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#### Saturday Evening Mass of Anticipation

4:00 PM Public & Livestream

#### Sunday Masses

8:00 AM Public

9:00 AM Outdoor Masses: 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

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

Saturday 3:15 to 3:45 PM

## Parish Office Hours

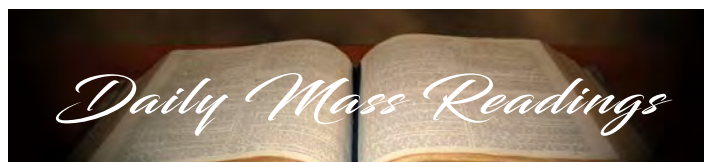
Monday - Saturday: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Sunday: 9:00 to 11:00 AM

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## Weekly Bulletin Deadline

Mondays by 12:00 NOON. Please submit all information to [cabramo@spsact.org](mailto:cabramo@spsact.org).



Monday, Aug 22:	2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday, Aug 23:	2 THES 2:1-3A, 14-17; MT 23:23-26
Wednesday, Aug 24:	Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51
Thursday, Aug 25:	1 COR 1:1-9; MT 24:42-51
Friday, Aug 26:	1 COR 1:17-25; MT 25:1-13
Sunday, Aug 28:	Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14

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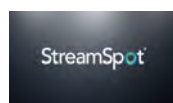
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# The Pastor's Corner

August 21, 2022

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

While I was preparing the cover for this week's bulletin, I Googled "narrow door" and found an image of a truly narrow door which is located in the Monastery of Alcobaça, Portugal. But everything is not always what it seems! According to several websites and other social media, the door in the photo was once referred to as an "anti-gluttony door." Located in the monks' refectory, if a monk had grown too large to fit through the door, he would not be able to get his food from the kitchen. At just a little more than a foot-and-a-half wide, I doubt many of us would ever eat again! Who needs Peloton when you have an anti-gluttony door?

In reality, the door was merely a pass-through for plates, and no one was expected to actually walk through it. In fact, the website "fakehistoryhunter.net" has a photo of the door taken from a different angle, which shows another door just several feet away through which a monk or two of considerable girth could easily fit.



All of this notwithstanding, in today's Gospel, Jesus urges his listeners to "strive to enter through the narrow gate." This is in answer to someone who asked him, "Lord, will only a few people be saved?" He goes on to speak about one's readiness or willingness to commit him- or herself to the kingdom of God. In other words, we must try to resist the temptation to think that Christian discipleship is an easy, comfortable undertaking. If only lip service is paid to our faith in Christ, then we run the risk of finding ourselves unable to pass through the narrow door or gate to true and lasting happiness in the kingdom. Jesus also mentions how people who claim to have eaten and drunk in his company will find themselves locked out of the house if they haven't taken his teachings to heart.



These are not easy or comforting words to hear. This section of Luke's Gospel is filled with teachings that emphasize our need to make a conscious, determined effort to discipleship, and that demands may be placed on us which are, indeed, difficult or painful to put into practice. But we must always remember that Jesus is not speaking only about our life here on earth. He is always pointing towards eternity and the value of living, not just in the present, but with an eye towards the future – a future of unending joy and gladness in the kingdom of God.

What I have witnessed, and continue to witness here at St. Patrick-St. Anthony is just that – a community of faith-filled people who consciously and conscientiously respond to the demands of the Gospel by putting their faith into practice in manifold ways. I am especially inspired when I see our young people doing their part, like making sandwiches, collecting food, planting vegetables, greeting, lecturing or leading the music at Mass. I see it when our parishioners undertake projects to make the burdens of others a bit lighter and their lives a bit more joyful. These are ones who have chosen the narrower path rather than the quicker, easier detour. After all, Jesus said it more than once, as he says it at the end of today's Gospel: "Some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."

Blessings on your week ahead!

*Fr. Tim Shreenan, OFM*

Fr. Tim Shreenan, O.F.M.

Pastor

## "All Are Welcome Choir" This Weekend!!



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 this Sunday, 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](mailto:glofvall@spsact.org) or 860-756-4034 (extension 164).



## Faith Formation and Ministries Returning This Fall:

The return of Adult Faith Programs, including  
Group Spiritual Reflection 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 print-making—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**. [CLICK Here](#) 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.

## 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.

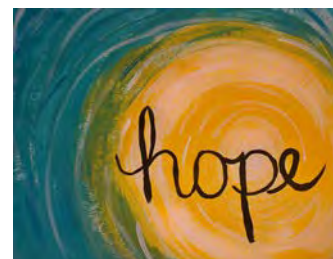
## Ladies Guild News: Annual Rev. Dawson D. Trenchard Scholarship Award.

**DID YOU KNOW** that we have given \$73,675 in scholarships to children in the parish since 2003? Apply now for the Annual Rev. Dawson D. Trenchard Scholarship Award. Deadline is Wednesday, September 14, 2022. [CLICK Here](#) for more information, to donate to our scholarship fund, and to access the form.

## People of Hope

Every Wednesday, starting September 14,  
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM.

"Hope resides at the core of who we are. . . We are meant to be hopefilled people", writes author Joyce Rupp. Using her book *Constant Hope: Reflections and Meditations to Strengthen the Spirit*, we will take one essay per week to focus our discussion and prayer. Please join our facilitator, Pat Curtis, each Wednesday, 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM, for a gathering focused on maintaining our resiliency and hope while tending to our relationship with the Holy One.



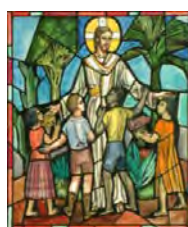
**Our goal is to keep hope alive and steadfast even as difficult personal and world events press upon us.**

Consider shifting your lunch hour earlier so that you can be part of this inspiring and supportive group experience!

Please consider joining us for this conversation in faith and prayer time together. *It might be just what is needed to sustain your Spirit.* Join us!

Free Will Offering can be made payable to "St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church" and mailed to 285 Church Street, Hartford, CT 06103, Attn. Pat Curtis

## 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 [Deb Pelletier](#) with any questions. Click / Scan the QR Code to register.





Our message this week is one of **GRATITUDE** for our journey as a faith community with our Sister Parish in Zoranje, Haiti!

Earlier this year we renewed our Covenant with the parishioners of St. Genevieve in Haiti. We became immersed again in the stories of our sisters and brothers living in the mountains of Zoranje. We took another look at our commitment to supply funds for a daily hot lunch for the students and assist with wages for the teachers. Realizing the monthly funds we send do not cover all of the expenses for the lunches and the salaries, we invited you this summer to help close the gap in our funding commitments. And, together we made that happen!

Thank you for reading about the needs of our Sister Parish friends and feeling compelled to respond. We are delighted to report that your committed support enables us to provide a 30% increase in our 2022-23 contribution. **This will enable every child to receive a hot meal at school, and every teacher and staff to receive a salary increase.**



*We THANK YOU!*

We invite all of our donors to stop by our "Christmas in July" Tree in the Church after any Mass to receive a small Thank You ~ Remembrance package. A "gift" with your name on it awaits under the Giving Tree.

Most importantly, we wrap up this year's "Christmas in July" campaign with two very special expressions of GRATITUDE.

We would like to highlight the accomplishment of teacher Mr. Benet Saint Cime, who completed his Bachelor's degree and is still teaching 5th grade. His testimony is on our parish website and Facebook page. He attributes his educational success directly to the Sister Parish relationship and support.

*Good evening all my friends of St. Patrick and St Anthony. On behalf of all the parishioners of St. Geneviève, I greet you and thank you for all the help you provide to the population. Without you, how could our parish school function in a community of poverty where each economic situation of the population becomes more and more critical. I love you, the community loves you. Remember, we are brothers and sisters. Let us continue to unite, thank you.*

*Benet Saint Cime, teacher at St. Geneviève, Haiti*



Fr. Dominique Regis, now former Pastor of St. Genevieve, offers a word of thanks for your great generosity. [Click here to read more and get link to listen to Fr. Dominique's message to us on his recent visit to our parish on August 8, 2022.](#)

## From your Synod Team,

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.

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## 7th Annual Emmaus Grieving Parents Retreat



The Emmaus Grieving Parents Ministry at St. Patrick - St. Anthony Church, supports parents whose spiritual journey includes the death of a child. All who have suffered the loss of a child at any time – including prior to birth and many decades ago – are welcome.

Each year a full-day retreat is offered, led by an experienced, parent led retreat team. This year's retreat is September 17, 2022 from 9:30 AM to 5:30 PM at the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry.

Please forward this information to anyone you know who is walking this difficult journey.

Please email [Karen \(kdb518@aol.com\)](mailto:kdb518@aol.com) directly for more information about the Emmaus Grieving Parents Ministry or the annual retreat day. You are not alone.

## *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.



## Mission Co-Op: 2nd Collection This 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 unprecedented 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: <https://youtu.be/XVDWUg6d3t0>.

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

## VOLUNTEER Opportunities



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](mailto:mprizio@hobread.org).

## BAPTISM

Saturday, August 20, 2022

**Wilhelmina Rose**

child of Eric & Nicole Anderson

Sunday, August 21, 2022

**Graham Taylor**

child of Peter and Page Adams



## *Mass Intentions for the Week*

### **Saturday, August 20, 2022**

4:00 PM Francelina Marques

### **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

### **Monday, August 22, 2022**

7:30 AM George Holst-Grubbe

12:05 PM Robert Caffrey

### **Tuesday, August 23, 2022**

7:30 AM For our parishioners

12:05 PM Thomas McLaughlin

### **Wednesday, August 24, 2022**

7:30 AM

12:05 PM John O'Meara

### **Thursday, August 25, 2022**

7:30 AM

12:05 PM Christopher Shea

### **Friday, August 26, 2022**

7:30 AM

12:05 PM Mary Marut, 35th Anniversary

### **Saturday, August 27, 2022**

4:00 PM Deceased members of the Humphrey Family

### **Sunday, August 28, 2022**

8:00 AM Fred D'Amico

10:00 AM Mary O'Connor

11:45 AM Jim Corless

5:00 PM Vincent McHugh, Jr

**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

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## 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.*



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