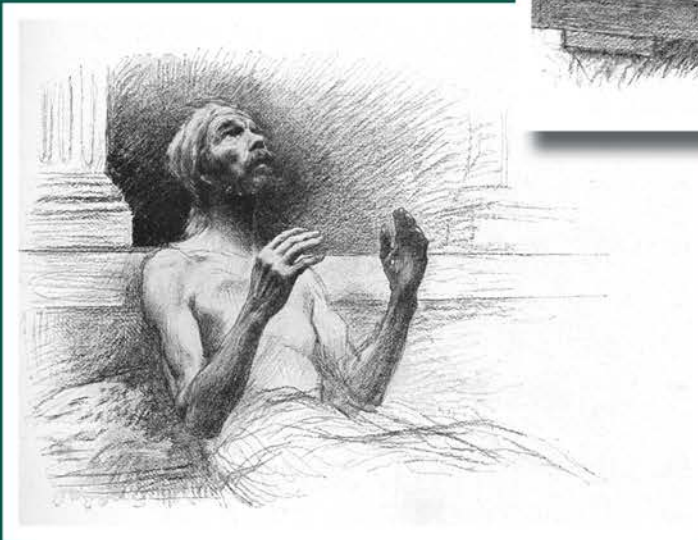
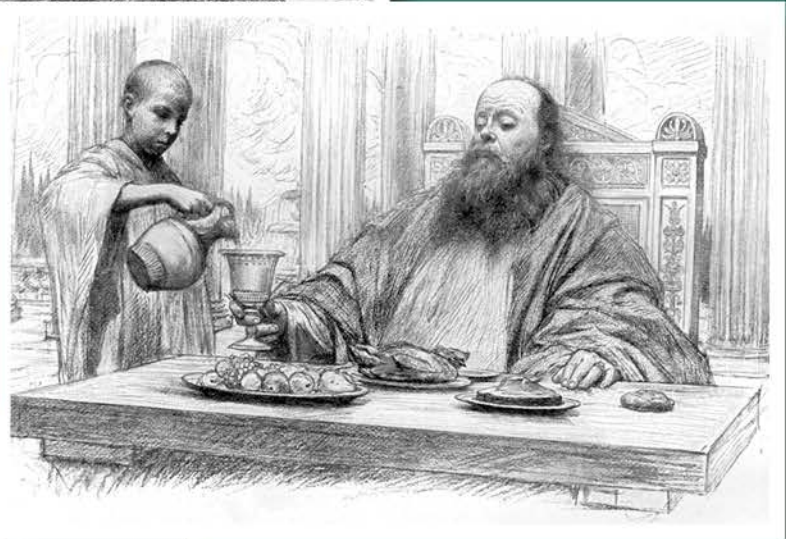
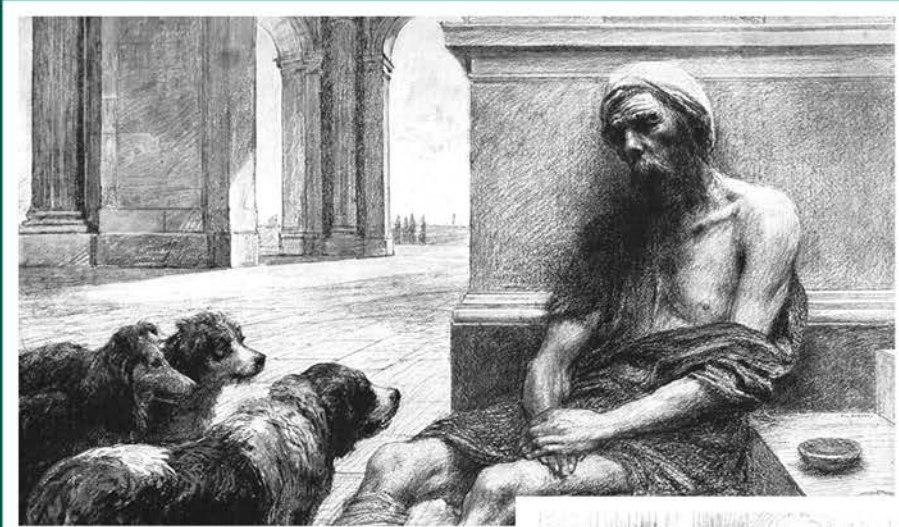


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SEPTEMBER 25, 2022



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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: Three illustrations for the parable in Luke 16: 19-31 about the rich man and Lazarus 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



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Mondays by 12:00 NOON.

Please submit all information to cabramo@spsact.org.

Daily Mass Readings

Monday, Sept 26: JB 1:6-22; LK 9:46-50
Tuesday, Sept 27: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday, Sept 28: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Lk 9:57-62
Thursday, Sept 29: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Jn 1:47-51
Friday, Sept 30: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Lk 10:13-16
Sunday, Oct 2: Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9;
2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-10

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

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The Pastor's Corner

September 25, 2022

Dear Parishioners and Friends,



As summer gives way to autumn, I am pleased to share with you some of the events that we have planned for the next week or two. I have always loved this time of the year for several reasons, the most important being the celebration of the feast day of our founder, St. Francis of Assisi. As you can see in the next column, we have several events planned.

Next Saturday morning, October 1st, we will hold our annual Blessing of Animals (both live and stuffed). I have come to enjoy this event very much because it shows me how much you, especially your children, cherish your family pet(s). The Blessing is primarily an opportunity to thank God for the gifts of creation who have become members of your families – your dogs, cats, birds and so forth. But we also include those objects which are sources of companionship and comfort for younger children such as teddy bears and other stuffed animals.

On Sunday, October 2nd, we will do something a little different from past years – a Parish Potluck Picnic! It will be held from 4:00 to 7:00 PM in the gardens next to the church and behind the friary. We are inviting parishioners to contribute their culinary talents with main dishes or desserts. What better way to celebrate our community than with a feast of food, drink and fellowship?

The evening of October 3rd is the traditional date to commemorate the death of St. Francis which we will do at 7:00 PM in the church. The service of Transitus (or 'Passing') recalls the final hours of the earthly life of Francis and includes a narrative of his death by his early followers; the singing of his *Canticle of the Creatures*; a reading from Francis' Letter to All the Faithful; the singing of Psalm 142; a reading from the Gospel of John; the sharing of bread; and a blessing of the friars and each member of the assembly. The Transitus service itself takes different forms in different places; it isn't always done exactly the same way everywhere. However, the traditional items I just mentioned are always present. We will also have a simple reception afterwards in the Franciscan Center. Please join us as we remember the passing of Francis from earthly to heavenly life!

The Solemnity of St. Francis will be celebrated at our daily Masses on Tuesday, October 4th, at 7:30 AM and 12:05 PM (with special music). 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.

Register For Religious Education



Don't worry, you still have time to register for this fall's Religious Education programs.

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. Please click or scan the QR Code to register.



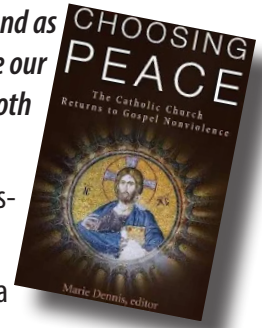
Classes are set to start September 30, 2022 with the Friday CGS Classes. Please check your email for more information or reach out to [Deb Pelletier](#) directly.

"How can we be Instruments of Peace?"

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?



For the Fall season, these questions present us with three opportunities.

First, on a personal level, please join in a discussion led by Marie Dennis, author of the book *Choosing Peace: The Catholic Church Returns to Gospel Nonviolence*. This Zoom program is offered by Holy Name Province on **Tuesday, September 27 at 7:30 PM**.

Marie Dennis is the former co-president of Pax Christi International.

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

Secondly, our **Women of Hope Ministry** invites us to stand with them at Peace Vigils outside our church before and after the Masses on the Sundays in October. In this way, we extend the message of Peace to our members as we gather for worship together.

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.*

Next, 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 these efforts to become **Instruments of Peace!**

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Come join us on **Thursday, September 29, 2022 at 10:30 AM** for enjoyable storytelling and ministry knitted together! All are welcome!



For more information, contact Janet Bristow at janetbristow@sbcglobal.net or you may also call the parish office at 860-756-4034, x.113 and leave your contact information. Pat Curtis will get back to you with information.

Adult Faith Formation

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

Quiet Prayer:

Join us 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 facilitator, Pat Curtis, each Wednesday from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM via Zoom, for a gathering focused on maintaining our resiliency and hope while tending to our relationship with the Holy One. [CLICK Here](#) to register and receive Zoom link.

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 to guide us on our path of discipleship. [CLICK Here](#) to register and receive Zoom link.

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 exploration 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.

Secular Franciscan Order



The St. Joseph Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order holds their meetings on the last Sunday of each month at 1:00 PM in the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry. Our next meeting is on Sunday, September 25, 2022. [CLICK Here](#) for more information. All Are Welcome!

Clare Gallery Exhibit "Saints Alive"



Our current exhibition, [Saints Alive](#), features 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.



Build Community While Building a Home

As part of our efforts to provide affordable housing and Interfaith dialogue in the Greater Hartford area, the Franciscan Center is proud to partner with Muslim, Jewish and other Christian communities of faith in the construction of a Habitat Home. On Sunday, October 16, 2022 from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM, we will join one of these communities in working on the home.

Come join Fr Mike if you have wonderful carpentry skills... if you don't, but have enthusiasm and a willingness to learn, there are skilled folks there to guide you. It's a wonderful opportunity to build community, while building a home.

If interested or for more info, contact our Outreach / Volunteer Ministry coordinator, Allison at aholstgrubbe@spsact.org by October 9, 2022 for the sign up link.

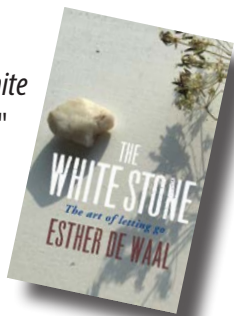
Thin Places: The White Stone

"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 for 6 weeks.



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@sdden.org (please note period after Virginia).

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.



Volunteer Opportunities



Many hands are needed for these upcoming parish events! [CLICK Here](#) for more info.

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.

Baptism

Saturday, September 24, 2022

Genevieve Grace

child of Mária Decsy

William MacLean

child of Grant and Kristen Rubin

Gifts & Offerings

9/12/2022 to 9/18/2022

Weekly Offering: \$7,750.00

Online: \$9,314.73

Total: \$17,064.73

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— 2 Corinthians 9:11

HOPES

Help Our Parish Elementary Schools

Second Collection - September 24-25, 2022

The HOPES Collection benefits the Catholic elementary schools of the Archdiocese by providing schools with individual HOPES Grants. Please help us provide a culture of faith and academic excellence to elementary school students by giving to the 2022 Catholic elementary school HOPES Collection this weekend. Thank you for your support. [CLICK Here](#) to donate online.

2022 Archbishop's Annual Appeal Update

Our Goal: \$115,000.00

Families Participating: 245

Pledge Amount: \$87,610.00

All funds contributed to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal are used exclusively for the purposes outlined in the Appeal literature, <http://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/>.

No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, September 24, 2022

4:00 PM Joan Navarra, 1st Anniversary

Sunday, September 25, 2022

8:00 AM Donato Monaco

10:00 AM Ted and Camille Tyskiewicz & Theresa Massaro

11:45 AM Mary Lemega, 18th Anniversary

5:00 PM Michael Fusco, Jr.

Monday, September 26, 2022

7:30 AM For our Parishioners

12:05 PM Yoshizo & Yaeko Tsuji

Tuesday, September 27, 2022

7:30 AM Fred D'Amico

12:05 PM Stephen Rzewnicki

Wednesday, September 28, 2022

7:30 AM In Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Fatima

12:05 PM Dr. Brendan Fox

Thursday, September 29, 2022

7:30 AM

12:05 PM Michael O'Donnell

Friday, September 30, 2022

7:30 AM Florence Mulcahy

12:05 PM Intentions of Maria & Anthony Rosal

Saturday, October 1, 2022

4:00 PM Jack Langton

Sunday, September 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

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An Invitation to Explore the Catholic Faith



There are as 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.
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10:00 am Mass Survey

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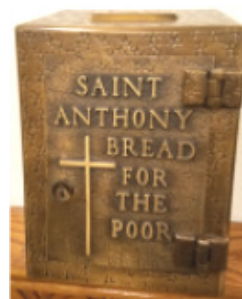
At St. Patrick - St. Anthony, we have five weekend Masses, four which are Mask optional (Saturday at 4:00 pm, Sunday at 8:00 am, 11:45 am, and 5:00 pm), and one Mass at 10:00

am on Sunday where Masks are currently required.

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.

Please [CLICK Here](#) to fill out the survey online.



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