

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!



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



February 19, 2023 at 6:00 PM in the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry. Bring a snack or beverage to share. CLICK Here to get involved. Come celebrate!



Parish and Center Office Hours

Monday through Saturday: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM Sunday: 9:00 AM TO 1:00 PM

News From the Business Office

2022 Year End Giving Statements: <u>CLICK Here</u> 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.*



Parking Lot Key Cards are still available for access to church parking free of charge when attending church and Franciscan Center events. NOTE: There is a fee of \$25.00 to replace any lost or stolen key card. Please call the office at 860-756-4034 to request a key card.

The Paston's Corner

February 12, 2023

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Tis the season to be ... sniffly? ... achy? ... sleepy? Whatever word best describes my current situation, it isn't "jolly." As I write my weekly message, I am feeling the effects of another cold, probably brought on by the sub-freezing temperatures we experienced last weekend. I have tested twice for Covid, and the results have been negative. However, the battery in my car died last Saturday, and after getting a jump courtesy of AAA, I went immediately to get a new battery. I might have made the mistake of standing outside with the man from AutoZone who very kindly installed it for me as the temperature hovered around 6 degrees.

Needless to say, I feel very frustrated because I have appointments and other engagements on my calendar which I need to postpone. In the era of Covid, we can no longer take a simple cough or scratchy throat for granted. Is the common cold still just a common cold? As things seem to stand now, with the proper immunizations, even if one tests positive, most of the time Covid is not nearly as arduous as it was at the start of the pandemic. But I'm not taking any chances, and I sympathize with those who continue to struggle with it in one way or another.

Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, which unfolds over three entire chapters (5-7) of Matthew's Gospel, is a bundle of teachings that left his listeners astonished (if not exhausted)! At the end of Chapter 7, Matthew tells us that "when Jesus finished these sayings, the crowds were astonished at this teaching, for he was teaching them as one who had authority, and not as their scribes." Unfortunately, we won't make it out of Chapter 5 because the Lent-Easter season will interrupt the flow of the Gospel. When we return to Ordinary Time in June, we will have jumped ahead to Chapter 9. Nevertheless, there are some very challenging teachings in the Sermon on the Mount, and today's Gospel passage addresses several areas of human life that many people have difficulty with, especially in the area of relationships.

Jesus sets the bar much higher for his disciples (which include you and me). The word *raqa* generally is thought to be of Hebrew origin coming from a root that means "empty." In this context, the word used as an insult would indicate that someone is empty-headed or foolish. The second insult, *moros*, is of Greek origin and also means "foolish." Neither of these terms is a compliment, certainly; I can

think of a few modern-day equivalents, but I will leave those to your own imagination! However, Jesus wishes to stress that these are serious offenses against the dignity of a person, and the consequences for using such epithets against someone would be very severe.



The point here is that how we speak to, or about, one another can be very hurtful. I am reminded of an episode from my go-to theological resource, *Everybody Loves Raymond*, titled "Be Nice." Both Ray and his wife Debra decide to try to be nice to each other after realizing that they had gotten too free with the name-calling (e.g., Debra calling Ray "idiot" or Ray's lack of appreciation for Debra's cooking and other efforts). Let's just say that both Ray and Debra found it very hard to remain nice to each other for very long.

I have said this several times, that in today's secular society, insults and other forms of slander have become the norm, especially on the internet. Public speech has grown grossly insulting towards others, as our political arena has demonstrated. Today's Gospel teaching is a lesson for all of us, as we deal with disagreements and interpersonal conflict. I may be over-simplifying things, but let's just try to "be nice" to each other instead of flinging insults and other volatile words.

I hope you have been able to cope with the parking lot issues, especially as we have transitioned to the new entry and exit gates. Also, the huge traffic jams around the neighborhood on weekends have not helped! Hopefully, in another few weeks, things will quiet down somewhat as the college basketball season comes to a close. Thank you for your patience and perseverance throughout all the confusion. Please remember to request a key card if you are an active and registered parishioner; it will make life much simpler!

One final note: as our tabernacle saga continues, I've decided to place a small amount of consecrated hosts in the main tabernacle so that there will be a Eucharistic presence in the church. We will continue to use the smaller tabernacle in the chapel as a receptacle for the ciboria used during the weekend Masses. It isn't a perfect solution, but it will be less stressful for our Eucharistic ministers because the lock on the large tabernacle has been so temperamental lately.

Blessings on your week ahead!

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

Pastor



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

Thursdays, February 23, March 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30; 10:30 to 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. CLICK Here for registration and information.

Presenter: Fr. Francis Soucy, OFM

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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. CLICK Here for registration and information.

Presenter: Fr. Bill Beaudin, OFM

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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: The 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month from 7:00 to 8:00 PM at the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry. Our "lectio divina" (divine reading) is a prayerful reading of a bible passage in order to discern its message for each of us today. Next meeting: February 22, 2023. Co-facilitators: Sheila Denion and John Lemega

The Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents



The Emmaus 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. 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.

Our next Zoom meeting is Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at 7:00 PM. The next in person meeting is Sunday, February 19, 2023 at 3:30 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 contact you.

A Novel Idea Book Club

Our February book selection is *Still Life* by Sarah Winman, British actress and author. Join the discussion on **February 16, 2023 at 7:00** PM **via Zoom**. For more information and a list of upcoming books, please CLICK Here. Contact the

office at 860-756-4034 or email info@spsact.org if you need the Zoom Link.



Save the Date!!!

SPSA Community Day at the Dunkin' Park! Sunday, June 11, 1:00 PM.



During the cold month of February, let's visualize a warm June afternoon, sitting in the stands, drinking a cold beverage, eating a hot dog and cheering on our beloved Yard Goats.

Come support the Yard Goats against the Somerset Patriots, New York Yankee's AA-Affiliate and Defending Eastern League Champs ~and our Big Rivals! Yankee Fans take note!!!

Tickets go on sale after all Masses on April 15-16 in the Franciscan Center Lobby.



Open Hearts Ministry

Monthly Meeting: Open Hearts LGBTQ+ Monthly Meeting. Join us Sunday, February 12, 2023 at 6:00 PM in the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry. We will talk about plans for our Mardi Gras celebration and continue discussions on the latest parish and church wide developments regarding LGBTQ+ Catholics. Bring a snack or beverage to share. Please CLICK Here for more information.

Friends & Family Ministry

Our next meeting will take place on Sunday, February 19, 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 CLICK Here for more information and either Tim Curran or Rich Broggini will connect with you.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

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 in-person meeting is February 23, 2023 from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm at the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry.



Week of February 12, 2023

In Loving Memory of Guy W. Wolf, III by Pamela Morrison-Wolf

Week of February 19, 2023 In Loving Memory of Gaetano Romano by Jo-Ánn Formica

Clare Gallery 20th Annivesary Year A Suspension of Perception



"A Suspension of Perception" engages us with the reality of immigration at our southern border and with the challenges faced by new arrivals. Two organizations have been assisting adults and children by providing backpacks with personal care items and clothing to meet their immediate needs: *The Migration Center and Grannies Respond*. Representatives from both organizations will be here on March 5 to speak with our Religious Education students along with artist Christine Breslin. And, we'd like to make a donation of filled backpacks to help them help others in great need.

Backpack Collection: February 18/19 and 25/26 at all Masses.

Items needed are:

Toiletries, diapers, wipes, small developmental toys/book, crayons, coloring books, school type supplies, cards or other simple games, and long sleeve tee shirts/sweatshirts/hoodies and Target gift cards

<u>The Migrant Center</u> is a ministry of the Franciscan community in NYC that has been serving the 22,000 migrants who have arrived over the past several months. The generous spirit of our SPSA community reaches locally as well as far and wide! How blessed we are to be able to make a difference in others' lives!

Have a Franciscan Heart, Help Us Help the People in Syria and Turkey



The Franciscan Relief Fund, which is run by The Holy Name Province, has set up a way to help the people of Syria and Turkey.

Our sisters and brothers in Turkey and Syria are faced with unfathomable suffering. Their homes and all of their belongings have been destroyed in the catastrophic earthquake. And the plight of these now-homeless tens of thousands of children, women and men is a humanitarian crisis. They are crowding into makeshift shelters — tents, malls, stadiums. Parents are desperate to keep their children warm and fed.

Just in a small neighborhood in Aleppo, the city in Syria about 30 miles from the Turkish border, Franciscan Friars whose friary was, thankfully, unscathed by the earthquake, are helping 4,000 people a day displaced from

their home. But supplies and resources are scarce. There are tens of thousands more like them. They need our help. The Franciscan Friars on the ground need us to help them so they can help the frightened, cold and hungry people who lost everything in the earthquake.

The Franciscan Friars who minister in the region are not abandoning the people in their greatest time of need. They are doing what they can with the scarce resources they have to help the thousands who are turning to them for assistance. Through the Franciscan Relief Fund, we will send the donations collected to the Franciscan Friars on the front lines of this humanitarian crisis so that they are able to help thou-

sands of children, women and men who desperately need food, warm clothing and medicine. Please, have a Franciscan Heart and give generously and with gratitude to the Franciscan Relief Fund.

The Friars need your generous support, as you have shown in the past. Every dollar that you donate to the Franciscan Relief Fund will be used 100% for the purchase of food, bottled water, blankets, warm clothing, medicine and medical supplies, toiletries, and anything else these people so desperately need. Your generosity will let the survivors caught in this path of unimaginable destruction know that they are not alone.

The Franciscan Relief Fund will send the monetary donations every two weeks to the Order of Friars Minor overseas, where Franciscan Friars will purchase and ship the food, clothing and medicine to Turkey and Syria to help thousands of people. Please be as generous as your means allow. <u>CLICK Here to make a donation.</u>



LIVESTREAM CAMERA OPERATORS NEEDED



Our livestream camera operators bring our liturgies to those unable to attend in person. Opportunities to serve include Saturday 4pm Mass, Sunday 10am Mass, or other occasional special events. Contact Allison for more information.

Questions? Please contact our Director of Volunteer Ministry, Allison Holst-Grubbe at aholstgrubbe@spsact.org for more info!



Gifts & Offerings January 23 - February 5, 2023

Weekly Offering: \$8,475.00 Online Giving: \$11,172.23 Other Donations: \$5,600.00 **Total: \$25,247.23**

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 weeked 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.

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, February 11, 2023

4:00 PM Anita Thibeault

Sunday, February 12, 2023

8:00 AM

10:00 AM Geraldine Davis

11:45 AM In Thanksgiving for St. Valentine

5:00 PM J. Gregori Montano

Monday, February 13, 2023

7:30 AM

12:05 PM Guy W. Wolf, III, 2nd Anniversary

Tuesday, February 14, 2023

7:30 AM For our parishioners

12:05 PM Maria Mercedes Quinones

Wednesday, February 15, 2023

7:30 AM

12:05 PM In Thanksgiving to St. Valentine

Thursday, February 16, 2023

7:30 AM

12:05 PM Gina Madden, Month's Mind Mass

Friday, February 17, 2023

7:30 AM

12:05 PM Stella Rzewnicki

Saturday, February 18, 2023

4:00 PM Raymond Fusco

Sunday, February 19, 2023

8:00 AM William, Angie & Joann Speziale
10:00 AM Judith Cardoni, 5th Anniversary
11:45 AM In Thanksgiving for St. Valentine
5:00 PM Intentions for Patrick Polking

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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 Minstry: 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. *For information on Open Hearts:*

https://spsact.org/contact-form-for-open-hearts-ministry/ For information on Friends and Family contact: https://spsact.org/contact-form-for-friends-family-ministry/

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; 860-756-4034, EXT. 110.

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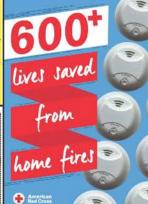
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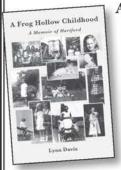
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