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St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church

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DECEMBER 25, 2022

St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church and The Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry

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*Open Hearts
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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!

Christmas and New Years Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 24

All Christmas Eve Masses will be available via livestream

4:00 PM Mass: with cantor and Liturgical Dancers

5:30 PM Mass: with Church Street Singers and Treble Clef Choir

10:00 PM: Prelude to the Mass at Night

10:30 PM: Mass at Night (A Mask Only section will be available)

Sunday, December 25

Livestream and Mask Only section available during the 10:00 AM

8:00, 10:00 and 11:45 AM Masses (No 5:00 PM)
with vocal ensemble, organ and instrumentalists

Monday, December 26

9:00 am Mass (NO 7:30 am or 12:05 PM)

Parish Office is Closed

Saturday, December 31

4:00 PM Mass

Reception following to view First Night Fireworks at 6:00 pm

Sunday, January 1, 2023

8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 11:45 AM, and 5:00 PM Masses
(This is a correction to this week's printed bulletin)

Monday, January 2, 2023

9:00 AM Mass (No 7:30 AM or 12:05 PM)

Parish Office Closed

Daily Mass Readings



Monday, Dec 26:	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Matthew 10:17-22
Tuesday, Dec 27:	1 John 1:1-4; John 20:1a and 2-8
Wednesday, Dec 28:	1 John 1:5-2:2; Matthew 2:13-18
Thursday, Dec 29:	1 John 2:3-11; Luke 2:22-35
Friday, Dec 30:	Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 or Colossians 3:12-21; Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23
Sunday, Jan 1:	Numbers 6:22-27; Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21

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

Parish and Center Office Hours

Saturday, Dec. 24:	9:00 am to 1:00 pm
Sunday, Dec. 25 - Monday, Dec. 26:	The Office is Closed
Tuesday, Dec. 27 - Friday, Dec 30:	9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Saturday, Dec. 31 - Monday, Jan. 2:	The Office is Closed
Tuesday, Jan 3 - Saturday, Jan 7:	9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Upcoming Bulletin Deadlines

Jan. 8, 2023 Bulletin: Monday, Jan. 2 at noon

The Pastor's Corner

December 25, 2022

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

For the hit Christmas movie "Home Alone," John Williams wrote a song called "Walking Home" with lyrics by Leslie Bricusse. The chorus of the song says, "Somewhere in my memory / Christmas joys all around me / Living in my memory / All of the music, all of the magic / All of the family, home here with me."

Christmas is indeed a moment full of memories from childhood to old age. We remember all those funny, sad, or surprising moments that we recall in old photos or VHS tapes – like the ones I'm sharing here. The first photo is me at about 15 months, sitting in front of a cardboard Santa with a fiberglass beard. Even at that tender age I wondered how Santa could come down the chimney since it was a fake fireplace! Apparently my parents had to leave the back door unlocked so Santa could make his entrance. The second photo is me at four-years-old, sitting on Santa's lap at AM&A's, a venerable department store in downtown Buffalo which, like Sage-Allen here in Hartford, is now a thing of memory.



The final photo requires a bit of explanation. Somewhere around 9 or 10 years of age, I started to develop my passion for the organ. When I was in sixth grade, I received my first organ – a small table-top Magnus chord organ; the kind that had buttons on the left side to play chords while the melody was played with the right hand. Unfortunately, my curiosity had gotten the better of me and, after a bit of snooping in the basement before Christmas, I discovered the box. So it wasn't such a big surprise when I saw it on Christmas morning.

The bigger surprise happened when I was 14 and my parents gave me a Hammond organ for Christmas. I had been dropping not-so-subtle hints to them, but never really thought they



would spring for such an extravagant gift. But the Saturday before Christmas in 1968, I was in our basement working on a school project (building a model of a Greek amphitheater), and my brother and I heard a bit of commotion from upstairs. He looked out the window and saw a delivery truck parked at the curb and said, "I think they're delivering an organ." I replied, "Yeah, sure" and went back to my project. Several minutes later, my mother called down the stairs for me to come up to the living room for a minute. When I walked into the room my father snapped the photo shown here – me with a look of complete astonishment at seeing a beautiful Hammond spinet organ in the corner of the living room! To say the least, my project in the basement was forgotten for several days as I played my heart out on that organ.



When we think of the birth of Jesus in a stable at Bethlehem, I wonder how big of a surprise it was to those who witnessed it. Luke gives us a bit of a hint when he recounts how the shepherds, having been greeted by a host of angels singing "Glory to God in the highest," made their way to the stable: "And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. And when they saw it, that made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them" (Lk 2:16-18). Then we are told that "Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart."

I imagine that the real surprise didn't come until some 30 years later with Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection from the dead. But the big surprise of Christmas is that God would become incarnate in the world. This Emmanuel, God-with-us, had become one of us, and through his teachings and miracles, led from one surprise to another. God really cares about us, and God has never stopped caring about us! All of this is pure, extravagant gift! Are you surprised about this? As people of faith we shouldn't be, but sometimes it is hard to believe that God would do such a thing.

The ancient hymn, *O magnum mysterium*, beautifully captures this element of surprise. Part of it reads: "O great mystery, and wonderful sacrament, that animals should see the newborn Lord, lying in a manger!" To the animals, and even more so, the shepherds, and eventually to the whole world, God's Incarnation of Jesus is still a great, mysterious surprise to those who choose to believe it.

A Blessed and Merry Christmas, to you all!

Fr. Tim Shreenan, OFM

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Pastor

Christmas Flower Memorials and Honorariums

- ❖ Jean & Arthur Field Family and Barbara & Francis Pierz Family
- ❖ Hannah & Richard J. Flood, Jephtha & Helen Lanning, James & Julia O'Brien, Jack, Don, Rita, and Vincent O'Brien, and Jephtha Holland Lanning
- ❖ Frank J. Libro and the DiBella Family
- ❖ Concetta Gianni
- ❖ In Memory of Kenneth & Roxie Boone, Mary Hunt, Dennis Digney, & Lt Dustin Demonte & Sgt Alex Hamzy. In honor of Officer Alec Lucrato
- ❖ Sal & Loretta Cholko and Jim & Lillian Penders
- ❖ Francis McGrath, Katherine McGrath, and Madeline Capodinno
- ❖ Deceased members of the The Nolan and Wagner Families
- ❖ Stanely J. Wentland, Marilynn Wentland
- ❖ John McCormick
- ❖ The deceased member of the Curtiss & Catalano Families
- ❖ John Torza, Nicholas Pavia
- ❖ William Feldmann
- ❖ Bill Webb & Lori Cushman
- ❖ William A. Leone
- ❖ Harold Howarth, Demarck Wimberly, and George Holst-Grubbe
- ❖ Kristen Marie Clarke, Mary DeBona
- ❖ Edwin & Gene Dominick
- ❖ Stevie Boona
- ❖ The deceased members of the Thibeault & Stearns Families
- ❖ Angelo Anthony Gionfriddo & Carolyn Jean Gionfriddo
- ❖ Joanne & Edward Schempp
- ❖ Anne & Paul Undersinger and Joan & John Stafstrom
- ❖ Joe & Teresa Melzen, Bob & Ann Humphrey, Deceased members of the Melzen & Lukacht Families
- ❖ Prisloe & Olie Families
- ❖ Antonio & Stella Pizzoferrato, Anthony Pizzoferrato, Jr, Robert & Cheyl Cronin, and Agatha Pizzoferrato-Weilock
- ❖ Deceased members of the Quigley, Dooley, O'Sullivan & Kubis Families
- ❖ Caroline Zachmann, Fred & Kath Elmy, Matthias & Anna Petsche, Joe & Helen Murray, George & Elizabeth Zachmann
- ❖ Michael & Monica Grigaitis
- ❖ Fran & Ed Marin, Jerry Marin, Carmella & John Karwan, Pam & Jack Karwan
- ❖ Thomas Zaleski, Larry & Ann Tauro
- ❖ John C. Brennan, Deceased Members of the Brennan, Lemega, Ramos & Watt Families
- ❖ Richard Formica, Gaetano & Concetta Romano, and Linda Romano
- ❖ Amanda Brown, John Daly
- ❖ William & Rosalie Swift, In honor of Pat Curtis
- ❖ The deceased members of the Liggio, Hilbert & Cassels Families
- ❖ Daniel Buckanavage, Rev. Andrew Giardino, ofm, Gentkowski Family, Buckanavage Family, and Gregory Nemergut
- ❖ Ryan Ross, Silvio Celadon
- ❖ Thomas E. Claffey
- ❖ Deceased members of the Randazzo & Olevia Families
- ❖ Jean Tierney, Carroll Tierney, Debbie Chase, Cathy Rebai, Kris Dressler
- ❖ Guy W. Wolf
- ❖ Alexander & Clementine Cardoni, Armand & Angela DeMarchi, Judith Baker-Cardoni, Emilia Cutre & Dominic Cutre
- ❖ Brigid Curtin, Richard Johnson, Sally Johnson, Nana & Grandpa Malloy, and Auntie & Uncle Joe
- ❖ Joseph Girgenti
- ❖ Selena Mason
- ❖ Ann & Anthony Leone
- ❖ Fitol & Fedoruk Families
- ❖ Marie Rizzio
- ❖ Lillian & Frederick Sullivan and Margaret & James Sheehan
- ❖ Joseph Kelliher

Christmas Flower Memorials and Honorariums

- ❖ Dr. William F. O'Meara, Deborah L. O'Meara
- ❖ Barton F. Smith, Lorayne T. Smith, Jean T. Corr and Christopher Corr
- ❖ Madeline Bartholomay, Gary S. Bunting
- ❖ Thomas & Marion Hoey, Dorothy Ryan, Sr. Susan Carlin, RSM, Sr. Mary Etta Higgins, RSM
- ❖ Chelsea Clyburn Morehouse
- ❖ Marion Hall, Sarah Conforto, Gilda Bongiovanni, Sr. Jeanne Williams, OSF
- ❖ Judy Ryiz
- ❖ Thomas E. Maynard
- ❖ Mary Driscoll Gannon, Lillian Considine Carroll
- ❖ Mr & Mrs Diamontino Marques, Mr & Mrs Elias Carvalho, Maria Brito
- ❖ Salvatore & Rosina Rinaldi and Antonio & Anna Calabrese
- ❖ Isabel & James Watt
- ❖ Richard Crocket, Josephine & Salvatore Tanasi, Samuel & Marjorie Crockett
- ❖ Sylvia Masi
- ❖ Eleanor Laffin, Daniel Laffin, Sr, Daniel Laffin III
- ❖ Sal Coco and Frances Coco
- ❖ Arlene & Leo Laliberte
- ❖ James Cramer, Vinny Rossinwal, and Ziggy Brezinski
- ❖ Anna Alexis & Edward Alexis
- ❖ Donald Telesco
- ❖ Leo, Sr & Delphine Bricuglio, Lt. Dustin Demonte and Sgt. Alex Hamzy. In honor of Officer Alec Lucra-to, for World Peace, and for all Ukrainian Adults & Children Living & Deceased
- ❖ Charles Golec, Edward & Marie Mulcahy, and Genevieve Zak
- ❖ Anthony & Ann Amaio and Charles & Mary Kauke
- ❖ Ugo & Lucille Follacchio
- ❖ Rita & Salvatore Misasi, Sr, James Decicco, Anthony & Madelin Cafaldo, Anthony & Mary Misasi, and Mary Scarselli
- ❖ J. Gregori Montano, John F. O'Connor, Rosemary McCarthy, Steve Gray, Ukraine
- ❖ William Murray
- ❖ Kevin & Paul Sweeney
- ❖ Thomas Sataro, Jos & Anna Pavlick, and Mary Sataro
- ❖ Bill & Ruth Moran, Bruce & Anita DeNeve
- ❖ William D. Brown, John & Mary Fiorillo
- ❖ Beulah DeCuyper, Ailne Jacobson
- ❖ William & Margaret Kramer, Rosalie Latorra
- ❖ Robert & Ann Janulevicz
- ❖ Members of the Przybycien & MacFadden Families
- ❖ Helen & Fred Lucente, Joe & Dulce Martins, Joe & Maria Martins, Charles Francumano, Brian Sullivan, Loretta Lewis Willmott, Daniel Martins, Helen Cinotti
- ❖ Bob, Stefania & Frank Czapowski
- ❖ Hal & Mary Heap
- ❖ Rob Casinghino
- ❖ Mr & Mrs Thomas A. Fox, Mary Ellen Fox, Mr & Mrs Bernard Fagan, Dr & Mrs Michael D. Fox
- ❖ Judith-Ann Giansanti, Vincent Giansanti, Sebastia-na Suranna, Anthony Suranna
- ❖ Memembrs of the Brassa & O'Connell Families
- ❖ In honor of my parents & brother Pedro & Primitiva Rivera and Hector Rivera
- ❖ In honor of Matu Nicholas, the Netinho and Under-wood families
- ❖ Kathleen M. Gorman
- ❖ Joan & Frank Curis
- ❖ Scacca Family
- ❖ Aelred, Rita, Ken, Doreen, Tom, Wagner, Philip Knutson, and Anne Ferrucci
- ❖ Mary & John Lemega, Mary & John Ramos, Michael J. Digby, John V. Ramos, Barbara A. Dubovik, August W. Linder, Inez Williams, Carole A. Spector, John C. Brennan, Fr. Jim Hynes, OFM, Laura S. Diunizio, Hilda T. Perry, and Bob Lemega
- ❖ Laurence T. Maher & L. Timothy Maher
- ❖ Matthew Pearce & Daniel Laffin
- ❖ In memory of deceased members of Wawzyniecki & Sowerbutts families
- ❖ In memory of my sister, Kathleen M Gorman

Christmas Flower Memorials and Honorariums

- ❖ Patti Corcoran
- ❖ Cynthia Stanco, Kathleen Murray, Mary and Joseph Connell, Valeria and Joseph Shertick
- ❖ Michael O'Donnell
- ❖ In Memory of James and Mary Kelley
- ❖ In Memory of Harold Holliger
- ❖ Edward, Genevieve and Thomas Przybysz
- ❖ In memory of our mother and wife, Patricia O'Brien
- ❖ Doris Marianella, Matt Marianella, and Leo Porcello
- ❖ Mary V. Roto
- ❖ Mary R. Infante
- ❖ Timothy Stufft, Betty Stufft, Larry Stufft
- ❖ Johannah Reeves
- ❖ Irene Guzek, Eugenia Guzek, Ed Guzek, Stefan Guzek, Charlotte Bowen and Francis Bowen
- ❖ Olidy S. deOrozco, Patrick J. Keenan, Sr, Armando and Yolanda Delgadillo
- ❖ Joseph Perkowski, Sr

A Christmas Message from St. Genevieve to the Parishioners at St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church

As we celebrate the birth of our savior, along with our Sister Parish of St. Genevieve, in Haiti, we share Pastor Gaby Noels' Christmas message to us. His is a moving message of hope, gratitude and good wishes for us, despite the continuing grim situation in Haiti.

We continue our Christmas Giving Tree appeal for support for the parish school, particularly for workbooks and tuition assistance through January 15, 2023 .

English: To our dear sister parish St. Patrick St Anthony:

As Saint Paul says, "We do not place our hope in Christ for this life only; If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are the most pitiable people of all. Instead, we put our hope in Christ for a new life, that of the risen Christ where we will be with him in glory". Our hope is based first of all on what Jesus tells us: "I am the Resurrection and the Life. He who believes in me, although dead, shall live".

Then on the vision of glory of the book of the Apocalypse of Saint John (7,2-4.9-14), which the church offers in the solemnity of all the Saints to invite us to live in the hope of renewal beyond death. We experience life as it is today in Haiti because the world does not know us, because the world does not know God. We accept to "suffer with Christ so that we may also be glorified with him" (Rom 8, 14-17).

Thus, in this approaching Christmas season, we ask you to pray for us and for all the Haitian people at each mass and to ask God to enhance our faith in his Son who was risen from the dead, and to bring us safety, comfort and peace.

For you, we are very grateful for your continued solidarity, especially for providing for our needs through difficult times. Teachers, students, parents, staff members as well as the elderly who seek our help never cease to thank you. On their behalf as Pastor of this parish community, I thank you wholeheartedly and we all pray that God should bless you, take you under his protection, and keep you safe from all harm.

May you continue to live in prosperity! May God complete in you the works that he started! May all your good deeds accompany you always and lead you to live in endless happiness in the glory of God! May the approaching Christmas bring you health in body, in soul and spirit. May a fruitful New Year bring happiness!

With sincere love,

Father Gaby Noël, pastor of your sister parish of St. Geneviève des Orangers



News from The Saints Lot

Merry Christmas and blessings for the New Year!

Our new "ticket validation" process will be in place mid January (Specific Date TBD). You will be required to take a ticket when entering the lot for Weekday Masses and for events at the Urban Center.

Be sure to bring your ticket with you into the Church or Center as validation will be required before you can leave the lot.

Validation stickers will be located in the church and the office where the stamp use to be. Take a validation sticker and place on the back of your ticket. Follow the directions on the ticket machine and the gate will open.

Look for more information in the January 8th Bulletin.



Christmas Correspondence Between Fr. Tim and Fr. Gaby:

In addition to Fr. Gaby's Christmas letter to all of us, Fr. Tim wanted to publish his Christmas letter to your Brothers and Sisters at Ste.-Geneviève Parish and the response Fr. Gaby sent back to him. We continue to keep everyone in Haiti in our daily prayers.

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Ste.-Geneviève Parish,

As we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus at Christmas, I am mindful of the fact that Mary and Joseph faced many moments of fear and danger. Shortly after the angel told Mary that she would become pregnant with a child through the power of the Holy Spirit, Joseph had to come to terms with a potentially embarrassing scandal. When it was time for Mary to give birth, she and Joseph had to suddenly leave Nazareth and travel by foot to Bethlehem to be counted in the Emperor's census. Worst of all, once word got out that King Herod wanted to kill the infant Jesus, they had to rush to safety in Egypt.

In light of all that the Holy Family had to cope with, we, your brothers and sister of St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church in Hartford, offer you our prayers and support during a time of great danger and uncertainty in your country of Haiti. We wish to offer you as much assistance as you need in order to live in peace and security. However, we must also leave much in the hands of God who is our refuge and strength. May God, who experienced the same vulnerability as a human baby, grant you comfort and joy as we celebrate his birth. All of you are very much a part of our parish life. We enjoyed a wonderful visit with Father Dominique back in August, and we have had a brief video conference with Father Gaby. They are very dedicated priests who serve you with selfless devotion.

Our prayers and best wishes are with you. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Fr. Timothy Shreenan, O.F.M.

Pastor

Dear Father Tim Shreenan,

I did not see how I was going to be able to wish a Merry Christmas to a Haitian living in Haiti compared to the dramatic situation in which we find ourselves today. But now, thanks to your Christmas message that you sent to us which reminds us of many times of fear and danger that Joseph and Mary had to face before and after the birth of Jesus at Christmas, I can now do it and I will do so with pleasure and joy. You will not be able to realize how much you have comforted me and how I will in turn take advantage of this message to comfort my brothers and sisters living in Haiti, especially my parishioners and parishioners to whom I will be able to share of a Christmas message.

I guarantee you that your Christmas message will be at the heart of my sermon or will be the subject of my sermon at Christmas this year. Your message not only gave me strength and vigor and allows me to rethink my Christian life, but also sheds new light on the way I will direct my preaching. Because as Pastor I am aware that I have the heavy responsibility of restoring hope to the people of God who find themselves in all sorts of trials that can be used to verify the quality of their faith.

Our prayers and best wishes are with you too.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you dear Father Tim and to all our brothers and sisters in the parish of St Patrick and Saint Antoine.

Father Gaby Noel,

Always with the same love.



Women of Hope

Women Deacons

DID YOU KNOW...

In the early church communities, very often the people themselves were responsible for choosing their leaders. Henry Chadwick, a renowned historical expert on the early church, writes that in choosing someone for the position that eventually became known as bishop, "...the actual choice of the candidate rested with the whole congregation, clergy and people together." He also added that "Election by the people likewise played a large part in the ordination of presbyters and deacons." So, in the history of the church, the Spirit has worked through the people of God to raise up those to serve in positions of leadership.

Perhaps one of the most famous church leaders to be chosen by acclamation was St. Ambrose of Milan, who was serving as a government official when the Bishop of Milan died. As Ambrose, who was well-known as a respected official and speaker entered the cathedral where deliberations were taking place, everyone shouted "Ambrose for Bishop!" Though hesitant at first, he accepted and was ordained a priest, and consecrated as bishop all in one day. He went on to become a well-loved and respected leader and has been named one of the Doctors of the Church.



It wasn't until the Second Vatican Council in the 1960s, that the people were again acknowledged as Spirit-filled members of the Body of Christ, capable of recognizing the gifts within their community. Lumen Gentium, one of the major Council documents, states that "the entire body of the faithful, anointed as they are by the

Holy One... manifest this special property by means of the whole peoples' supernatural discernment in matters of faith..." To expand on their responsibilities it states further, "the Holy Spirit sanctifies and leads the people of God allotting gifts to everyone...distributes special graces among the faithful of every rank...which makes them fit to undertake the various tasks and offices which contribute to the renewal and building up of the church."

Intrigued to discuss how the Spirit might be working through the People of God today to raise up and expand the circle of those who can serve in positions of leadership?

Join in the conversation at our Women Deacons series on consecutive Tuesdays, January 17 & 24, 2023.

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



Looking to TREAT YOURSELF this Christmas?

Why not order two good books for the New Year!

In January and February, our Faith Formation programs will engage with the following inspirational texts:

Light of Assisi: The Story of Saint Clare by Margaret Carney, OSF
Return to the Root: Reflections on the Inner Life by Joyce Rupp

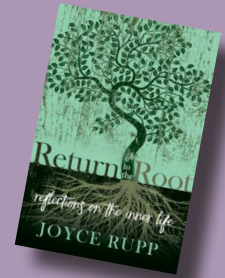
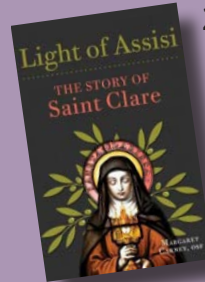
On Tuesday evenings, **January 31, February 7, 14, 21 & 28, from 7:00 to 8:00 PM** on Zoom, we will explore the life of Clare of Assisi and Clare's impact upon the Franciscan order. Author, Sr. Margaret Carney, OSF, former President of St. Bonaventure University (2004-2016), will join us virtually to commence our "*Pilgrimage with Clare*" sharing from modern scholarship and offering insights into the life and leadership of Clare. Sr. Margaret will then be present virtually in our last gathering to further our conversation and discovery about certain lessons: how important women are to the Franciscan story AND how Clare was the recipient of a powerful charism of her own. We are delighted that Sr. Margaret can join us on this journey to introduce St. Clare to those who do not know her and to deepen the encounter with Clare for those who wish to know her better. **Plan now to join us this winter.**

Every Wednesday during the day, from 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., beginning January 11, gather with others for weekly inspiration using experiences from your daily life.

Return to the Root: Reflections on the Inner Life, "aims to strengthen your inner rootedness, to draw forth that loving nourishment contained in... your deepest self", states the author Joyce Rupp. Full of thoughtful insights, poetry, and prayer, weekly reflections are grouped by month. Tap into this "*Taproot*" gathering available to you every Wednesday morning ~ attend when your schedule allows to receive the gifts of spiritual nourishment and growth.

Facilitator: Pat Curtis

Watch for Program Registration details in early January 2023.



Ongoing Adult Faith Formation Programs

Group Spiritual Reflection: Every Tuesday via Zoom from 12:30-1:30 PM. Co-facilitators: Elaine Wiatr and Mary Espinosa

Quiet Prayer: Our next session is **Wednesday, December 28, 2022 from 7:30 - 8:00 AM**. You can find the Zoom link in Monday's email.

A Message From Our Parish Nurses

Just a reminder that Community Sundays are back and so are your Parish Nurses. Every 2nd Sunday we will be available to take your blood pressure after the 8:00 and 10:00 am Masses. Our next Community Sunday is January 8, 2023. All Are Welcome!!!



If you are having difficulties with health conditions, please stop by to see us.

Please don't forget to get your flu shot. For your own safety, please consider wearing your masks in crowded situations to keep corona virus at bay.

Have a happy and healthy holiday season!

Open Hearts Ministry

Monthly Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for January 8, 2023 after the 5:00 PM Mass in the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry. All Are Welcome. Please join us.



Friends and Family Ministry: Our next meeting will take place on Sunday, January 15, 2023 at 3:30 PM in the Franciscan Center. Our group provides support and guidance to parents, friends and allies of our LGBTQ+ brothers and sisters. Please contact either Tim Curran (timothy.curran@trincoll.edu) or Rich Broggini (richardbroggini@gmail.com) for more information.

January Snack Drop Off

**Sunday, January 8, 2023
from 9:45 am to 12:00 pm**



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

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Our Next Meeting:
Thursday, December 29, 2022 at 10:30 AM in-person.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry at St. Patrick – St. Anthony Parish serves the parish family, and the local and global community by making and giving shawls as a gesture of love in times of sorrow and fear, as well as in times of joy.

Please Call Pat Curtis at 860-756-4034, ext 113 to register for our next Zoom session on January 9, 2022 at 7:00PM.



Who Will Be A Volunteer Hero?

Volunteer at one weekend Mass per month. We just need a few more people to help round out our teams.



Sacristans at 11:45 AM and 5:00 pm weekend Masses. Tasks include setting up and providing a warm and welcoming smile to those coming to Mass. Please strongly consider volunteering to be a sacrasitan if you already attend one of these Masses. Be a Volunteer Hero today!!!

Interested? Contact [Allison](#) to learn more!

Online Giving

Donor Benefits

Convenient anytime, anywhere access through the internet. Secure and Confidential. Adheres to banking security standards. Flexible. Start, stop and change your contributions at any time. Simple. No need to contact your bank or the church office. Contribute using direct withdrawal (ACH) or credit cards.



Church Benefits

Stabilize Contributions. Regularly scheduled gifts occur automatically. Allows church to effectively manage monthly expenses. Secure and Confidential. No need to store member account information. Efficient. Participation saves time and expense in bookkeeping. Current. A tool for people who prefer to use electronic services.

Offering Envelopes

Did you know...

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

Consider saving a tree.

If you would like to discontinue them, please contact the parish office at 860-756-4034 or info@spsact.org.



Please Pray for the Sick

Paula Molitar, Joseph Shertick, Mary Kay Hannon, Greg Reed, Kathryn Eagers, Tommie Henry, Cecy Mickey, Syl Ciraulo, Mary Ertel, Mary Joyce Castafero, Dave Godek, Tim Hindman, Judy Smith and Susan Degennaro.



Sanctuary Lamps

Week of December 11th

In Loving Memory of
Larry Tracey, Jr.
Hank Cleary
Dan Buckanavage

Week of December 18th

In Loving Memory of
Larry Tracey, Jr.
Mary McManus-Cormier (5th Anniversary)

Week of December 25th

In Loving Memory of
Richard Crocket
Larry Tracey, Jr.
Daniel Buckanavage



2022 Archbishop's Annual Appeal As of 12/13/2022

Parish Goal:	\$115,000.00
Nbr Families:	252
Total Donated:	\$89,005.00
Average Gift:	\$353.19
Percent of Goal:	77.40%

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 FCUM)

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Help Our Ukrainian Brothers and Sisters:



Our own Sr. Ginny Sheehan, SNDdeN is partnering with St. Mary's Church in Longmeadow, MA in their support of the Sts. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church in Chicopee, MA to aid Ukrainian refugee families who have arrived within the Diocese of Springfield, MA. These families have very few belongings. St. Mary's Food for the Soul Ministry is collecting cold weather clothing, furniture, and a variety of household goods. These families need EVERYTHING!

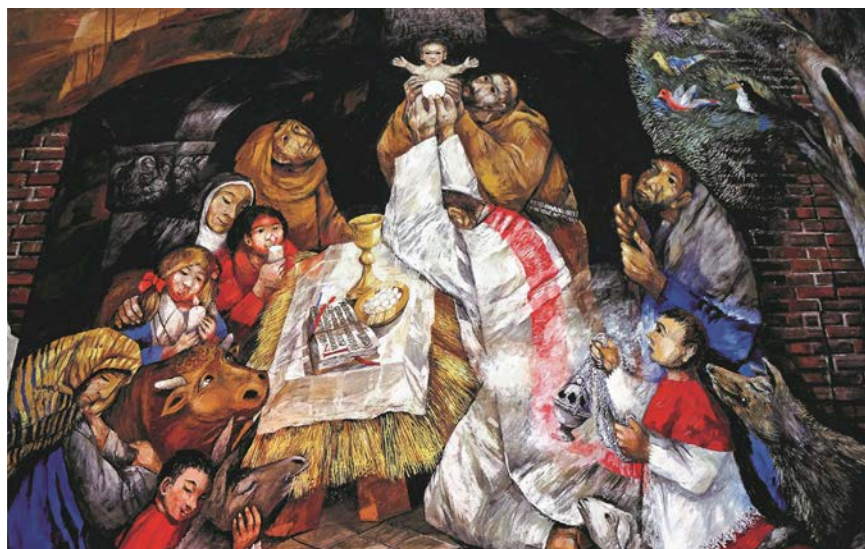
Food for the Soul Ministry is now turning to local faith communities for help. The table below shows what is currently needed.

Everyday items:	New or gently worn clothing items:	
Bedding (sheets, comforters, pillows, etc.)	Cold weather clothing for children from sizes three months through ages 16	
Lamps		
Kitchen pots and pans	All ages:	
Dishes	Mittens	Dresses
Towels and linens	Hats	Pants
Diapers & baby wipes	Coats	Dress clothing for church
	Sneakers	

Donated items can be dropped off Saturday, January 7th from 11:30AM to 2:30PM at the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry. NOTE: Nothing will be accepted outside of these hours.

Do you have larger "gently used" furniture items to donate: beds, sofas, end tables, dressers? Call Marybeth Bergeron (413-262-7661 or email her at mberge4527@aol.com) to see when a pickup time can be arranged.

THANK YOU!



Mass Intentions for the Week

Friday, December 23, 2022

7:30 AM

12:05 PM Tommy Labriola

Saturday, December 24, 2022 - Christmas Eve

4:00 PM For

5:30 PM Our

10:30 PM Parishioners

Sunday, December 25, 2022

8:00 AM For

10:00 AM Our

11:45 AM Parishioners

Monday, December 26, 2022

9:00 AM John Walsh

Tuesday, December 27, 2022

7:30 AM

12:05 PM Daniel Laffin, Sr.

Wednesday, December 28, 2022

7:30 AM For our parishioners

12:05 PM Anthony Labriola

Thursday, December 29, 2022

7:30 AM

12:05 PM Sarah Conforto

Friday, December 30, 2022

7:30 AM

12:05 PM Jennie Bramante

Saturday, December 31, 2022

4:00 PM Richard Cobb

Sunday, January 1, 2023

8:00 AM For

10:00 AM Our

11:45 AM Parishioners

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