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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 13, 2022



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

Watch Online:

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

2021 Tax Statements

Let us know if you need a 2021 tax statement and we will happily send it out via email or USPS. Please call the office, 860-756-4034, to let us know.

Weekly Bulletin Deadline

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

Parish Office Hours

Monday thru Saturday: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Sunday from 9:00 to 11:00 AM

Daily Mass Readings

Monday, March 14: Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday, March 15: Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday, March 16: Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday, March 17: Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31

Friday, March 18: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a;
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Sunday March 20: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103: 1-2, 3-4, 6-7,
8, 11; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

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

Mask Guideline Update

In response to the City of Hartford's announcement from Monday, January 31, 2022, the mask mandate in Hartford has ended for those who are fully vaccinated. However, we are still strongly encouraged to wear a mask while indoors around others that are not in your household. Please [CLICK HERE for complete 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

March 13, 2022

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

During this past week the friars of Holy Name Province met in various places for what we like to call "Fraternal Gatherings." Prior to COVID, such gatherings were an opportunity for the friars to get together to discuss various topics on our life as Franciscans and how we can better serve the people of God. Having lost the opportunity for almost two years, the friars were eager to see one another again.

St. Patrick-St. Anthony was one of several sites chosen to host the gatherings. To keep the numbers on the safe side, two gatherings were held back-to-back with about a dozen friars at each session. Personally, I was happy to welcome some of the friars who came from New York City; it was nice to see them again.

One of the topics covered during the Fraternal Gatherings was the Synodal process currently underway. In last week's bulletin, we announced that Pope Francis has invited the entire Church to take part in the Synod on Synodality to be held in 2023 in Rome.

So, what is synodality? It is a way of being Church, characterized by active listening to the Holy Spirit and all the People of God as well as dialogue between the sense of the faithful and the teaching authority of the bishops and Pope. It has a long history, going back to the Old Testament when The Israelites met together to deepen their commitment to the Covenant and the Law. In the New Testament, beginning with Pentecost, the Apostles conducted councils which engaged the early Christians in the mission of the fledgling Church.

Throughout its 2,000-year history, the Church, represented by the bishops, has met in councils to hammer out various theological questions. Since the conclusion of the Second Vatican Council in 1965, a number of Synods have taken place to discuss matters of importance to the life of the Church and its mission.

We are offering several opportunities for you to come together to voice your concerns, hopes and dreams for the future of the Church which will be compiled and distilled into a statement which will be forwarded to the Synod Secretariat in Rome.



Be sure to read the announcement on page 5 of this bulletin which lists the various ways in which you may participate, beginning with two listening sessions on Sunday, March 27, followed by a Day of Reflection on Saturday, April 9 at Mercy-by-the-Sea. There will also be parish forums on April 27 and April 28, as well as a write-in opportunity from April 19 to 30. Please stay tuned for how you can become part of this exciting and unique opportunity to have your voice heard!

Blessings on your week ahead!

Fr. Tim Shreenan, OFM

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Pastor



The 2022 Archbishop's Annual Appeal is now underway in our parish. Your support of this year's Appeal ensures that essential charitable, educational, and pastoral ministries of the Archdiocese of Hartford are carried forward.

For the sixth year in a row, in 2021, the Archbishop's Annual Appeal Vicariate Outreach Program provided over \$1,000,000 to over 180 local organizations in Hartford, Litchfield and New Haven counties. Organizations such as St. Anthony Bread Ministry right here in our parish received funding from the Appeal's Vicariate Outreach Program that makes a difference in serving our neighbors.

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, March 18, 25 & April 1, 8 following the 12:05 Mass in the church.

Praying the Rosary on Wednesdays, March 16, 23, 30 & April 6, 13 at 7:00 PM in the Franciscan Center.

First Corinthians: Paul's Impassioned Plea to a Divided Church

Lent, that season of the church year when we strive to become, with the help of God's grace, a Christian community worth joining, is a perfect time to read and reflect on Paul's exhortation to unity, mutual service, and self-effacing love. Presenter: Fr. William F. Beaudin, O.F.M. **We meet the six Mondays of Lent: March 14, 21, 28 and April 4 & 11, from 7:00 – 8:00 PM.** Please [CLICK HERE to register](#) and the Zoom link will be sent to you.



Searching Beyond Ourselves



Even before recorded history, starting with the civilizations of Sumer and Egypt around 3000 B.C.E., there is archeological evidence that (wo)men have searched for some one, some "thing" that is outside of themselves

- some one/thing that can answer the eternal questions of "Who am I? Why am I here? How did this existence come into being? What does all of this mean?"

Join in **Tuesday, March 22 and Thursday, March 24 from 7:00 to 8:15 PM**, as we explore these questions through the lenses of history and religious history. Our presenter, Anita Ellis, has taught history at Gateway Community College as an adjunct since 2004. She is a member of the Association for the Study of Connecticut History and a graduate of the Archdiocesan Catholic Biblical School. Anita has been a parishioner since 1992. [CLICK HERE to register](#) for this in-person 2-part program.

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 time?

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

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.

People of Hope: Wednesdays from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm. Facilitator: Pat Curtis. Please [CLICK HERE to register](#) for Zoom link.

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.

Lectio Divina: Thursday, March 17 at 12:30 PM in-person in the Franciscan Center. Facilitator: Sheila Denion.

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.



The Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents



The Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents supports parents whose spiritual journey includes the death of a child. We now have 2 meetings per month: In-person on the 3rd Sunday at 3:15 PM and on the 3rd

Wednesday of each month via Zoom starting at 7:00 PM. **Our next meetings are Wednesday, March 16th at 7:00 PM via Zoom and Sunday, March 20 at 3:15 PM, in person.** Please contact Karen directly by email at kdb518@aol.com. You are not on this journey alone.

Open Hearts Ministry

Open Hearts LGBTQ+ Ministry Meeting: Our next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, March 13, 2022 following the 5:00 PM Mass.



The Family & Friends LGBTQ+ Support Ministry: The next meeting is Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at 6:30 PM. For more information contact Rich Broggini at richardbroggini@gmail.com or Tim Curran at timothy.curran@trincoll.edu.

Prayer Shawl Ministry



The next Prayer Shawl Ministry meeting is on Monday, March 14 at 7:00 PM at the Franciscan Center and via Zoom. Please call Pat at 860-756-4034 for the Zoom link.

A Novel Idea Book Club

A Novel Idea Book Club's book selection for March is *The Age of Miracles* by Karen Thompson Walker.

Consider joining the discussion on March 17, 2022 from 6:00 to 7:30 PM via Zoom. For more information and a list of upcoming books, please [CLICK HERE](#), contact the office at 860-756-4034 or email info@spsact.org.



We invite you to join us in these upcoming Synod opportunities



This Synod moment in our Church is *quite significant and extraordinary*.

WE have been invited by Pope Francis to participate in this global initiative for dialogue and dreaming!

Our faith community will provide opportunities for each of us to give input into the Pope's Synod. We are asked to share about our personal journeys with the Church. **Perhaps this is the first time anyone has ever invited you to do this – please don't miss out on this opportunity!**

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.

What better place for reflection then on this bench



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.](#)

March Community Sunday

Celebrating St. Patrick's Day and St. Joseph's Day

Join us on March 20, 2022 following the 10:00 am Mass to celebrate the Feast Days of both St. Patrick and St. Joseph.



We are looking for bakers to provide Irish and/or Italian themed goodies. [CLICK HERE for St. Patrick's Day](#) Themed recipes; [CLICK HERE for St. Joseph's Day](#) Themed recipes; OR, bring your own favorite.

Sister Parish: Poetic Reflections

The February 6, 2022 bulletin shared an excerpt from Francis Rago's reflection of his 2014 trip to St. Genevieve. In addition to his thoughts, he created three poems about his experience. Last Sunday the first poem was in the bulletin. His second poem is below:

Bon swa (good afternoon), good people of St. Genevieve

I extended my hand;
you offered your cheeks for me to kiss,
and warmly did your kind eyes smile.
You prepared your simple food
and presented it with care.
You welcomed me to your council meeting,
hugged me your Sign of Peace at Mass.

You fill your irons every day
with clumps of charcoal made red hot
to send your children off to school
with uniforms always sharply pressed.
Their bright little faces can melt a heart.
They smile and play and eagerly learn.
They are like children everywhere.

Not likely will you own a car.
A toaster doesn't brown your bread.
But should we measure spiritual wealth,
yours are the souls that are truly rich.
I bask in your shared humanity,
am humbled by your faith.
In hopes and dreams,
you are like people everywhere.
We are the same.
We are one.

- Francis Rago

Please Pray for the Sick

Paula Molitor, 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.



New Clare Gallery Exhibit: *Beyond the Subject*, works by Fr. Michael Reyes, O.F.M.



Fr. Michael Reyes O.F.M. is a Franciscan Friar from Holy Name Province. Large-scale paintings grace the Clare Gallery with highly textured surfaces combining varied elements such as oil paint, paper, and metal leaves.

Brush strokes are aggressively applied, which enables color to dance across the canvas. Textured edges create reflections and shadows playing with two- and three-dimensionality.

This exhibition runs until May 23, 2022 with Fr. Michael 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.

Donations for Ukraine

Our sisters, brother and their children are facing hunger, homelessness and evacuation because of the events



that are currently happening in Ukraine. **The Franciscan Friars are staying to help and be with the people they serve.** Through the Franciscan Relief Fund, we will send funds to the Friars to help those who are in need of food, clothing and medicine. Please click on the Donate Now button above or go to www.franciscanrelief-fund.org give generously to help us help them.

Catholic Relief Services Collection

Our second collection the weekend of March 26/27 will be for the Catholic Relief Services. Look for more information in the March 20th Bulletin.

Gifts & Offerings

February 28 - March 6, 2022

Online Ash Wednesday Collection: \$110.00
Collection: \$16,997.00
Online: \$11,325.23
Total: \$28,432.23

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

In Loving Memory

Marilyn McGuire



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, March 12, 2022

4:00 PM James Fahey

Sunday, March 13, 2022

8:00 AM Salvatore A. Candiloro

10:00 AM Joseph Patoka

11:45 AM Eli Richard Taylor & Barbara Donnelly

5:00 pm Robert D. Eckert

Monday, March 14, 2022

7:30 AM Mr. & Mrs Barnett

12:05 PM Rev. Dr. Michael L. Puskas (Deacon)

Tuesday, March 15, 2022

7:30 AM

12:05 PM Claire Eppolito

Wednesday, March 16, 2022

7:30 AM

12:05 PM James Dowd

Thursday, March 17, 2022

7:30 AM

12:05 PM John V. McManmon, Jr

Friday, March 18, 2022

7:30 AM Clotilde Firmina & Jose Batista Pereira

12:05 PM Travis Rice

Saturday, March 19, 2022

4:00 PM Wayne Urbanski

Sunday, March 20, 2022

8:00 AM William, Angie & JoAnn Speziale

10:00 AM Frank Perrone

11:45 AM Dora & Harold Adams

5:00 pm Sen. Biagio "Billy" Ciotto, 1st Anniversary

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Masses and Sanctuary Lamps may be scheduled for loved ones, living or deceased. Contact the parish office to schedule.

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