



May the gracious care of the Lord our God be ours;
prosper the work of our hands for us! Prosper the work of our hands!

Psalms 90:17



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St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church

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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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



LABOR DAY

September 5, 2022
One Mass at 9:00 AM
The office will be closed.

Weekly Bulletin Deadline

Mondays by 12:00 NOON. Please submit all information
to cabramo@spsact.org.

Parish Office Hours

Tuesday, September 6 - Saturday, September 10, 2022

9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Sunday, September 11, 2022: 9:00 to 11:00 AM

Daily Mass Readings

Monday, Sept 5: 1 COR 5:1-8; LK 6:6-11

Tuesday, Sept 6: 1 Cor 6:1-11; Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday, Sept 7: 1 COR 7:25-31; LK 6:20-26

Thursday, Sept 8: Mi 5:1-4a; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or
Mt 1:18-23

Friday, Sept 9: 1 COR 9:16-19, 22B-27; LK 6:39-42

Sunday, Sept 11: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14, 1; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13,
17, 19; Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32

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

September 4, 2022

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

As Fr. Bill would say: "Happy End of Meteorological Summer!" I must admit that this is a new term for me – so new that I can barely pronounce it! Apparently, according to one website I consulted, meteorologists and climatologists define the seasons differently. The astronomical seasons are defined by the movement of the earth in relationship to the sun. But climatologists define the seasons according to temperature cycles. Thus, Autumn includes the months of September, October and November; Winter is December, January and February; Spring is March, April and May; Summer is June, July and August. This makes a lot of sense to me; however, I maintain that the seasons seem to have shifted by at least a month over the course of my lifetime. For example, March can be brutally cold and winterlike; and December can be "unseasonably" warm, especially at Christmastime.

All that being said, this particular time of the year – the end of the summer vacation season – always leaves me feeling a bit wistful. Even though I am long past my student days, I still feel that sense of "the fun is over" as Labor Day approaches. And the fact that many schools start up well before Labor Day is something I simply cannot fathom! I remember one time, many years ago, I was in Ocean City, NJ strolling along the boardwalk in the latter part of August. I noticed lots of children and teenagers running about, enjoying the rides and games, and I kept thinking to myself: "You're in for a rude awakening, kids!" I guess I never got over my childhood anxiety of the end of summer, and the only thing that saved me from utter despair was knowing that my birthday was just around the corner!



In the United States we celebrate Labor Day on the first Monday of September. It was established as a federal holiday in 1894 to honor and recognize the

American labor movement, and the work and contributions of workers. Nowadays, Labor Day consists mostly of backyard barbecues and back-to-school sales. So, whatever plans you may have for the day, enjoy it and have fun!

As I reflect on the Responsorial Psalm for this weekend, I see it as a perfect complement to our observance of Labor Day. As you can see on the cover of this bulletin, I have collected a group of photos to accompany the final verse of Psalm 90: "May the gracious care of the Lord our God be ours; prosper the work of our hands for us! Prosper the work of our hands!" On this Labor Day weekend I think of the many ways our hands are used, either in work or in leisure. We speak of "manual labor" – which literally means "hand work." Some hands must be strong and rough like a carpenter's or mechanic's; some hands must be fast and accurate like a pianist's or typist's; some hands must be light and delicate like a knitter's or tailor's; some hands must be able to knead dough over and over like a baker's; some hands must be willing to get dirty and grimy like a farmer's or gardener's.

There are so many professions and occupations that require the use of one's hands, but if those hands are injured or grow arthritic, one's prosperity is endangered. On the other hand (sorry about that), I think of those whose hands have been idled due to the loss of a job. On Labor Day we must also be mindful of those who desperately seek employment, and I pray that the Lord will prosper the work of their hands.

Let us always keep in mind that we are God's handiwork, as St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians tells us: "For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them" (Ep 2:10). Thus, may our good works reflect and protect the beauty of God's creation in whatever ways our hands are capable.

Blessings on your week ahead!

Fr. Tim Shreenan, OFM

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Pastor

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Meeting dates for September-December, 2022:

Mondays, 7:00 to 8:30 PM: September 12, October 10, November 14 & December 12

Thursdays, 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM - September 29, October 27, November 17 & December 29

"Did You Know..."

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!

A parishioner nurse-leader expresses her gratitude: "...so grateful for your ministry. A critically ill patient's Mother commented on how comforted she was to receive a Prayer Square from our Hospital Chaplain. It has been so rewarding to distribute over 2,000 "prayer squares" to our amazing nurses. The prayer squares have been so well received by our resilient, yet sometimes weary caregivers.

Some nurses carry their prayer square in their uniform pocket, hang it in their locker, others inform me that after a while they passed it along to a patient or their own family member to offer support and caring in a time of need."

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.



"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*.

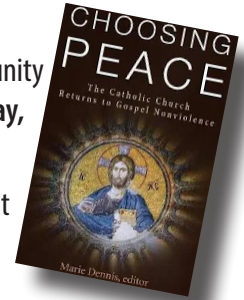
Pax Christi USA has recognized Marie Dennis, former co-president of Pax Christi International, as the 2022 recipient of the Pax Christi USA Teacher of Peace Award.



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 the 10:00 Mass on the Sundays 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.**

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

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. The next meeting dates are 9/7 and 9/21.

Co-facilitators: Sheila Denion and John Lemega



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.

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.

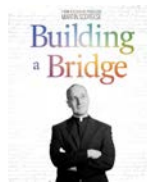
Open Hearts Ministry Upcoming Events

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 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@stpatrickstanthony.org) with any questions. Click / Scan the QR Code to register.



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.

Blessings and Congratulations

Married

September 3, 2022

Joel Canela and Kamila Santiago-Burgos

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



St. Anthony Shrine



Thank You



Gifts & Offerings

8/22/2022 to 8/28/2022

Weekly Offering: \$8,932.00

Online: \$9,107.73

Total: \$18,093.73

2022 Archbishop's Annual Appeal Update

Our Goal:	\$115,000.00
Families Participating:	242
Pledge Amount:	\$81,510.00
Average Pledge:	\$336.82
Percent of Goal:	70.88%

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 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

Monday, September 5, 2022

9:00 AM Anibal Rivera

Tuesday, September 6, 2022

7:30 AM For our parishioners

12:05 PM Jean Tierney

Wednesday, September 7, 2022

7:30 AM

12:05 PM Joseph Kelliher

Thursday, September 8, 2022

7:30 AM

12:05 PM Sr. Jeanne Williams, OSF

Friday, September 9, 2022

7:30 AM

12:05 PM Judy Williams

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

In Loving Memory

Jean F. Tierney

William Kilray

Anthony Narducci

Please Pray for the Sick

Paula Molitar, Joseph Shertick, Vincent Marella, Greg Reed,
Alex Ayers, Kathryn Eagers, Tommie Henry, Cecy Mickey, Jim
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Degennaro.

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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 next weekend. Monies collected will be used to offset utility costs created by the multiple heatwaves this summer. Please [CLICK Here](#) to donate now via Online Giving. We thank you in advance for your continued generosity.



Monthly Snack Collection

Our monthly snack collection is this weekend on Sunday, September 4, 2022, during the morning Masses.



Drop off individually wrapped snacks such as granola bars, packs of nuts, chips, cookies, juice boxes or small water bottles.

They will be combined with other snacks into "snack packs" which are handed out daily with sandwiches. Thank you so much for your generosity!



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.



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

*Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.
Serve the Lord with gladness; come before his
presence with singing. — Psalm 100*

- Treble Clef Choir (High Voices) rehearses Wednesdays from 5:30–6:45 p.m.
- Gallery Choir (SATB) rehearses Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.
- Bass Clef Choir (Low Voices) rehearses Mondays at 7:30 p.m.
- The Church Street Singers (Children/Youth) starts on 11/6, schedule TBA.

[CLICK Here](#) for more information. To reach Gabriel Löfvall, our Director of Music Ministry, please call 860-756-4034 x 164 or email at glofvall@spsact.org




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