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MAY 8, 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

Parish Office Hours

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

Sunday from 9:00 to 11:00 AM

Weekly Bulletin Deadline

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

Daily Mass Readings

Monday, May 9: Acts 11:1-18, Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday, May 10: Act 11:19-26, Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday, May 11: Acts 12:24-13-5a, Jn 12:44-50

Thursday, May 12: Acts 13:13-25, Jn 13:16-20

Friday, May 13: Acts 13:26-33, Jn 14:1-6

Sunday, May 14: Acts 14:21-27, Rev 21:1-5a, PS 145:
8-9, 10-11, 12-13, Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

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

Watch Online:



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The Pastor's Corner

May 8, 2022

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

I have been reading a fascinating book titled *Stealing the Mystic Lamb* by Noah Charney which tells the story of one of the world's greatest works of art, "The Adoration of the Mystic Lamb" by Jan van Eyck, completed in 1432 for St. Bavo Cathedral in Ghent, Belgium. It is a very large work, probably 10 feet tall and 12 feet wide, and is currently housed in a special exhibition room in St. Bavo where I was able to view it on a trip to Brussels a number of years ago. The altarpiece has had a very checkered history, having been stolen and returned a number of times. It was also one of the artworks featured in the book and film, "The Monuments Men."

What makes this piece so spectacular and memorable is the incredible amount of detail van Eyck was able to accomplish. Each tiny gem and pearl on the crown at the feet of God the Father reflects sunlight. You can pick out single strands of hair on the Blessed Mother. Individual faces are easily discernible among the Apostles, Martyrs, Prophets, and Saints who gather around the Lamb.

There is so much that can be said about this unique work of art, and a lot of information can be found on the internet along with detailed photos of the various sections of the altarpiece, including the back side which van Eyck filled with equally stunning paintings of the Annunciation, Saints John the Evangelist and John the Baptist, as well as the donors of the altarpiece.

Apart from its artistic and aesthetic qualities, the Ghent Altarpiece is rich in theological and biblical themes. The focal point of the work is found in the lower central panel which depicts the title of the overall work. There we see the Lamb of God standing on



an altar as a chalice captures blood flowing from the lamb's body. Angels surround the altar with censers and symbols of the Passion of Christ. A bit lower we see an octagonal-shaped fountain filled with clear water, from which spigots allow the water to flow



out from four sides, reminiscent of the four rivers which flowed from the Garden of Eden. The entire scene reflects what we hear in today's second reading from the Book of Revelation: For the Lamb who is in the center of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to springs of life-giving water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes (Rev. 7:17).

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is traditionally called "Good Shepherd Sunday" because the Gospel always comes from the 10th chapter of the Gospel of John; and in the 'C' cycle, the Second Readings throughout the Easter season come from the Book of Revelation. These are splendid passages which focus on the mystery of Jesus as the Lamb that was slain for our salvation and who now lives forever. The Lamb is worshiped by a great multitude in the holy city of Jerusalem. Look for these images to unfold over the next several Sundays – truly awesome in their beauty and majesty.

The Second Vatican Council's Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy reminds us that "the liturgy is the summit toward which the activity of the Church is directed; at the same time it is the fount from which all the Church's power flows" (#10). For us as Catholics, the worship of God ought to be our first and most important activity. I know that many Catholics make their participation in the Mass a high priority even on a daily basis.

I hope that you will always feel welcome to the celebration of the Mass, the source and summit of our lives, eager to enter once again into the mystery of God's abiding presence and God's divine transcendence. Perhaps you will see yourself among that throng depicted in the Ghent Altarpiece, or even better, the great multitude in the Book of Revelation, "which no one can count, from every nation, race, people, and tongue, who stand before the throne and before the Lamb" slain for our salvation.

Blessings on your week ahead!

Fr. Tim Shreenan, OFM

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Pastor

The Beloved Community in 2022:

How can we continue to build the Beloved Community in 2022? We welcome back Deacon Art Miller as our Homilist at all Masses on the weekend of May 21-22 and as our guest presenter for three consecutive evenings on May 23, 24 and 25 at 7:00 PM in the church. [CLICK HERE](#) to register for this in-person series. **Please join in and bring a friend** as we gather for inspiration and engage with some challenging questions together. We will explore how to open our hearts a bit wider as we accompany and encourage each other to develop our beloved community along the path to social justice.

Deacon Art Miller serves at St. Mary's Church in Simsbury, CT. Author, radio host, revivalist and retired businessman, Deacon Art is the former director of the Office for Black Catholic Ministries for the Archdiocese of Hartford. In addition to his assigned parishes, he is also the Catholic chaplain at Hartford's Capital Community College. For detailed information about Deacon Art, please go to www.stmarysimsbury.org/people/deacon-art-miller.



"Our goal is to create a beloved community and this will require a qualitative change in our souls as well as a quantitative change in our lives."
~ Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Ongoing Adult Faith Programs:



Group Spiritual Reflection: Join us either in-person or via Zoom every Tuesday at 12:35 PM. Please [CLICK HERE to register](#). Co-Facilitators: Trudi Campbell and Pamela Morrison-Wolf.

The Zoom link for the following programs 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.

People of Hope: Every Wednesday; 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM, Presenter: Pat Curtis.

Open Hearts LGBTQ+ Ministry



Our ministry provides educational opportunities to build and develop greater visibility and understanding of the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) experiences within our church community and develop faith-building outreach programming to the diverse spectrum of the LGBTQ+ community. Our next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, May 8, 2022 following the 5:00 PM Mass in the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry. Please [email info@spsact.org](mailto:info@spsact.org) for more information.

Friends and Family of LGBTQ+ Support Ministry



This ministry is composed of members of the church who love their LGBTQ+ family members unconditionally and supports the LGBTQ+ community. This group holds regular meetings, provides ongoing educational programs and offers continued spiritual development. Our next meeting is Sunday, May 15, 2022 at 3:00 PM in the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry. For more information contact Rich Broggini at richardbroggini@gmail.com or Tim Curran at timothy.curran@trincoll.edu.

Submit Your Synod Input:



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! 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 this opportunity!

Pope Francis wants to hear from YOU!

Do you have input to give? Please EMAIL US! Here's another way for you to share your views and experiences. Through May 22, you can email Lynn Discenza at lynndiscenza@gmail.com and share your answer to the questions,

"What have been the joys and obstacles in your journeying with the Church?"

"How might the Holy Spirit be prompting you, and all of us as Church, to improve the ways we are able to journey together?"

Prayer Shawl Ministry



The Prayer Shawl Ministry at St. Patrick-St. Anthony Parish serves the parish family and the larger community by making and giving shawls as a gesture of love in times of sorrow and fear, as well as in times of joy. Shawls are given and received as a symbol of God's all-encompassing love. Members of this ministry knit or crochet prayer shawls and attend monthly meetings. The members of this ministry support each other by their common prayer and sharing of ideas.

Our monthly meetings take place in-person at the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry on the second Monday from 7:00 - 8:00 PM and the last Thursday from 10:30 to 12:00 NOON.

Come join us on **Monday, May 9, 2022 at 7:00 PM** for enjoyable storytelling and ministry knitted together! All are welcome!

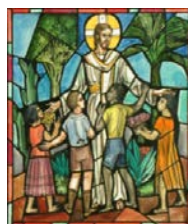
For more information, contact Janet Bristow at janetbristow@sbcbglobal.net or you may also call the parish office at 860-756-4034, x.113 and leave your contact information. Pat Curtis will get back to you with information.



Tickets Still Available

Tickets for our SPSA Community Day at the Yard Goats Game on June 19th are available by contacting Pat Curtis at pcurtis@spsact.org. The ticket price is \$14.

Register For Religious Education



The Religious Education team at St Patrick-St Anthony Church is excited to think about the possibilities for the 2022/2023 year. We look forward to helping each of you as you choose to have your child participate in religious education. We are a parish

that offers lots of options and we want to work with each of you to find what is best for your child and family. Email Deb Pelletier at dpelletier@spsact.org with any questions.

Click / Scan the QR Code to Register.



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 meeting is Sunday, May 15, 2022 at 3:15 PM.** Please contact Karen directly via [email](mailto:karen@emmaus.org). You are not on this journey alone.



Walk Against Hunger May 21, 2022

Please visit us at our event table across from the Church and kindly make your donation for the WALK.

Join our team or donate to help us reach our goal to support the House of Bread! [CLICK HERE to check out our team website.](https://www.houseofbread.org)

A Novel Idea Book Club

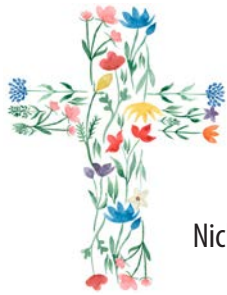
A Novel Idea Book Club's book selection for March is *The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett, winner of Best Historical Fiction in the 2020 Goodreads Choice Award.



Consider joining the discussion on May 19, 2022 from 6:00 to 7:30 PM via Zoom. For more information and a list of upcoming books, please [CLICK HERE](https://www.spsact.org), contact the office at 860-756-4034 or email info@spsact.org.



and our Yard Goats Gardens Team is preparing to work in our gardens. We are looking for a few new people to join our team!! Please contact Trudi Campbell either via [email](mailto:trudi@yardgoats.org) or phone.



Holy Baptism

C. Scout

child of

Nicholas Calitri and Catherine McGuire Kelly

Please Pray for the Sick



Paula Molitor, Joseph Shertick, Vincent Marella, Greg Reed, Alex Ayers, Kathryn Eagers, Tommie Henry, Cecy Mickey, Jim Howard, Syl Ciraulo, Mary Ertel, Mary Joyce Castafero and Susan Degennaro.

Sanctuary Lamps

Week of May 8, 2022

In loving memory of
Ken Boone by Michael &
Doris Boone

In loving memory of
Anthony Pizzoferrato, Jr
by Anne Cronin

In Loving Memory

Eileen Ragnoni
Virginia Pazarena
Robert William Scully
Irmgard Langevin
Henry Lewis Daignault

Gifts & Offerings

April 25 - May 1, 2022

Weekly Collection: \$15,553.00

Online Giving: \$10,467.23

TOTAL OFFERING: \$26,020.23

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— 2 Corinthians 9:11

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2022 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Archbishop's Annual Appeal Update

Our Goal:	\$115,000.00
Families Participating:	189
Pledge Amount:	\$61,005.00
Average Pledge:	\$322.78
Percent of Goal:	53.04%

Thank you for your generosity. 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 <http://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/>. No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements.



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**HOW TO REPORT AN INCIDENT OF SEXUAL ABUSE
TO THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD**

If you have knowledge or suspect that a minor or vulnerable adult (an adult with an intellectual disability) has been sexually abused, in any manner, by personnel of the Archdiocese of Hartford, you are urged to report this information to:

Kathleen D. Nowosadko

Victim Assistance Coordinator

860-541-6475

kathleen.nowosadko@aohct.org

In addition, you will be asked to follow up in writing with a detailed description of the facts involved in the incident. Specifics of this written report can be found in the Policies and Procedures of the Archdiocese of Hartford Relating to Allegations of Sexual Misconduct Involving Minors and Vulnerable Adults. This document is also available online at www.archdioceseofhartford.org. The Archdiocese of Hartford will report any and all incidents to the proper civil authorities.

Mandated reporters in the State of Connecticut are required by law to report any incident of sexual abuse involving a minor or vulnerable adult. We encourage any Non-Mandated persons to report such incidents to the proper authorities as well. We support your right to do so.

Incidents involving sexual abuse of minors (persons under the age of 18) should be reported to:

State Department of Children and Families Care-line

1-800-842-2288

Incidents involving sexual abuse of vulnerable adults aged 18 – 59 should be reported to the:

Connecticut Department of Developmental Services – AID Division for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities

1-844-878-8923

Incidents involving sexual abuse of vulnerable adults aged 60 and over should be reported to:

Department of Social Services for the Elderly

1-888-385-4225

Once a written report of an incident of sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult has been received, an investigation will be undertaken by, or on behalf of, the Archdiocese of Hartford.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, May 7, 2022

4:00 PM Concetta Romano, 17th Anniversary

Sunday, May 8, 2022

8:00 AM Michael Fusco, Jr.

10:00 AM Carmela & Guido Coletto

11:45 AM Louise MacDonnell

5:00 PM Monserrate Jimenez, Florencia Rosal
& Encarnacion Nieves

Monday, May 9, 2022

7:30 AM

12:05 PM Tommy Lubriola

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

7:30 AM

12:05 PM Al Specht

Wednesday, May 11, 2022

7:30 AM Olidy S. de Orozco

12:05 PM Rita Reilly

Thursday, May 12, 2022

7:30 AM Pro Polulo (For the People)

12:05 PM Elizabeth Nolan

Friday, May 13, 2022

7:30 AM Fr. Antonio Saraiva

12:05 PM Norbeto Rivera

Saturday, May 14, 2022

4:00m PM Diamantino Marques & Maria Brito

Sunday, May 15, 2022

8:00 AM William, Angie & Joann Speziale

10:00 AM Mastronardi Family

11:45 AM In thanksgiving to St. Boniface

5:00 PM Gregory L. DiCioccio

St. Patrick - St. Anthony Staff

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Reporting Sexual Abuse:

The Franciscan Friars of Holy Name Province: The Friars are committed to listening – attentively, respectfully and compassionately – to anyone who reports sexual abuse and misconduct against a friar. To bring a complaint, please call our Victim Assistance Coordinator, Angelica Jochim, MFT, at 1-800-770-8013 or email her at angelica.jochim@gmail.com, marked "Personal and Confidential."

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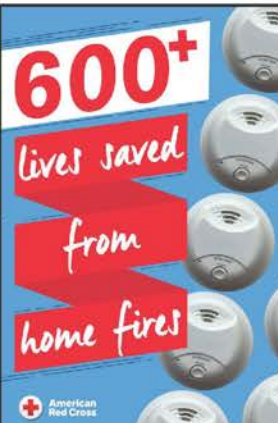
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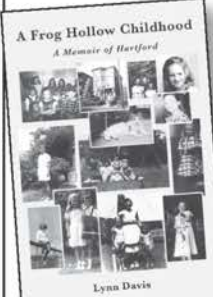


World Peace

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

Once a child's fun included an interaction with its environment. Davis writes of a time before technology and computers took over. She recreates a nostalgic reminiscence of the 1940s and 1950s for those who lived in them and introduces the times to those who didn't.

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