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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 27, 2022

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Celebration of the Eucharist

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Saturday Evening Mass of Anticipation

4:00 PM Public & Livestream

Sunday Masses

8:00 AM Public

10:00 AM Public & Livestream

11:45 AM Public

5:00 PM Public

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, Nov 28: Isaiah 4:2-6; Matthew 8:5-11

Tuesday, Nov 29: Isaiah 11:1-10; Luke 10:21-24

Wednesday, Nov 30: Romans 10:9-18; Matthew 4:18-22

Thursday, Dec 1: Isaiah 26:1-6; Matthew 7:21, 24-27

Friday, Dec 2: Isaiah 29:17-24; Matthew 9:27-31

Sunday, Dec 4: Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Romans 15:4-9; Matthew 3:1-12

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

Parish and Franciscan Center Office Hours

Monday through Saturday
9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Sunday
9:00 am to 11:30 am

Upcoming Bulletin Deadlines

Dec. 4 Bulletin: Monday, Nov. 28 at noon

Dec. 11 Bulletin: Monday, Dec. 5 at noon

Dec. 18 Bulletin: Monday, Dec. 12 at noon

Dec. 25 Bulletin: Monday Dec. 19 at noon

Jan. 1 Bulletin: Thursday, Dec. 22 at noon

The Pastor's Corner

November 27, 2022

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Some of you might be wondering how my trip to Florida went. Sorry I can't tell you, because I haven't gone yet! You see, I am writing this letter on a balmy mid-November day, two weeks before you will read it. That's due to the fact that because of the Thanksgiving holiday, the deadline for the bulletin was pushed ahead, so I must get this piece written and submitted much earlier than usual.

However, this situation has me thinking about planning ahead. I find that much of my life lately has been about planning for events well in advance of their occurrence. Does your work require you to do the same? I remember my days in college when I knew that a term paper would be due by a certain date, usually weeks – if not months – away. Me? I'd wait until the last minute, sit down and type it in one day. No rewrites – exactly the way Mozart composed. Except that I'm no Mozart, and my grades often reflected my disdain for planning ahead.

But I've learned better how to live in two worlds at once – the present and the future. Although I'm more comfortable with working in a linear fashion (doing one task at a time), I've found that I can also keep an eye on what lies ahead and start making plans well in advance. Such is the case for the season of Advent – making the most of the present moment while keeping our eyes on the future.

The first week of Advent always focuses our attention on the second coming of the Lord at the end of time. Often, the readings are filled with fearful apocalyptic imagery that some might find difficult to grasp. But it isn't all gloom and doom, either. Take, for example, this Sunday's first reading in which Isaiah unfolds a breathtaking vision of a people gathered into the Lord's house; a great pilgrimage of nations whose destination is the mountaintop of God, to be taught and instructed in the ways of peace and reconciliation. Even the Psalm has us singing "Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord!"

But there is much planning to do in the meantime. Or, as St. Paul would say: "Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us conduct ourselves properly as in the day..." In the Gospel, Jesus is just as persuasive: "So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."



Thus, Advent is indeed a time of preparation – not just for Christmas as exciting as that is, but for our future destiny with God. Advent, is, in a sense, a yearly dress rehearsal for all that it means to be a Christian disciple. We are called to live in the present as people of faith, hope and love; caring for one another and for the earth, our present home. But we must also keep our gaze fixed on what lies ahead, whatever that future may hold for us.

Now, speaking of the Lord's house (a subtle reference to Isaiah), I wish to update you on the situation with our tabernacle. It seems that it is beyond repair. The locking mechanism, according to several experts who looked at it, is virtually impossible to replace or repair. So, I have decided that we will need to "retire" our present tabernacle which has served us since 1958, and move the temporary tabernacle from the chapel to the church.

In consultation with Steve Balkun, our resident wood craftsman, a design for a new tabernacle is being made. I have suggested to Steve that he create a miniature version of our church building to serve as a "house within a house" for the Body of Christ. I have seen other tabernacles that are in the shape of a church, and I think that the symbolism is perfect. And we won't be losing our old tabernacle entirely, as Steve will be able to reproduce the Pelican symbol from its door and carve it into the door of the new tabernacle.

The process will probably take several months to complete, as Steve plans to build a model from inexpensive wood first, in much the same way that the great architects and sculptors built models first before starting a full-scale project. We don't know yet what the final cost will be, but I plan to have a simple fund drive in which all parishioners will be invited to participate. Unlike stock items that any parish can purchase through a catalog, this will be a project that is truly unique for our parish Church of St. Patrick-St. Anthony!

Blessings on your week ahead!

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

P.S. Please be sure to see the announcement elsewhere in the bulletin for our "Journey to Bethlehem" service of lessons and carols on December 18 at 7:00 PM. We have some beautiful music planned!

Haiti Giving Tree



Since 2005, our parish community has been in a covenant relationship with St. Genevieve parish in Zoranje, Haiti. At their request, part of our relationship is providing a daily hot meal for all students at their parish school and assistance for teacher salaries. We are thankful for the response to our "Christmas in July" fundraiser. This closed a gap in food funding, ensuring all students receive a meal, and gave a modest increase in teacher salaries.

Our 2022 Giving Tree reminds us of this relationship and our continuing commitment. This Advent we are requesting your assistance in reducing gaps in available instructional materials and tuition support. We understand that there is a lack of up to date textbooks and no workbooks available for each student. In most cases workbooks must be shared. The estimated cost for a set of books and workbooks is the equivalent of \$100 US per student. Tuition fees are the equivalent of \$30 US per student per year. Although very modest by U.S. standards, it is often an impossible expense for some families. No students, however, are turned away from the school if parents cannot afford tuition.

We invite you to take an ornament from the Haiti Giving Tree. It contains a photo and information on donating and it can hang on your own tree. Can you, your family, and/or even extended family help to support teaching and learning at St. Genevieve Parish school?



Donations may be made online via our webpage (access using the QR code,) or a check (made out to SPSA Church, with "Sister Parish-Giving Tree" in the memo) dropped in the collection basket or mailed to the office. MESI-THANK YOU!

The Nativity you see in our message is Haitian Metal Art. The metal is recycled oil drums that are cut and sculpted into beautiful words and pictures by skilled artisans. Please see our webpage or Facebook page for pictures and descriptions on how these works are created and where this art is available for purchase.

Local Giving Tree

The Local Giving Tree supports several House of Bread programs and two programs at the Connecticut Children's Medical Center (CCMC), one for adolescents and the other for young adults.



There is still plenty of time to get your gift for the Local Giving Tree. Use our electronic gift registry for the Local Giving Tree again this year. To access the registry, Click spsagivingtree.org/local-giving-tree or use your smart phone to scan the QR Code.

Please remember, the last day to return your wrapped and labeled gift is Saturday, December 10 at 6:00 PM.

Once on the website, please click the brown "VIEW THE GIFT DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS" button located above the registry listings. Please read all instructions. This page contains all dates and times our volunteers will be available to receive your gifts at the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry.



Call Frances D'Amico at 203-715-6313 if you have additional questions.

Thank you for your generosity.

Time and Talent Tree



Through our love of God and one another, we find ways in which we can use our time and talents to share with others. Consider giving the gift of your time and talent this

holiday season by participating in our Time and Talent Tree. From joining the prayer network to helping to distribute sandwiches, the options are endless. Access our Time and Talent Tree by using your smart phone to scan the QR code or going to <https://spsagivingtree.org/time-and-talent-tree/>.



Christmas Youth Volunteer Opportunity

Watch for more information soon about how your child can participate in Liturgical Dance on Christmas Eve at the 4:00 pm Mass OR sing with the Church Street Singers at the 5:30 pm Mass! For more information about either of these opportunities, email Sarah Christopher at schristopher@spsact.org!

Adult Faith Formation

Please [CLICK here](#) for information on all programs.

Group Spiritual Reflection: Tuesday, November 29, 2022 via Zoom from 12:30-1:30 PM. [CLICK Here](#) to register and receive Zoom link.

Quiet Prayer: Wednesday, November 30, 2022 from 7:30 - 8:00 AM via Zoom The Zoom link can be found in Monday's email.

People of Hope: We are excited to have Gloria Ulterino as Guest Facilitator for Advent sessions of People of Hope on November 30, December 7 and December 14, 2022 from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM via Zoom. [CLICK Here](#) to register and receive Zoom link.

A Free Will Offering for any program can be made payable to "St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church" and mailed to 285 Church Street, Hartford, CT 06103, Attn: Pat Curtis.

journey to bethlehem

a service of lessons and carols

From the prophet's vision of Emmanuel to the apostle's proclamation of God speaking to us through a Son, let us join Mary and Joseph in their journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem as the mystery of the Incarnation is unfolded for us in scripture and song.

Join us on Sunday, December 18, 2022 at 7:00 PM for well-known carols and glorious choral music, together with the children of our parish as they recount the story of Christmas.

A unique surprise awaits us as we hear the premiere performance of "A Christmas Antiphon" by the renowned composer Charles Callahan, written especially for this occasion!



Advent Wreath Workshop
SUNDAY
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8 AM - 1 PM
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The Hartford Flute Ensemble
Cordially Invites You to an
Annual Christmas Concert



December 17, 2022 at 7:00 pm
at the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry
285 Church Street, Hartford, CT 06103

Current Volunteer Opportunities at St. Patrick – St. Anthony Church and the Franciscan Center

If you're looking for a specific way you can get involved, here is a list of current needs we have. Can you share your gifts? Please: [CLICK Here](#) for more information.

Remote Volunteer Opportunity!

SPSA's Volunteer Ministry needs folks who can assist our ministry coordinators with technological/administrative tasks related to their ministries. This work can be done 100% remotely. Comfortable proficiency in Google workspace, Zoom and Microsoft Office is necessary.

Altar Servers Needed!

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED No experience is necessary – we will train you. You can choose which Masses and how often you serve. Have you ever considered serving as a parent /child ministry? This could be a great experience for a parent and child to serve during Mass together. Please contact Deb Pelletier at dpelletier@spsact.org for more information.

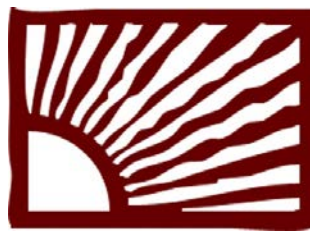
Livestream Camera Operator

Have you ever wondered what it takes to stream one of our Masses? We have dedicated volunteers who cover each Mass, but one is graduating from high school! We are in search of someone who can come to Mass 15 minutes before starting time, stream the Mass from our control room, and put the equipment away.

Volunteer with our Partner Organizations

St. Patrick – St. Anthony and the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry partner with many local organizations to help people in the Hartford community. [CLICK Here](#) to find out more about potential volunteer opportunities.

Women Deacons



The Women of Hope Ministry has been inspired to explore this topic of "Women Deacons" because of the recent response to Pope Francis' Synod. In listening sessions at our parish as well as at national

and international gatherings, the People of God are ready to move forward with dialogue about and study of the question, "*Who can serve the Church in the role of ordained deacon?*"

Women of Hope Ministry has designed a process to consider this question and we now invite you to join in. In December and January, please seek out our articles in the bulletin and parish emails which will take a fresh look at Scripture passages that describe the leadership and service of women in the early Church. We will reclaim important developments in our Church history and break open this topic in renewed ways. We will share the new reality opening up before us with Pope Francis' commitment to synodality.

Then, on consecutive Tuesdays, January 17 and 24, 2023, we will gather as a faith community for prayer and discussion. Our parish Synod process gave voice to the desire of women, men, and students for the expansion of leadership roles in the Church. Please plan now to join us in January! Registration details are forthcoming.

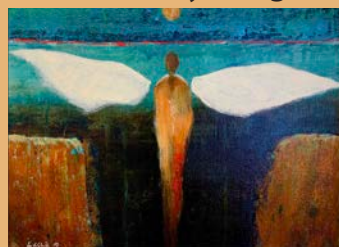
"Come and See" how we, as the People of God, can further our own education and understanding as we continue to journey together.

Thank You For Your Generosity

Thank you for supporting our Annual Turkey Drive. This year we collected 212 Turkeys for those in need on Thanksgiving.

Thank you from the Ladies Guild for continuing to support our Scholarship Fund.

Clare Gallery- Angels in the Dark



Angels in the Dark, on display from October 20, 2022 to December 1, 2022, highlights the creative, spiritual, and healing work of George Herrick.

Please Pray for the Sick

Paula Molitar, Joseph Shertick, Vincent Marella, Greg Reed, Kathryn Eagers, Tommie Henry, Cecy Mickey, Jim Howard, Syl Ciraulo, Mary Ertel, Mary Joyce Castafero, Dave Godek, Tim Hindman and Susan Degennaro.

Sanctuary Lamps

for the week of November 27

In Loving Memory
of
Josephine Tanasi
by Connie Crocket

Please Also Pray for
Judy Smith



The Church Street Singers youth choir will provide musical leadership for both Journey to Bethlehem: A Service of Lessons and Carols on December 18 at 7:00 PM and at the 5:30 pm Mass on Christmas Eve.

Reading age youth singers are invited to join us for 3 rehearsals and the 5:30 pm Christmas Eve Mass on December 24.

High school leaders are also need. Please consider joining to assist in directing and guiding the younger children.



The Church Street Singers are directed by choir director, parishioner, and catechist, Julia Atwood.

Rehearsal Schedule

Rehearsals are from 1:00 to 2:00 PM in the Franciscan Center on the following Sundays:

December 4

December 11

December 18

Call time on December 24 is 5:00 PM.



[CLICK Here](#) or scan the QR Code for more information and to sign up. If you have further questions, please call the parish office at 860-756-4034, leave your name and number, and we will have someone connect with you.

Liturgical Dance Ensemble



Create a prayerful and memorable Christmas tradition for your child with Liturgical Dance. The 4:00 pm Mass on Christmas Eve features the Liturgical Dancers who express their prayer through movement.

Parishioner, Mary Beth Griffith of Griffith Academy of Dance in Wethersfield, will direct our dancers again this year.

All dancers, high school age and younger are invited to join the Liturgical Dance Ensemble for three rehearsals in December and to dance with us at the 4:00 PM Mass on Christmas Eve.

Rehearsal Schedule:

Saturday, December 10

8:00-9:00 AM at the Griffith Academy, 275 Main Street, Wethersfield.

Sunday, December 18

1:30-3:30 PM at St. Patrick - St. Anthony Church.

Thursday, December 22

4:30-6:30 PM at St. Patrick - St. Anthony Church

Call time on December 24 is 3:00 PM.

[CLICK Here](#) for more information and to sign up to dance. If you have questions, contact Sarah Christopher at schristopher@spsact.org, church coordinator for the Liturgical Dancers.

Community Sunday Evening Edition

Sunday, November 27
After the 5:00 pm Mass

Join us for wine, cheese, and conversation in the Franciscan Center following 5:00 pm Mass

Hosted by the members of our wonderful Music Ministry



Christmas Flower Memorials



The beautiful poinsettias and greenery that adorn our altar and sanctuary are a special part of our celebration of Advent and Christmas at St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church.

We invite all to share in the experience through a Christmas Flower Memorial. The names of your loved ones will be published in the Christmas Weekend Bulletin which will be available on line and in the Church. The deadline for memorial submissions is December 19, 2022.



There are three ways to submit a Christmas Flower Memorial:

1. Utilize the Christmas Flowers Envelope you received with your bi-monthly envelopes then drop it in the offering basket or mail to the church office.
2. Use the form below, drop in the offering basket or mail to the church office.
3. Click/Scan the QR Code to submit your memorial and offering online.

Church Address for mailing in memorials:

St. Patrick - St. Anthony Church
285 Church Street, Hartford, CT 06103
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Advent and Christmas Season at
St. Patrick - St. Anthony Church.



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Retirement Fund for Religious



Our Second Collection on December 10/11, 2022 is for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

Elderly religious need your help. Like those pictured, nearly 25,000 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have devoted their lives to prayer and ministry—educating the young, tending the sick, aiding the needy, and more. Yet years of serving for little or no pay have left a profound shortage in retirement savings. Your support of the Retirement Fund for Religious helps furnish care, medicine, and other necessities.

Thanksgiving Prayer

O God, ever good and merciful, look graciously upon us as we celebrate Thanksgiving Day. Our nation has been richly blessed, and we thank You for the necessities of life that so many of us enjoy in abundance. May we never take these gifts for granted or forget that they come from You, the Creator and Author of Life. We pray for those among us who suffer as a result of material, spiritual, or moral poverty. Enkindle in us a greater charity toward our neighbor in need and help us as a people to build a more just and peaceful society and world. We pray in a special way for those who are suffering, or are in any need, because of the lingering effects of the pandemic. Thank you, Father, for all Your blessings, in the Name of Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, November 26, 2022

4:00 PM Diamantino Marques

Sunday, November 27, 2022

8:00 AM Theodora Klarides

10:00 AM Josephine Tanasi

11:45 AM Anna Ellis

5:00 PM Joan Ross

Monday, November 28, 2022

7:30 AM Tom Dahlgren

12:05 PM Judith Lyons

Tuesday, November 29, 2022

7:30 AM Intentions for Gertrude Tulloch on her 105th Birthday

12:05 PM Nancy Ann Galligan

Wednesday, November 30, 2022

7:30 AM

12:05 PM Peter Mittica

Thursday, December 1, 2022

7:30 AM For our parishioners

12:05 PM James DeCicco

Friday, December 2, 2022

7:30 AM

12:05 PM Frank Brennan and John Marut

Saturday, December 3, 2022

4:00 PM Virginia F. Cimini

Sunday, December 4, 2022

8:00 AM Concetta Gianni

10:00 AM Tony Intino

11:45 AM Rose and Angelo Perrone

5:00 PM Pauline S. Ward

Mass Intentions and Sanctuary Lamps: Masses and 7-day Sanctuary Lamps may be scheduled for loved ones, living or deceased. Contact the parish office to schedule a Mass. Suggested Donation: \$10

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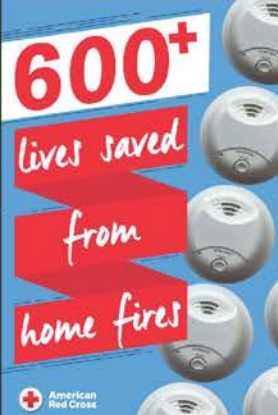
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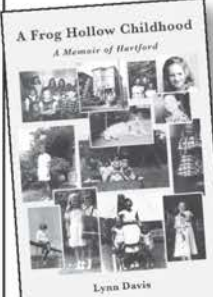
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World Peace

A Frog Hollow Childhood: A Memoir of Hartford by Lynn Davis

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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