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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

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

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

Saturday 3:30 PM – 4:00 PM

On the cover: "The Baptism of Christ" by Andrea del Verrocchio (1435-1488) and Leonardo da Vinci (1452-1519), Uffizi Gallery, Florence.

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 4 ways to get one:

Call the church office at 860-756-4034;

Print via Online Giving;

Email your request to 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 10: 1 Sm 1:1-8; Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday, Jan 11: 1 Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday, Jan 12: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday, Jan 13: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45

Friday, Jan 14: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mk 2:1-12

Sunday Jan 16: Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10;
1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

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.

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 9, 2022

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

As we come to the conclusion of the Christmas season today with the celebration of the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, I am thinking back over the past several weeks – back to the start of Advent, actually – and my heart fills with joy at the memories of a joyful, even glorious, celebration of the Incarnation. Even as the Covid pandemic threatened us with another new variant, we put our facemasks back on and came together as a parish family to make Christmas a truly memorable moment. And I am so grateful for it all.

I think of all the activities of the Advent season, beginning with our Advent Wreath Kits put together by our 7th and 8th Grade religious education students. Each week of Advent brought us more ways to engage in the spiritual preparation for Christmas, including Contemplative Journaling, our weekly Reflective Rosary, and an Advent Evening of Reflection.

Music is such an important part of the season as well, and this year was no exception as we hosted the annual Christmas concert by Chorus Angelicus under the direction of Gabriel Löfvall on December 10. Having attended the concert, I knew we would be in for a treat when our own choirs would be taking part in our Festival of Lessons and Carols two weeks later. My anticipation for that event was more than fulfilled with beautifully rendered readings from our youth and adult lectors, and glorious singing from our Gallery, Treble Clef and Bass Clef Choirs. We are certainly blessed with such dedicated and talented musicians! I congratulate Gabriel and all who serve in our music ministry! I also wish to thank the members of our Open Hearts LGBTQ Ministry for providing refreshments afterwards in our outdoor winter wonderland amidst the lighted trees in the friary gardens.



Thanks to the hardworking Giving Tree Support Team, this year's Giving Tree project provided more opportunities for parishioners to express their commitment to others in need, both here at home and for our Sister Parish of St. Geneviève in Haiti. Thank you to all who participated – you brightened the lives of so many people!



On the final weekend before Christmas, our Remembrance Bread team came together to deliver loaves of bread to parishioners who lost a loved one in the past year as a symbol of our care for them during a time when they are especially mindful of their loss.

As Christmas approached, a crew of volunteers assisted in “decking the halls” of the church, inside and outside, with trees, wreaths, evergreens and poinsettias. I thank all of them for lending their talents and handiwork to make the church as beautiful as it is. But just wait until next year!

Although our numbers are still not what they once were, I was happy that our Christmas liturgies could be shared by as many people who attended in person. The liturgical dancers, youth lectors, and Songbirds beautifully enhanced the Christmas Eve Masses.

I also wish to acknowledge our many parishioners, near and far, whose generous financial gifts to our parish and the Franciscan Center helped us in so many ways. Thank you for your support!



All of these activities and events happen because of our baptismal commitment to our faith, and the way our faith is lived out each day through the year. May the Lord, who heard his heavenly Father say to him, “You are my beloved Son,” strengthen us during the coming year to be sons and daughters beloved of the Father.

Blessings on your week ahead!

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

Group Spiritual Reflection

Join Co-Facilitators, Trudi Campbell and Pamela Morrison-Wolf every Tuesday beginning on January 4, 2022 starting at 12:35 PM.

Group Spiritual Reflection refers to the active conversation centering on the relationship with God of what is life giving. Two Spiritual Directors gather with all who attend this Zoom meeting 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. All are welcome!

The Zoom link is available in the parish-wide emails. Or call the parish office and we will give you instructions on how to participate.

PLEASE JOIN US!

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 ourselves. The Gospel 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.

Lectio Divina ("Divine Reading") is an ancient method of contemplative prayer with Scripture. It is not bible study, nor does it require any background in biblical study. Rather, it involves listening deeply to a scripture passage and seeking in it God's message for each of us. Facilitator: Sheila Denion.



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?

Please consider joining us for this conversation in faith and prayer time together. It might be just what is needed to sustain your Spirit. Consider shifting your lunch hour earlier so that you can be part of this inspiring and supportive group experience!

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.

Open Hearts Ministry

Open Hearts LGBTQ+ Ministry Meeting: Our next meeting is scheduled for today, Sunday, January, 9, 2022. Please join us.



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 or Tim Curran at timothy.curran@trincoll.edu.

Community Sunday Cancelled

We have made the decision to cancel Community Sunday today due to the uptick in cases of the Omicron Variant. Hopefully, we can plan for a date in February. Keep an eye on the bulletin. Until then, stay safe.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

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



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

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.

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 a "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.

praying the psalms

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.

Sister Parish: Profoundly Changed

Very few people who travel to Haiti return home without feeling profoundly changed. Here is an excerpt from a reflection written by Catherine Wynn about her trip which included a meeting with a local group of women parishioners who call themselves Fanm Vanyan (Strong Women):

"Pastor Father Frixner told us he had invited several women to join us. It started off with five women, then there were ten,



then another five, and the circle just kept getting bigger and bigger. I think there were about thirty-five women. We all sat

together outside under a huge tree.

All of us in our group felt very fortunate to sit with these amazing women. They were homemakers, but they were also merchants who sold pigs, goats, chickens, and other wares to earn money so they could feed their families. These women are the mainstay of this very poor country. They are the glue that keeps it all together. They are wives, loving mothers, and very hard-working women who are passionate about their place in life. In many respects, the women of Haiti are not very different from women here in the USA, except that these women are so very poor.

As I looked around the circle and saw their faces... I was inspired by the women of Haiti... by their strength, their decency, and their willingness to work so hard to make a better life for their families."

As you can see, our ongoing Covenant is of great benefit, not only to St. Genevieve and the surrounding community, but to our community as well. You will continue to hear more stories in the next



few week ahead of our celebration of the Feast of St. Genevieve on January 30, 2022.

From the Franciscan Center

No Freeze Shelter Dinner Project

We continue to provide a hot Sunday dinner to 50 guests at one of the Hartford Emergency Shelters that provides overnight shelter for the homeless during the winter months. We are looking for people who can help with side dishes, dinner rolls or desserts for the following dates:

January 16, 23 and 30

February 20 and 27

March 20 and 27

Please call/text or email Kim Nardone if you have questions or are interested and she will put you in contact with the team captains for particular meal. (Kimberlyonardone@gmail.com / 860.977.9891).



In honor of Judy Ryiz

An annual donation has been made to the Sandwich Ministry by Natalie Campbell in memory of her partner, Judy Ryiz, who was a champion of helping those in need. Judy worked to feed the homeless and those in need at various churches in the surrounding area. Thank you, Natalie for your kind donation and continuing Judy's legacy.

News from the Parish Office

Did you know? The 2022 Calendar is still available for your Mass Intentions? We have a lot of dates still available. **The 2023 Calendar will be open for intentions on Friday, January 14, 2023.**

How to request your intentions: Call the office at 860-756-4034 or email 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 shortly 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.

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.

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.

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Gifts & Offerings

December 20-26, 2021

Collection: \$10,313.80

Christmas: \$25,318.00

Online: \$9,155.23

Total: \$44,787.03

December 27, 2021- January 2, 2022

Collection: \$14,975.00

Christmas: \$1,210.00

Online: \$18,551.23

Total: \$34,736.23

You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

— 2 Corinthians 9:11

Mass Intentions for the Week

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

Monday, January 10, 2022

7:30 Nancy Krohn

12:05 PM Joseph Michael Woodall

Tuesday, January 11, 2022

7:30 AM Joseph Gora

12:05 PM Maria Baez

Wednesday, January 12, 2022

7:30 AM Intentions of Dr. Joseph Corning

12:05 PM Nancy G Krohn

Thursday, January 13, 2022

7:30 AM Frank Ostrowski

12:05 PM Concetta Franco

Friday, January 14, 2022

7:30 AM Parishioners of St. Genevieve

12:05 PM Margaret Leonard, 4th Anniversary

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

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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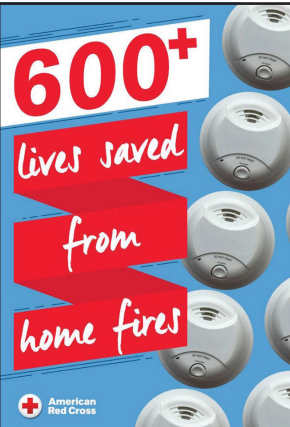
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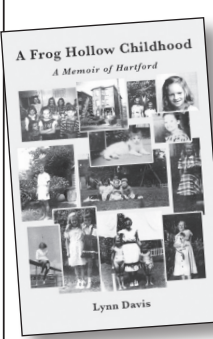


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A Frog Hollow Childhood: A Memoir of Hartford by Lynn Davis



Once a child's fun included an interaction with its environment. Davis writes of a time before technology and computers took over. She recreates a nostalgic reminiscence of the 1940s and 1950s for those who lived in them and introduces the times to those who didn't.

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