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St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church

HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 27, 2022



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Open Minds
Open Doors*

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 Mass of Anticipation

4:00 PM Public & Livestream

Sunday Masses

8:00 AM Public

10:00 AM Public & Livestream (Masks required for all)

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 for everyone during Reconciliation

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 11:15 to 11:45 AM

Saturday 3:15 to 3:45 PM

Weekly Bulletin Deadline

Mondays by 12:00 NOON. Please submit all information to cabramo@spsact.org

Please Note: Easter Bulletin deadline is Thursday, April 7, 2022 at 12:00 NOON.

Parish Office Hours

Monday thru Saturday: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Sunday from 9:00 to 11:00 AM



- Monday, March 28: Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54
- Tuesday, March 29: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16
- Wednesday, March 30: Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30
- Thursday, March 31: Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47
- Friday, April 1: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
- Sunday April 3: Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11

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

On the cover: *The Return of the Prodigal Son* by Pompeo Batoni. Born in Lucca, Italy, in 1708, Batoni specialized in portrait painting until his death in Rome in 1787. This painting is the Kunsthistorisches Museum, Vienna, Austria.

Watch Online:



<https://www.facebook.com/St-Patrick-St-Anthony-Church-109359789104825/>



<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8Vhk8-hhlyAJenBxueHySQ>



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The Pastor's Corner

March 27, 2022

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Do you remember the Smothers Brothers – Tom and Dick? They were a very popular comedy duo back in the 1960s. I used to listen to records of their performances and practically wore out the vinyl! I'm sure my mother was sick of hearing the same routines over and over again. One of Tom's favorite lines was "Mom always liked you best!" This was his go-to put down against his younger brother, Dick, the "smart" brother, whenever Tom found himself befuddled or exasperated.

Today's Gospel parable about the Prodigal Son could probably be subtitled "Dad always liked you best!" The older brother becomes very jealous and angry over the fact that his father so easily forgives his younger brother, the one who had run off with the family inheritance and ends up broke and starving. He confronts his father: "Look, all these years I served you and not once did I disobey your orders; yet you never gave me even a young goat to feast on with my friends." The older (and wiser?) brother simply cannot bring himself to let go of his anger and jealousy. He could only see that the younger brother needed to be taught a lesson.

How many families today suffer the same fate? How many families are torn apart from envy or jealousy? How many parents struggle to keep peace with their children over perceived slights? I certainly have heard many stories over the years from parents or adult children who have experienced pain and estrangement over seemingly insignificant matters. Issues of inheritance are often the cause of much division in families.

Of course, the most important figure in the parable is the father. He is the one who represents the source of unity and reconciliation in the family; whose greatest wish was simply the younger son's return to the home. He understands what both sons are feeling, but he doesn't allow either of them to wallow in their own self-interests. For him, family was everything.

And so it should be for us, as well. As Catholics, we are part of a very large family with many ways of living out our faith. There are some who wish, like the younger son, to do their own thing and find their own path to God. And there are those who prefer



a stricter approach to being Church. There are those who look at the father (Pope Francis? The bishops?) and either adore him or vilify him. Anger and division within the Church have grown in recent decades, and the name-calling has gotten more and more vicious.

How do we deal with this unfortunate and painful situation? The answer is simple: by going to the Son – God's Son – and surrendering our pettiness and "holier than thou" attitudes to him who emptied himself and took on the form of a slave ... who humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross. May he, the Father's beloved Son, help us to resolve our differences, accept one another's uniqueness and giftedness, and bring us one day to our final inheritance.

Fr. Tim Shreenan, O.F.M.

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Pastor



It is important that when you give to any charitable organization, you are confident that the funds received are being used wisely. Be assured that your gift to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal supports the ministries and programs indicated in the 2022 Appeal literature! Organizations such as the St. Anthony Bread Ministry received funding from the Appeal's Vicariate Outreach Program that makes a difference in the lives of our local neighbors. Please visit the Appeal website at www.archdioceseofhartford.org to learn more and make your gift today.

All funds contributed to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal are used exclusively for the purposes outlined in the Appeal literature, which can be found at <https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/>. **No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements.**

Our Lenten Journey Adult Faith Formation Programs

In-person Spiritual Practices During Lent 2022

Stations of the Cross on Fridays, April 1 & 8 following the 12:05 Mass in the church.

Praying the Rosary on Wednesdays, March 30 & April 6, 13 at 7:00 PM in the Franciscan Center.

Moving from Lament to Hope in a Changing World

Have some of your friendships and family relationships become strained or even broken due to current issues in our culture?

How can we heal from the suffering of this pandemic?

How can we have hope for the future?

Please join us in the Franciscan Center, **Thursdays, March 31 and April 7 from 6:30 to 8:30 PM** as we consider the condition of our relationships and the losses experienced. We will engage with the Japanese art of Kintsukuroi which fosters the idea that something broken can be mended and be made useful once again. We will also look to the themes from Holy Week to inspire our hope and wholeness. [CLICK HERE to register](#). Sponsored by the Women of Hope Ministry. Free Will Offering

People of Hope

On Wednesday, April 6, 2022 from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM, please join Gloria Ulterino as we reflect on the power of forgiveness.

On Palm Sunday, when we hear The Passion according to Luke proclaimed, we experience the power of forgiveness. Only Luke emphasizes the forgiveness of Jesus in the Passion. Only Luke's account highlights Jesus' healing of the high priest's slave, Pilate's declaration of Jesus' innocence, Jesus' prayer to his Father for forgiveness of those who crucified him, and Jesus' assurance that "today you will be with me in Paradise." *When have we witnessed, or experienced for ourselves, the great power of forgiveness?*

[CLICK HERE to register](#) and receive the Zoom link.



Ongoing Programs:

Group Spiritual Reflection: Join us either in-person or via Zoom every Tuesday at 12:35 PM.

Please [CLICK HERE to register](#). It will allow us to plan a virtual/physical seat for everyone! If you plan to attend virtually, the Zoom link will be emailed to you. Co-Facilitators: Trudi Campbell and Pamela Morrison-Wolf.

Lectio Divina: Thursday, April 7, 2022 at 6:45 PM via Zoom. Facilitator: Sheila Denion. Zoom link can be found in Monday's parish-wide email or call the parish office at 860-756-4034 for more information.

Quiet Prayer: Every Wednesday morning from 7:30 - 8:00 AM. Zoom link can be found in Monday's parish-wide email or call the parish office at 860-756-4034 for more information.

Praying the Psalms: Join Fr. Francis Soucy, O.F.M. Thursdays, through the end of March from 10:30 - 11:30 AM. Please [CLICK HERE to register](#) for the Zoom link.



We invite you to join us in these upcoming Synod opportunities

Pope Francis wants to hear from YOU! [CLICK HERE to read more](#) about the upcoming Synod events and how you can join in and share your thoughts.



Join us following the 10:00 AM Mass on March 27.

We will have 2 sessions following the 10:00 am Mass on March 27. One at the Franciscan Center and one online via Zoom. [CLICK HERE to receive the Zoom link](#).

What better place for reflection than at Mercy by the Sea? Sign up today to attend our listening session in April!

Join us Saturday, April 9, 2022 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM on the beautiful grounds of Mercy by the Sea in Madison, CT with time for prayer and listening sessions. [CLICK HERE for more information and to register](#).

Secular Franciscan Order

Join us for our gathering in the Franciscan Center on Sunday, March 27, 2022 to learn more about the Secular Franciscan Order. The rosary will be recited at 1:30 PM and the meeting starts at 2:00 PM.



Easter Children and Youth Choir

Come sing with us for Easter. Our Easter Children and Youth Choir will provide the musical leadership at the 10:00 AM Mass on Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022. All Choir members will be fully masked during both the rehearsals and the Mass.

Reading aged youth and up are invited to participate. High School and/or College aged youth leaders are welcome and needed.

The Easter Children and Youth Choir will be co-conducted by our Music Director Gabriel Löfvall and Allison Holst-Grubbe, and coordinated by Religious Education Team Member Sarah Christopher. Please contact Sarah at schristopher@spsact.org with questions. CLICK or SCAN the QR Code for rehearsal times and information.



In-Person Prayer Shawl Ministry



Join our in-person meeting during the day on March 31, 2022 from 10:30 AM to Noon and enjoy story telling and ministry knitted together.

Slow Art Day Featuring Fr. Michael Reyes, O.F.M.

April 2, 2022 from 2:30 to 3:30 PM

Fr. Michael will be joining us virtually for Slow Art Day on Saturday, April 2 to guide you through a reflective program, while you are in our gallery viewing the work.

The Franciscan artist is always trying to find a way to connect with humanity in all of us. He offers this reflection on the influence of art, *"Paintings are equivalent to a person's signature. The power of images surpasses the limitations of language. My paintings challenge and inspire; they offer faith and life lessons without saying a word. With art, you can reach out to everyone, no matter their cultural and educational background or what language they speak."*

Please [CLICK HERE to register](#).



The Drumming Circle

Our next meeting is on Monday, April 4, 2022 from 6:30 to 8:00 PM in the church. Please contact Elaine Wiatr at elaine.wiatr@yahoo.com for more information.



Sister Parish Update: A Renewal

It has been impressive to see the interest generated in our Sister-Parish relationship with St. Genevieve in Haiti. Like you, I have read the moving stories of past trips and heard the poignant reflections of those who have gone to this island in search of nothing more than a hand to lift up. It seems they may have found much more along the way.

And now, after these past few months of gathering information, hearing these stories and prayerful reflection, the community of St Patrick St Anthony has decided to recommit to this covenant, and all that it gives. And all that it offers.

It's easy to see we have given. The generous support of our parish over these past 15 years has supported the parish school through paying teacher salaries and providing a nourishing lunch program. But what we can give may be much more. Maybe we can connect our communities in ways we haven't thought of yet. . . creating a bridge of peoples, countries and cultures? . . . we'll have to see.

And what does the Covenant offer? Christian love, charitable giving and soul-filling kindness offer rewards unthought of. In reaching out, we are sure to receive.

Next week Fr. Tim will begin the renewal of the Sister-Parish Covenant with St. Genevieve Church at the 10 am mass. We thus begin a new chapter. . . a new-again relationship filled with unrealized opportunity for good. As the new Chairperson of the Sister-Parish Committee, I invite all our parish, young and old, to consider joining us as we seek to build this new bridge. We are hosting a parish-wide, open meeting of the Sister-Parish Committee on April 5 at 7:00 PM on Zoom. Please come to see what we can do together. . . we need your open minds and open hearts.

[CLICK HERE to register](#) and the Zoom link will be sent to you.

Peace,
Marc Sherer
Sister Parish Committee

DISCOVER THE HOLY LAND

FRANCISCAN MISSIONARY UNION HOLY NAME PROVINCE

ADULT PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

Date: November 1, 2022 - November 10, 2022

All Inclusive: Flights, ground transportation, all meals and all tours!

Double Occupancy: \$3,500
Single Occupancy: \$3,700

\$1000 Scholarship For The First 6 Participants To Sign Up!

For more details or to sign up contact:
Bro. Paul O'Keefe, OFM
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240-393-0532

Second Collection This Weekend

The Catholic Relief Services Collection supports Catholic Church organizations that carry out international relief and solidarity efforts. Programs include relief and resettlement for victims of persecution, war, and natural disasters; development projects to improve living conditions for the poor; and advocacy on behalf of the powerless. [CLICK HERE](https://www.osvhub.com/spsact/funds/franciscan-relief-services) or go to <https://www.osvhub.com/spsact/funds/franciscan-relief-services> to donate.

Donations for Ukraine

Next weekend, April 2/3, 2022, there will be a Second Collection for the Franciscan Relief Fund. Please click the Donate Now button or go to <https://osvhub.com/spsact/funds> and select Franciscan Relief Fund to donate. All money raised will be used to help our Friars in Ukraine.



*Easter Memorial Flowers
Please Remember*

during the Easter Season at St. Patrick - St. Anthony Church

requested by

address

Offering: \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100, \$_____

Gifts & Offerings
March 14 - 20, 2022

Collection: \$8,503.00
Online: \$9,260.23
Total: \$17,763.23

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

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. GAME Tickets will be available after all Masses the weekends of April 30 and May 1, 2022. Plan to JOIN US for this memorable day!

If you still have 2020 Community Day Tickets, bring them down for a ticket exchange.

And YES, Fr. John did throw a strike.



From the Franciscan Center



CSA at SPSA

Community Supported Agriculture

Pick up fresh veggies when you come to church this summer and support economically disadvantaged families while feeding your own.



The St. Patrick-St. Anthony community has an opportunity to enable Hartford residents to improve their economic opportunities through a unique food ordering program.

A number of you have asked for more information on the Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program after listening to Christian Heiden speak at the Masses this past weekend. You can learn more about the **Levo Community Supported Agriculture (CSA)**, grown by our Hartford neighbors and Levo International at: www.levointernational.org, contacting communications@levointernational.org or by calling 844-947-2336.

Rebuilding Together Hartford

Saturday, April 30, 2022

Are you handy with a hammer?
Talented with tools? Up for general clean up?



The Franciscan Center is sponsoring a home repair in the Clay Arsenal neighborhood and is looking for volunteers to make significant home repairs that help stabilize neighborhoods, stabilize the tax base and help seniors to age in place.

Last year we participated and not only was it rewarding, it was a fun way to give back to the community and a great way to meet other SPSA folks. Last year's event was beautifully captured in a local television spot. Watch it and you will get a sense of what the day 8am-4pm looks like. [Watch video here.](#) If interested contact Fr. Mike at mikeinbolivia@gmail.com.

Snack Pack Drop Off

Sunday, April 3, 2022 after the morning Masses.



Drop off individually wrapped snacks such as granola bars, packs of nuts, chips, cookies, juice boxes or small water bottles.

They will be combined with other snacks into "snack packs" which are handed out daily with sandwiches. Thank you for your generosity!

Palm Sunday Food Drive for The House of Bread

Sunday, April 10, 2022



Matthew 4:1-11 tells the story of Jesus going out to the desert and he fasted for forty days and forty nights and afterwards was hungry. We would welcome the chance to feed Jesus and can do so by helping to care for the needs of those who face food insecurity.

Every day many of us pray "Give us this day our daily bread" and perhaps we can echo the words "so that each person in the world may have enough food" from A Lord's Prayer for Justice written by Fr. Rolheiser.

We will be holding a food drive on Palm Sunday, April 10, 2022, to support and help feed the families served by the House of Bread.

Here is a suggested [grocery list](#), all of which can be purchased at Aldi for less than \$25. In addition to the attached groceries, an Easter treat will be especially appreciated by these families!

Donations to the House of Bread will also be gratefully accepted.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, March 26, 2022

4:00 PM Edward Alexis, 8th Anniversary

Sunday, March 27, 2022

8:00 AM Helen McDermott

10:00 AM Reverend William E. McGrath

11:45 AM Vincent J. McHugh, Jr

5:00 PM Anne Botts

Monday, March 28, 2022

7:30 AM For the People

12:05 PM In Thanksgiving

Tuesday, March 29, 2022

7:30 AM For the Parishioners of St. Genevieve

12:05 PM Aurore Rose Chmielecki

Wednesday, March 30, 2022

7:30 AM

12:05 PM For the Intentions of Frederick Dilger, Sr

Thursday, March 31, 2022

7:30 AM Mary V. Roto

12:05 PM Marilyn McGuire

Friday, April 1, 2022

7:30 AM

12:05 PM Jean & James Buggle

Saturday, April 2, 2022

4:00 PM Baio & Spirito Family

Sunday, April 3, 2022

8:00 AM Concetta Gianni

10:00 AM John Meenaghan

11:45 AM

5:00 pm Maria Magdalena Galvan

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