2018

Envelope & Loose Collection	\$11,961
Online	\$6,166
Total	\$18,127
St. Anthony Bread for the Poor	\$225
Archdiocesan High Schools	\$1,157

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 Zorangé Haiti; St. Antony 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 use their gifts of healing and forgiveness to help repair relationships in families beset with divorce, death, dysfunction or abuse.



SISTER PARISH UPDATE

Travelers from St. Patrick – St. Anthony have returned safely from Haiti. Please check out pictures on the Parish Facebook page. We will be hearing more from our travelers about their trip in the coming weeks.



FAITH FORMATION

Praying The Psalms During Lent

Thursdays: February 8, 15, 22, March 1, 8 10:30 am—12:00pm

The psalms usually get short shrift in the Eucharistic liturgy, functioning only to separate one reading from another. Hence, they fail to attract attention to themselves. Their humble (and usually partial) appearance prevents the worshipper from benefiting from the panache of their electrifying elegance. This program will attempt to give these deeply emotional and fiery verses their just due. After all, some day that poetry and music are one—God's language.

Presenter: Fr. A. Francis Soucy, OFM

Twilight Retreat For Lent

Tuesday, February 13; 5:30-7:00 pm

A time for input, reflection, discussion and prayer as we begin our 90-day journey together.

Presenter

Fr. Thomas Gallagher, OFM, PhD

Suggested Offering: \$15.00, includes dinner.

Presentation only at 6:00 pm: \$10.00.

Lenten Nourishment

Tuesdays

February 20, 27; March 13, 20, 27 12:30-1:00 pm

Join us this Lent at noontime for spiritual and physical nourishment. Immediately following the 12:05 Mass, Spiritual Talks with members of the St. Patrick-St. Anthony staff or guest speakers will be presented in the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry. We will explore the theme: *Discovering the Gifts of Lent*. A light lunch is provided. Offering \$5.00 per lunch.

To Uproot and To Plant"

(Jer. 1:10)

Introduction to the Prophet Jeremiah Saturday, February 24; 8:30 am-3:30 pm

Among the Old Testament writing prophets, Jeremiah stands out both for his passionate preaching and his evocative poetry. Jeremiah provides us with a sense of his inner vocational struggle and, out of this experience, he refuses his prophetic message with a deep sense of hope that remains inspirational for us today.

Participants may find it useful to bring a Bible with them. Please bring your own lunch.

Presenter: Paul Sansone

Offering: \$35.00

"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

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

Sunday, February 11th

After 10:00 AM Mass

COFFEE CONCERT

Enjoy the soulful jazz sounds of the Larry Gareau Quartet during Community Sunday next weekend.



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: John Gallo; Joe Kastrup; Christine Laird
- For the members of our Yard Goats Gardens Team.

Mass Intentions

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2018

7:00 Franciscan Center Ministry

8:00 Our Parishioners

12:05 Richard F. Couture

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2018

7:00 Franciscan Center Ministry

8:00 Our Parishioners

12:05 In thanksgiving to the Virgin Mary

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2018

7:00 Franciscan Center Ministry

8:00 Sarah Mulcahy

12:05 Salvatore Gianni

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2018

7:00 Deceased members of the Franciscan Friars of Holy Name Province

8:00 Phyllis Copertino

12:05 Mary Jason

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2018

7:00 Benefactors of the Franciscan Friars of Holy Name Province

8:00 Our Parishioners

12:05 Fr. Pasquale J. Latina

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2018

4:00 Robert Casinghino

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2018

8:00 Ricciardi & Bochicchio Family

10:00 Richard Blackstone

11:45 In thanksgiving to St. Valentine

5:00 Ramon Martinez Irizarry

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.



Offertory Gifts

It is our custom to have the family or friends bring forward the gifts of bread and wine at the particular Mass that they have requested. Therefore, our ushers request that if you wish to participate in the offertory procession at a Mass celebrated for a loved one, please make yourself known to them. before Mass. Thank you.



Hearing assisted devices available. Church and Franciscan Center are handicap accessible.



