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St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 6, 2022



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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 7: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday, March 8: Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday, March 9: Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32

Thursday, March 10: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12

Friday, March 11: Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26

Sunday March 13: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14; Phil 3:17-4:1; Lk 9:28b-36

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 6, 2022

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

What a wonderful celebration of Mardi Gras we had last Sunday! The music, food and *people* combined to create a joyous atmosphere as we finally were able to come together to enjoy one another's company – something we've been dearly missing for a long, long time! I hope that we will be able to continue to have Community Sunday on a monthly basis, as long as the COVID numbers continue to go down and we can get together without having to wear masks or keep our distance.

I am sure that the dire situation in Ukraine is very much on your mind, as it is on mine. We must pray for the Ukrainian people, especially the children, who are in harm's way; we must pray for those who are defending their homeland with courage and fortitude; and we must also pray for the people and leaders of Russia, that peace and reconciliation will prevail. I invite you to join us in church on Tuesday, March 8th at 6:00 PM for a special Vespers service to pray for peace in Ukraine. In the meantime, as a community and as individuals, let us pray:

*God of love and mercy,
we pray for the nation of Ukraine,
its leaders and people.
We pray that you would make your presence
known to them at this time of strife.
We pray for their protection and for an end
to Russian aggression.
We pray for the innocent, the frightened,
the dispossessed, and those who have lost
loved ones, homes and family.
We pray that you would bless the endeavors
of those who work for peace
and an end to this conflict.
Have mercy, we pray, on Ukraine.
May your peace rule in the hearts and minds of all.
Continue to stir up the leaders of the world
to work together for the good of all.
We pray this in the name of Jesus,
the Prince of Peace. Amen.*



As we make our way through the season of Lent, a time of self-reflection and examination, let us take the story of the temptations of Jesus in the desert and apply it to our own lives. How have I been tempted to use others for my own selfish purposes, or how have I failed to respect their rights and human dignity? How have I been tempted to push others aside in favor of my own interests? There are many ways in which we fail to love others, but the Lord, who faced temptation himself, is never far from us in our own struggle to be better persons. May we use the grace of this holy season to renew our love for God and for one another.

Blessings on your week ahead!

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



The 2022 Archbishop's Annual Appeal is now underway in our parish. Our goal is to engage our entire parish family in this year's Appeal and to pray for the success of the Appeal, both here in our parish and across the three counties of the Archdiocese.

We hope you can help us meet our parish goal of \$115,000. If you would like to make a gift, please mail in your pledge card. You may also visit the Archdiocesan website at www.archdioceseofhartford.org or call the Appeal Office at 800-781-2550. Keep in mind that an early pledge will allow you to best use the monthly payment plan.

If you go to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal Website, <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 4, 11, 18, 25 & April 1, 8 following the 12:05 Mass in the church.

Praying the Rosary on Wednesdays, March 9, 16, 23, 30 & April 6, 13 at 7:00 PM in the Franciscan Center.

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

Composed nearly two thousand years ago, 1 Corinthians stands as a monument to St.



Paul's theological, pastoral and rhetorical gifts, and its message is as relevant today as it was in 55 A.D. 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 7, 14, 21, 28 and April 4 & 11, from 7:00 – 8:00 PM. Please [CLICK HERE to register](#) and the Zoom link will be set to you.

Moving from Lament to Hope in a Changing World

*How can I deal with the world as it is now?
How have relationships in my life suffered as a result of the unspoken issues and losses experienced during the pandemic?
How can I feel hopeful about the future?*



Please join with others in our community on **Thursdays, March 10 on Zoom and in person on March 31 and April 7 from 7:00 to 8:15 PM** as we consider broken relationships, and find ways to move forward with hope to heal them through prayer, music and sharing our stories.

[CLICK HERE to register](#) and the Zoom link will be sent to you. Sponsored by the Women of Hope Ministry. Free Will Offering.

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.

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 parish of St. Patrick-St. Anthony has a wonderful and unique opportunity to join with our Catholic brothers and sisters throughout the world to take part in the upcoming Synod on Synodality in Rome in 2023.

It is particularly appropriate for us as a Franciscan parish to do so because St. Francis of Assisi was one of the great reformers of the Church in his day. Through his embrace of poverty and humility, Francis showed how the love of God could be manifested in Italy in the Middle Ages. Today in the 21st Century, under another Francis, we are not only witnessing his call to renewal and reform – we are being invited to be part of it!" *Fr. Tim Shreenan*

Pope Francis wants to hear from YOU!

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!*

All of this will be wrapped in *prayer* because what we are embarking on *together* is a discernment of where the Holy Spirit is moving in our personal lives, in the life of our faith community, and in our global church. Perhaps this sounds a bit overwhelming. However, what we have **tapped** into is the **possibility of this moment** -- the chance to express struggles and challenges, hopes and desires -- for a better Church moving forward. The goal is listening for where the Holy Spirit is calling the Church.

Please select one of the following gatherings in which to participate:

- **Sunday, March 27: Two sessions after 10:00 Mass.**
- **Mercy by the Sea - Day of Reflection on Saturday, April 9, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.**
- **Parish Forums: Wednesday, April 27, 7:00 PM online, or April 28, 7:00 PM in-person at the Franciscan Center.**
- **Write-In opportunity: April 19-30**

ALL input gathered and stories shared during these opportunities will be handled with care, collated in a sacred way, and shared anonymously by our Parish Synod Committee with the Vatican collection portal. For program links and more info, [CLICK HERE](#). *For detailed information, please contact Pat Curtis, pcurtis@spsact.org.*

Snack Pack Drop off, Sunday March 6, 2022

Drop off individually wrapped snacks such as granola bars, packs of nuts, chips, cookies, juice boxes or small water bottles from 8:30 to 11:15 AM on Sunday, March 6, 2022.

Thank you for your generosity!



Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade Mass



2022 is the 50th Anniversary of the Greater Hartford St Patrick's Day Parade. It's been 3 years since Hartford's last St Patrick's Day Parade and Parade Mass. All are warmly welcome to join the **Central CT Celtic Cultural Committee**, as we gather in gratitude and celebration, for this very special Parade Mass at 7:00 pm on March 11, 2022 at St. Patrick - St. Anthony Church.

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 Broggin at richardbroggin@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.

St. Patrick-St. Anthony Parishioners are most welcome to join in Adult Education programs offered at St. Francis of Assisi Church, New York. Click on the following link to read about the programs and how to register: www.stfrancisnyc.org/courses/

Sister Parish: A Poetic Reflection

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. Here is the first:

Bon nuit (good night), working woman

A basket of mangoes atop your head,
you wedge between peddlers of tee-shirts and carvings,
and hundreds of would-be workers milling around,
securing your spot on the rubble-lined street,
beginning a day like all the others,
hoping to lock eyes with each passerby.
But nobody's looking and nobody's buying.

Noontime finds you staring again
at that same crack-covered wall,
while the river of vehicles courses by –
motorbikes weaving with three sometimes four
unhelmeted, speeding tempters of fate,
pick-up truck taxis hauling sixteen or more,
sardined onto bench seats designed for eight.

Seven p.m. You size up your stock:
Two mangoes sold – not nearly enough
to feed skinny children alone at your shack.
What are you thinking as you get up to leave,
and spy the mansions on the mountains beyond?

Francis Rago

Liturgical 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.

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 Clair 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.

Gifts & Offerings

February 21 - 27, 2022

Collection: \$10,590.00

Online: \$7,986.23

Total: \$18,576.23

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.



Thanks to your generosity, The Little Sisters of the Poor raised \$4,474.76 during their visit with us last weekend.

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.



In Loving Memory

Vincent Joseph McHugh, Jr



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, March 5, 2022

4:00 PM Wayne Urbanski

Sunday, March 6, 2022

8:00 AM Edward Drydol

10:00 AM Rose & Angelo Perrone

11:45 AM Nicola Panaro

5:00 PM Matthew O'Dowd

Monday, March 7, 2022

7:30 AM Jose dos Santos

12:05 PM Joseph Kelliher

Tuesday, March 8, 2022

7:30 AM

12:05 PM Don, friend of Carol Labriola

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

7:30 AM

12:05 PM Tyler Jeffrey Graham

Thursday, March 10, 2022

7:30 AM

12:05 PM

Friday, March 11, 2022

7:30 AM

12:05 PM Terrye & Richard Blackstone

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

5:00 pm Matthew O'Dowd

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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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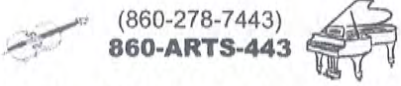


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