

# St. Anthony Shrine & Ministry Center

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**Sunday, February 19 – Saturday, February 25, 2012**

## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

### FEBRUARY

#### 19 Sunday

- Prison Ministry, 8:15 to 11:30 a.m.  
(Preregistration/clearance required)

#### 20 Monday

**Presidents' Day Holiday**  
Shrine closes at 11:00 a.m.  
See legal holiday schedule.



#### 21 Tuesday

- Cholesterol screening\*, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (\*by appt. 617-542-6440, ext. 118)  
Blood pressure & Blood Sugar screening,  
Flu vaccination (if available), 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Wellness Center
- Seniors Crafts Group, 10:30 to Noon.
- "A Lenten Journey into the Truth of Christ" by Bill Sawyer, 12:15 to 1:15 p.m. (See ad for details.)

#### 22 Wednesday

**Ash Wednesday—Lent begins**  
**A Day of fast and abstinence**



- Blood pressure & Blood Sugar screening,  
Flu vaccination (if available), 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Wellness Center
- Seniors Mass 10:00 a.m., Exercise 10:30 a.m.,  
Ash Wednesday Reflection 11 a.m., Lunch noon
- Women's Spiritual Reflection Group, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. (Contact: Nancy Nichols Kearns, 617-542-6440, ext 120)
- Bread on the Common, 5:45 to 7:30 p.m.  
(See ad for details.)

#### 23 Thursday

- Men's "Faith Works" Spirituality Group, 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. (See ad for details.)

#### 25 Saturday

- Adult Confirmation Program, session #1,  
10:30 a.m. to Noon. (pre-registered only)

**Welcome to the St. Anthony Shrine Community. All are welcome here.**  
**No one is excluded.**

Please take this bulletin home with you as well as the brochures that advertise the many programs and services offered by the Shrine. Thank you for worshipping with us today.

Fr. Jim Kelly, OFM  
Guardian and Executive Director

#### REGULAR EVENTS

Monday	A.A. Step Meeting	5:45 p.m.
Tuesday	A.A. Open Meeting	Noon
	Men's Cursillo Reunion	5:15 p.m.
Wednesday	Remembrance Day for Deceased (3rd Wed.)	All Masses
	Women's Spiritual Refl. Group (2nd & 4th Wed)	12:30 p.m.
	Grupo Hispano de Oración	4:15 p.m.
	A.A. Open Meeting	5:45 p.m.
	Bread on the Common (2nd & 4th Wed.)	5:45 p.m.
	Anointing of the Sick — Mass (2nd Wed.)	TBA
Thursday	S.L.A.A. Meeting	Noon
	Men's Spirituality Group (2nd & 4th Thurs.)	5:00 p.m.
	A.A. Big Book Meeting	5:45 p.m.
Saturday	Vietnamese Secular Franciscans (2nd Sat.)	9:30 a.m.
	Secular Franciscans (2nd Sat.)	10:50 a.m.
	Centering Prayer Group (1st & 3rd Sat.)	Noon
Sunday	20/30 Boston Young Adults Coffee (4th Sun.)	10:30 a.m.
	Pieta Ministry Coffee (1st Sun.)	11:00 a.m.
	Healing Service (2nd Sun.)	1:00 p.m.
	Separated and Divorced Catholics	1:30 p.m.
	Hispanic Secular Franciscans (1st Sun.)	3:00 p.m.

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Jas 3:13-18; Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday:	Jas 4:1-10; Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday:	Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday:	Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25
Friday:	Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday:	Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday:	Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

#### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	Presidents' Day
Tuesday:	St. Peter Damian; Mardi Gras; Shrove Tuesday
Wednesday:	Ash Wednesday; Fast and Abstinence; Almsgiving; Washington's Birthday
Thursday:	St. Polycarp
Friday:	Abstinence

## Events This Week

### “A Lenten Journey into the Truth of Christ”

Tuesdays, February 21, 28; March [6-no class], 13, 20, 27; April 3. 12:15 to 1:15 p.m.

Presenter: William C. Sawyer II, M.A.

Cost: \$10. per session.

Participants will learn how God's Truth can set them free to enjoy a happier life.

Each session consists of listening to a selection of music to center oneself, introductions, contemplative prayer, commentary, Scripture, and discussion.

All are welcome to come to one or as many sessions as desired.

To register, please contact Dr. Jackie Stewart at 617-542-6440, ext. 143 or email

SAS.Evang@gmail.com.

**Offered by Franciscan Adult School**

### “Bread on the Common” — Street Ministry to Homeless Persons

Wednesday, February 22, 2012.

5:45 to 7:30 p.m.

All are invited to be part of a ministry to homeless persons on the streets and nearby the Shrine on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of each month. We meet in the auditorium of the Shrine at 5:45 p.m., prepare food packets, and then visit with homeless persons on the streets, offering food, socks, (cold weather dependent—hats/gloves/scarves) and presence, ending at 7:30 p.m.



Please call ahead of time if you plan on coming.

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**Offered by Evangelization**

Pray for Peace in the Middle East!

# Ash Wednesday

FEBRUARY 22, 2012

ASHES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AFTER ALL  
MASSES AND CONTINUOUSLY IN THE  
FIRST FLOOR CHURCH

6:30 A.M. - 6:30 P.M.

### Men's "Faith Works" Spirituality Group

Thursday, February 23, 2012

(Meets in basement auditorium classroom next to the kitchen)

The men's spirituality group at St. Anthony Shrine is a great opportunity for men to grow in their spiritual lives through prayer and faith sharing and deepen one's personal relationship with God (Matt. 18:20 "when two or more are gathered in my name I am in their midst").

For more information, contact Bob Giers at 617-542-6440, ext. 198.

**Offered by the Franciscan Spiritual  
Companionship Ministry**

### Employment Opportunity

St. Anthony Shrine has a few part-time roles for people who would help us answer the telephone and do some light office work. People who are interested should send a note to [hr@stanthonyshrine.org](mailto:hr@stanthonyshrine.org) or call 617-542-6440, x129. Please see our website for full description: <http://stanthonyshrine.org/employment.asp>

Front cover art: Palm branches and crosses burned in preparation for Ash Wednesday in the Church of the Redeemer's St. Francis Garden. (Episcopal Church in downtown Sarasota)

## Vocations

### Thinking about becoming a Franciscan friar?

#### Want to learn more about our way of life?

If you are a man between 21 and 38 years of age, we invite you to get a taste of Franciscan life and ministry. Join our Shrine community on March 2, 3, and 4 for a **Come and See Discernment Weekend**. You'll share in meals and prayer, learn about our programs and services for people in need and work with clients of the Food Center. The weekend also includes quiet time to reflect on God's calling for your life, and vocation director Fr. Brian Smail, OFM, will be available to provide any assistance that you may need. Come and see if Franciscan life is for you! For further information or to register for this event, please contact the Franciscan Vocation Ministry, Franciscan Friars of Holy Name Province, at 1-800-677-7788 or [vocation@hnp.org](mailto:vocation@hnp.org). **Registration is required by February 22.**

## Project Rachel

### PROJECT RACHEL POST-ABORTION HEALING RETREATS

Do you know someone who is carrying grief and sorrow over past abortions? **Project Rachel** is the post-abortion ministry of the Catholic Church which offers hope and healing from the pain of abortion. Project Rachel will offer three "Come to the Waters of Healing" post-abortion retreats this winter/spring: **Saturday, February 25**, March 17, and May 5. Location is confidential. For more information and registration for the date of your choice, contact Project Rachel at 508.651.3100 or [help@projectrachelboston.com](mailto:help@projectrachelboston.com). *Trust in the tender mercy of God.*



## Upcoming Events

### Tony's Travelers Day Trips With A Purpose

#### Join Us for A Day of Fun & Gambling at Mohegan Sun!!

Sunday, February 26, 2012  
8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

8:30 a.m. Leave St. Anthony Shrine for Mohegan Sun Casino  
10:30 a.m. Arrive at Casino  
4:30 p.m. Leave for St. Anthony Shrine  
6:00 p.m. Arrive at St. Anthony Shrine

Includes Casino Package of \$15 Meal Voucher & \$15 for bets at select tables  
All of this for only \$30 per person!

*Please leave form available in the Shrine lobby at the front desk of the Shrine or mail to: Fr. Barry Langley, ofm St. Anthony Shrine, 100 Arch St., Boston, MA 02110. Call Fr. Barry at 617-542-6440, ext 241 with any questions.*

### 20Boston/30Boston Young Adults in their 20's & 30's Coffee Social

4th. Sunday, February 26, 2012  
After 10 a.m., 11 a.m. & 12 p.m. Masses

### Lenten Reflection—Br. Mario Gomez, OFM

Sunday, February 26, 2012, 6:30 p.m.

*For more information, please contact*  
[sas20s30s@stanthonyshrine.org](mailto:sas20s30s@stanthonyshrine.org)

### 20s/30s

Join the 20s/30s Young Adults group on Facebook and be the first to get information on our upcoming events. Just scan your mobile device here.



## Spirituality & the Arts — A Lent and Eastertide Experience

Each of five evenings will be presented by a different artist who will offer insight into their art form and inspiration. Presentations will include examples. Workshops will be experiential allowing participants to engage in the particular art. **Please join us for the first offering in this series...**

### “Photography”

#### presentation by Julia Petipas

Wednesday, February 29, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.  
second floor classroom

Cost: A free will offering. \$5 suggested.

**Pre-registration appreciated!**

“I will show photos that are moments when all of a sudden I truly noticed how wonderful, funny, beautiful or strange Creation is. These moments of noticing God’s Creation are prayers of thanks said in photos instead of words.”

“I am an artist in the sense that I look at the world with wonder and try to share my wonder with others. I show my photos annually at Somerville Open Studios and all the time on the online photo site, Flickr.”

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## Lenten Twilight Retreat

### Come away for an evening’s respite—a Retreat for Busy People

Thursday, March 15, 2012

5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Clare & Francis Rooms

Facilitators: Br. Mario Gomez, OFM, Fr. John Hogan, OFM, Fr. Anthoni Selvaraj, OFM, & Dr. Jackie Stewart

Cost: Minimum donation \$10 (includes supper)

**Almost fully subscribed—Only a few places left. There will be a wait list.**

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**Inconvenient Films**  
the kind that are unsettling and provocative, inviting discussion

### Spring Saturday Matinee series.... Movies & Munchies

#### “Motorcycle Diaries” film

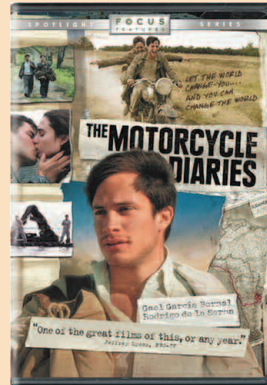
Saturday, March 3, 2012, 1:00 to 3:30 p.m.

Facilitator: Dr. Jackie Stewart Cost: \$5

Munchies will be provided.

Assisi auditorium stage classroom

This film is based on diaries and letters to home written by Ernesto “Che” Guevara during a motorcycle and foot tour of a significant portion of South America during the early 1950s, years before Guevara achieved international renown as a Communist and Latino revolutionary. Thus, the film functions as an attempt to get at the heart of the person who preceded the myth. The



beauty of the South American landscape and of Gael Garcia Bernal (*Y Tu Mama Tambien*, *Bad Education*) gives *The Motorcycle Diaries* a charisma that is decidedly apolitical. But this portrait of the young Che Guevara is half buddy-movie, half social commentary—and while that may seem an unholy hybrid, under the guidance of Brazilian director Walter Salles (*Central Station*) the movie is quietly passionate. Guevara and his friend Alberto Granado (Rodrigo de la Serna, a lusty and engaging actor) set off from Buenos Aires, hoping to circumnavigate the continent on a leaky motorcycle. They end up travelling more by foot, hitchhiking, and raft, but their experience of the land and the people affects them profoundly. No movie could affect an audience the same way, but *The Motorcycle Diaries* gives a soulful glimpse of an awakening social conscience, and that’s worth experiencing.

**Pre-registration appreciated.**

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# SAINT ANTHONY SHRINE & MINISTRY CENTER

*~ All Are Welcome ~*

## **\*\* Music Masses**

### **“The Arch Street Band”**

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

VIGIL MASSES

Second Floor  
Chapel

First Floor  
Chapel

4:00 p.m. \*\*

5:30 p.m. \*\*

4:15 p.m.

SUNDAY MASSES

### **Second Floor Chapel**

6:00 a.m.      7:00 a.m.      8:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m.

Following Masses **\*\* Music**

10:00 a.m.      11:00 a.m.      12:00 Noon

4:00 p.m.      5:30 p.m.

LEGAL HOLIDAY MASSES

### **Second Floor Chapel**

8:00 a.m.      10:00 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Celebrated in First Floor Chapel

Weekdays: 6:30 to 8:00 a.m.;

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.

Saturday: 6:30 to 8:00 a.m. and

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Seasonal Communal Penance Service:

(to be announced)

Sunday: 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Legal Holiday: 8:30 to 10:00 a.m.

## **WEEKDAY MASSES**

Celebrated in Second Floor Chapel

6:00 a.m.      7:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m.      11:45 a.m.      12:30 p.m.

1:15 p.m.      5:15 p.m.

Second Wednesday—Anointing Mass:  
time to be announced

Third Wednesday—Day of Remembrance

Tuesdays: St. Anthony Devotions

Wednesdays: Spanish Mass - 5:15 p.m.

Thursdays: St. Jude Devotions

## **MISA EN ESPAÑOL**

**Cada miércoles a las 5:15 de la tarde**

SATURDAY MASSES

Celebrated in Second Floor Chapel

8:00 a.m.      10:00 a.m.      12:00 Noon

## **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

(First Floor Chapel)

Weekdays at 1:45 p.m.

Saturdays at 12:30 p.m.

Sundays at 1:00 p.m.

## **Benediction**

(First Floor Chapel)

Weekdays: 5:00 p.m.

Saturdays and Sundays: 3:30 p.m.

**Chaplet of Divine Mercy** Sundays: 3:00 p.m.

**Vespers** Sundays: 3:15 p.m.

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### Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time B

**Reading I: Isaiah 43: 18-19, 21-22, 24b-25**

**Responsorial Psalm: 41:2-3, 4-5, 13-14**

**Reading II: 2 Corinthians 1: 18-22**

**Gospel: Mark 2: 1-12**

### True Forgiveness

It is a welcome, quiet day at home for Jesus.

The Gospel says as much, anyway. He probably wants to rest and pray after all the curing he had just done. But word gets around quickly in a small town like Capernaum, and a crowd jams into the house till there is no space left, not even to stand outside and crane your neck. So instead of a time-out Jesus gets noise, sweating bodies and demands.

He doesn't tell these seekers to come back another time as he should, he preaches the word to them.

Then drama. Four men carry a paralytic to the house for a cure. Of course they cannot get near the master, but these men are clever, so instead of giving up they go to the crude outside stairs often found on the side of such houses. They climb up carrying the pallet, pull aside some of the straw on the roof, slide back a board or two, wipe away the sticky tar and lower the paralyzed man boldly through the hole and down into the crowd.

Notice: people inside must have reached up to receive the pallet, and must have cleared a space among them for the paralyzed man.

Jesus greets the man with a term of dear affection: "Son" (or "child," as our translation has it). What a comfort to someone who has been in such isolation. Then Jesus creates his own bombshell. He says, "Your sins are forgiven."

Why would this be a bombshell?

Because only God can forgive sin. The Scribes in the crowd recognize that Jesus was making himself equal to God, or in other words, blaspheming.\*

It is clear to us today that Jesus was indeed "equal" to God, since he was God's own son, part of the

Trinity. He was carrying out the mission that God had declared in our First Reading:

You burdened me with your sins  
and wearied me with your crimes.  
[Yet] it is I, I, who wipe out,  
for my own sake, your offenses;  
your sins I remember no more.

Comforting words. They echo in Jesus' reply to the paralytic, "your sins are forgiven." Jesus is showing the people what is most important in life: God's forgiving love.

To show his oneness with God, he says to the man, "Rise, pick up your mat and walk." The crippled man does so.

Our relation to God and Jesus—which is ruptured by sin—stands as the foundation for every other good in the world. It is the nourishment that lets the man get up and walk.

Jesus and the Church urge you and me, us little bystanders, to go into action and to render true forgiveness to people who hurt us. We sometimes think that only God (and God in Jesus) could forgive sins. Wouldn't we be blaspheming and making ourselves equal to God if we tried this?

The Scribes might think so. But the reason you and I are able to forgive, using God's own love, is clear: because Christ's Holy Spirit dwells within us. We take our place in the communion line in order to receive Christ self, and guess what—we "become what we eat." We become Christ's body on this earth.

May the Spirit empower our voices to say to anyone who hurts, "your sins are forgiven"—by us, and most importantly, by God.

And then give them help.

\*Scribes were professional interpreters of the Law in the Jewish synagogues and their official minds knew that no man could be equal to God. Even though the judgment was reasonable, Scribes had begun to construe the law for their own advantage by the time of the New Testament. "Jesus is an enemy of our power, so let us use our official judgments to destroy him."

Fr. John Foley, S. J.

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## From Fast to Feast

*Greetings of Peace!* Soon we will begin the forty days of Lent to be followed by fifty days of Easter. Fr. Thomas Keating, O.S.B. says that, "Easter, with its grace of interior resurrection, is the radical healing of the human condition. Lent, which prepares us for this grace, is about what needs to be healed." He goes on to say that he views the 40 days of Lent as an "extended retreat". Familiar with the significance of the number 40, we will be reminded in the First Sunday of Lent's readings how after the 40 days of the flood God sends a sign in the form of a rainbow that all will begin afresh or how in Mark's Gospel the Spirit drives Jesus out into the desert to prepare him in proclaiming the Good News. His message is never more so poignantly made than with the Ashes that we will receive on Ash Wednesday and will hear the words, "Repent, and believe in the Gospel," or "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

Perhaps this year we might look at our Lenten journey with the simple words of "From Fast to Feast." Fasting is one of the three Evangelic practices of Lent, with the other two being praying and almsgiving. As we enter into our Lenten Fast we begin not just a period of Lent or 40 days but begin building a season integrated by the 50 days of Easter or a time to recall the great feast we have been preparing for. This year we will introduce an "unbleached candle" during our time of Lent. I have worked with Martin Marklin, local artisan and craftsman, and we have calculated as best we could to create this symbol that might mark our time of Lent in preparation for the Easter Vigil. May it serve to remind us that as

the days of our Lenten fast melt away, may the days of our extended retreat prepare us for the Feast of Easter.

*Peace, all good and God's blessings to each of you.*

*Fr. Ray Selker, OFM, Director of Worship*

## Almsgiving and Fasting in the Abrahamic Traditions

### Offered by Franciscan Adult School & Evangelization

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### "Almsgiving and Fasting in the Jewish Tradition" by Rabbi Victor Reinstein

Thursday, March 1, 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.  
Assisi auditorium stage classroom  
Cost: Free will offering. \$5 suggested.  
**Pre-registrations appreciated.**



Those who were part of the Assisi 25th Anniversary Interfaith Peace celebration in October 2011 will remember the dynamism of Rabbi Victor. Come join us for this Lenten presentation exploring the ancient roots of almsgiving and fasting and their meaning and practices today for our Jewish brothers and sisters.

### "Almsgiving and Fasting in the Islamic Tradition" by Imam Talal Eid

Tuesday, March 20, 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.  
Assisi auditorium stage classroom  
Cost: Free will offering. \$5 suggested.  
**Pre-registrations appreciated.**



Two of the five pillars of Islam are the paying of alms and fasting. Come join us for this Lenten presentation exploring the meaning and practices of almsgiving and fasting for our Muslim brothers and sisters.