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Luke 14:13-14



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### 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: 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

## Daily Mass Readings

Monday, Aug 29:	1 Cor 2:1-5; Mk 6:17-29
Tuesday, Aug 30:	1 COR 2:10B-16; LK 4:31-37
Wednesday, Aug 31:	1 COR 3:1-9; LK 4:38-44
Thursday, Sept 1:	1 Cor 3:18-23; Lk 5:1-11
Friday, Sept 2:	1 Cor 3:18-23; Lk 5:1-11
Sunday, Sept 4:	Wis 9:13-18b; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17; Phmn 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33

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

## Interacting with Those in Need



It has been brought to our attention that several individuals have been active during the past few weekends asking for help, especially on the sidewalks and in the parking lot. Please refrain from giving out any money or gift cards.

The best way to help those in need of assistance is to donate to the sandwich ministry. You can do so by making a check out to St. Anthony's Bread or by clicking/ scanning the QR Code.

Be assured we are doing everything we can to help them in their time of need.

## 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](mailto:cabramo@spsact.org).

## Watch Online:



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<https://venue.streamspot.com/cdc76f52>



# The Pastor's Corner

August 28, 2022

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

You may remember the painting on the cover of the bulletin for Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022. It was a detail of a painting by the Swiss artist, Eugène Burnand, entitled "The disciples Peter and John running to the tomb on the morning of Resurrection." Burnand painted many religious works during his career, and also created illustrations for books such as *The Parables*, and an English translation of *The Little Flowers of St. Francis* in 1919, a few years before his death in 1921.

The painting on the cover of today's bulletin is also a work by Burnand entitled, "L'Invitation au festin" (Invitation to the feast), painted



in 1899-90. It is housed in the Winterthur Art Museum in Winterthur, Switzerland and measures approximately seven by fifteen feet.

Reflecting on today's Gospel (Luke 14:7-14), Burnand beautifully captures the image Jesus describes: "When you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous." As you can see in the full painting, the very people Jesus mentions are being led by the hand to a large banquet hall with servants bringing in the meal that is to be served. A young man, perhaps a steward of the master, awaits the arrival of the guests: young and old, downtrodden yet curious.

Earlier in the Gospel, Jesus offers a lesson on humility. I remember when, as a young friar, spending a summer at St. Francis Church in New York, I went out for a walk one evening with a couple other friars. We found ourselves in the theater district and decided to get

standing-room tickets to a play; I think it was "Deathtrap." It was also my first time in a Broadway theater. We took our place in the back of the theater and had a perfect view of the stage. About half an hour into the play, one of the friars suggested that we move down to three empty seats in the orchestra. I wasn't too keen on the idea but went along with it. We scurried down the aisle and quickly settled into the seats. Not a minute or two later, an usher came along with the ticket holders and we were forced to relinquish the seats and slink back up the aisle to our original places. That experience has been forever burned into my memory, and whenever I read this Gospel passage, I think of that moment of great embarrassment!



Surely, a theme in today's readings is humility. C.S. Lewis once wrote that the virtue of humility "is not thinking less of yourself, but thinking of yourself less." As we hear the words of Jesus in the Gospel, this is precisely what we are invited to do by allowing space at the head of the table for others to be honored above ourselves. Jesus gave us the ultimate example

of humility by becoming one of us, completely reliant on Mary and Joseph as an infant and child, handing himself over to be crucified, and allowing himself to be consumed by us in the Eucharist.

However, I don't believe that Jesus intended us to be a door mat to be walked on by others. He wants us to always be conscious of our human dignity, but he also desires that we find our true selves in becoming more and more like him. "For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

Blessings on your week ahead!

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

## Faith Formation and Ministries Returning This Fall:

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

Music Ministry

Open Hearts Ministry 2022-2023

Friends and Family Support Ministry 2022-2023

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Emmaus Ministry

Novel Idea Book Club

Secular Franciscan Order Meetings

and more...

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**. [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.

Do you have a child attending a K-12 Catholic School?

**DID YOU KNOW** the Ladies Guild has given out \$73,675 in scholarships to children in the parish since 2003?

There is still time to Apply 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.

## "How can we be Instruments of Peace?"

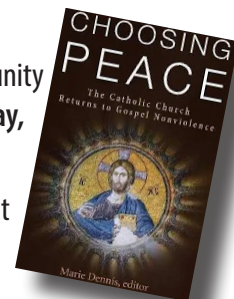
During this Fall we want to explore this question as we once again celebrate the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi.

*How can we animate a Franciscan response for PEACE?*

*How do we as a community of faith and as individual faith-filled citizens engage our mind - body- spirit in a response at both the communal and personal levels?*

Our first invitation is to join in an opportunity offered by Holy Name Province on **Tuesday, September 27 at 7:30 PM**.

Marie Dennis will lead a discussion about the book, *Choosing Peace: The Catholic Church Returns to Gospel Nonviolence*.



Pax Christi USA has recognized Marie Dennis, former co-president of Pax Christi International, as the 2022 recipient of the Pax Christi USA Teacher of Peace Award.



Ms. Dennis is being recognized for her long-standing witness and leadership within the Catholic peace and justice movement and her efforts to deepen the Catholic Church's commitment to nonviolence as a core value of the gospel.

The impetus for reading this text is the search for a Gospel response to the violence in our world—especially in Ukraine, gun violence, and the violence of our political rhetoric among so much more. This program is open to everyone who has read or plans to read the book.

You can order [reduced priced copies of the book](#) through Pax Christi USA. Please [CLICK Here](#) to register for participation in this program.



## People of Hope



"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 from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM starting September 14, 2022.** Our gathering will focus on maintaining our resiliency and hope while tending to our relationship with the Holy One. **The goal is to keep hope alive and steadfast even as difficult personal and world events press upon us.**

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

## From your Synod Team,



Many thanks to all parishioners who participated in the Synod from all of us on the Synod Team. We are so grateful for your courage, stories and 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.

## 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 again 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 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 5 th 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*

And from Fr. Dominique Regis, now former Pastor of St. Genevieve, [Click here to read more and get link to listen to Fr. Dominique's message to us on his recent visit to our parish.](#)





## Gifts & Offerings

8/1/2022 to 8/7/2022

Total Weekly & Online: \$16,269.00

8/8/2022 to 8/14/2022

Weekly and Online: \$15,808.73

Other gifts received during the week: \$10,225.00

8/15/2022 to 8/21/2022

Weekly Offering: \$11,475.00

Online: \$9,518.73

Total: \$20,993.73

Mission Co-Op: \$4,330.00

## Coffee and Sugar Drive

The House of Bread is in need of ground coffee (48 oz. containers, caffeinated, preferred) and sugar (4 lb. bags or larger).



Please drop off your items at the Franciscan Center after Morning Masses on this Sunday, August 28, 2022.

Thank you for your generosity!

## The Music Ministry Is Back

Please consider a September through May commitment to singing in one of the St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church Choirs.



Each Wednesday starting September 14, 2022, the **Treble Clef Choir (High Voices)** rehearses from 5:30 to 6:45 PM and the **Gallery Choir (SATB)** rehearses from 7:00 PM to 9:30 PM.

Each Monday starting September 19, 2022, the **Bass Clef Choir (Low Voices)** rehearses from 7:30 PM.

And, introducing **The Church Street Singers (Children/Youth Choir)** starting on November 6, 2022 with its schedule to be determined.

For more information, call Gabriel Löfvall at 860-756-4034 x 164 or email Gabe at [glöfvall@spsact.org](mailto:glöfvall@spsact.org).

## Offering Envelopes

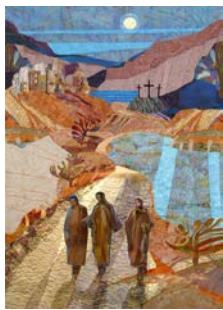
**Did you know...** offering envelopes are not required if you have converted to online giving.

If you would like to discontinue them, please contact the parish office at 860-756-4034 or [info@spsact.org](mailto:info@spsact.org).



## 7th Annual Emmaus Grieving Parents Retreat

Each year The Emmaus Grieving Parents Ministry offers a full-day retreat 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 [CLICK Here](#) for more information on the retreat. Please feel free to forward this information on to anyone you know

who is walking this difficult journey.

[Email coordinator Karen \(kdb518@aol.com\)](mailto:kdb518@aol.com) directly for more information about the Emmaus Grieving Parents Ministry. You are not alone.

## Baptism

Sunday, August 28, 2022

**Josephine Libera**

child of Mark and Christina Pace

**Andreas Marian**

child of Andres Halidis and Anna Dziadosz

## 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.



## *Mass Intentions for the Week*

### **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

### **Monday, August 29, 2022**

7:30 AM

12:05 PM Quagliaroli & Sheridan Families

### **Tuesday, August 30, 2022**

7:30 AM For our parishioners

12:05 PM Rose Torza

### **Wednesday, August 31, 2022**

7:30 AM Healing Intentions for My Mother

12:05 PM Billy Smith, 100th Birthday

### **Thursday, September 1, 2022**

7:30 AM Frank D'Amico

12:05 PM Frank Rodrigues

### **Friday, September 2, 2022**

7:30 AM Carlos Corillo

12:05 PM In Thanksgiving to St. Valentine

### **Saturday, September 3, 2022**

4:00 PM George Spring

### **Sunday, September 4, 2022**

8:00 AM Concetta Gianni

10:00 AM Rose Rinaldi

11:45 AM Anne Marie Ellis

5:00 PM Healing Intentions for Gene Mitchell

**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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# CELEBRATE

## NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH

*with The Fr. Mychal Judge, OFM Recovery Center  
at St. Anthony Shrine*

Friday, September 9, at 6 p.m.

Lower Auditorium

***Remembering Mychal*** -- a new documentary on the life of FDNY Chaplain Fr. Mychal Judge, OFM, the first casualty at the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001. Discussion and reception to follow with director/producer Brendan Fay and Fr. Michael Duffy, OFM.

Wednesday, September 14, at 6 p.m.

Lower Auditorium

***12 Step Spirituality*** -- A conversation on the role of spirituality in recovery. Light refreshments.

Saturday, September 24, at 5:30 p.m.

Upper Church

***Recovery Mass*** -- A liturgy to celebrate recovery. Reception and light refreshments.

***More info:***

Anthony Andreotolla, 617-542-6440 x183 or  
Fr. Jay Woods, OFM, [jwoods@stanthonyshrine.org](mailto:jwoods@stanthonyshrine.org)



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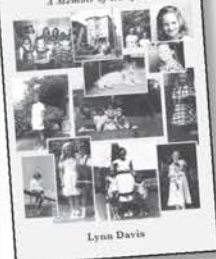
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