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## St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church and The Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry

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### Celebration of the Eucharist

Masks required at all weekday and weekend Masses.

#### Saturday Evening Vigil Mass

4:00 PM Public & Livestream

#### Sunday Masses

8:00 AM Public

10:00 AM Public & Livestream

11:45 AM Public

5:00 PM Public & Livestream

#### Weekday Masses

7:30 AM Public

12:05 PM Public & Livestream

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Masks are required during Reconciliation

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 11:30 AM – 12:00 NOON

Saturday 3:30 PM – 4:00 PM

#### Watch Online:

Go to <https://www.spsact.org/news-and-events/virtual-mass/> to access our livestream Masses on Facebook, YouTube or StreamSpot.

## News From the Business Office

We are grateful for all the gifts you have shared with us over the last year, and want to make sure you have all the appropriate tax documentation.

This year we are working to decrease our Carbon Footprint. As such, you will need to ask for a Year End Giving Statement. There are several ways to obtain your information:

Call the church office at 860-756-4034;

Print via Online Giving;

Email your request to [info@spsact.org](mailto:info@spsact.org)

or Fill our our request form [here](#).

*Please be sure to indicate if you want it sent via USPS or email.*



We have set up an easy to understand webpage explaining all your options. Just scan/click on the QR Code and it will launch the webpage.

## Daily Mass Readings

Monday, Jan 17: 1 Sm 15:16-23; Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday, Jan 18: 1 Sm 16:1-13; Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday, Jan 19: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mk 3:1-6

Thursday, Jan 20: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Mk 3:7-12

Friday, Jan 21: 1 Sm 24:3-21; Mk 3:13-19

Sunday Jan 23: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; 1 Cor 12:12-30; Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Go to <http://www.usccb.org/> for readings online.

## Weekly Bulletin Deadline

Mondays by 12:00 NOON. Please submit all information to [cabramo@spsact.org](mailto:cabramo@spsact.org).

## Mask Guidelines

Masks are once again REQUIRED in the church and Franciscan Center regardless of vaccination status. This Mandate will run through the end of January at the earliest. The Mayor and the City of Hartford will reassess the situation at the end of January. Please click/scan the QR Code for more information on our Mask Guidelines. If you would prefer, you can call the church office at 860-756-4034 for more information.



# The Pastor's Corner

January 16, 2022

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Four words no Franciscan Friar wants to hear: "They have no wine." Such is the setting for today's Gospel account about the wedding at Cana and the first of Jesus' miracles or "signs."

Then, as now, weddings could be complicated affairs, often taking place over the course of several days. Autumn was considered to be the best time for weddings because the harvest was over and people could relax and enjoy each other's company. The evenings were cool and it was comfortable to party well into the late hours. Typically, the entire village gathered for the wedding.

At some point the unthinkable happened: the wine had run out and the prospect of the new couple suffering an acute embarrassment was imminent. Until Mary stepped in and mentioned quietly to her Son that the wine had run out. Although the Gospel writer makes much of this extraordinary event in order to stress Jesus' divine nature, I prefer to think of it as a quick and unassuming solution to a potential problem. I doubt that anyone other than Jesus and Mary were aware of what just happened. Jesus' first miracle as recorded by John was also his most private and practical one.

But for later generations, this event was a sign that triggered a new messianic age of abundance and grace. Think back to the prophecy in the 25th chapter of Isaiah: "On this mountain the Lord of hosts will provide for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines, juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines." The coming of the Lord as Messiah would be symbolized by an abundance of food, drink and great rejoicing; and a wedding banquet is the perfect example for that feast.



Having concluded our celebration of Christmas, we now enter a period known as Winter Ordinary Time. It's good for us to be reminded of the Lord's abiding presence in the feast we take part in every Sunday. Although COVID has placed necessary limitations on our liturgical feast, let us nevertheless always find joy in the Eucharist we share, and with patience, await a time when we can gather again in the fullness of the Eucharistic banquet in which we glimpse the glory of the kingdom of heaven.

Now, let's talk about Ordinary Time, which is often so misunderstood and underestimated. There are five major seasons of the Church's liturgical year: Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter and Ordinary Time. The Paschal Triduum is a short interval between the end of Lent and the beginning of the Great Fifty Days of Easter.

Ordinary Time is divided into two periods: winter (after Christmas and before Lent) and summer/autumn (after Easter until the start of Advent and the next liturgical year). For more than half the year, we celebrate the passing of time which is anything but ordinary! It's also helpful to remember that "ordinary" in the liturgical sense doesn't mean dull or routine. Its true meaning derives from the use of "ordinal" numbers which indicate the various weeks: first, second, third, and so on.

This year there will be eight Sundays of Ordinary Time before the start of Lent on Ash Wednesday, March 2nd. On Monday, June 6, we will resume Ordinary Time at the tenth week.

So, during these two periods, let us make Ordinary Time extraordinary by deepening our commitment to Jesus and how we can live out our faith on a day-to-day basis. The Gospel of Luke, probably my favorite, is filled with stories about "ordinary" people whose lives were changed by encounters with Jesus, whose parables gave his hearers a deeper understanding of their relationship with him. Let's try to hear them again with ears and hearts open to new possibilities.

Blessings on your week ahead!

*Fr. Tim Shreenan, OFM*  
Fr. Tim Shreenan, O.F.M.  
Pastor



## Open Hearts Ministry

### The Family & Friends LGBTQ+ Support

**Ministry:** The next meeting is Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at 6:30 PM via Zoom. For more information contact Rich Broggini at [richardbroggini@gmail.com](mailto:richardbroggini@gmail.com) or Tim Curran at [timothy.curran@trincoll.edu](mailto:timothy.curran@trincoll.edu).



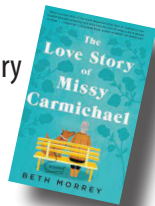
## The Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents

The Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents supports parents whose spiritual journey includes the death of a child. We now have 2 meetings per month: In-person on the 3rd Sunday at 3:15 pm and on the 3rd Wednesday of each month via Zoom starting at 7:00 pm. This month's meetings are on Sunday, January 16 and Wednesday, January 19th. **NOTE: BOTH JANUARY MEETINGS WILL BE VIA ZOOM.** Please [click here](#) for more information or contact Karen Bing directly at [kdb518@aol.com](mailto:kdb518@aol.com). You are not on this journey alone.



## A Novel Idea Book Club

A Novel Idea Book Club's book selection for January is *The Love Story of Missy Carmichael* by Beth Morrey.



Rebecca Munro of [www.bookreporter.com](http://www.bookreporter.com) describes the book as "Heartwarming, poignant and raw, *The Love Story of Missy Carmichael* is the perfect book for anyone ready for a change, for hope, or for a solid love story rooted in something more." Consider joining the discussion on January 20, 2022 from 6:00 to 7:30 PM via Zoom. For more information, please contact the office at 860-756-4034 or email [info@spsact.org](mailto:info@spsact.org).

## Secular Franciscan Order

St. Joseph Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order will celebrate a Rite of Profession for Maria Perez Rosal and Maureen Frazier on Sunday, January 23, 2022 at the 5:00 pm Mass. Please join with us in praying for them as they make a lifetime commitment to St. Francis of Assisi. Everyone is welcome at the Mass for this ceremony.



## People of Hope

We invite you to join us midday, mid-week, each Wednesday, from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM, starting on January 19, 2022 for a virtual gathering to maintain our hope and to tend to our relationship with the Holy One.



We will begin in this "Ordinary Time" that flows out of Epiphany, by considering two courageous women: Mary the mother of Jesus and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. Mary emerges in the Gospel passage as speaker of truth (January 19th). St. Elizabeth Ann Seton embarks on a life-changing journey in which she comes to know herself as beloved of God (January 26th). **They are us:** called to bravely speak our truth, always knowing that we are beloved of God. What do you say?

Consider shifting your lunch hour earlier so that you can be part of this inspiring and supportive group experience! It might be just what is needed to sustain your Spirit.

Our guest facilitator is Gloria Ulterino. Called into ministry at midlife, Gloria earned a Master of Divinity degree and served for years in parish leadership positions in the Diocese of Rochester, NY. Preaching became a call, as well, and she has authored three books; the latest book soon to be published is entitled, *What Time Is It: A Deep Reading of Our Lives Throughout the Liturgical Year*. Gloria is married, the mother of three beloved children and six beloved grandchildren.

A Free Will Offering can be made payable to "St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church" and mailed to 285 Church Street, Hartford, CT 06103, Attn. Pat Curtis. Please [REGISTER online here](#), and the Zoom link will be sent to you.



After a short break, Fr. Francis is back. Please join him as he takes a fresh look at a variety of \*new\* psalms! We will explore the background of and prayer inspired by these sacred texts. Each week we will also consider the psalm for the upcoming Sunday liturgy.

Please plan to join us on Thursdays starting January 20, 2022, 10:30 - 11:30 AM. Here is a full list of all the class dates: January 20, 27; February 3, 10, 17, 24; March 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31. Please [REGISTER online here](#) and the Zoom link will be sent to you.

## Let's Help Each Other Pray



***Do you have the desire and intention to pray more?*** Do you sometimes find it's hard to follow through the way you want to...with the busy-

ness, complexities and competing commitments of life? A group of parishioners has been meeting monthly and has evolved into a community of care and support to help each other to strengthen and deepen their intention with prayer. We would like to invite you to join with us in this life-giving experience.

We use a beautiful book, *Abide: Keeping Vigil with the Word of God* (Macrina Wiederkehr), as a resource for our prayer with Scripture during the month. At our monthly discussion meeting we share our experience and thoughts about our personal prayer with the book as a background. Facilitator: Suzanne Nolan. Join us **Monday's; January 31, February 28, March 28, April 25, May 30 and June 27, 2022 from 7:00 to 8:30 PM.** The Zoom link will appear in that Monday's parish-wide email.

## Ongoing Adult Faith Formation Programs:

### Group Spiritual Reflection

Join Co-Facilitators, Trudi Campbell and Pamela Morrison-Wolf every Tuesday at 12:35 PM, for an active conversation centering on the relationship with God of what is life giving. All are welcome! The Zoom link is available in the parish-wide emails. Please call the parish office for instructions on how to participate.

### Quiet Prayer

Every Wednesday morning from 7:30 - 8:00 AM a group comes together on Zoom to be in quiet prayer. We begin with a brief ritual of offering compassion for the needs of our world and our personal needs. One of the scripture readings for the upcoming weekend is read; 20 minutes of silence for personal prayer and meditation follows the reading. Facilitator: Suzanne Nolan.

### Lectio Divina

First Thursdays at 6:45 PM, via Zoom and third Thursdays at 12:30 PM, in person. The next meeting is on Thursday, January 20, 2022, in person at 12:30 pm. Facilitator: Sheila Denion. Lectio Divina ("Divine Reading") is an ancient method of contemplative prayer with Scripture in which participants listen deeply to a scripture passage and then seek in it God's message.

## Sister Parish: A Reflection

Parishioner, Bill Prenetta traveled to Haiti back in 2005 and offers this wonderful reflection on his trip.

When I first traveled to Zoranje in 2005, my initial impressions of the adults of the village were that they were unsure of our intentions with the covenant, and thus tentative in their behavior. On the con-



trary, the children were friendly and curious about their strange visitors. Most vividly were my memories of the hardworking teachers and children in the church school, who had limited supplies and no textbooks. Ultimately, I remembered that life in Zoranje was difficult, but the people had a true respect for community, family, and spiritual life. Since that first visit, I traveled to Zoranje several times; and, due to our covenant, enormous positive changes occurred. The biggest change was in our reception by the community. At first, we were respected guests. Now, we were welcomed as family. We no longer sat across from one another but with one another sharing our joys, sorrows, fears, and dreams. Most often we shared the gift of laughter. We also all used the Creole expression, *Zanmi m*, which means "My Friend." Our Covenant certainly helps to make life more prosperous in Zoranje. Yet, I often wonder if the opposite is actually true. Have the people of Zoranje actually helped us more than we have helped them? An expression I heard on my last trip seems to sum up what I believe comes out of our Covenant; which simply stated is, "We are the people of Haiti's hope, but they are our salvation."

Over the past few weeks you have heard from those who have traveled to St. Genevieve. You have heard how the covenant has changed them and our parish, and how the covenant has changed the children of St. Genevieve School and, as a result, the surrounding community.

As we approach our celebration of the Feast of St. Genevieve on January 30, 2022, we will again consider renewing this covenant. What do you think?

## News from the Parish Office

Both the 2022 and 2023 Calendars are open for Mass Intentions.

**How to request your intentions:** Call the office at 860-756-4034 or email [info@spsact.org](mailto:info@spsact.org) to request your intentions. Please provide a 2nd and 3rd choice when making your request.

**Note:** Kindly submit your suggested offering of \$10 per Mass as soon as possible after making your reservation. This can be done via Online Giving, cash or check. You can place your donation in the Sunday basket in an envelope addressed to the church office or send via USPS to 285 Church St., Hartford, CT 06103. Checks are to be made payable to SPSA.

Please call the church office, 860-756-4034, if you have questions.

## From the Franciscan Center



Natalie Campbell has made an annual donation to the Sandwich Ministry in memory of her spouse, Judy Ryiz. Judy was a champion of helping those in need and worked tirelessly to feed the homeless at various churches in the surrounding area. We sincerely thank you, Natalie for your kind donation and continuing Judy's legacy.

If you would like to make your own donation to the Sandwich Ministry, click/scan the QR Code to donate online. Or donate by check or cash by placing your donation in the collection basket or mail it to the Parish Office, 285 Church Street, Hartford, CT 06103.



## Sanctuary Lamps Week of January 16, 2022

In Celebration of Connie and Bob Houde who have been married for 55 years.

## Clare Gallery is Calling Artists of all Ages!

See your work displayed in the Clare Gallery during our winter exhibit entitled ***Creativity in the Time of Covid*** (January 27, 2022 - February 27, 2022). This pandemic has had an affect on all of us. Perhaps you created works of art during the past year or so. Or, you now are reflecting and would like to create a new work. Clare Gallery invites YOU to share and celebrate our collective artwork from this time.

*This exhibition is opened to all parishioners young and old. Click/Scan QR Code with your cell phone to find out all the details. Don't have a cell phone? Head over to [www.spsact.org](http://www.spsact.org) and search for Clare Gallery.*



## *Please Pray for the Sick*



Paula Molitar, Joseph Shertick, Vincent Marella, Greg Reed, Alex Ayers, Kathryn Eagers, Tommie Henry, Cecy Mickey, Lauren Clark Steadwell, Jim Howard, Syl Ciraulo, Mary Ertel, Mary Joyce Castafero and Susan Degennaro.



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## *Gifts & Offerings*

**January 3 - 9, 2022**

**Collection: \$6,667.00**

**Online: \$10,388.23**

**Total: \$17,055.23**

*Thank you for continued support and generosity.*



## *Mass Intentions for the Week*

### **Saturday, January 15, 2022**

4:00 PM Elizabeth Filippelli

### **Sunday, January 16, 2022**

8:00 AM Nancy G. Krohn

10:00 AM Dorothy Hastings Silver

11:45 AM Delenia Johnson

5:00 pm Edythe Diorio Riccuti

### **Monday, January 17, 2022**

7:30

12:05 PM David Varoli

### **Tuesday, January 18, 2022**

7:30 AM Michael Boyle

12:05 PM Maureen Mullane

### **Wednesday, January 19, 2022**

7:30 AM Frank Ostrowski

12:05 PM John Caffrey

### **Thursday, January 20, 2022**

7:30 AM Elaine D'Amico

12:05 PM Richard Crockett

### **Friday, January 21, 2022**

7:30 AM Fred D'Amico

12:05 PM Euogio Rosal

### **Saturday, January 22, 2022**

4:00 PM Nancy Krohn

### **Sunday, January 23, 2022**

8:00 AM William, Angie & Joann Speziale

10:00 AM Fr. Conrad Salach

11:45 AM Margaret Luddy

5:00 pm Molly Booker McElrath

## **Mass Intentions & Sanctuary Lamps**

Masses and Sanctuary Lamps may be scheduled for loved ones, living or deceased. Contact the parish office to schedule.

Suggested Donation: \$10

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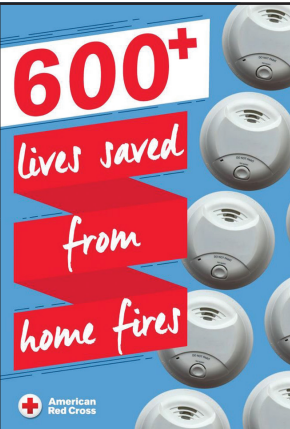
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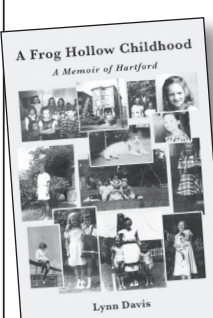


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