



# 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

9:00 AM Outdoor Masses: August 7 & September 4

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 - Saturday:** 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM **Sunday:** 9:00 to 11:00 AM

## **Weekly Bulletin Deadline**

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

**On the cover:** A detail from "The Last Judgment" by Fra Angelico, painted between 1425 and 1431 for the Camaldolese Order. This portion of the painting shows a crowd of popes, cardinals, bishops, members of religious orders and laity gazing toward Christ on his throne of judgment.



Monday, Aug 15: RV 11:19A; 12:1-6A, 10AB; PS 45:10,

11, 12, 16; 1 COR 15:20-27; LK 1:39-56

Tuesday, Aug 16:EZ 28:1-10; MT 19:23-30Wednesday, Aug 17:EZ 34:1-11; MT 20:1-16Thursday, Aug 18:EZ 36:23-28; MT 22:1-14Friday, Aug 19:EZ 37:1-14; MT 22:34-40

**Sunday, Aug 21:** Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1, 2; Heb 12:5-7,

11-13; Lk 13:22-30

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

## Watch Online:



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## The Paston's Corner

August 14, 2022

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Of all the letters I've written here over the past few years, the one that has received the most comments was the letter I wrote a few weeks ago about my mother and her fastidious preparation for guests, especially the photo of her having a cigarette break before serving her Christmas dinner in 1962. I mentioned to a few people that I should have Photoshopped a high ball glass into her hand! I mention this because August 14 is the 20th anniversary of her death. Both she and my father died within two months of each other in the summer of 2002; so I'm sure Joe and Eleanor Shreenan would appreciate a few prayers for their eternal rest.

August 14 also happens to be the Memorial of St. Maximilian Kolbe, a Conventual Franciscan Friar who died in the Nazi concentration camp at Auschwitz in Poland in 1941. The story of his brave martyrdom is worth reading. After a prisoner had escaped that awful death camp, the commandant announced that ten prisoners would be randomly selected to die. When one of the selected men, Franciszek Gajowniszcek, cried out, "My wife! My children!" Kolbe volunteered to take his place. According to an eyewitness, who was an assistant janitor at that time, in his prison cell Kolbe led the prisoners in prayer. Each time the guards checked on him, he was standing or kneeling in the middle of the cell and looking calmly at those who entered. After they had been starved and deprived of water for two weeks, only Kolbe remained alive. The guards wanted the bunker emptied, so they gave Kolbe a lethal injection of carbolic acid. Kolbe is said to have raised his left arm and calmly waited for the deadly injection. He died on August 14, and his remains were cremated the next day, August 15, the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary.

Fr. Kolbe was beatified in 1971; he was canonized by his fellow Pole, Pope John Paul II, in 1982. Franciszek Gajowniczek, the man Kolbe saved at Auschwitz, survived the Holocaust and was present at both the beatification and the canonization ceremonies. For me, St. Maximilian's death is not unlike Jesus' words in today's Gospel: "There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished!" We are reminded again and again how deep the cost of discipleship can be, even in our present day. Many Christians continue to suffer persecution and even death for their faith in Jesus, and they are models to all of us for their bravery and perseverance in the face of hatred and religious intolerance.

On a much happier note, earlier this week we welcomed Fr. Dominique Regis, until recently the Pastor of our Sister Parish of Sainte Geneviève in



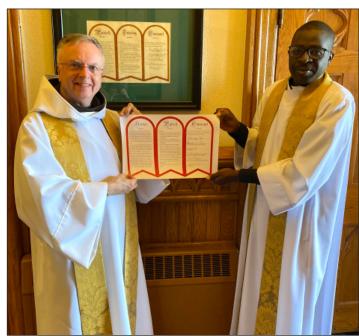
Zoranje, Haiti for a brief visit to St. Patrick-St. Anthony. Fr. Dominique is assisting in a parish in Queens, NY for a month before he returns to Haiti this week to take up a new assignment as the Principal of a Catholic school in Port-au-Prince. Together with Fr. John and myself, he concelebrated the 12:05 Mass on Monday, August 8 — coincidentally the feast day of St. Dominic! Near the end of Mass, Fr. Dominique spoke briefly to thank the parishioners of St. Patrick-St. Anthony for your faithful support of the Covenant between our two parishes and for your ongoing financial assistance to the students, families and teachers of the Zoranje parish.

Members of our Sister Parish Committee attended the Mass and a lunch in the Franciscan Center afterwards. I am grateful to Frances D'Amico, Stacie Mawson and Michael Boone for driving Fr. Dominique to and from Queens and Hartford. It was a memorable few days, and I know that he was delighted to be able to meet and chat with our parishioners who serve on the Sister Parish Committee.

Blessings on your week ahead!

Fr. Tim Shreenan, ofm Fr. Tim Shreenan, O.F.M.

**Pastor** 



Fr. Tim and Fr. Dominique display the new Sister Parish Covenant.

# Faith Formation and Ministries Returning This Fall:

The return of Adult Faith Programs, including Group Spiritual Reflection, People of Hope and Lectio Divina.

**Open Hearts Ministry 2022-2023** 

Friends and Family Support Ministry 2022-2023

**Prayer Shawl Ministry** 

**Emmaus Ministry** 

Look for more information in upcoming bulletins and parish-wide emails.

## Clare Gallery's new exhibit "Saints Alive"



Clare Gallery opens its fall schedule with the exhibition, *Saints Alive*, work by Franciscan Friar, Fr. John Quigley, O.F.M. In the work, an artistic lens is placed on the stories of saints and the medium of printmaking—specifically woodcuts. Fr.

John wants the saints to be depicted in contemporary light, hoping his audience makes connections with the saints and their stories. The exhibition runs from **September 2**, **2022 to October 7**, **2022**, with a virtual artist talk on **Thursday**, **October 6**, **2022 from 7:00 to 8:00** PM **on Zoom**. <u>CLICK Here</u> to register for the artist talk and to receive the Zoom link.

Woodblock printing can be technically challenging. Artists must understand how to define their subject matter with essential shapes, texture and high contrast. Additionally, the work must be produced in reverse to print successfully. Fr. John's images are powerful impressions, bold and strong in their visual presence. This commitment to woodblock printing only strengthens the dynamism of his concepts.

### **Ladies Guild News**

The Ladies Guild, founded in 1938, takes the Blessed Virgin Mary as their model of Christian discipleship. <u>CLICK Here</u> for more information and to access forms:

- Ladies Guild Membership Drive
- Annual Rev. Dawson D. Trenchard Scholarship Award

### **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 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 <u>Deb Pelletier</u> with any questions. Click / Scan the QR Code to register.



### The "All Are Welcome Choir" is Back!!!



The Music Ministry at St. Patrick-St.
Anthony extends an invitation to all
who love to sing - youth, women and
men - to join our "ALL ARE WELCOME"
Choir. Attend the one-and-only rehearsal

which will take place at 9:00 AM just before the 10:00 AM Mass on August 21, 2022. There is no need to sign up in advance, but if you would like further information, or have questions, please contact our Director of Music Ministry Gabriel Löfvall at glofvall@spsact.org or 860-756-4034 (extension 164).

## **Quiet Prayer:**

Join us every Wednesday morning from 7:30 - 8:00 AM to start your day with Quiet Prayer. You can find the Zoom link in Monday's email.



Additional volunteers are urgently needed to serve on teams providing hot meals at The House of Bread. We also welcome volunteers to serve as occasional substitutes (schedule varies). Please contact Allison Holst-Grubbe at <a href="mailto:aholstgrubbe@spsact.org">aholstgrubbe@spsact.org</a> for more information.

The Jubilee House is looking for volunteers to help adult learners improve their language skills. All that is needed is a desire to help. For more information, call Michele at 860-247-3030 x108 or email at mprizio@hobread.org.



The Sister Parish Ministry would like to share more about the students, teachers and staff at St. Geneviéve School, as well as information about education in Haiti. We feel that sharing this data is an important component of our covenant relationship. It permits us to better understand the powerful impact of the support that we at SPSA are privileged to provide. It also allows us to thoughtfully reflect on how we can continue to respond as a Sister Parish to St. Geneviéve.

A Sister Parish member has researched Haitian schools and teachers. While noting that statistics are very difficult to find, Pat S. has been able to uncover some valuable insights.

In Haiti, even though a free public education is proscribed by the government, a lack of funding severely impacts this goal.

- *School is compulsory until the 9 th grade, per the education ministry.*
- Only about 8% of schools are public, with free tuition, due to lack of government funds. 92% are private; requiring paid tuition or international support.
- It is estimated that only 50% of eligible elementary-age children attend school.
- 60% of children drop out of school before 6 th grade because higher education does not guarantee a higher paying job.
- Public elementary school teachers are supposed to be paid \$287per month, for those with 2 to 5 years of experience. Secondary school teachers with this experience are supposed to be paid \$342 per month.
- Salaries of teachers in rural areas earn, between \$50 and \$100 per month.
- Most Haitian teachers supplement their salaries with a second job, most often in agriculture.

At St. Genevieve School, there are 14 teachers and 5 support staff. Additional grade levels have been added since our covenant began, and now there are 413 students in grades K to 9. St. Genevieve's goal is to continue grade-level expansion, so that children do not have to travel outside the village or pay tuition to go on to the higher grade-levels. The school and our Sister Parish are in Zoranje, a rural town in Haiti. Most of students pass the mandatory national examination required after 9 th grade.



The average salary of the teachers is \$94. per month. Several of the teachers, encouraged by our Sister Parish relationship, are advancing their own education by attending high school and college. There have not been any recent wage increases. "Our" teachers have remained faithful to their education mission, even with stagnant salaries. "Our" students are performing well. St. Genevieve and St. Patrick - St. Anthony parishioners and clergy continue to demonstrate an incredible support of education through the school grade-level expansion and commitment to financial support.

There is still time to make a difference; a gift in any amount will have an impact. Please visit our Giving Tree this weekend and take home a tag. You can also contribute online by using the QR Code. Or you can mail a check to St. Patrick — St. Anthony Church with "Christmas in July" in the memo. Send to 285 Church Street, Hartford, CT 06103.

## From your Synod Team,

For a synodal Church

Thank you to all parishioners who participated in Pope Francis' Synod by attending our parish in-person and virtual Listening Sessions or submitting written input by mail or email. We are so grateful for your honest, affirming, and challenging answers to our focus questions.

You entrusted us with your stories...your truths. You shared joys about the Church that are life-giving. You courageously shared obstacles which included a deep personal sense of pain and sadness. And, you were thoughtfully reflective on ways that would improve our journeying together as the People of God. All this was heard and held with care and a sacred trust. We submitted our parish Synod Summary to the Vatican. CLICK Here to read a copy of the Summary.

We envision this Summary as a 'living' document and that our synodal journey as a parish will continue. Our Team will be collaborating with parish staff, ministry coordinators, and all of you to begin to embody and bring life to some of the improvements expressed in our Summary. For those of you who were unable to participate in this first phase of our Synod process, we look forward to your future involvement. Please look for opportunities this Fall to engage more fully with our Synod experience. We are prayerful and hopeful about the future and we invite you into this ongoing journey.



Saturday, August 13, 2022

#### **William Gabriel**

child of Matthew and Emily Berardino

## Blessings and Congratulations

Married
August 13, 2022
Joseph Miller and Santana Mowbray

Please Pray for the Sick

Paula Molitar, 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.

### Celebrate the Life of Fr. John Ullrich, O.F.M.

Fr. John Ullrich, O.F.M. will be remembered at the 5:00 PM Mass on Sunday, August 14, 2022. A gathering following the Mass will be held in the Friary Meeting Room on the lower level of the Franciscan Center. August 13 marks the first anniversary of Fr. John's death in 2021.



Fr. John, or J.U. as he was affectionately known, was a parochial vicar, and director of Faith and Work Ministries here at St. Patrick — St. Anthony from 1991 to 1997, and shared his many gifts with all of us while ministering here! This is an opportunity to remember him well. Please

come and join us. *All are welcome*.



## **Gifts & Offerings**

July 25 - 31, 2022

Weekly Collection: \$6,253.00 Online Giving: \$10,016.00

Total: \$ 16,269.00

Thank you for your continued generosity.

## Mission Co-Op: 2nd Collection Next Weekend

The purpose of the Mission Office of the Archdiocese of Hartford is to show the Church's compassion for all spiritual and temporal needs of the world. This year's collection is in support of the ministry of Polish Redemptorists in the East.



#### **Dear Parishioners:**

The Missionary Cooperation Plan helps to spread the gospel, build churches and communities around the world. This year I invite you to support the missionary work of Polish Redemptorists-Mission in Russia. We have been working in the former Soviet Union for 30 years. At present, we have five pastoral centers in Russia, one in Kazakhstan, five in Belarus, and two in Ukraine.

The COVID-19 pandemic held us back, but as a people of faith we look forward to the future believing that the best is still ahead of us. This is an unpresidented time and we need to stand firm for peace working together to bridge the chasm created by war. The Polish Redemptorists with your help will be able to do so in a more efficient way. Currently, over 200 Ukrainian refugees found shelter in our Redemptorists communities and parishes in Poland. You can only imagine how challenging must be the work of our fellow priests in Russia and Belarus. That's why your prayers and support are so much appreciated.

Below is a link to YouTube presentation about constructing the church in Togliatti that is built with the funds collected during the Mission Appeal: <a href="https://youtu.be/XVDWUg6d3t0">https://youtu.be/XVDWUg6d3t0</a>.

I'm sincerely grateful to the Archdiocese of Hartford for choosing the Polish Redemptorists-Mission in Russia to do the Mission Appeal in your Parish. Thank you for your prayers and support. May God bless you for your generous support through the Missionary Cooperation Plan.

Rev. Janusz Sok, CSsR Provincial Superior of the Warsaw Province

## Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, August 13, 2022

4:00 PM Fr. John Ullrich, O.F.M., 1st Anniversary

Sunday, August 14, 2022

8:00 AM Valentino & Philomena Raimondi 10:00 AM Mary V. Ramos, 15th Anniversary 11:45 AM Kathleen Mulcahy Miskell

5:00 PM Fr. John Ullrich, O.F.M., 1st Anniversary

Monday, August 15, 2022

7:30 AM Arlene B. Horrigan 12:05 PM Frances Bazzano

Tuesday, August 16, 2022

7:30 AM Hilda Megaw, 14th Anniversary

12:05 PM Rosemary Schmiedeler

Wednesday, August 17, 2022

7:30 AM For Our Parishioners 12:05 PM Gabriele Ciogli

Thursday, August 18, 2022

7:30 AM In Thanksgiving for Dr. Julian Alonso, PhD on the

completion of his studies and new job at UConn.

12:05 PM Eleanor Laffin

Friday, August 19, 2022

7:30 AM

12:05 PM Encarnacion Nieves

Saturday, August 20, 2022

4:00 PM Francelina Margues

Sunday, August 21, 2022

8:00 AM William, Joann and Angie Speziale

10:00 AM Millie Intino 11:45 AM Shireen Abu Akleh

5:00 PM Joe Meny

**MASS INTENTIONS:** Masses may be scheduled for loved ones, living or deceased. Contact the parish office to schedule a Mass. Suggested Donation: \$10

**SANCTUARY LAMPS:** If you wish to reserve a 7-day Sanctuary Lamp on either side of the tabernacle in memory of a deceased loved one, a member of your family who is ill, or for any special intentions, please contact the parish office. Suggested Donation: \$10

Keep up to date with all Virtual Masses, Zoom and Public Events Subscribe to our E-Mail List by <u>CLICKING HERE</u> and scrolling to the bottom of the page.

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### THE EMMAUS MINISTRY

for Grieving Parents

**Presents** 

## 7th Annual Grieving Parent Retreat

Saturday, September 17, 2022

9:30 am - 4:30 pm

at St. Patrick - St. Anthony Church & Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry 285 Church Street, Hartford, CT 06103



If you have lost a child or children to death at any time -including prior to birth or decades ago -you are invited to dedicate a day to yourself and your child(ren).

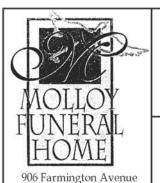
Join other parents and our compassionate retreat team for a day of quiet reflection, peace and community – and the *freedom to decide what is right for you*.



For info and to register, please call 860-756-4034, or go to <a href="https://bit.ly/emmaus-retreat">https://bit.ly/emmaus-retreat</a> or scan the QR code.

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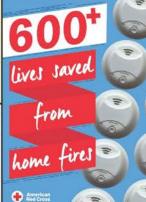
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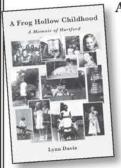
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World Peace



### 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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