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St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church

HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 2, 2022



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 via Streamspot

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

On the Cover: St. Francis of Assisi by Eugène Burnand (1850-1921). This drawing is one of thirty the artist created for an English translation of *The Little Flowers of St. Francis* published in 1919.

Parish Office Hours

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

Sunday: 9:00 to 11:00 AM



Don't
forget...

Weekly Bulletin Deadline
Mondays by 12:00 NOON.

Please submit all information to cabramo@spsact.org.

Daily Mass Readings

Monday, Oct 3: GAL 1:6-12; LK 10:25-37
Tuesday, Oct 4: GAL 1:13-24; LK 10:38-42
Wednesday, Oct 5: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Lk 11:1-4
Thursday, Oct 6: GAL 3:1-5; LK 11:5-13
Friday, Oct 7: GAL 3:7-14; LK 11:15-26
Sunday, Oct 9: 2 Kgs 5:14-17; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4; 2
Tm 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19

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

Watch Online:



<https://www.facebook.com/St-Patrick-St-Anthony-Church-109359789104825/>



<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8Vhk8-hhlyAJenBxueHySQ>



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

The Pastor's Corner

October 2, 2022

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

As I began to discern my vocation to the Franciscans when I was around 11 or 12 years old, I wrote to the Vocation Office of Holy Name Province for information on the application process. I received several booklets describing in great photographic detail the various steps through which a young man would progress – from high school to novitiate, and then from philosophy and theology studies, to Solemn Profession and finally Ordination! Interestingly, it was during those years in the late 1960's that many religious orders were beginning to update their formation programs in the wake of the Second Vatican Council. Instead of minor seminary (high school and the first two years of college), we would attend Siena College for our Bachelor degree and participate in a program of formation during those four years. From there, we would go on to the Novitiate for a year, and then to Washington, DC for our theology. Two of our Province's large formation houses in Lafayette, NJ and Rye Beach, NH were transformed into retreat centers. Today, our formation program has become a joint venture with five other American Provinces as we move towards becoming one coast-to-coast Province in October 2023.

Still, I think back to those old vocation pamphlets and recall the beautiful black-and-white photos that traced the journey of a future Franciscan Friar from high school Freshman to Ordained priest or Solemnly Professed Brother. But what caught my eye even more than



the photos were sketches scattered throughout the pamphlets of scenes from the life of St. Francis of Assisi and his early companions. And after almost

sixty years I have finally identified the artist! In fact, he has quickly become one of my favorite artists whose works have been featured on recent bulletin covers. Eugène Burnand was born in Moudon, Switzerland in 1850 and died in Paris in 1921. I have already written about him, in particular, my letter of August 28 when I mentioned that his most famous work, in the Musée D'Orsay in Paris, is "The Disciples Peter and John running to the tomb on the morning of the Resurrection."



Burnand created thirty sketches for an English translation of *The Little Flowers of St. Francis* published in 1919. Some of those sketches were used in the vocation pamphlets that I received as a young boy. I was delighted to be able to find a used copy of the 1919 book (as well as a book on the parables published a few years earlier) on the internet. The sketches in this letter are the same ones I saw those many years ago.

As we celebrate the Solemnity of St. Francis this week, I think about the influence he himself had on the history of art. For example, Cimabue, who died around 1302, painted what is probably the most famous portrait of Francis in the Lower Basilica of Assisi. Giotto, who died 35 years later, painted the great series of frescoes in the Upper Church of the Basilica of the life of St. Francis. Both artists mark a transition between the Gothic period and the Renaissance. The Bardi Chapel in the great Church of Santa Croce in Florence (so memorably captured in the film "A Room with a View") features several frescoes by Giotto as well as works by other artists.



Do you have a favorite image of Francis? Whether it be a plastic statue in a backyard birdbath or the mighty bronze figures of Francis and his companions that stand in front of the Lateran Basilica in Rome, the world continues to remember and honor the saint from Assisi, not just in images but by living out the Gospel as he did.

Blessings on your week ahead!

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



Blessing of the Animals - Saturday, October 1, at 9:00 AM

Calling all pet parents, brothers and sisters!! Bring our pets and stuffed animals to the Blessing of the Animals on October 1, 2022 at 9:00 am. We will gather in the Metro Center's plaza across from the Franciscan Center to receive a blessing in the tradition of St. Francis of Assisi.

Parish Potluck Picnic - Sunday, October 2, from 4:00 to 7:00 PM

Come before Mass, after Mass or both. Enjoy fellowship, food and fun. Get your face painted or sit and chat with friends. Bring a main dish and/or dessert to share. [CLICK Here](#) for ongoing updates.

Transitus of our Holy Father Francis

Monday, October 3 at 7:00 PM

Each year on the evening of October 3rd the Franciscan family throughout the world pauses to celebrate the solemnity of our Holy Father Francis' Transitus, passing over from this life to the next. In his famous *Canticle of the Creatures*, the saint from Assisi wrote "Praised be You, my Lord, through our Sister Bodily Death, from whom no one living can escape." That line, written near Francis' own embrace of Sister Bodily Death, reflects the natural character and importance of death in the life of all creation. Francis was not afraid of what would come at the end of his earthly life, choosing instead to recognize in that experience, not an end, but a transition from one way of living to another. Even death itself, considered by all to be so terrible and hateful, was exhorted to give praise; while he himself, going joyfully to meet it, invited it to make its abode with him. "Welcome," he said, "my sister death." (Celano, Second Life.)

Our celebration will be followed by a reception next door at the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry. All Are Welcome!!

Solemnity of St. Francis of Assisi

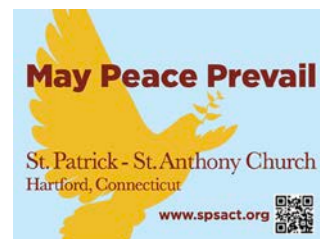
Tuesday, October 4, 7:30 AM and 12:05 PM Masses.

Spread A Message of Peace

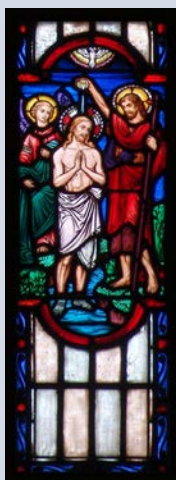
We are taking the message of Peace beyond our immediate community this fall. You will have the opportunity to purchase a SPSA Yard Sign after Masses in October. The message on our sign comes directly from the Peace Pole standing outside our church - "*May Peace Prevail on Earth*".

Won't you help us take Peace into our greater Hartford area and into your neighborhood? Our parishioners come from over 126 zip codes. Wouldn't it be wonderful to see our Yard Sign spreading Franciscan Peace far and wide? The offering for the sign is \$15 or two signs for \$20.

Thank YOU so much for giving this your full attention. We sincerely hope you can join in this effort to become an **Instrument of Peace!**



An Invitation to Explore the Catholic Faith



There are many reasons to explore, pursue and deepen one's relationship to the Catholic Church. Some do so because they have fallen in love with a practicing Catholic and they are interested in learning more about their partner's faith. Some come from nominally Catholic families, but received little or no religious instruction when they were young and are now seeking to reconnect with their family's faith tradition. Some have no religious affiliation whatsoever, but are experiencing a longing for meaning, spirituality, community, and a sense of purpose in their lives. Some are already practicing Catholics who, for whatever reason, never received the sacrament of Confirmation and desire to do so now. If you or someone you know fits any of these descriptions, then the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults may be what you or your friend may be looking for.

For more information, please contact Fr. Bill Beaudin, O.F.M. (wibeaudin@gmail.com or 860-756-4034 ext. 115)

Adult Faith Formation

Please [CLICK here](#) for more information on all of our Adult Faith Programs.

Group Spiritual Reflection: Join co-facilitators Elaine Wiatr and Mary Espinosa via Zoom each Tuesday from 12:30-1:30 PM. We will reflect upon the Gospel for the upcoming Sunday. [CLICK Here](#) to register and receive Zoom link.

Quiet Prayer: Every Wednesday morning from 7:30 - 8:00 AM via Zoom to start your day with Quiet Prayer. The Zoom link can be found in Monday's email.

People of Hope



Join **guest facilitator, Melina Rudman** on Wednesdays, October 12, 19 & 26 from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM via Zoom for three weeks of poetry as prayer. Consider shifting your lunch hour earlier so that you can be part of this inspiring and supportive group experience! Join us for this conversation in faith and prayer time together. It might be just what is needed to sustain your Spirit. [CLICK Here](#) to register and receive Zoom link.

A **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.

Praying with Sacred Scripture: Join co-facilitators Sheila Denion and John Lemega this fall in-person for "lectio divina" (divine reading). **Our next meeting is Wednesday, October 5, 2022 from 7:00 to 8:00 PM.**

"Oddball" Psalms!

Thursdays, October 6, 13, 20, 27 & November 3, 10 & 17 10:30-11:30 AM.

Join **Fr. Francis Soucy, O.F.M.** for an interesting explo-

ration of the psalms. These particular psalms as a group do not easily fit any of the conventional categories of psalms; although individually, they may share characteristics of psalms in these categories. Like all psalms, they express through vocabulary, metaphor, and form, responses to human joy, sorrow, and the full range of human feeling.

[CLICK here](#) to register and receive the Zoom link.



Volunteer Opportunities

Many hands are needed for these upcoming parish events! [CLICK Here](#) for more information or reach out to Allison Holst-Grubbe directly at aholstgrubbe@spsact.org.



Ministry Fair: Saturday & Sunday, October 15 & 16, 2022: The pandemic has put this tradition on hold, but it's back!

Memorial Lanterns: Would you like to help with our parish's beautiful tradition of memorial lanterns? No experience necessary. Just a willingness to help.



Religious Education

We are so excited to be starting another year of Religious Education, journeying with you and your family in nurturing the mustard seed of faith of your child.

As people of faith, you strive to model for your children how to know God's love, how to have a strong relationship with Jesus, and how to live out the call to serve others.

Every family is unique and has a different story. Every family is welcome here.

The Faith Formation Team at St. Patrick – St. Anthony is here to support you in the noble, fulfilling, and, yes, sometimes exhausting efforts of Christian family life.

We listen first and walk with you on this journey. Our goal is to partner with you in nurturing the mustard seed of faith in each child, walk with you to prepare and celebrate the sacraments, and to provide a foundation that our children need to lead a life of faith.

It is our goal to meet you exactly where you are, with open hearts and open minds. All are welcome in this place.

Classes have started, but there is still time to register. Please click or scan the QR Code to register.

Please check your email for more information/class schedules or reach out to [Deb Pelletier](#).





Clothing Drive

OCTOBER 2, 2022 FROM 8:30 AM - 12 NOON

Items needed:
Men's t-shirts: L&XL
Men's boxers: L&XL
Socks

BE THE SUNBEAM

Snack Packs Drop Off

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2 FROM 9:45 AM - 12:00 PM



Drop off individually wrapped snacks to be combined into "snack packs" and handed out daily with sandwiches.



Ministry Fair

OCTOBER 15 & 16, 2022

AFTER ALL MASSES

Join us!
See all the ways you can get involved at the Church and Franciscan Center.

ST. PATRICK - ST. ANTHONY CHURCH
The Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry

St. Patrick – St. Anthony and the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry have over 50 organizations that are for building your faith, building your community, for providing you a way to help others. Come learn about the ministries so that you can decide where you can get involved.

Join us, for the first time since before the Pandemic, for our Ministry Fair! Find out where your gifts are needed and grow your community by getting involved in our many ministries.

Representatives from all of our ministries will be available to answer your questions and give you all the information you need to get involved.



Parish Pottuck Picnic

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2 FROM 4-7 PM

Join us! Celebrate St. Francis and our Franciscan Community
Bring a main dish and / or dessert to share.

St. Patrick - St. Anthony Church

Join us on the patio and grounds of the church to celebrate our parish community, St. Francis of Assisi, and our Franciscan heritage. The church will provide all paper goods, utensils and beverages.

Our 7th & 8th grade youth ministry participants will provide face painting and games for the kids!

"Saints Alive" - by Fr. John Quigley, O.F.M.



The Clare Gallery is open from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Saturday. With free parking across the street in the Saint's Lot, it's easy to come enjoy our current exhibition, *Saints Alive*, work by Franciscan Friar, Fr. John Quigley, O.F.M.

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.**

Join us for 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.

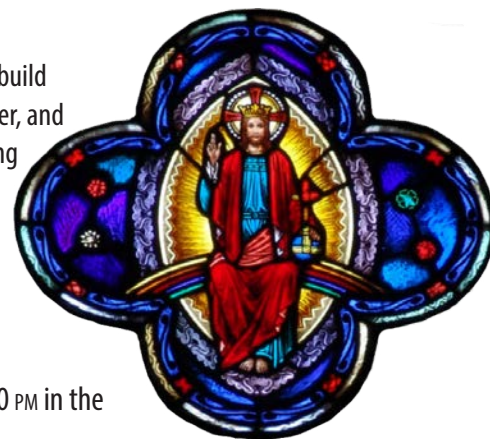
Open Hearts Ministry

The Open Hearts LGBTQ+ Ministry provides fellowship and educational opportunities to build and develop greater visibility and understanding of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ+) experiences within our church community, and to develop faith-building outreach programming to the diverse spectrum of the LGBTQ+ community.

Upcoming Events:

Open Hearts Monthly Meeting: Join us Sunday, October 9, 2022 at the Franciscan Center after the 5:00 PM Mass.

Friends and Family Ministry: Our next meeting is Sunday, October 16, 2022 at 3:30 PM in the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry.



Women of Hope Invite You...

The Women of Hope Ministry is pleased to invite you to a live-streamed AND in-person presentation by **Miriam Therese Winter, Ph.D** on **Thursday, October 27, 6:30-7:30 PM**. Early on in our parish Synod Listening Sessions, it was clear that one of the major themes emerging was the role of women in the Church. Women, men, and our Religious Education students themselves named the Church's limits on the role of women as an obstacle which needs to be addressed and transformed.



Our report to Pope Francis clearly named this challenge and our desire for change in the institutional Church. [CLICK here](#) to read the Synod Summary report. Realizing that significant shifts in a global institution will take time, **"what do we do as a parish during this threshold time of waiting?"**

We invite you to gather with us, the Women of Hope Ministry, to take a first step. Join us for **"Women of Faith: The Need for a New Narrative"** with **Miriam Therese Winter, Ph.D**. "MT" is a Professor Emerita at Hartford International University, formerly known as The Hartford Seminary. As a prolific author, song writer, professor of Transformative Leadership and Spirituality, Medical Mission Sister, and founder of The Women's Leadership Institute, she is committed to ministry to and for women. As an uplifting and inspiring speaker, come and hear what she has to say!

St. Francis Builds Trip January of 2023

We're going to Puerto Rico from January 8th to the 15th, 2023.

Are you looking for a way to help others... gain a sense of community and expand your spirituality? ... Consider a Build Trip!

Hurricane Maria occurred 5 years ago. Many families in Puerto Rico are still waiting for restoration from this storm.

The island has been hit again with devastation from Hurricane Fiona. The work offered by SFB volunteers will be needed in January! The group will be staying in Yabucoa on the southeast section of the island. Possible tasks include painting, tiling, grouting, sealing roofs and installing cabinets, windows and doors.

While skilled labor experience is fabulous... it's certainly not essential. Enthusiasm, interest and a commitment to learning and helping others are some of the most important skills needed for this trip!

The cost of the trip will be approximately \$1,200. This fee includes housing and all meals. NOTE: Airfare is not included.

Please email Fr. Mike Johnson at mikeinbolivia@gmail.com or Sue O'Donnell at sodonnell38@gmail.com



For more general information please Click or scan the QR Code.

Website address:

<https://spsact.org/mission-trip-with-st-francis-builds/>.





Blessings and Congratulations



Married
October 1, 2022

Jason Albert
and Caroline Brasa

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,
Sarah Conforto and Susan Degennaro.



Special Marriage Anniversary Mass

Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Hartford, CT
Sunday, October 16, 2022 at 2:00 PM.

All those in the Archdiocese of Hartford who are observing 25th, 50th, 60th and other special wedding anniversaries in 2022 are invited to join Archbishop Blair for this special anniversary Mass.

All couples interested in attending can register to attend online at archdioceseofhartford.org/marriagemass.



Gifts & Offerings

9/19/2022 to 9/25/2022

Weekly Offering: \$6,337.00

Online: \$8,378.73

Total: \$14,715.73

HOPES 2nd Collection: \$1,144.00

Offering Envelopes

Did you know...

we do not require offering envelopes if you make your donations via online giving.

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[Register to give Online.](#)

St. Anthony's Bread for the Poor

Financial gifts help to support our Weekend Meal Program at the House of Bread and our daily Sandwich Distribution Program.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Send to: Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry
285 Church Street, Hartford, CT 06103
(checks made payable to Franciscan Center)

10:00 AM Mass Survey

The masking requirement for the 10:00 am Mass has remained in effect in response to feedback from our survey this summer.

At that time, we said we would ask your opinion about how we should proceed into the fall as things continue to evolve.

We value each and every member of our faith community and we want to know your opinion about Masks at the 10:00 AM Mass going forward.



Take the Survey: Click or Scan the QR Code if you are viewing this online; CALL US at 860-756-4034 with your responses from the form below or fill out the form below and send in by Tuesday, October 4, 2022.

TAKE THE
SURVEY

MASK SURVEY:

Which Mass do you typically attend? _____

Should the 10:00 AM Mass move to being "mask optional"?
Yes or No (Please Circle One)

Comments(Feel free to use other side): _____

Please Join the Catholic Lawyers Guild of the Archdiocese of Hartford
for the Annual Archdiocesan:

Red Mass

*A Catholic Mass celebrated in honor of the Holy Spirit as the source of wisdom,
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October 3, 2022 at 12:05 PM

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**CATHOLIC
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ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD

**Reception for Members of the
Catholic Lawyers Guild and the
legal community
to follow at**

**The Franciscan Center for
Urban Ministry
(located next door to the Church)**

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, October 1, 2022

4:00 PM Ruth McHugh, 10th Anniversary

Sunday, October 2, 2022

8:00 AM George & Elizabeth Tracy

10:00 AM Don Marzano

11:45 AM Deceased Members of the Jordan Family

5:00 PM Donato Monaco

Monday, October 3, 2022

7:30 AM

12:05 PM Concetta Gianni

Tuesday, October 4, 2022

7:30 AM

12:05 PM Eleanor Laffin

Wednesday, October 5, 2022

7:30 AM

12:05 PM Lucie Daly

Thursday, October 6, 2022

7:30 AM For our Parishioners

12:05 PM Jean Tierney

Friday, October 7, 2022

7:30 AM

12:05 PM Joseph Kelliher

Saturday, October 8, 2022

4:00 PM Chelsea Clyburn Morehouse

Sunday, October 9, 2022

8:00 AM Albert & Lina Brunelle

10:00 AM Rose & Angelo Perrone

11:45 AM Concetta Teodoro

5:00 PM Intentions for Reese Polking

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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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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