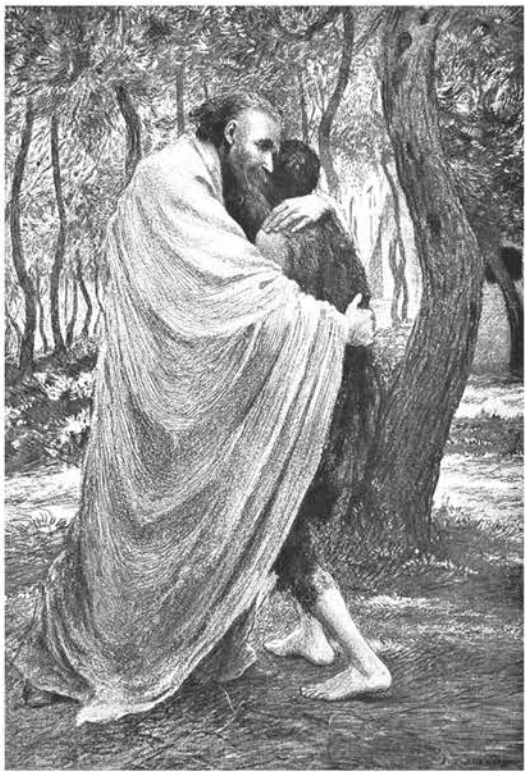


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+ Celebration of the Eucharist

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

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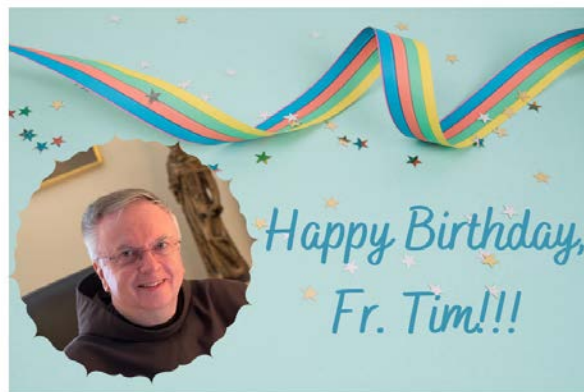
Monday, Wednesday, Friday 11:15 to 11:45 AM
Saturday 3:15 to 3:45 PM

On the cover: Illustrations of the parables in Luke 15: 1-32 (The Lost Sheep, The Lost Coin, The Prodigal Son) by Swiss artist Eugène Burnand (1850-1921). These images, along with 80 others, were published in *Les Paraboles*, a 1908 French language book of the parables of Jesus.

Parish Office Hours

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

Sunday: 9:00 to 11:00 AM



Daily Mass Readings

Monday, Sept 12: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday, Sept 13: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday, Sept 14: Nm 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
Thursday, Sept 15: 1 Cor 15:1-11; Jn 19:25-27
Friday, Sept 16: 1 COR 15:12-20; LK 8:1-3
Sunday, Sept 18: Am 8:4-7; Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8;
1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13

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The Pastor's Corner

September 11, 2022

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

One of the three parables told by Jesus in this week's Gospel is one of his more famous ones – usually called the Parable of the Prodigal Son. So, what does the word “prodigal” mean? I found two definitions: The first says that it means “spending money or resources freely and recklessly.” This would certainly fit the description of the younger son. The second definition says “having or giving something on a lavish scale.” Wouldn't this fit the description of the father? And it's the father's actions upon his lost son's return that sometimes gives the title of this parable “The Prodigal Father.” But really, all three figures in the parable – the father as well as his two sons – play significant roles, and all three are necessary for Jesus to make his point.

For me, this parable conjures up images of great theater. I think of Willy Loman in Arthur Miller's “Death of a Salesman” and his two sons, Biff and Happy. I also think of Frank Barone and his sons Robert and Raymond in “Everybody Loves Raymond.” Much of that classic television sitcom dealt with the never-ending sibling rivalry between Robert and Raymond, much of it riotously funny but sometimes quite real and touching. One such example is the episode titled “Boys' Therapy” in which the three wives (Marie, Deborah and Amy) urge the men to get counseling to work out their angry differences. But instead of going to the therapist's office they go to the race track. In between races, they get into some honest heart-to-heart conversation about their father-and-son relationships. In the end, they come to a much needed and greater understanding of themselves and the way they relate to each other – not to mention some significant winnings, especially after betting on a horse named “Marie's Mouth.” Get the connection?



Sibling rivalry is certainly an important element in Jesus' parable of the Prodigal Son. Obviously, the two brothers were quite competitive, as brothers often are. They were competitive with each other, but also competitive for their father's affections. But in a beautifully constructed story line, Jesus emphasizes the extraordinary prodigal love of the father, who couldn't bear to live without either of them.

Jesus presents us with an image of God that some folks find difficult to accept. For them, their image of God is that of a mean disciplinarian, just waiting to catch them up and punish them for even the slightest perceived offense. Unfortunately, over the course of time, the Church has only reinforced this image with its teachings on sin. But the parable shows us that we don't need to be perfect in order to receive the Father's love. We don't have to earn that love; we just need to recognize our need for it and accept it without always waiting for the other shoe to drop.

Perhaps the most important lesson here might be our need to learn how to live with our own imperfections as well as the imperfections of others. Even more importantly, we must try not to allow those imperfections to stand in the way of knowing how much we are loved by a Father who will never, ever, stop loving us.

Blessings on your week ahead!

Fr. Tim Shreenan, OFM

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Pastor

Postscript

On this September 11th, we remember with love all those who were lost on 9/11/01 during the tragic terrorist attack on the United States. Our memories are seared with the images of that day, and we continue to grieve for the thousands who did not go home on what should have been an ordinary Tuesday in September: the workers in the Twin Towers and the Pentagon; the passengers on four airliners; the hundreds of first responders who bravely sacrificed their lives for the safety of others.

We were all changed that day forever. Our task now is to continue, not only to honor the memory of those we lost, but also to protect and defend our democracy and the freedoms we all treasure.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

September Meetings: Monday, September 12, 2022 from 7:00 to 8:30 PM, and Thursday, September 29, 2022 from 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM.

During the height of Covid, our Prayer Shawl Ministers were extremely busy! They were knitting and crocheting Prayer Squares which were distributed to our parishioners, to guests at the House of Bread, to patients and residents at local hospitals and nursing homes, and to our Religious Education students receiving the Sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation.

The generosity of these ministers even went the extra-mile by providing nurses and medical staff at a local hospital with over 2,000 prayer squares!

With each prayer square is a message of prayer and comfort -

"This Prayer Square was made especially for you with the love, hope, prayers and thoughts of the St. Patrick – St. Anthony Community. During this time of uncertainty and fear, the square is a reminder that you are surrounded by God's love, you are always loved and never alone. This prayer square can be carried with you or kept close at hand to hold onto as we move forward.

May God walk before you and guide you

Beside you to give you courage

Behind you to keep you safe

Beneath you to give you strength

Above you for Blessing and

Within you to give you Peace. Amen."

THANK YOU to our Prayer Shawl Ministers who have kept the faith and shared it so generously.



A Novel Idea Book Club

A Novel Idea Book Club is back for the fall. Our September book selection is *Perestroika in Paris* by Jane Smiley, the Pulitzer Prize-winning and best-selling author.

Perestroika in Paris is a captivating, brilliantly imaginative story of three extraordinary animals—and a young boy—whose lives intersect in Paris in this "feel-good escape" (The New York Times).

Consider joining the discussion on September 15, 2022 from 6:00 to 7:30 PM via Zoom. For more information and a list of upcoming books, please [CLICK Here](#). Contact the office at 860-756-4034 or email info@spsact.org if you need the Zoom Link.



"How can we be Instruments of Peace?"

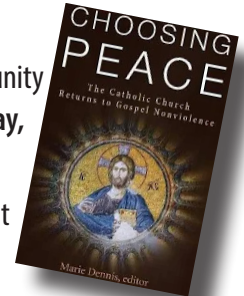
During this Fall we want to explore this question as we once again celebrate the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi.

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.

Peace Vigil

The second invitation comes from our **Women of Hope Ministry** who invites us to stand with them at a Peace Vigil outside our church before and after Mass on

the weekends in October. What will we be holding at this vigil?

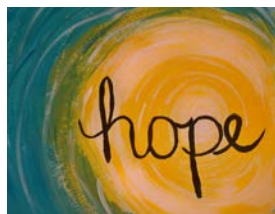
PEACE signs! You are welcome to attend a **Peace Sign Workshop on Saturday, October 1, 2022 from 9:00 to 10:15 AM** to help create our signs under the skillful teaching of parishioner artist Tara Kremidas. [CLICK Here](#) to let us know you are attending so that we can plan for materials. *Free Will Offering toward materials expense.*

Thank YOU so much for giving this your full attention. We sincerely hope you can join in these efforts to become Instruments of Peace!



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.** 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



Group Spiritual Reflection

Every Tuesday from 12:30-1:30 PM via Zoom
Starting September 13, 2022

Our gathering will reflect

upon the Gospel for the upcoming Sunday to guide us on our path of discipleship. As companions on the journey, we listen and share how the Word speaks to our hearts through the Spirit. There is no advance preparation for the session required. Come as you are with an open heart. All are welcome! Please [CLICK Here](#) and register to receive the Zoom meeting link.

Co-facilitators: Elaine Wiatr and Mary Espinosa.

Praying with Sacred Scripture

1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month from 7:00 to 8:00 pm.

Please consider joining us one or more times this fall in-person for "lectio divina" (divine reading.) It is a prayerful reading of a bible passage in order to discern its message for each of us today. We have found that meeting in person gives the experience greater intimacy and impact. If you haven't tried it yet, please do! The process is simple and will be explained each time, and sharing is welcome, but optional.

Co-facilitators: Sheila Denion and John Lemega



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.

Volunteer Opportunities



Many hands are needed for these upcoming parish events!

Sunday, October 2, 2022 – Celebrate St. Francis with a parish picnic and social gathering. This event is a favorite for parishioners of all ages, as we have the chance to relax, share a meal, and reconnect.

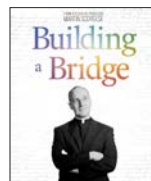
Saturday & Sunday, October 15 & 16, 2022 – Ministry Fair – The pandemic has put this tradition on hold, but it's back! Parishioners will be able to speak with those involved in ministries and learn new ways to get involved. Each Ministry will have a "booth" to share what they do and how to get involved.

Open Hearts Ministry Upcoming Events

Open Hearts Monthly Meeting: Join us Sunday, September 11, 2022 at the Franciscan Center after the 5:00 PM Mass.

Friends and Family Ministry: Our next meeting is Sunday, September 18, 2022 at 6:30 PM in the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry.

Screening of Building a Bridge Documentary: The Open Hearts and Friends and Family Ministries invite you to attend a showing of *Building a Bridge*, the documentary film about Fr. Jim Martin's book and outreach to LGBTQ+ Catholics, on **Friday, September 23, 2022 at the Franciscan Center. Doors open at 6:00 PM.**



The 90 minute film starts at 6:30 PM. Discussion and refreshments to follow. This is a parish-wide event, open to everyone to learn more about the ministry of this wonderful priest!



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



Baptism

Sunday, September 11, 2022

Loïck Patrick

child of Thomas & Jennifer Regan-Lefebvre

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.

Thin Places: The White Stone

"To the one that overcometh
Will I give a white stone and in the stone a new
name written." Revelation 2:17

You are invited to "break open the book"
The White Stone; The Art of Letting Go by
Esther de Waal. We will meet on either
Wednesday or Thursday from 12:30 to 2:00 PM starting
September 28 & 29, 2022.



Please indicate which day of the week is better for you. We are trying to provide small groups where participants can feel more comfortable interacting if they wish. Number of Participants will be limited. Please email Sr. Ginny Sheehan, SND at Virginia.Sheehan@sndden.org (please note period after Virginia).

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.

Archdiocese of Hartford 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

8/29/2022 to 9/4/2022

Weekly Offering: \$6,731.50

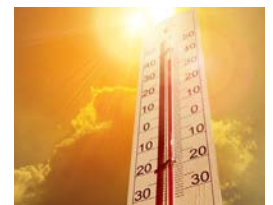
Online: \$ 9,916.74

Total: \$16,648.24

Special Heatwave Collection September 10-11, 2022

Did you know? Our utility usage this summer increased more than 50% over last summer.

Because of this, we will hold a special 2nd collection this weekend. All money collected will be used to offset utility costs created by the multiple heatwaves this summer. Please [CLICK Here](#) to donate now via Online Giving. Thank you for your continued generosity.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, September 10, 2022

4:00 PM Michael O'Brien

Sunday, September 11, 2022

8:00 AM Winfred & Marie Laychak, George & Jean Diorio and
Rochelle & Ruth Finan

10:00 AM John C. Brennan

11:45 AM In Thanksgiving to St. Valentine

5:00 PM Olidy S. de Orozco

Monday, September 12, 2022

7:30 AM

12:05 PM Jean Tierney

Tuesday, September 13, 2022

7:30 AM Parishioners of St. Genevieve

12:05 PM Joan Ross

Wednesday, September 14, 2022

7:30 AM Intentions of Maria & Anthony Rosal

12:05 PM Joan Ross

Thursday, September 15, 2022

7:30 AM Intentions of Maria & Anthony Rosal

12:05 PM Joan Ross

Friday, September 16, 2022

7:30 AM For our parishioners

12:05 PM Raymond Fusco

Saturday, September 17, 2022

4:00 PM Richard Shea, 10th Anniversary

Sunday, September 18, 2022

8:00 AM William, Angie & Joann Speziale

10:00 AM John N. Ramos, 16th Anniversary

11:45 AM Donna Daignault

5:00 PM Tim McAdam, 1st Anniversary

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
Gennaro.

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Saturday, September 17, 2022

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