



THE VOICE OF THE WICKED,
THEY HATE THE WORDS OF THE LORD,
AND THEY DESPISE HIS LAW,
AND ON HIS LAW THEY DO NOT MEDITATE,
AND NIGHT AND NIGHT
THEY ARE LIKE TREES
PLANTED BY STREAMS
OF WATER, WHICH BEAR
THEIR FRUIT IN SEASON,
AND THEIR LEAVES DO NOT
WITHER, IN ALL THAT
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St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church

HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 23, 2022



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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

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 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 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.

Daily Mass Readings

Monday, Jan 24: 2 Sm 5:1-7,10, Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday, Jan 25: Acts 22:3-16, Mk 16:15-18

Wednesday, Jan 26: 2 Tm 1:1-8, Mk 4:1-20

Thursday, Jan 27: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29, Mk 4:21-25

Friday, Jan 28: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17,
Mk 4:26-34

Sunday Jan 30: Jer 1:4-5,17-19; Ps 71:1-2,3-4,5-6
15-17; 1 Cor 12:31-13:13, Lk 4:21-30

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

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.



On the cover: The Saint John's Bible opened to the first page of the Book of Psalms. Photo source: heritage.saintjohnsbible.org.

The Pastor's Corner

January 23, 2022

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Last year on this date I wrote to you about The Sunday of the Word of God which Pope Francis established in 2019. Each year it is to be observed on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. Each of the Gospels for the Third Sunday in the three-year cycle of readings speaks of the teaching ministry of Jesus. In Year A, from the Gospel of Matthew, we hear that Jesus "went around all of Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom." In the Gospel of Mark in Year B, we are told that "Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: 'This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.'"

This year, in Cycle C, we have the strongest and clearest references to the Word of God, not just in the Gospel reading from Luke, but also in the first reading from the Book of Nehemiah in which the law of God is read by Ezra the scribe before a great crowd. Imagine that scene! Hundreds of men, women and children gathered outdoors from daybreak until noon as the Word of God was proclaimed to them. And afterwards a great feast of rich food and drink was held to celebrate God's love and faithfulness. Doesn't that remind you of something we do every week?

Today's Gospel reading starts with the opening verses of Chapter One in which Luke explains his reason for writing the Gospel "in an orderly sequence," then jumps ahead to Chapter Four and the beginning of Jesus' public ministry back in his hometown of Nazareth.



In 2015, during his visit to the United States, Pope Francis blessed a facsimile of the Saint John's Bible given to the Library of Congress. Pictured here is the first volume, Pentateuch, and the opening pages of the Book of Genesis.

Jesus enters the local synagogue where he reads from the Prophet Isaiah, chapter 61: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me. . ." Afterwards, in what is probably the shortest homily ever given, he says: "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."



Jesus, the Word of God made flesh, fulfilled all the promises made to generation after generation of believers by his life, death and resurrection. He was the complete fulfillment of all the prophecies of the Old Covenant and became the embodiment of the New Covenant sealed in his blood. Jesus, the Logos, the eternal Word, speaks to us even now of God's love and fidelity, and we are gifted by the Holy Spirit through baptism to serve one another by our individual gifts and talents (see today's second reading).

God's Word must always be the foundation of our lives as Christian believers. We must hear it, read it, study it, and fall in love with it if we wish to know who God is and who we are as God's holy people. That is why Pope Francis so earnestly desired to dedicate a particular day of the year to "reawaken an awareness of the importance of Sacred Scripture for our lives as believers."

Last year, as part of our celebration of The Sunday of the Word of God at St. Patrick-St. Anthony, I displayed a facsimile of a *Bible moralisée*, made in Paris during the early 13th century. This year, I chose the *Psalms* volume from the Saint John's Bible, opened to the first page with its magnificent illumination of Psalm 1, which is also the illustration for the cover of today's bulletin.

The Saint John's Bible is a hand-written and illustrated Bible which was commissioned by the Benedictine monks of St. John's Abbey in Collegeville, Minnesota. The project took over a decade to complete, from 1999 to 2011. The Bible is divided into seven volumes and is two feet tall by three feet wide when open. The Bible is made of vellum, or sheepskin, with 160 illuminations. Affordable printed reproductions of the Bible can be purchased, and we have incorporated the Gospels volume as part of our Christmas decorations, opened to the beginning of John's Gospel and illumination of the text, "And the Word was made flesh and lived among us."

May the Word of God guide you to holiness and life!

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

Secular Franciscan Order



The 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 for a virtual gathering to maintain our hope and to tend to our relationship with the Holy One.



On January 26, we will consider the courageous woman St. Elizabeth Ann Seton who embarks on a life-changing journey in which she comes to know herself as beloved of God. She calls us to bravely speak our own 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*. Free Will Offering

Please [REGISTER online here](#), and the Zoom link will be sent to you.



Please join **Fr. Francis Soucy, O.F.M.** Thursdays, January 27, February 3, 10, 17, 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 from 10:30 - 11:30 AM., 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 [REGISTER online here](#) and the Zoom link will be sent to you.

Good Stories and Their Significance for Personal and Social Life



We invite you to join with Fr. Ken Himes, O.F.M. from Boston College on Thursday, February 17, 2022 from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM, for an evening of reflection, presentation,

and discussion. One of the neglected aspects of moral reflection, personally and communally, is that we do not reflect enough on the stories we listen to – or tell to ourselves – when trying to make sense of our moral experience. This program will explain why stories are so important to the moral life and how the Christian story offers a different narrative for making sense of our lives.

Suggested Offering: \$15

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 busyness, 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 **Mondays; 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 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.

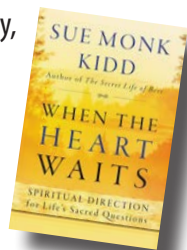
Thin Places: When the Heart Waits

Sue Monk Kidd, in her inspiring autobiography, *When the Heart Waits: Spiritual Direction for Life's Sacred Questions*, will guide those of us who feel we are waiting on God and desiring the MORE. Our two session, six week program will start on Wednesday and Thursday, January 26 & 27, 2022 from 12:45 pm to 2:15 pm. Please NOTE: Each session is limited to 12 participants and on a first come/first serve basis.

During each session, Sr. Ginny Sheehan, SNDdeN will focus these reflections in a more contemplative stance. Our opening prayer will excerpts from Joyce Rupp's book *Return to the Root* (no purchase necessary).

The only requirement is that each one secures a copy of Sue Monk Kidd's book and read chapters one and two. (paperbacks are considerably cheaper... Amazon, Ave Maria Press, Thrift books etc.

Please sign up via email at Sheehan932@gmail.com. Sister Ginny will send needed information.



Sister Parish: The Feast of St. Genevieve

A few years ago, parishioner, Fran D'Amico was able to celebrate the Feast of St. Genevieve at our Sister Parish in Haiti.

The Feast of St. Genevieve

St. Genevieve is the Patron Saint of our Sister Parish. Her feast day is January 3, but with the busy Christmas season, we chose many years ago to celebrate her feast on the last Sunday in January. This year it falls on January 30 at the 10:00 Mass. The previous pastor of St. Genevieve Church thought celebrating the Feast later in the month was a good idea and so now



both Parishes celebrate on the same weekend. In addition to the locals, parishioners from the more distant chapels and stations, and Religious and Civic dignitaries attend as well.

In Haiti, it is common for the parish to have a weekend-long celebration for the Patron's Feast day. Festivities begin on Friday and Saturday evenings with bands and other events (one year there was a talent show in the newly dedicated church building). Sunday's Mass, the weekend's center piece,



is very festive with liturgical dancers and a long procession with gifts of local foods, and of course, there is lots of singing.

After Mass a wonderful meal is served for everyone to enjoy. It is prepared beginning very early in the morning by several women from the parish. This brings a haitian proverb to mind: "Anpil men fè travay limyè." The English translation is known to most of us: "Many hands make light work."

When we are able once again to travel to Haiti, Hopefully some of you will be able to attend this very special event. This brief description just covers the overview. Please consider attending our celebration at the 10:00 AM Mass on January 30 either in person or streaming.



We are in search of those who were Altar Servers when they were younger. Do you have this experience? Are you willing to commit to serve one Mass a month? The team of Ministers who serve at Mass need

your help. To find out more, contact the Volunteer Ministry Office at twhite@spsact.org.



Our amazing Care Ministry Volunteers connect with families who have experienced the death of a loved one. They are trained to provide support and assistance in planning a funeral at St. Patrick - St. Anthony. If you feel called to support families through this process, please contact Trudi by email at twhite@spsact.org.

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.

In Loving Memory

Maureen Mullane
Olidy de Orozco
Anna Cassarino
Betty White
Bob Saget



Our Second Collection this weekend, January 22/23, 2022, is for The Archdiocesan High School Collection. Thanks to your generosity, our secondary schools receive individual grants which are used to procure or upgrade vital educational tools and resources, provide funds for tuition assistance, curricular improvements, marketing and so much more.

This past year was a challenging one but all Archdiocese of Hartford Catholic schools remained open for safe, in-person learning throughout the entire 2020-2021 academic school year. While we all faced unprecedented difficulties, the Archdiocese of Hartford's commitment to educating the WHOLE person: mind, body and soul never faltered. Our high school students were able to see their teachers and classmates and maintain a sense of normalcy during a pivotal time in their lives, with minimal interruption in their education as they prepared for the next chapter of their lives.

We thank you for supporting our Archdiocesan Catholic High Schools.



Gifts & Offerings

January 10-16, 2022

Collection: \$15,042.00

Online: \$10,235.23

Total: \$25,277.23

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, January 22, 2022

4:00 PM Nancy G Krohn

Sunday, January 23, 2022

8:00 AM William, Angie & Joanne Speziale

10:00 AM Fr. Conrad Salach

11:45 AM Margaret Luddy

5:00 pm Molly Booker McElrath

Monday, January 24, 2022

7:30 Maria & Adriano daCosta

12:05 PM

Tuesday, January 25, 2022

7:30 AM Dr. Carlos Benavides

12:05 PM Margaret Luddy

Wednesday, January 26, 2022

7:30 AM

12:05 PM Expectant Mothers

Thursday, January 27, 2022

7:30 AM Nancy G. Krohn

12:05 PM Mary Mittica

Friday, January 28, 2022

7:30 AM Joseph Haydad

12:05 PM Nancy G Krohn

Saturday, January 29, 2022

4:00 PM Matthew Marianella

Sunday, January 30, 2022

8:00 AM Nino Nolasco

10:00 AM Jack Katzenbach

11:45 AM Nancy G. Krohn

5:00 pm Mary Ann Murphy

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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