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

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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!

## New Parking Lot Ticket Policy

Just a reminder: We are going Back to the Future!!!

We would like to apologize for the parking lot ticket confusion that happened earlier this week.



Our new “ticket validation” process will go live on January 16, 2023. Starting tomorrow, January 9, 2023, we will be doing a soft opening. You will be required to take a ticket when entering the lot for Weekday Masses and for events at the Urban Center. Staff will be on hand to walk you through the process this week.

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; Gilberto will have access to them. And, in the Parish office, validation stickers will be on the front desk. Take a validation sticker and place on the back of your ticket. When you go to exit the lot, follow all the directions on the ticket machine and the gate will open.

## 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

Jan. 15 Bulletin: Monday, Jan. 9 at noon

**On The Cover:** “Adoration of the Magi” – a stained glass panel made in Munich, Germany 1507; it is part of the collection in The Cloisters Collection of the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City.

## Daily Mass Readings

<b>Monday, Jan 9:</b>	Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7; Matthew 3:13-17
<b>Tuesday, Jan 10:</b>	Hebrews 2:5-12; Mark 1:21-28
<b>Wednesday, Jan 11:</b>	Hebrews 2:14-18; Mark 1:29-39
<b>Thursday, Jan 12:</b>	Hebrews 3:7-14; Mark 1:40-45
<b>Friday, Jan 13:</b>	Hebrews 4:1-11; Mark 2:1-12
<b>Sunday, Jan 15:</b>	Isaiah 49:3, 5-6 Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10; 1 Corinthians 1:1-3; John 1:29-34

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



## 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

# The Pastor's Corner

January 8, 2023

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

As we approach the conclusion of the Christmas season with the feast of the Epiphany of the Lord, my heart is filled with gratitude and joy for the many ways in which our parish celebrated the mystery of the Incarnation – the Word made flesh who came to dwell among us.

Beginning on the First Sunday of Advent, many of you came to the Franciscan Center to make Advent wreaths for your homes with materials supplied by our 7th and 8th Grade religious education students and their teacher, Michelle White. I also want to thank the children who painted the stars for our 12-foot parish Christmas tree!

I am grateful to those who coordinated and delivered Remembrance Bread from the Women of Hope Ministry, as well as our Synod Team Members for an Advent Evening of Reflection.

Our annual Giving Trees provided parishioners with opportunities to purchase gifts for Hartford residents, and to make contributions to assist our brothers and sisters of Ste.-Geneviève Parish in Haiti. I am grateful to Frances D'Amico, Patti Wawzyniecki and Richard Kiesel for their efforts to make the Giving Trees so successful.

As we moved through the following Sundays of Advent, the anticipation grew as preparations were made for Christmas and its liturgies. Many of you attended the "Journey to Bethlehem" service of lessons and carols. Like you, I was overwhelmed by the beauty of the music performed by our combined choirs and instrumentalists, and especially by our Church Street Singers made up of the children of our parish. Gabriel Löfvall and the entire music ministry deserve our deepest thanks and congratulations. Once again, I express my deep gratitude to Dr. Charles Callahan for his beautiful choral work, "A Christmas Antiphon," written especially for our parish.

During the weeks leading up to Christmas, our church was beautifully decorated by a team of dedicated and hard-working individuals. I am most grateful to John, Dominic, Paul, Valerie and Joan for contributing their time and talents to make the church such an inviting and dignified place of worship for the Christmas season.

The celebration of Christmas got off to a rousing start with the 4:00 and 5:30 PM Vigil Masses. There hadn't been so many people in the church since before the pandemic started! I would like to thank our resident choreographer, Mary Beth Griffith, and the 46 liturgical dancers who performed so beautifully at the 4:00 Mass. The Church Street Singers

under the direction of Julia Atwood sang at the 5:30 Mass. I am grateful to Barbara Hennessey, a volunteer parent assistant, as well as all the parents and singers who attended rehearsals.



I wish to thank the Lectors (both adult and youth), Eucharistic Ministers, Sacristans and Ministers of Hospitality who took part in all the liturgies.

This parish is anchored by the dedication and hard work of our Friars and Lay staff. I am so grateful to be their colleague in our ministry to, and with you. Each of them brings their unique gifts and talents to help us in our mission to serve you. Those who volunteer in the parish office are also vital to our mission, and I am deeply grateful to each of them for giving us their valuable time week in and week out.

Finally, I am grateful for the many comments and messages I've received from you during the past several weeks. I feel very encouraged by your support, and I am very happy to know that we helped make your Christmas here such a holy, inspiring and memorable experience. I would also like to thank everyone who made financial contributions to help us close out the year 2022 in a healthier fiscal state.

One of the aspects of the story of the visit of the Wise Men to the infant Jesus in Bethlehem is their presentation of gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. This is the basis for our practice of Christmas gift-giving. While some people can't wait to hit the stores on December 26th to exchange, or even return gifts they received a day earlier, we should always remember that a gift is also a symbol of the love or admiration of the giver of the gift. Whether we like the gift or not, we should always be grateful that someone cared enough to give it in the first place.

Popular Christmas songs often commercialize or romanticize the practice of gift giving. After all, Mariah Carey's popular song, "All I want for Christmas is you" isn't addressed to Jesus! May we always remember that the first and most important gift at Christmas is Jesus himself. He is the Father's gift to us, and nothing in this world can ever equal the magnitude of that gift.

One of the verses of the hymn "O Little Town of Bethlehem" poignantly says what I'm talking about: "How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is given! So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven. No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin, where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in."

Blessings on your week ahead!

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

# 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.**

## 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](mailto:timothy.curran@trincoll.edu)) or Rich Broggini ([richardbroggini@gmail.com](mailto:richardbroggini@gmail.com)) for more information.

## The Drumming Circle

Join us for our first meeting of 2023 on Monday, January 9 from 6:30-7:30 PM in the church. No experience or drum necessary. Please contact Elaine Wiatr at [elaine.wiatr@yahoo.com](mailto:elaine.wiatr@yahoo.com) for more information or if you need to borrow a drum.



## 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 to guide us on our path of discipleship. All are welcome! Please [CLICK Here](#) and register to receive the Zoom meeting link.

*Co-facilitators: Elaine Wiatr and Mary Espinosa*

**Quiet Prayer:** Our next session is Wednesday, January 11, 2023 from 7:30 - 8:00 AM. You can find the Zoom link in Monday's email.

**Praying With Sacred Scripture:** Wednesdays, January 11 & 25, 7:00-8:00 PM in-person. NOTE: \*\* CHANGE of DATES \*\*

On the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month from 7:00 to 8:00 pm. Please consider joining us 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.

*Co-facilitators: Sheila Denion and John Lemega*

## The Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents



The Emmaus Grieving Parents Ministry supports parents whose spiritual journey includes the death of a child.

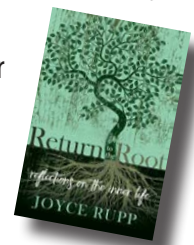
If you have lost a child and would like to chat with a parent walking the same path, members of our group would be honored to speak with you one-on-one. Please know that you are never alone.

**The next in person meeting is Sunday, January 15, 2023 at 3:30 PM. Our next Zoom meeting is Wednesday, January 18, 2023 at 7:00 PM.**

Please [CLICK Here](#) to request more information online or call the church office at 860-756-4034, leave your name and phone number, and a Ministry Member will get in contact with you.

## Taproot:

**Every Wednesday during the day, from 11:00 AM -12:00 PM, 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. [CLICK Here](#) to register and receive the Zoom link.





## URGENT NEED for a Volunteer Hero?

We have URGENT NEED for the following:

**Sacristans** at the 5:00 PM weekend Mass. Tasks providing a warm and welcoming smile to those coming to Mass. Please strongly consider volunteering if you attend the 5:00 PM Mass each week. Be a Volunteer Hero today!!!

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

## Women of Hope: Women Deacons

January 17 & 24, 2023 from 7:00 to 8:15PM

### WHY WE REMAIN HOPEFUL...

This past summer, after four and a half years of listening and dialogue in the synodal style about the question, "What is God asking of us as the church in Australia at this time," and collecting 220,000 responses from Catholic Australians, a major issue that arose is the role of women in the Church. Many support the Diaconate for women.

After much deliberation and some disruptions and disappointments, the Australian Plenary Council, the highest form of decision-making assembly in the Australian Catholic Church, listened to the people and new motions were voted on and the good news is... they passed! While there were some changes and some toning down, the final document states: "should the universal law of the Church be modified to authorize the diaconate for women, the Plenary Council recommends that the Australian Bishops examine how best to implement it in the context of the Church in Australia."



So the conversation is happening on a global level as well as in our own parish! The controversial subject of supporting women in the diaconate is a step closer to consideration for the Australian Church and, hopefully, leading the way for the rest of the world to follow.

*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?*

[CLICK Here](#) for registration and receive the Zoom link.



## Invitation from Holy Name Province:

### Retreat for Nonviolence and Peacemaking

JOIN US for a short online retreat for nonviolence and peacemaking. In this retreat we will use a video from Pax Christi International to reflect on what is nonviolence, how we can live it, and reflect with others what action we might start to discern for our ministries to live this out in our world. The need for nonviolence is glaring as we continue to have shootings in our streets, domestic violence continues to rise in homes, the political rhetoric of our civic conversations often is founded in violence, and war is a constant in our world. Franciscan ministries are needed more than ever to help ourselves and others live into the greeting upon which we are known, *Peace and All Good*.

There are three options for the retreat. Each of which will be one hour. Please consider joining us and sharing this invitation with others. We are asking that people register for the retreat time that is best for them as it will help us plan and use our time more effectively.

[Monday, January 9, 2023—7:30 PM Eastern](#)

[Tuesday, January 10, 2023—7:30 PM Eastern](#)

[Wednesday, January 11, 2023—3:00 PM Eastern](#)

Let's continue our work for nonviolence together. Please share with others.

In the Hope of Peace,  
Russell Testa, JPIC Animator  
Holy Name Province Franciscans

## 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. **Join us via Zoom on January 9 at 7:00PM or in person on January 26 at 10:30 AM.**

We are in need of new people to join us in this prayerful and rewarding ministry.

For the past 12 months, the Prayer Shawl Ministers have been gathering both virtually and in-person for our bi-monthly meetings! And, yes, you can \* learn \* how to knit or crochet through Zoom. Our experienced ministers are skilled teachers as well. Please JOIN US!

Please Call Pat Curtis at 860-756-4034, ext 113 to register for the Zoom session.

## Haiti Giving Tree: Thank You

With prayers and giving, SPSA parishioners continue to support St. Genevieve families and the school during this Christmas season. The SPSA Sister Parish Committee offers heartfelt



thanks to everyone for your expressions of solidarity with our Haitian brothers and sisters. During this time of instability and violence in Haiti, our prayers and communications with Pastor Gaby are providing comfort and hope. Your generous Giving Tree donations will enable the school to provide individual workbooks to students and assist with tuition.

This year has been exceptionally challenging for everyone



in Haiti. Our covenant gives us the unique opportunity to connect directly with St. Genevieve parish and school staff and parishioners, to let them know that they are not alone in facing their current challenges. Our prayers and support offer them spiritual and tangible hope, and

allow us the opportunity to be the face of the Christ Child to them. Meci!

Our Giving Tree program will continue to accept donations until January 15. You may write a check to SPSA with a notation "Sister Parish," or use the online option.



# BAPTISM

Sunday, January 8, 2023

**John Brian**

child of Brian & Gena Masi

## News from the Parish Office

The 2024 Calendar will be open for intentions on Friday, January 13, 2023.

**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.



## Thank You for Your Continued Generosity

### Gifts & Offerings

**December 19 - 25, 2022**

Weekly Offering: \$32,290.00

Online Giving: \$20,313.73

Other Donations: \$17,500.00

**Total: \$ 70,103.73**

**December 26, 2022 - January 1, 2023**

Weekly Offering: \$10,602.00

Online Giving: \$23,742.73

Other Donations: \$1,428.00

**Total: \$ 35,782.73**

## *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.

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Saturday, January 7, 2023

4:00 PM Biagio and Lucy Ciotto

### Sunday, January 8, 2023

8:00 AM Victor Delisle

10:00 AM In thanksgiving to St. Cristina

11:45 AM Helena O'Reilly

5:00 PM Steven Gray

### Monday, January 9, 2023

7:30 AM Murray Family

12:05 PM Sarah Conforto

### Tuesday, January 10, 2023

7:30 AM For Our Parishioners

12:05 PM Lawrence Belanger

### Wednesday, January 11, 2023

7:30 AM Arlete Alves Thomas, Carlos & Ceneida Gutierrez-Costa,  
& Jose Maria & Laurinda De Jesus Costa

12:05 PM Olidy S. de Orozco, 1st Anniversary

### Thursday, January 12, 2023

7:30 AM

12:05 PM David & Ellen Mills

### Friday, January 13, 2023

7:30 AM

12:05 PM David Raymond Acquattro

### Saturday, January 14, 2023

4:00 PM Margaret Leonard, 5th Anniversary

### Sunday, January 15, 2023

8:00 AM Jim Howard

10:00 AM Phyllis DeVarney

11:45 AM William Ellis

5:00 PM Ronald Marchetti

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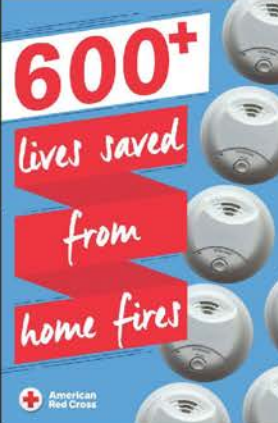
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