



St. Patrick - St. Anthony Church
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Church Hours: Monday - Friday · 6:30 am - 2:00 pm

January 1, 2017—Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother Of God

Letter from Fr. Tom, ofm

May the Lord give you peace.

We have a trifacta of celebrations this weekend. We celebrate the Feast of Mary, the God-Bearer; World Day of Prayer for Peace; and the beginning of the New Year. In these celebrations, we look at beginning again to be bearers of God's presence in the world, the bringing to reality the peace that God has placed in our hearts and our minds, and a new beginning of commitment to this way of following the Gospel. St. Francis reminded the brothers "Let us begin again to seek the Lord, for up to now we have done nothing." Perhaps that is to say that St. Francis realized that there was always more to the mystery of God's presence and we have seen nothing yet of what is continually being offered. In our seeking, we discover the unfolding of the gifts of God previously unknown and unimagined.

I thank you for the many ways in which you already bear the presence of God in the world. Your commitment to the mission of the Gospel lived out in your generosity to our giving trees, in your commitment to social justice, to ongoing adult formation, to sandwich making and distribution, to the formation of our young, to the proclamation of the Word, to beauty in the décor of the church, to the work of sacristans, to the enhancing of our prayer through music, through serving at the altar, through your feeding the hungry as ministers of the Eucharist, through your support of the many ministries of the parish and center. I give thanks for your presence! This Christmas we have seen children dancing, singing, carrying candles and a star, proclaiming the Word, and engaged in the mystery of God's presence among us. I give thanks for all the many ways that our "amen" to the affirmation of the "Body of Christ" is affirmed. I also give thanks for your generous hospitality. The attendance at our Christmas celebrations was wonderful and you made room for each person to be at home. We are indeed blessed.

This New Year brings new opportunities for us to care for one another, to be aware of the refugee, the immigrant, the



homeless, and the poor. While leadership in government will change, our concern for our sisters and brothers throughout the world is sustained in our deepening commitment to the Gospel life.

It is the Lord who cries to us in the beauty and devastation of creation, in the voices of children, women, and men who sing in joy and weep in desperation. It is not so much that we must beg God to hear our prayer as we must allow ourselves to hear the prayer of God bursting forth in the lived reality of our world. It is God's prayer in us that calls us to greater hospitality, compassion, generosity and joy. I thank God for the many ways that you respond to this prayer and realize the challenge of beginning again to hear anew that we might respond in transformation. Happy New Year!

Fr. Thomas M. Gallagher, ofm
Pastor

Upcoming Events

- 1/2/2017** Parish Office is Closed
- 1/3/2017** Group Spiritual Direction, 12:30 pm
- 1/4/2017** Sandwich Ministry & Wellness Center, 4:00 pm
Mothers United Against Violence, 6:30 pm
- 1/7/2017** Adventure Saturday Mentor Group, 9:00 am

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

Readings – January 2-8, 2017

- Monday** 1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28
- Tuesday** 1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Jn 1:29-34
- Wednesday** 1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-45
- Thursday** 1 Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1:43-51
- Friday** 1 Jn 5:5-13; Mk 1:7-11
- Sunday** Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12



COMMUNITY LIFE

Open Hearts Gay & Lesbian Ministry

- **GLBT Ministry** meets monthly. Next meeting is on January 8 at 6:00 pm
- **Families & Friends of the Gay & Lesbian Community** next meeting—January 24 at 6:30 pm

Emmaus Grieving Parent Ministry

Parents who suffered the loss of a child at any time—including prior to birth and many decades ago—are welcome to gather in the Franciscan Center at 3:15 pm on January 15, February 12 and March 12.



“The Power of Words” Opens At Clare Gallery

This exhibition will begin with a performance by artist Susan Kapuscinski Gaylord on January 14, 2017. During the performance, large-scale calligraphic words will be written on paper with fluid acrylic paint. These drawings will be attached to the Gallery walls. Gaylord’s love of words led her to the study of

English Literature, which in turn brought her to calligraphy. The artifacts produced during the performance will be exhibited from January 15 to March 10, 2017. **An opening reception and artist talk will be held on Sunday, January 15, 1-3 pm.** Gaylord will speak about her performance, her creative process, and her belief in the power of words to inspire, comfort, connect and create personal and communal change.

Novel Idea Fiction Discussion Group

Gather once a month to discuss works of fiction with a wide appeal. For more information contact Marybeth Walsh (860-523-7034) or Sara Zagorski (860-721-1814)

Upcoming Selection:

January 19: *Did You Ever Have a Family* by Bill Clegg

Time: 7:00 to 8:30 pm

Check the following website for book listings. <http://www.spsact.org/main-menu/community-life/spirituality-and-social-groups/book-discussion-group/>

Prayer Network

Our Prayer Network is available to receive your prayer requests. You are invited to call the parish office at 860-756-4034, extension 162 or e-mail requests to prayer@spsact.org with prayer intentions that will be handled with care and in a confidential manner. At extension 162, please leave a message containing your intention. It is not necessary to give the name of the individual for whom prayers are being requested, but it would be helpful if you could give some idea of the situation about which members of the Prayer Network will be praying. This extension and e-mail are checked daily and the

intentions are called out over the network as quickly as possible.



STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship Reflection

For unto us is born this day a Savior! In response to so great a love, only the gift of my whole self will do. You have given us Yourself, dear Lord, in love and thanksgiving. I commit myself afresh to you.

Volunteer Ministry

Calling everyone who is age 10 or older! We are seeking individual or parent child teams for Altar Serving. The work is to assist the Presider during Mass. Please speak with an Altar Server after Mass, or contact Trudi in the parish office to show your interest!

Personal Care Items Needed

We continue to collect travel size items such as razors, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, soap and shaving cream. We will assemble these items for those who come to our door seeking assistance. Please help our neighbors by placing items in the bin at the back of the church marked “travel kits”. Thank you!

Your Weekly Giving

Christmas \$50,766.00
 Online Dec. 19-25\$ 6,002.00

**Total available for operating budget:
\$56,768.00**

St. Anthony Bread for the Poor: \$153.00
 (These monies go directly to the poor through the Sandwich Ministry Program which includes sandwiches at the door

365 days a year for those who are hungry; assistance with bus passes, medical needs; and care for many who live on the streets.



We're still here while you are away. Use On-Line Giving to schedule recurring or one-time donations. To register for Online Giving, please visit our

website: WWW.SPSACT.ORG. Need help signing up for Online Giving? Our Sunday Visitor Support is available at 1-800-348-2886, option 4.

Thank you for your continued generous support to St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church.

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*



Letter from Sr. Theresa & Sr. Maureen

As we celebrate this Holy and Joyous season of Christmas, we extend our deep gratitude to you for the generous response to the House of Bread through your Giving Tree project. We are extremely grateful to all who in any way was a part of this generous gift-giving event which brings much joy to the many men, women and children who turn to the House of Bread for Assistance.

Throughout our years, we have known your support and generosity. Thank you again for joining us in our efforts to care for the needy in Hartford.

Wishing you and your loved ones Goodness, Hope and Joy this season and throughout the days of 2017.

Living Stewardship

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who rejoice because the

Word became flesh and dwells among us!
O come let us adore Him!



SISTER PARISH UPDATE

My Dear Brothers & Sisters of St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church

As Christmas is near, I want to take the time to express greetings and best wishes to you. May the Baby Jesus, Son of God, and Son of Mary and Joseph, with his open arms, bring Peace and Joy to each one of you and to all the people dear to you.

Here at St. Genevieve, we are preparing to have big celebrations on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and on New Year's Day. Know that we always keep you in our prayers and good thoughts considering your Solidarity with us since the foundation of our parish. Thank you so much for your different initiatives such as The Taste of Haiti and the Haiti Giving Tree to support us and our children.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
Your Brother in Christ,

Fr. Philippe for the parishioners of St. Genevieve



FAITH FORMATION

Group Spiritual Direction

Every Tuesday; 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Group Spiritual Direction refers to the active conversation centering on the relationship with God/Divine Presence/ Higher Power/Spirit of what is life-giving. Every Tuesday after the 12:05 Mass, two Spiritual Directors gather with all who attend for reflection on the Gospel for the upcoming Sunday Mass. As companions on the journey, the directors listen for the underlying flow of life (often named 'spirit') in the reading while facilitating conversation within the group. Please join us!

Co-Facilitators: Trudi Campbell and Pamela Morrison-Wolf

Lectio Divina

Tuesdays from 7:00-8:00 pm



**January 3 and 17
February 7 and 21
March 7 and 21
April 4 and 18
May 2 and 16**

Lectio Divina is an ancient art of praying the Scriptures that honors the most basic source of all real prayer – an interior desire for God. We seek the presence of the living God by listening – giving the Lord the first word and letting that word expand our listening. We create a safe and sacred space to read, contemplate, and share what the Bible reveals to our hearts. **Facilitator: Sheila Denion**



OTHER INFO

Christmas Flower Memorials

Jack Crosson
Elsie Darling

Mass Book

The Mass Book for the year **2018** is now open for scheduling. Please call the parish office at 860-756-4034 to schedule a Mass.



MUSIC MINISTRY

Church Choirs

Consider joining one of our Church choirs for the January to May 2017 Choir Season. This year we will present the Mozart Requiem on Palm Sunday. For more information go to www.spsact.org and click on Worship Ministries / Music Ministries. Contact Gabriel Lofvall in the parish office if you are interested in singing in one of our choirs.



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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Hearing assisted devices available.



Church and Franciscan Center are handicap accessible.

We Pray...

- For the sick, Paul Egan; Ken Magliga
- For our newly married couple, Amanda Jenkins and Lucas Setzer
- For our brothers and sisters who are in need this holiday season.

SANCTUARY LAMPS—WEEK OF JANUARY 1, 2017

In loving memory of Josephine Tanasi

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2016

4:00 Our Parishioners

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2017

8:00 William & Angeline Speziale

10:00 George Sanford

11:45 Natalie Virginia Atwood

5:00 Francis Aiello

MONDAY, JANUARY 2, 2017

7:00 Our Parishioners

8:00 Franciscan Center Ministry

12:05 Our Parishioners

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2017

7:00 Concetta Gianni

8:00 Franciscan Center Ministry

12:05 Parishioners of St. Genevieve

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2016

7:00 Our Parishioners

8:00 Franciscan Center Ministry

12:05 Mary C. Gray, 30th anniversary

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 2017

7:00 Our Parishioners

8:00 Franciscan Center Ministry

12:05 Ann Marie Donatelli

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6, 2017

7:00 Our Parishioners

8:00 Stephen Guerriero

12:05 Mary Filomeno

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7, 2017

4:00 Salvatore Gianni

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2017

8:00 Margaret Dinunzio, 22nd anniversary

10:00 Millie Intino

11:45 In thanksgiving to St. Cristina

5:00 Franciscan Center Ministry

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 and Sandwich Distribution Program that takes place 7 days a week, 52 weeks a year.

Name: _____

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