



Open Hearts

GLBT *Ministry*

LGBT CATHOLIC INTER-PARISH COLLABORATIVE (IPC):

Open Hearts Ministry is a member of this tri-state area (CT, NY, NJ) collaborative. The IPC mission statement is: “We are a Roman Catholic parish collaborative grounded in the Gospel message of love and welcome for all God’s children. We encourage dialogue to promote effective models of LGBT ministry.” Representatives from Open Hearts attend these quarterly meetings and participate in events sponsored by the IPC, including NYC Pride March.

See www.lgbt-ipc.org for more information.



IPC 2018 NYC Pride March

OTHER EVENTS TO NOTE:

- Sept 29 Suicide Walk “Out of the Darkness” Walks in Hartford sponsored by American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. For more details visit www.afsp.org
- Oct 11 National Coming Out Day
- Mardi Gras Event – Come help decorate and celebrate! TBA
- Share current events and learn about available LGBT Faith Literature at each monthly meeting.
- Look for details on upcoming service projects involving *AIDS – Project Hartford, Peter’s Retreat, Tabor House, Hands on Hartford, and House of Bread.*
- The OUT Film, first Thursday of every month, at Cinestudio at Trinity College, Hartford, CT (Also, a gay, lesbian, transgender film festival takes place there the first week of June)

For more information and updates on additional programming, call the Church office at 860-756-4034 or visit : www.spsact.org

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Ministry Statement

The Open Hearts LGBT Ministry provides educational opportunities to build and develop greater visibility and understanding of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) experiences within our church community, and to develop faith-building outreach programming to the diverse spectrum of the LGBT community.

**St. Patrick – St. Anthony Church And the
Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry,
285 Church Street, Hartford, CT 06103**

Above Photograph – Christ sitting on a rainbow, from a Stained Glass Window in the St. Patrick – St. Anthony Church Chapel



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As a Catholic parish committed to justice, Open Hearts Ministry of the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry will actively provide and promote faith opportunities that build community for those who may have experienced spiritual disconnection.

ALL ARE WELCOME – ALL EVENTS AT THE FRANCISCAN CENTER UNLESS STATED OTHERWISE

WELCOME PICNICS AND MONTHLY MEETINGS, EVENTS

- Kick-off Picnic...Sept 9 – 6 pm
- Picnic at Marilyn and Tony Pinto's Home. Sunday, September 30, 2017, 1 p.m.-5 p.m. Bring side dish to share with the group. RSVP to Michael at canarywings@gmail.com by Sunday, September 23th.
- Year End Picnic...June 9 – 6 pm
- Sunday Fellowship – 2nd Sunday of each month at 6 pm. Bring a dish to share if you can. Free will offering accepted. Content varies by month. Check the bulletin.
Dates: 9/9, 10/14, 11/11, 12/9, 1/13, 2/10, 3/10, 4/14, 5/12, 6/9

FR. JAMES MARTIN SPEAKS AT ST. JOSEPH UNIVERSITY SEPT 6, 7:00 PM (PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED)

- James J. Martin SJ, will speak on his book "Building a Bridge: How the Catholic Church and the LGBT Community can enter into a relationship of respect, compassion and sensitivity". Contact: Christine Southwick at 860-231-529 to pre-register

FRIDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

- Join us for a relaxing social evening of free fun and education too.
- We show films and documentaries of interest to the LGBT community. Get on our email list for details. Upcoming dates for showings: 9/21, 10/26, 11/23, 1/25, 2/22, 3/22, 4/26

LGBT RETREATS

- See Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center for information on a day long retreat in West Hartford, 9-3 pm – Sat Nov 17, for the LGBT community and their families. www.holyfamilyretreat.org
- Inclusive Day of Learning for LGBT community and friends at the Bishop Molloy Retreat House in Jamaica, NY presented by Dr. Richard Gaillardetz, Oct 27 10-4 pm. Contact Fr. John Lee, C.P. at 718-739-1229 or jmlee@cpprov.org.

TRANS DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

- Join us Tuesday, Nov 20 at 7 pm for a special prayer service on this important day. We need to continue to support and keep in our prayers all our trans brothers and sisters..

PARISH EVENTS OF INTEREST

- Family and Friends of the LGBT Community meets once monthly at 6:30 pm. Also, Sr. Ginny Sheehan and individual parents are available to meet upon request for support and encouragement. Contact info@spsact.org for more info.
- Co-Sponsor 60th Anniversary of merger of St. Patrick and St. Anthony and 80th Anniversary of the Ladies Guild with the Ladies Guild, Sun, October 7. Details TBA.
- Joint movie night TBA this fall with Family and Friends of LGBT Community support group.

LESSONS AND CAROLS:

This is a yearly tradition. Open Hearts Ministry hosts a reception following this Sunday evening parish wide event to be held December 9 at 7:30 pm. We ask members to bring finger food, an appetizer, dessert or beverage. More details to follow.



For more information on any activity, or to RSVP for an event, please contact Michael at canarywings@gmail.com

Please check our website and church bulletin for the most up-to-date information

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