



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

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We are a welcoming and dynamic community of Christian disciples. Rooted in the Franciscan experience of the Roman Catholic tradition, we proactively endeavor to extend hospitality both at the Eucharistic Table and as we minister reciprocally and in solidarity among the alienated and the poor, nurturing the mind, body, and spirit in the Greater Hartford Community. All are welcome!



Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday Evening Vigil Mass

4:00 PM Public & Livestream

Sunday Masses

8:00 AM Public

10:00 AM Public & Livestream (Masks Required)

11:45 AM Public

5:00 PM Public & Livestream

Weekday Masses

7:30 AM Public

12:05 PM Public & Livestream

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

 Saturday
 3:30 PM - 4:00 PM

Watch Online

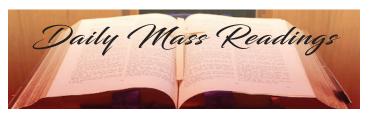
Go to https://www.spsact.org/news-and-events/virtual-mass/ to access our livestream Masses on Facebook, YouTube or StreamSpot.

News From the Parish Office

Office Closed:

Monday, January 3, 2022





Monday, Jan 3: 1Jn 3:22-46; Mt 4:12-17,23-25

Tuesday, Jan 4:1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44Wednesday, Jan 5:1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52Thursday, Jan 6:1 Jn 4:19,5:4; Lk 4:14-22Friday, Jan 7:1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16

Sunday Jan 8: Is 42:1-4,6-7; Ps 29 1-2,3-4,3,9-10;

Acts 10:34-38; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

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

Mask Guidelines

Masks are no longer required but are strongly encouraged in the church and Franciscan Center for those fully vaccinated, unless otherwise noted. Those who are unvaccinated must continue to wear their masks in the church and Franciscan Center. Masks will still be required for all, regardless of vaccination status, for the 10:00 am Mass in the church and all Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses. We will re-evaluate these requirements after the holiday season. Click or scan the QR Code for complete guidelines.

The Pastor's Corner

January 2, 2022

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

As we move through the celebration of the Nativity of the Lord, I want to take this moment to express my deepest thanks to everyone who has made this Christmas such a wonderful and memorable experience for all of us.

We have celebrated four feasts of the Christmas season in the space of two weekends: The Nativity of the Lord and The Feast of the Holy Family last weekend; this weekend: The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God on Saturday, and The Epiphany of the Lord on Sunday. While it might be easy to feel a bit "churched out," I have found it to be a great opportunity to experience these feasts as so many facets of a jewel.

I have been reading a little book by Joseph F. Kelly entitled *The Feast of Christmas*. He has also authored similar books entitled *The Origins of Christmas* and *The Birth of Jesus According to the Gospels*, all published by Liturgical Press. Dr. Kelly, who teaches at John Carroll University in Cleveland, Ohio, writes in a style that makes the historical and scriptural aspects of Christmas easily accessible to the average reader (like me!). If you'd like to learn more about the history and theology of Christmas, I highly recommend these books.

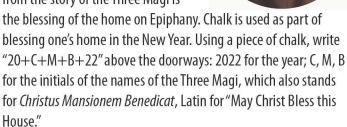
Regarding the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord, Kelly helps us to become better acquainted with some of the details of the story as we read it in the Gospel of Matthew. For example, who were the visitors from the East who traveled a long distance to adore the newborn Child and offer him their unique gifts? They have been identified either as kings or as astrologers or Magi, people who studied the movement of the heavens. We don't really know how many of them there actually were, but since they presented three gifts, it has been assumed that there were three Magi.

Did you know that the cathedral in Cologne, Germany has a shrine that houses the relics of the Three Magi? It is a large gold casket behind the main altar — quite impressive, indeed.

Another bit of interesting lore concerns the names traditionally given to the Magi: Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. There are no historical facts about who they were or what their names were, but the traditions surrounding the Magi keep them alive for us, and

they have come to represent the universality of Christ's redemptive mission.
The Epiphany tells us that Jesus came to save all peoples.

Another lovely custom derived from the story of the Three Magi is



At the dawn of this New Year, I pray that we will find deliverance from so much that has weighed us down recently, especially the pandemic and the divisions in our country that keep us from being a united people. May the Lord bring us all healing and peace in 2022.

Fr. Tim Shreenan, ofm Fr. Tim Shreenan, O.F.M.

Pastor





I took these photos during a trip to Germany a few years ago. At the top is the shrine of the Magi in the Cologne cathedral. At the bottom is a door of a house in Regensburg with that year's chalk inscription.



Christmas Flower Memorials



Henry McDermott, Helen McDermott, Isabel Fairweather and Mary Jennings

Efigenia Palomino, Maria Obregon, Felipe Obregon, Francisco Obregon and Ernest Burnell

Fred D'Amico and Frank & Elaine D'Amico

Maria Magdalena Galván Hernandez

Cristina Alvarez-Builes

Mary Ann Citino Grossi

William D Brown and John & Mary Fiorillo

The Powers Family

In memory of Brigid Curtain and continued prayers for the whole Curtain Family

Sally Johnson

Intentions for Mary Joyce Castafero

The Faulkner, Unwin, Coscia and Gallagher Families

Severi and Bristow Families

Albert M. Penta and Edythe D. Ricciuti

Beulah Decayper & Ailene Jacobson

Thomas & Mary Bowie and Rebecca Stark

Alice Young

Armando & Yolanda Delgadillo and the Keenan Family

Clarinda & James Seraulli, Annie & Frank
Martin, Ruth Martin, Bertha Smith, Howard
Smith, and Marily McCarthy Heider

Laurence T. Maher and L. Timothy Maher



Have you made plans yet for Father's Day 2022?

CELEBRATE with US at ST. PATRICK - ST. ANTHONY "Community Day" 2022

Come watch the Yard Goats play the Akron Rubber Ducks,

Sunday, June 19 at 1:05 PM. at Dunkin' Donuts Park.

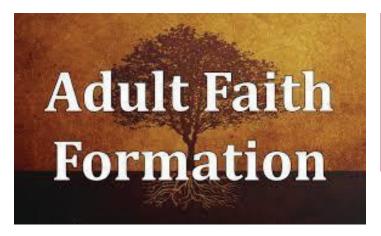
Stay tuned to the Bulletin and Parish Emails for date when

GAME Tickets will be available after all Masses.

Plan to JOIN US for this memorable day!

And YES, Fr. John did throw a strike.





Drumming Circle

Next Meeting: Monday, January 3, 2022 at 6:30 PM in the Church. Facilitator: Elaine Wiatr

Group Spiritual Reflection

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 starting at 12:35 PM. Facilitators: Trudi Campbell & Pamela Morrison-Wolf. Click here for more info.

Quiet Prayer

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 at 7:30 AM via Zoom. Facilitator: Suzanne Nolan. <u>Click here for more info.</u>

Lectio Divina

Next Meeting: Thursday, January 6, 2022 at 6:45 PM via Zoom. Facilitator: Sheila Denion. Click here for more info.



Open Hearts LGBTQ+ Ministry

Monthly Open Hearts Meeting is the 2nd Sunday of each month at 6:00 pm in the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry. Our next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January, 9, 2022. Please join us. All are welcome.

The Family & Friends LGBTQ+ Support Ministry is a safe, supportive environment to accompany each other on our journeys with our LGBTQ+ loved ones. All are welcome! The next meeting is Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at 6:30 PM via Zoom. For more information contact Rich Broggini at richardbroggini@gmail.com or Tim Curran at timothy.curran@trincoll.edu.

Community Sunday is Back



Weather permitting, join us in the Friary Garden after the 10:00 AM Mass on January 9, 2022. Don't forget to wear your woolies and join us for refreshments and conversation.

Do You Knit or Crochet or Want to Learn How?

You are invited to contribute your time and talent to the Prayer Shawl Ministry at St. Patrick - St. Anthony Church.

For the past 18 months, the Prayer Shawl Ministers have been gathering virtually through monthly Zoom meetings! And, yes, you can



* learn * how to knit or crochet through Zoom. Our experienced ministers are skilled teachers as well. Please JOIN US!

If the Covid blues threaten to dampen your spirits ~ please consider attending our gathering for an enjoyable evening of storytelling and ministry knitted together!

Our monthly meetings take place on the followin Mondays from 7:00-8:00 PM: January 10, February 14, March 14, April 11, May 9, June 13.

Please consider joining us to learn the art of making Prayer Shawls and to help us continue to reach out to others in our community through this ministry of love.

For more information and the Zoom meeting link, contact Janet Bristow at janetbristow@sbcglobal.net or you may also call the parish office at 860-756-4034, x.113 and leave your contact information. Pat Curtis will get back to you with information.

Sister Parish: A Thank you from Zoranje

Benet Saint Cime is a teacher at St. Genevieve School. Because of the covenant relationship between St. Genevieve and St. Patrick-St. Anthony, he felt encouraged to complete his secondary eduation and persue his dream of attending University. As a direct result of our relationship, he was able to finish and received his Bachelor's Degree. He continues to enrich the lives of the students of St. Genevieve School to this day.

"Good evening all my friends of St Patrick and St Anthony. on behalf of all the parishioners of St Geneviève I greet you and thank you for all the help you provide to the population.



Without you how could our parish school function? In a community of poverty where each economic situation of the population becomes more and more critical. I love you,

the community loves you. Remember we are brothers and sisters. Let us continue to unite thank you."

The photo above shows Benet with his students.

You will hear more stories from Zoranje in upcoming bulletins. They will show the value of our Covenant. Not only to the parisioners of St. Genevieve, but to the parishioners of St. Patrick - St. Anthony as well.

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).

Social distancing, wearing masks, dealing with restrictions and business closures have been the "New Normal" for nearly two years. This pandemic has had a 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.



BAPTISM

Sunday, January 2, 2022 **Lia Vittoria**child of Dante & Kelly Ambrogio

Please Pray for the Sick



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

In Loving Memory
Concetta Franzo
Maureen Mullane



Gifts & Offerings

December 13-19, 2021

Collection: \$4,825.50

Miscellaneous Church Donations: \$6,550.00

Online: \$13,284.23 **Total: \$24,659.73**

Thank you for your continued generosity

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, January 1, 2022

Nancy G. Krohn 4:00 PM

Sunday, January 2, 2022

8:00 AM Nancy G. Krohn

Millie Intino 10:00 AM

11:45 AM Helen & Thomas McCue

Lynn Kerin Cormier 5:00 pm

Monday, January 3, 2021

7:30 Concetta Gianni

12:05 PM

Tuesday, January 4, 2021

7:30 AM Laura Sapia

12:05 PM Nancy G Krohn

Wednesday, January 5, 2021

7:30 AM Joseph Kelliher

12:05 PM Nancy G Krohn

Thursday, January 6, 2021

7:30 AM Arlete Alves Thomaz

12:05 PM Nancy G. Krohn

Friday, January 7, 2021

7:30 AM Nancy G. Krohn

12:05 PM Salvatore Gianni, 13th Anniversary

Saturday, January 8, 2022

4:00 PM Diane Baio

Sunday, January 9, 2022

8:00 AM David Sullivan

10:00 AM Maryann Bassett

11:45 AM In Thanksgiving to St. Cristina

5:00 pm Helen Felice Richardson & Jimmy O'Mara

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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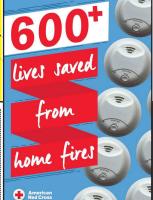
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