



**St. Patrick - St. Anthony Church**  
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January 21, 2018—The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Letter from Fr. Tom, ofm

May the Lord give you peace.

I hope you are enjoying the winter weather. Those who love the snow are getting a great treat this month. Given the weather, I remind you to use caution on coming to Mass if your health is compromised. For our seniors, folks whose doctors have cautioned them, or whose good sense tells them that it is unwise to go out in the cold or the ice, please pay attention. Using your good judgement and not attending is not sinful. You can still come to communion without going to Confession for having missed Mass. You do not even have to feel guilty! On the other hand, we will miss you and look forward to seeing you when it is safe for you to travel. I ask that we keep in touch with those who live alone or who struggle with loneliness during these days. A brief check-in can do wonders for both the caller and the recipient.

This weather also takes a toll on our homeless sisters and brothers, on those who cannot afford to pay their heating

bills, and on those who must work out of doors. I thank you for your consistent compassion and kindness.

Last week, the Archbishop's talk was available during the community Sunday gatherings. He spoke of the immigrants and refugees coming to our country. The bishops' have taken a Gospel/Covenant-based stance on this issue and asked us to do the same. Pope Francis invites us to see the face of Jesus in those who come to our door. It is important for us to examine our own attitudes, openness, and judgements as we are asked to extend hospitality. Many of our ancestors came from countries considered by derogatory terms when they fled famine, war, poverty, or religious oppression. As Catholics, we were not welcomed into this country. Legend suggests that one of the fires for our church was set to destroy the Catholic presence in Hartford. In the book of Exodus, Moses reminds Israel, "you too were once aliens in the land" and Paul speaks to the Gentiles in his letter to the Ephesians saying, "You are strangers and aliens no longer. You are fellow citizens of the saints and members of the household

of God." I encourage you to be in contact with our legislative representatives to encourage them in this issue.

The issue of the immigrant and refugee is also an issue of life. As we support the Respect for Life, we have a broad vision. The vision is of care for all life especially the most vulnerable. The world situation is in many ways thwarting the life energy, the joy, the beauty, the wonder of God's gift that is sisters and brothers.

Finally, I thank you for your support of the Franciscan Challenge. Over 250 households have contributed \$60,000 toward the good work of the friars. I am most grateful. If you are able and have not yet given to the Challenge, I ask you to consider a gift—small or large, a recognition of your support. I thank you.

Fr. Thomas M. Gallagher, ofm  
 Pastor

Upcoming Events

- Jan 21** Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, 8:30 & 11:00 AM  
 Religious Ed Traditional Program, 9:00 AM  
 Religious Ed 7th & 8th Grades, 11:00 AM  
 Confirmation Class 1 & 11 (Boys Only), 11:15 AM  
 RCIA, 1:00 PM  
 Sacramental Prep—Meditation #2, 3:30 PM
- Jan 22** Bass Clef Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 PM
- Jan 23** Group Spiritual Direction, 12:30 PM  
 LGBT Friends and Family, 6:30 PM
- Jan 24** Sandwich Ministry, 4:00 PM  
 Treble Clef Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 PM  
 Archdiocese of Hartford Catholic Lawyers' Guild, 6:00 PM

- Jan 24** SPSA Men's Fellowship Group, 7:00 PM  
 Gallery Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 PM
- Jan 25** Prayer Shawl Ministry, 10:30 AM
- Jan 26** Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, 4:15 PM

Weekly Mass Readings  
 January 22-28, 2018

- Monday** 2 Sm 5:1-7,10; Mk 3:22-30
- Tuesday** 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19 ; Mk 3:31-35
- Wednesday** 2 Sm 7:4-17; Mk 4:1-20
- Thursday** Acts 22:3-16; Mk 16:15-18
- Friday** 2 Tm 1:1-8; Mk 4:26-34
- Sunday** Dt 18:15-20; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28



## COMMUNITY LIFE

### Open Hearts LGBT Ministry

#### LGBT Ministry Next Meeting

January 14 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

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 Fellowship Group

Next Meeting: January 24, 2018

**Due to the snow event of Wednesday, January 17, our meeting was postponed to Wednesday, January 24.**

At this meeting, Brother John Gill will describe his experiences in working with the homeless in Philadelphia. As usual, our meeting will start at 7:00 pm and end by 8:30 pm, with sufficient time made

available for networking. Decaf coffee will be provided. Snacks are welcomed. *Think about joining us this year as a New Year’s Resolution. Why not give us a try?*

### 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](http://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.) For each group, you may register by calling the church office, and, if you are able, the suggested donation is \$50.00.



## 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 Bases. 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.

### Stewardship Reflection

There is certain urgency in today’s Gospel as Jesus calls His first disciples—Andrew and Simon, James and John.

Each one follows Jesus *immediately*, unhesitatingly abandoning nets and boats and father and fellow-workers. To what is Jesus calling me—at this moment, in these circumstances? What will I need to abandon in order to follow Him?

## House of Bread

### Kids Café...It's hard to study when you're hungry!

Help feed over 450 kids a day with cooking oil and rice...in addition to canned vegetables, pasta, tuna, powdered milk, yummy spices of taco seasoning, adobo, sofrito..or help with plastic, wrap, aluminum foil, bleach, dish detergent, paper towels/napkins/cups. Thanks for all you do!

[www.hobread.org](http://www.hobread.org)

***MORE THAN JUST SOUP! BECOME A FAN***

## Archdiocesan High School Collection - January 27-28

Next 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 8—January 14, 2018**

Envelope & Loose Collection	\$14,914
Online	\$7,630
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$22,544</b>

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. 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](http://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 community who welcome and embrace the love of Jesus in their lives.



### SISTER PARISH UPDATE

The Feast of St. Genevieve will be celebrated at the 5:00 PM Mass on Sunday, January 21. There is a trip to Haiti from January 25 to 30. There will be a blessing of the travelers at the end of Mass. Fr. Cid, Kathy Cassidy, Tom Cuthbertson, Frances D'Amico, Eric Henon and Laura Kelly will be at St. Genevieve for the celebration of her Feast Day at our Sister Parish in the village of Fouji in Zoranje, Haiti.



### FAITH FORMATION

## Bottles of Hope

**Saturday, January 27 (snow date: Saturday, February 10); 10:00-11:30 am**  
The Bottles of Hope project was started in 1999 by Diane Gregoire, a cancer survivor and a member of the Southern Connecticut Polymer Clay Guild. Diane found a way to use her special talents as an artist to cheer up the lives of cancer patients going through the ordeal of chemotherapy. She used clay to decoratively cover small glass medicine bottles and gave them to other patients as a symbol of hope. This is a great project for both adults and children. Join us to make Bottles of Hope that will go to cancer centers throughout greater Hartford. All supplies will be provided. *Co-sponsored by Women of Hope and Clare Gallery Ministries.*

## Praying The Psalms During Lent

**Thursdays: February 1, 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.



### OTHER INFO

## 11th Annual Marriage Enrichment Celebration

The Family Life Office of the Archdiocese of Hartford will hold its 11th annual marriage enrichment evening on Saturday, February 3, 2018 from 5:00-9:00 pm at Mary Out Queen Church and Parish Center, 248 Savage St., Plantsville, CT.

This year's program will begin with Mass, and include dinner, prayer and reflection. The theme is: **"The Lord AND the Rings: Epic Moments in Sacramental Marriage."**

The cost is \$25.00 per couple and includes dinner.

To register or obtain more information, contact Tom and Donna Finn at 860-302-1110, or email to [tfinnphd@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tfinnphd@sbcglobal.net) By January 30.

## 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!**



## For More Information

Go to [www.spsact.org](http://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: Marie Germain
- For our newly baptized child, **Chase**, son of Kyle and Meghan Gallo.
- For all of our ministries.

## Mass Intentions

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2018

4:00 Dorothy Silver

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2018

8:00 John Choi

10:00 Helen McCue

11:45 Anna Ellis

5:00 Robert Cuthbertson

### MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2018

7:00 Tina Jeter

8:00 Intentions of Rosemary Stewart

12:05 Biagio Ciotto

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2018

7:00 In honor of St. Sebastian

8:00 Our Parishioners

12:05 Eulogio Rosal

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2018

7:00 Matthew Pearce

8:00 Intentions of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

12:05 Caroline Cusano

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 2018

7:00 Franciscan Center Ministry

8:00 Our Parishioners

12:05 Florence Mulcahy

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 2018

7:00 Patrick Giardino

8:00 Franciscan Center Ministry

12:05 Our Parishioners

### 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

## 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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