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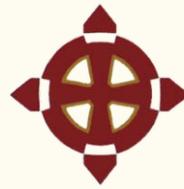
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## Celebration of the Eucharist

Masks are optional at all Masses

### Saturday Evening Mass of Anticipation

4:00 PM Public & Livestream

### Sunday Masses

8:00 AM Public

10:00 AM Public & Livestream

(Special "Mask Only" section available)

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, Jan 30: Hebrews 9:15, 24-28; Mark 3:22-30

Tuesday, Jan 31: Hebrews 10:1-10; Mark 3:31-35

Wednesday, Feb 1: Acts 22:3-16; Mark 16:15-18

Thursday, Feb 2: 2 Timothy 1:1-8; Mark 4:21-25

Friday, Feb 3: Hebrews 10:32-39; Mark 4:26-34

Sunday, Feb 5: Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13; Psalm 146:6-7,  
8-9, 9-10; 1 Corinthians 1:26-31;  
Matthew 5:1-12a

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

## Parish and Center Office Hours

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

Sunday: 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

## Upcoming Bulletin Deadlines

Feb 5 Bulletin: Monday, Jan. 30 at noon

## News From the Business Office

**2022 Year End Giving Statements:** Thank you so much for your continued support of St. Patrick - St. Anthony Church and the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry during 2022. We want to make sure you have all documentation needed for your taxes this year. New this week, we have opened up our online request site for your convenience.

In addition to calling the Parish Office or emailing [info@spsact.org](mailto:info@spsact.org), you now have the option to [CLICK Here](#) or scan the QR Code to request your 2022 Year End Giving Statement.

Please be sure to indicate if you want it sent via USPS or email.



**On The Cover:** "The Sermon of the Beatitudes" by James Tissot (1836-1902). The Brooklyn Museum.

# The Pastor's Corner

January 29, 2023

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

As is our custom at St. Patrick-St. Anthony, we celebrate the feast of the patron saint of our Sister Parish, Sainte Geneviève, on the last Sunday of January even though her actual feast is on January 3. Although petitions for the Sister Parish are included in the General Intercessions for all the Masses this weekend, our 10:00 AM Mass will be a special celebration with musical selections in French and Haitian Creole.

This year in particular we embrace our sisters and brothers of Haiti in our hearts and prayers because of the significant rise in gang-related violence currently holding that nation in its grip. Every day, it seems, we see reports on the news of gang members inflicting great harm on innocent people without any way to protect them. The government appears to be powerless to stop the spread of the violence, while the rest of the world watches in resigned despair.

The members of our Sister Parish Committee, under the leadership of Marc Sherer, are currently discussing ways in which we can advocate more effectively for the people of Haiti and have formed a sub-committee to formulate potential responses to the crisis. One immediate response we were able to put into place was to continue providing funds for the teachers of the parish school. Throughout the autumn months of 2022, classes had to be suspended because of the dangerous situation, even in the rural area in which the parish of Ste.-Geneviève is located. The pastor, Fr. Gaby Noël, hoped that classes could resume this January, but we have not yet heard if that was possible. However, we felt that it was one way to help the teachers by providing for their welfare.

The parishioners of St. Patrick-St. Anthony have been extremely generous in the support of our Sister Parish, and I am very proud of the way you have responded to last summer's Christmas in July Giving Tree as well as the December International Giving Tree. On their behalf, thank you to all who made a gift.

As we honor Ste.-Geneviève this weekend, it is good to remember how she came to the rescue of Paris back in the 5th century. When Attila and his army of Huns came upon Paris, the Parisian Christians were prepared to run, but Geneviève spoke to them and convinced them to stay in their homes, in prayer and fasting. She assured them they would have the protection of God. Her prayers were answered

as Attila suddenly changed his path and turned away from Paris.



Let us pray, through the intercession of Ste.-Geneviève, that the nation of Haiti will be spared further danger and bloodshed by the numerous gangs that threaten a defenseless population.



*A 17th century painting of Sainte Geneviève in front of the Hôtel de Ville (city hall) with Notre Dame Cathedral to the right, and the Huns being repelled.*

You may have noticed that a few of the doors at the entrances of the church have been out of order. Over the years, the wood tracery between the glass panes has become brittle and loose, causing some of it to literally fall apart. Steve Balkun has kindly taken on the task of repairing the fragile wood work in order to assure its stability. He and I have been looking at all the inner doors of the church entrances to make sure they are in good shape.

The tabernacle continues to give us some problems. Although it can be opened and closed, the mechanism is still a bit unreliable. A few weeks ago the lock and door jammed a second time. The gentleman who has repaired it (twice) is out of the country at the moment, so I am fearful of using the tabernacle until we can determine its reliability. Therefore, we will continue to use the temporary tabernacle in the chapel until the main tabernacle can undergo a more thorough repair process. Thank you for your patience and understanding!

Blessings on your week ahead!

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

## Ongoing Adult Faith Formation Programs

**Group Spiritual Reflection:** Every Tuesday via Zoom from 12:30-1:30 PM. Our gatherings will reflect upon the Gospel for the upcoming Sunday. All are welcome! Please [CLICK Here](#) and register to receive the Zoom meeting link.

*Co-facilitators: Elaine Wiatr and Mary Espinosa*

**Quiet Prayer:** Every Wednesday from 7:30 - 8:00 AM. You can find the Zoom link in Monday's email.

**Taproot:** Every Wednesday during the day, from 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Gather with others for weekly inspiration using experiences from your daily life. *Facilitator Pat Curtis.* [CLICK Here](#) to register and receive the Zoom link.

**Praying With Sacred Scripture:** Please consider joining us on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month from 7:00 to 8:00 pm 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. **Next meeting: February 8, 2023.**

*Co-facilitators: Sheila Denion and John Lemega*

## Clare Gallery 20th Anniversary Year New Exhibition: A Suspension of Perception



January 12 to March 12, 2023. Come and enjoy large-scale photographs by **Christine Breslin**. Breslin's images focus their attention on migrants and immigrants from areas south of our

country's border.

There will be a virtual panel discussion on Tuesday, February 7, 2023 from 7:00 to 8:30 PM held via Zoom. Panelists include: **Christine Breslin**, artist; **Fr. Julian Jagudilla, O.F.M.**, director of The Migrant Center of the Church of St. Francis of Assisi in New York City; **Sister Norma Pimentel, MJ**, executive director of Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley and the Humanitarian Respite Center in McAllen, Texas, and **Catherine Cole**, executive director and **Andrea DeGeorge**, board member of Grannies Respond. The panel will be moderated by **Nancy Wynn**, Clare Gallery Committee chair and associate professor and chair of the Department of Visual and Performing Arts at Merrimack College. [CLICK Here](#) to register and receive the Zoom Link.

## Save the Date: Lenten Programs

### A Path of Conversion: The Comfort and Challenge of the Psalms

*Thursdays, February 23, March 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30; 10:30-11:30 AM.*

Many psalms rely on remembering the tender care God showed the chosen people by leading them, protecting them, nurturing them during their wilderness from the slavery in Egypt to freedom in the promised land. Reflecting on the psalms can assist us in our Lenten journey of conversion as we struggle to free our wills from selfish satisfaction and conform them to God's will which offers us true freedom.

*Presenter: Fr. Francis Soucy, OFM*

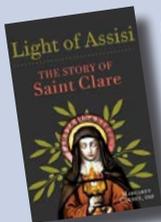
### Widening the Arms of the Cross: Rethinking Christ's Atoning Sacrifice

*Thursdays, March 2, 9, 16, 23 from 7:00 to 8:00 PM.*

Is our cross too small? The central symbol of our Christian faith is often reduced: physically, to a trinket worn around the neck; spiritually, to an object of private devotion; and theologically, to the appeasement of an angry god demanding satisfaction for sin. This four-week Lenten series will seek to broaden and deepen our perspective on and appreciation for the crucifixion of Jesus and what it means for our life of faith and for the life of our world.

*Presenter: Fr. Bill Beaudin, OFM*

## Pilgrimage with Clare



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

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

Calling all who knit or crochet and those who would like to learn these art forms.

You are invited to contribute your time and talent to the Prayer Shawl Ministry at St. Patrick - St. Anthony Church.

The next virtual meeting is February 13, 2023 from 7:00 to 8:00 PM. The next in-person meeting is February 23, 2023 from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm at the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry.



## Volunteer with Levo International at SPSA



Levo International has some upcoming hydroponic build days here at SPSA, on February 5 and 11, 2023. Come break your tools out and come help build hydroponic systems for Spring 2023! We

will be cutting wood and pvc, staining and painting, and partially assembling systems to be installed around Hartford.

Interested volunteers should go to [Volunteer — Levo International](https://levointernational.org/volunteer), <https://levointernational.org/volunteer>, and select the date(s) you are available on the Events list to sign up.

Questions? Contact [Allison](#).

## St. Francis Builds Mission Trip:

Recently, members of our parish joined with parishioners from St. Camilus in Silver Spring, MD and Immaculate Conception Church in Durham, NC on a mission trip to do repair work in Puerto Rico.

St. Francis Builds, Inc. was founded in 2005 at St. Camilus Church by Fr. Mike Johnson, O.F.M. The Mission of St. Francis Builds, Inc. is to grow in faith, strengthen our Franciscan charism in mission and service, promote leadership development, and engage culturally with underserved communities in the United States and in other countries.



"I have been doing mission work now for over 25 years and some of the profoundest and most enjoyable and spiri-

tual experiences I have had were in sharing these experiences with folks I knew and those who God just "plopped into my lap" This past week I had the privilege to work with 9 people from our parish, 10 from my old one and one from a third. We were from multiple parishes, cultures, races, generations, but within no time at all we were one family in mission. A "family that served together, prays and reflected together, danced and played together, and laughed together, so much laughter, a commodity our world is in desperately short supply of. A family on a mission to Rebuild homes, Restore hope, and Reimage church. People ask where I find hope during this challenging hinge time and I say I find it here."

- Fr. Mike

## BLESSINGS AND CONGRATULATIONS

MICHAEL PAVANO AND BIANCA PALUMBO



## *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 January 1, 2023**

In Loving Memory of Larry Tracey, Jr.

**Week of January 15, 2023**

In Honor of Connie and Bob Houde on their Anniversary  
In Loving Memory of Leo Gregoire by George Gregoire

**Week of January 22, 2023**

In Loving Memory of Yvonne Collins and Alvin Collins, Jr  
1st Anniversary

## News from the Parish Office

The 2024 Calendar is now open. How to request your intentions: Call the office at 860-756-4034 or email [info@spsact.org](mailto:info@spsact.org) to request your intentions. Please provide a 2nd and 3rd choice when making your request. **Note: Kindly submit your suggested offering of \$10 per Mass shortly after making your reservation.** This can be done via Online Giving, cash or check. You can place your donation in the Sunday basket in an envelope addressed to the church office or send via USPS to 285 Church St., Hartford, CT 06103. Checks are to be made payable to SPSA.

Please call the church office, 860-756-4034, if you have any questions.



**Gifts & Offerings**  
**January 16 - 22, 2023**  
Weekly Offering: \$7,291.00  
Online Giving: \$9,832.73  
**Total: \$17,123.73**

## February Special Collection to Help with The Cost of Heating

As you read in Fr. Tim's letter from the January 22, 2023 Bulletin, heating our beloved St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church is one expensive proposition. Because of this, we are having a special collection the week of February 11-12, 2023 to help defray these costs. Your generosity is appreciated. [CLICK Here](#) if you would like to donate in advance of our February collection.

## SPSA Music Ministry

Consider Supporting our wonderful Music Ministry.

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## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Saturday, January 28, 2023

4:00 PM Linda Romano, 1st Anniversary

### Sunday, January 29, 2023

8:00 AM Henry McDermott

10:00 AM Salvatore & Rosina Rinaldi

11:45 AM Mark Edmund Callahan, 5th Anniversary

5:00 PM

### Monday, January 30, 2023

7:30 AM

12:05 PM Guido & Rosa Rodegher

### Tuesday, January 31, 2023

7:30 AM

12:05 PM Michael Hurley

### Wednesday, February 1, 2023

7:30 AM

12:05 PM Duccio Rosselli Del Turco

### Thursday, February 2, 2023

7:30 AM For Our Parishioners

12:05 PM Ann Hamm, 1st Anniversary

### Friday, February 3, 2023

7:30 AM Becky Zeigler

12:05 PM Concetta Gianni

### Saturday, February 4, 2023

4:00 PM Richard Formica, 5th Anniversary

### Sunday, February 5, 2023

8:00 AM

10:00 AM Robert Frost, 3rd Anniversary

11:45 AM Ancedo (Tony) Cicchetti

5:00 PM For the Intentions of Dawn Polking

## Watch Online:



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<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8Vhk8-hhlyAJenBxueHySQ>



<https://venue.streamspot.com/cdc76f52>

## *We are here to serve you...*

We are here to serve you. The programs and ministries listed below are just a sampling of our many offerings. Please go to [www.spsact.org](http://www.spsact.org) or call the Parish Office at 860-756-4034 for more information.

**Adult Faith Formation:** A variety of courses in Scripture, church history, spirituality, personal growth, and other topics are offered throughout the year. Patricia Curtis, Pastoral Associate; 860-756-4034, EXT. 113.

**Baptism:** Baptism of infants and young children may be celebrated during Sunday Mass and Group Baptisms on the 1st Saturday of each month outside of the seasons of Advent and Lent. Patricia Curtis, Pastoral Associate; 860-756-4034, EXT. 113.

**Matrimony:** Weddings are conducted on Friday evenings, Saturday mornings, and Saturday afternoons. Couples should contact the church office at least 1 year prior to their desired wedding date. Carolyn Abramo, Wedding Manager; 860-756-4034, EXT. 111 or <https://spsact.org/wedding-request-form/>

**Emmaus Grieving Parents Ministry:** The Emmaus Grieving Parents Ministry supports parents whose spiritual journey includes the death of a child. All who have suffered the loss of a child at any time – including prior to birth and many decades ago – are welcome. <https://spsact.org/contact-form-for-emmaus-ministry/>

**Pastoral Care Outreach Ministry:** We offer holistic care in collaboration with the parish staff (friars, ministry coordinators, and parish nurses). Members of this team are responsible for visiting parishioners at home or in long term and short term care facilities. Fr. John Leonard, O.F.M.; 860-756-4034, EXT. 129.

**Prayer Network:** The St. Patrick–St. Anthony Prayer network consists of approximately fifty parishioners who commit themselves to praying daily for those in need. <https://spsact.org/prayer-network-prayer-request/> or Parish Office; 860-756-4034.

**Open Hearts LGBTQ+ Ministry:** This ministry consists of two Groups: **Open Hearts** holds monthly fellowship meetings, and **Friends and Family (LGBTQ+) Support Ministry**, which supports members and allies of the LGBTQ+ community. Parish Office; 860-756-4034.

### **Volunteering and Outreach Ministry Information:**

St. Patrick-St. Anthony invites individuals to give freely of their time and expertise in order to make a difference. Our volunteers participate in liturgical ministries as well as other forms of service to the church, the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry and the community at large. Allison Holst-Grubbe, Director of Volunteer and Outreach Ministry; [aholstgrubbe@spsact.org](mailto:aholstgrubbe@spsact.org); 860-756-4034, EXT. 110.

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