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Celebration of the Eucharist

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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.

Sacrament of Reconciliation Time Changes

Beginning February 7, 2022 our times for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will change. The new times are as follows:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday	11:15 AM – 11:45 AM
Saturday	3:15 PM – 3:45 PM

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.

Suggested offering is \$10.00. Offering can be made online or by placing an envelope in the basket when at Mass.



Monday, Jan 30: 1 Sm 15:13-14, 30, 16:5-13; Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday, Feb 1: 1 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3;
Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday, Feb 2: Mal 3:1-4, Lk 2:22-40

Thursday, Feb 3: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; Mk 6:7-13

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

Sunday Feb 6: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; PS 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8;
1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 5:1-11

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

Mask Guidelines

Masks are 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 30, 2022

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

During the more than three decades that I spent in ministry at St. Francis of Assisi in New York City, I witnessed the growing internationalization of the people who came to Mass and Confessions there. Looking out at the assembly during a typical weekday or Sunday Mass, it seemed to me that the whole world was represented!

It is said that people pray most easily in their native language, and that is certainly true. While hearing Confessions, the penitents would often ask me: "Father, can I say the Act of Contrition in my language?" And I heard it prayed in many different languages, especially Spanish and French. I got brave for a while and used to keep the Spanish and French translations of the Prayer of Absolution on my iPhone. So, if a penitent said the Act of Contrition in, say, French, I managed to say my part in French as well. No one will ever mistake me for a Parisian, but I did surprise a few folks with my French Absolution! I remember one lovely lady from Haiti complimenting me by saying: "Father, I didn't know you spoke French," and I replied: "Neither did I!"

The point of this little story is to highlight the universal nature of the Catholic Church, and how much our brothers and sisters from other parts of the world matter to us, whether we live in New York City or Hartford, Connecticut. I feel so blessed for having met fellow Christians from so many parts of the world, including South and Central America, Europe, Africa, Asia, Australia and Oceania. And here in Hartford, we are blessed to have as our Sister Parish, Sainte-Geneviève in Zoranjé, Haiti.

As I hope you know from reading this bulletin for the past few months, we have been looking at the Covenant relationship with our Sister Parish with the intention of renewing the Covenant in the near future. Originally established in 2005, the Covenant between St. Patrick-St. Anthony and Ste.-Geneviève was intended to prayerfully deepen the relationship between our two parishes by all possible means, including visits whenever possible.

Through the efforts of a dedicated committee here in Hartford, a number of our parishioners have traveled to Haiti over the past 15 years and have brought back stories, photos and invaluable

memories of a very faith-filled and loving community. Unfortunately, the COVID epidemic, coupled with political instability, has curtailed travel between the U.S. and Haiti, at least for the time being.

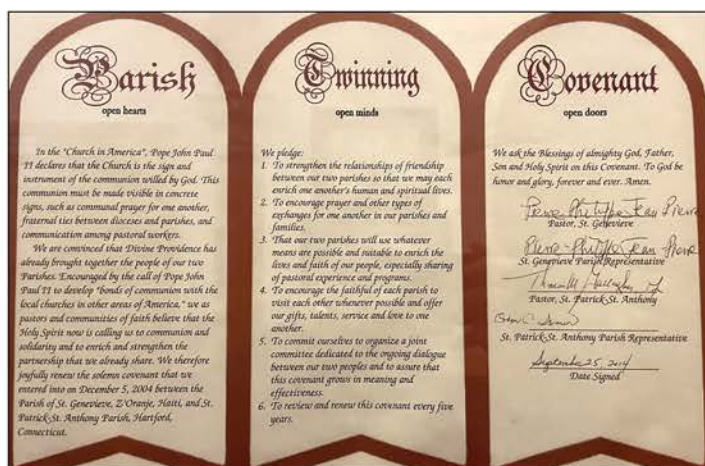


Our parish's International Giving Tree project each Christmas gives us the opportunity to strengthen the bond with our Sister Parish. The funds raised by the Giving Tree continue to support the teachers' salaries and a vital lunch program for the students of the Ste.-Geneviève School. The photos on the cover of today's bulletin show some of the students enjoying their hot meal. Although our 2021 Giving Tree project ends this weekend, you can still give anytime by going to our website, www.spsact.org, and clicking on the "Online Giving" button on the home page and then the "Sister Parish" category.

We hope that we have been able to heighten your awareness of, and interest in, our Sister Parish over the past few months. This weekend, as we observe the Feast of Sainte Geneviève, we are asking all our parishioners to take a short survey. We would like to know your thoughts about your level of support for a renewal of the Covenant relationship. In addition, if you would like to receive more information about our Sister Parish, or would like to join the Sister Parish Committee, contact the parish office either by phone or email at 860-756-4034 or info@spsact.org.

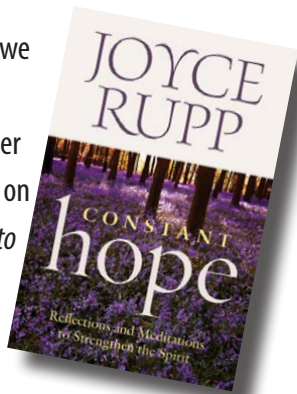
On behalf of all of us at St. Patrick-St. Anthony in Hartford, I would like to wish our sisters and brothers of Ste.-Geneviève and their Pastor, Fr. Dominique Régis, a very happy Feast Day. May God bless all of us, here in Hartford and in Haiti, with the joy of living the Christian life. *Bòn fèt ak Bondye beni w!*

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



People of Hope

"Hope resides at the core of who we are. We have the ability to retain peace of mind and heart no matter how much thick gloom descends on our path of life... *We are meant to be hopefilled people*", writes author Joyce Rupp. Using her book *Constant Hope: Reflections and Meditations to Strengthen the Spirit*, we



will take one essay per week to focus our discussion and prayer. Please join our facilitator, Pat Curtis each Wednesday from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM, for a gathering focused on maintaining our resiliency and hope while tending to our relationship with the Holy One.

Our goal is to keep hope alive and steadfast even as difficult personal and world events press upon us.

Please click [here](#) to register and the Zoom link will be sent to you.

This simple weekly spiritual practice and prayer time might be just what is needed to sustain your Spirit. Join us!

Uplifting the Human Spirit: Exploring Selected Work by African American Artists

Monday, February 28; 7:00 to 8:15 PM.



Pope Francis has said, "*The purpose of art is nothing less than the upliftment of the human spirit.*" In this interactive program, we will view and discuss works by African American artists from the collection at New Britain Museum of American Art. Through reflection and discussion we will explore the beauty

of the human spirit and be open to seeing a divine presence in ourselves and others.

Limit = 20 people. Facilitator: Kathy Butler, parishioner, educator, and docent at NBMAA. *Free Will Offering.*

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

Artwork: Jacob Lawrence, *The Builders*, 1974, Color silkscreen, 30 x 22 1/8 in. Jane and Victor Darnell Fund, 1990.17, New Britain Museum of American Art, New Britain, Connecticut.

Ongoing Programs:

Group Spiritual Reflection:

Every Tuesday at 12:35 PM. All are welcome!

Quiet Prayer: Every Wednesday morning from 7:30 - 8:00 AM.



Lectio Divina ("Divine Reading"): 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. We create a safe and sacred space to read, contemplate, and, if you wish, to share what the Bible reveals to our hearts. **Join us each Month:** the First Thursday via Zoom from 6:45 to 7:45 PM and on the Third Thursday in-person from 12:30 to 1:30 PM. **Next meetings:** Tuesday, February 3 and Thursday, February 17. Facilitator: Sheila Denion.

Zoom links can be found in Monday's parish-wide email or call the parish office at 860-756-4034 for more information.

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.



Please join Fr. Francis Soucy, O.F.M. Thursdays, through the end of March from 10:30 - 11:30 AM, as he takes a fresh look at a variety of *new* psalms and consider the psalm for the upcoming Sunday liturgy! Please [REGISTER online here](#) for the Zoom link.

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.

From the Franciscan Center



When we asked for help last November in keeping our brothers and sisters warm this winter, never did we imagine your generosity. You filled my office and then some. Thank you so much on behalf of our brothers and sisters who visit us daily. Because you were so generous, we will have more than enough to make it through the winter and won't need anymore of the items on our Amazon List. The one exception is we always need gloves, as it is the one thing folks lose during the winter. (I know I do too!).

A number of folks have asked about how the Franciscan Center is doing financially given the pandemic has forced the cancellation of the principal fundraiser, the Fr. Andrew Golf Tournament, these past two years. The answer is because of your incredible kindness, we are fine. Your continued support allowed us to continue with outreach and begin a hot meal program twice a week. It also will allow us to launch a number of new collaborations this spring in the areas of food insecurity and affordable housing here in Hartford as we seek to live out the mission of the Franciscan Center.

Peace,

Michael Johnson O.F.M.

Director, Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry

Open Hearts Ministry

Open Hearts LGBTQ+ Ministry Meeting: Our next meeting is scheduled for today, Sunday, February 6, 2022. Please join us.



Prayer Shawl Ministry



The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on Monday, February 14 at 7:00 pm on Zoom. Consider joining us. [Click here](#) to learn more. The Zoom Link will be included in the Monday parish-wide email on

Sister Parish: The Feast of St. Genevieve

Today, January 30, we celebrate the Feast of St. Genevieve. Her actual feast day is January 3, but because of the many events celebrated during the Christmas season, we honor the Patron of our Sister Parish on the last Sunday in January.

At an early age, Genevieve dedicated herself completely to Christ through a life of prayer, penance, and good works. There is a prayer to St. Genevieve reflecting this devotion:

*Good, gracious, and loving God,
we give you thanks and praise
for the example of your beloved
servant, Saint Genevieve. By
your grace, she fed the hungry,
healed the sick, and showed
your forgiving mercy. She
revealed your presence to the
poor, the abandoned and the
unemployed. May we continue
the exemplary work of Saint
Genevieve, reject temptation, strive for justice, peace, and love
one another.*



We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen!

Genevieve was born c.422 in Nanterre, a small village outside of Paris and she died in Paris c. 512. When Attila and his army of Huns came toward Paris 451, the Parisian Christians were prepared to flee their homes. Genevieve spoke to them, convincing all to stay in their homes to pray and fast for God's protection. Their prayers were answered when Attila changed his course and turned away from Paris. For this remarkable faith-filled feat, she was named Patron Saint of Paris.

St. Patrick - St. Anthony and St. Genevieve
Covenant Relationship, EST. 2005

Participate in the survey for the renewal
of our Covenant.



Open your smartphone camera app and hold it
in front of the QR Code to open the Survey.

Volunteer Opportunity



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.

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

Luz Ruiz
Wayne Urbanski



Do You Need A 2021 Tax Statement?

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. Please call the office, 860-756-4034, to request a copy.

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January 17-23, 2022

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Mass Intentions for the Week

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

Monday, January 31, 2022

7:30

12:05 PM John Torza

Tuesday, February 1, 2022

7:30 AM

12:05 PM Alice Chrusciel

Wednesday, February 2, 2022

7:30 AM

12:05 PM Aida Velez

Thursday, February 3, 2022

7:30 AM Concetta Gianni

12:05 PM Matthew Bistro

Friday, February 4, 2022

7:30 AM

12:05 PM Michael, James & Virginia Boyle

Saturday, February 5, 2022

4:00 PM Richard Formica, Sr., 4th Anniversary

Sunday, February 6, 2022

8:00 AM

10:00 AM Nancy G. Krohn

11:45 AM Robert Frost, 2nd Anniversary

5:00 pm

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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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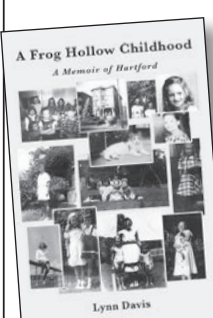


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A Frog Hollow Childhood: A Memoir of Hartford by Lynn Davis



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