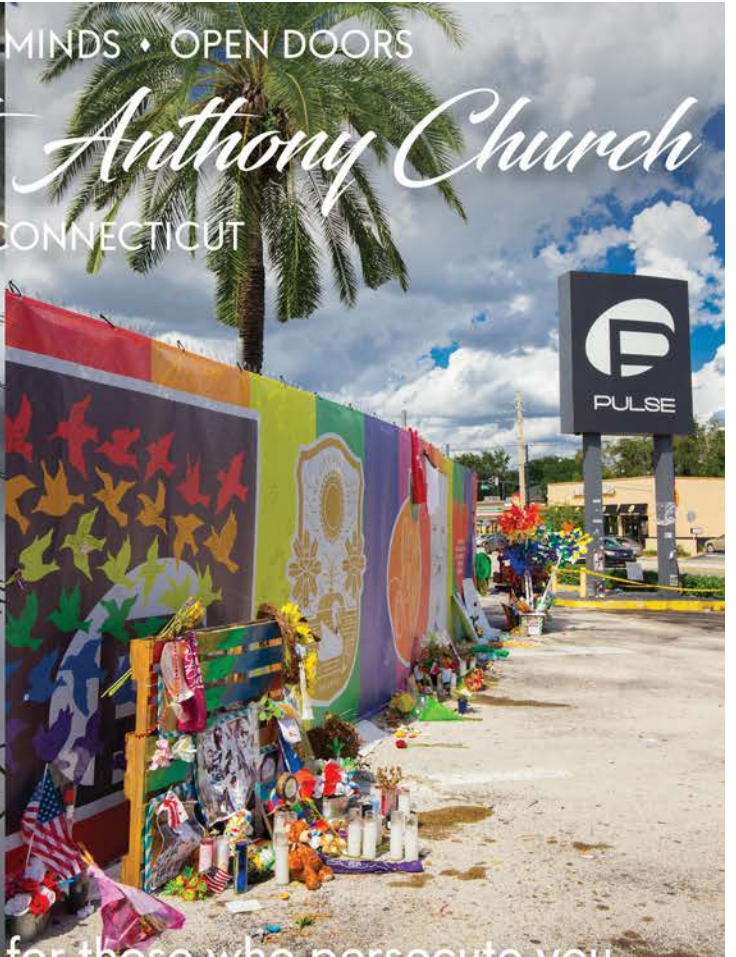
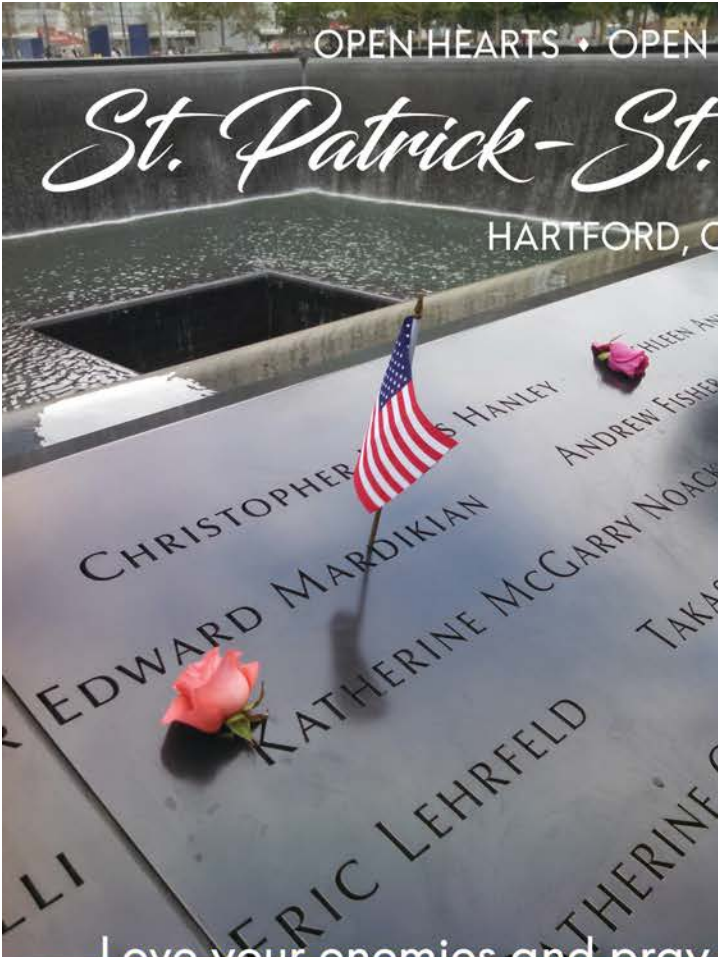


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11:45 AM Public

5:00 PM Public

Weekday Masses

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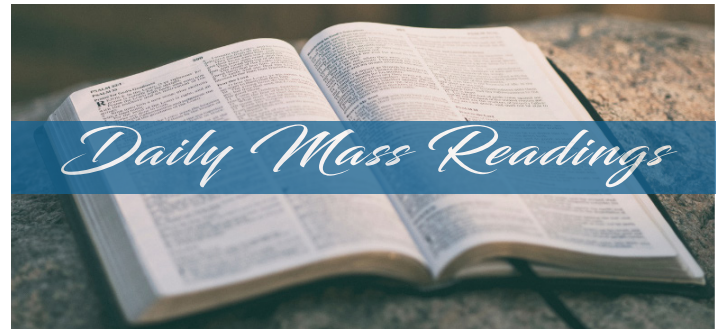
12:05 PM Public & Livestream

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



Monday, Feb 20: Sirach 1:1-10; Mark 9:14-29

Tuesday, Feb 21: Sirach 2:1-11; Mark 9:30-37

Ash Wednesday, Feb 22: Joel 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17; 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday, Feb 23: Deuteronomy 30: 15-20; Luke 9:22-25

Friday, Feb 24: Isaiah 58:1-9a; Matthew 9:14-15

Sunday, Feb 26: Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

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

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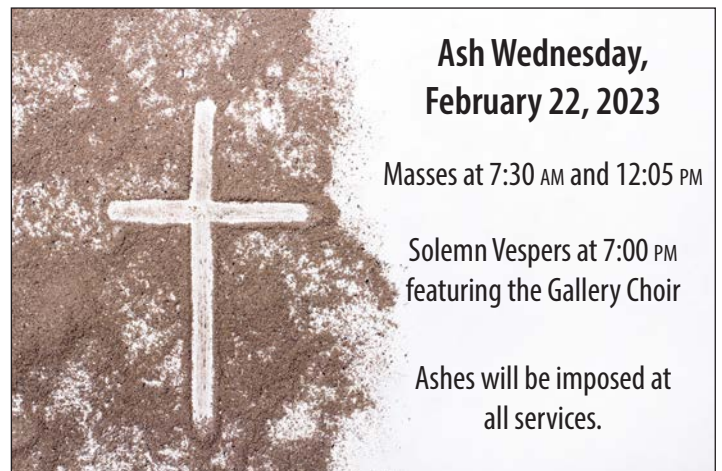
February 19, 2023 at 6:00 PM in the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry. Bring a snack or beverage to share. Come celebrate!

Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2023

Masses at 7:30 AM and 12:05 PM

Solemn Vespers at 7:00 PM
featuring the Gallery Choir

Ashes will be imposed at
all services.



The Pastor's Corner

February 19, 2023

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

One of the downsides of writing this weekly message is that I have to finish it and submit it early in the week, so it's never completely up-to-date. Such has been the case the past week when my cold turned out to be Covid after all. My symptoms worsened during the week, even though my first two tests were negative. On Thursday morning, February 9th, I tested again and it was positive. Thus began several days of quarantine. Oh joy!

Apart from the fatigue, congestion, coughing and temperature spikes, the strangest part of the Covid experience was the loss of taste and smell. Even though the friars brought me meals several times a day and left them outside my door, I couldn't enjoy them very much (was it the lack of company or my lack of taste?). Fortunately, my sense of taste has started to come back, and it's nice to taste my mint Oreos again. I'm very grateful that my confreres took such good care of me, albeit from a safe distance.

One of the hidden blessings of Covid has been the opportunity to get a fair amount of reading done. I finally managed to finish Bishop Robert Barron's book, *Light from Light: A Theological Reflection on the Nicene Creed*. After that I started his latest offering: *The Great Story of Israel: Election, Freedom, Holiness*. Bishop Barron has a real talent for taking complicated theological subjects and explaining them with clarity and precision. I recommend these books for your spiritual enrichment.

Another little quarantine activity I've enjoyed is my daily Bach Cantata. Several weeks ago I treated myself to a post-Christmas gift of the musical scores of the entire sacred choral works of Johann Sebastian Bach, including some 200 cantatas. An important part of the Sunday Lutheran worship service in Bach's time in the early to mid 18th century was the performance of a cantata – a work for small orchestra, choir and soloists based on a hymn text or the day's Scripture readings. Lasting about 20-25 minutes, each cantata was intended to be a source of inspiration or reflection for the congregation. I have listened to close to 40 cantatas so far, using a German-English translation, a commentary on the music, the score, and a recording. What incredible music! To think that Bach composed, copied, rehearsed and performed these works on a weekly basis is hard to believe. YouTube is a perfect place to explore some of these great works of music. The cantata performances by Netherlands Bach

Society or J.S. Bach Foundation are to be recommended.



Perhaps this period of quarantine has taught me something else. When the Covid pandemic first began back in the Spring of 2020 and the world virtually shut down, I experienced it as something of a retreat. It was a time for a bit of introspection and contemplation. Back then, it was also a time of fear and anxiety over the unknown. Today, thanks to vaccines, Covid is not nearly as fearsome, but it still wields its power over us. For one thing, I appreciate better the ongoing precautions we need to take if we want to stay healthy.

I have also viewed my quarantine as a moment of *kairos*. The ancient Greeks had two words for "time" – *chronos* and *kairos*. *Chronos* is linear time: minutes, hours, days, weeks, etc. *Kairos*, on the other hand, has to do with significant moments, opportunities, memories. "Didn't we have a great time last summer?" is a *kairos* moment. As we enter the season of Lent this week, I suggest that we approach it as a *kairos* moment. In fact, the last line of the second reading from St. Paul on Ash Wednesday says: "Behold, now is a very acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation." The word Paul uses for "time" is *kairos*. Lent is a time of quarantine, as it were. We need to separate ourselves a bit from that which can distract us from what is really important and to focus more keenly on the essentials: our life with God and how we make room for God in our daily lives.

Have a blessed Lent – may it be *kairos* for you!

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

A Response to Last Sunday's Protestors

During the 5:00 PM Mass on Sunday, February 12th, a group of about eight protestors gathered near the church on public property for a prayer vigil, presumably to protest our parish's ministries and support of the LGBTQ+ community. They came unannounced and did not engage with any of the Pastoral Staff. However, we know that their presence was experienced as an unwelcome and hurtful message of intolerance. St. Patrick-St. Anthony Parish will not be deterred from continuing to welcome and support our LGBTQ+ brothers and sisters. This group does not speak for the Church, but it does have a right to make its views known, whether we agree with them or not.

Lenten Programs 2023

Suggested Offerings 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 or by going to <https://www.osvhub.com/spsact/giving/funds> and clicking on the Adult Faith Formation Give Now button.

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](https://tinyurl.com/5n8xz2ft) or go to <https://tinyurl.com/5n8xz2ft> for registration and Zoom information.

Presenter: Fr. Francis Soucy, OFM

Suggested Offering: \$50.00

Stations of the Cross

Fridays during Lent starting February 24; Starting at 12:30 PM.

Join us for the 12:05 Mass each Friday during Lent and stay for this wonderful opportunity to meditate on the saving journey of Christ. No registration needed.

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 on Zoom 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](https://tinyurl.com/mrx9fv2p) or go to <https://tinyurl.com/mrx9fv2p> for registration and information. *Presenter: Fr. Bill Beaudin, OFM*
Suggested Offering: \$35.00

Lenten Twilight Retreat

Tuesday, March 14; 5:30-8:00 PM.

We are delighted to welcome **Fr. Ken Paulli, OFM** back to Hartford for an evening of presentation and reflection in this season of Lent. Come, be inspired by messages of conversion and the central place of the Eucharist in our communal life. We will follow Covid-precautions for food preparation and serving as well as for safe-distanced seating.

Presentation & Dinner at 5:30 PM:

Suggested offering: \$25.00; [CLICK Here](#) or go to <https://tinyurl.com/mw3eukvx> to register.

Presentation Only at 6:30 PM.:

Suggested Offering: \$15.00; [CLICK Here](#) or go to <https://tinyurl.com/yckr42m2> to register.

Registration Deadline: March 10, 2023.

Lenten Nourishment

Tuesdays, March 21, 28 & April 4; 12:30-1:00 PM.

Jesus said "I am the true vine." How does the image of Jesus as the true vine help us realize how connected we are to God and each other during this time of Lent? What is this asking of us?

We are delighted to have **Deb Pelletier**, Religious Education Team Coordinator, with us for brief talks on three consecutive Tuesdays this Lent.

Join us for a light lunch in the Franciscan Center immediately after the 12:05 Mass. We will follow Covid-precautions for food preparation and serving as well as for safe-distanced seating. [CLICK Here](#) or go to <https://tinyurl.com/2xdhz8bd> to register and reserve your spot for lunch.

Suggested Offering per session: \$8.00

Registration Deadline: March 17, 2023.

Community Stations of the Cross

Friday, March 24, at 12:30 PM, immediately following the 12:05 Mass.

Come join Fr. Mike and others as we celebrate a unique Lenten Stations of the Cross, a Stations of the Cross for Older Adults. As we journey with Jesus on his walk to Calvary, we hear individual reflections that hopefully help us see more clearly that we are not on our own as we journey through the challenges and crosses of the "Third Age" and that our God understands because Jesus trod this same path. Afterwards, we invite you to share community and a light lunch in the Franciscan Center.

Suggested Offering for lunch: \$8.00. [CLICK Here](#) or go to <https://tinyurl.com/4ab2s7ae> to register.

Registration Deadline: March 20, 2023.

Family & Friends Ministry

Our next meeting will take place on Sunday, February 19, 2023 at 3:30 PM in the Franciscan Center. Please <https://spsact.org/ministries/open-hearts-lgbtq-ministry/#-family-friends> for more information and either Tim Curran or Rich Broggin will connect with you.

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.

The next in person meeting is Sunday, February 19, 2023 at 3:30 PM. Please <https://spsact.org/contact-form-for-emmaus-ministry/> 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.

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

Secular Franciscan Order Meeting



Is God calling you to live a life of love, peace, and holiness in the model of St. Francis of Assisi?

Join us for our gathering in the lower level of the Urban Ministry Center at St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church on Sunday, February 26th to learn more about the Secular Franciscan Order.

The meeting starts at 2:00 and we will be discussing the results of the Synod discussions held in the parish.



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.

Thin Places: Lenten Series

All are Welcome to join our Lenten Series based on *Henri Nouwen's Art of Christian Living*. A Series Based on the Insights of this beloved author and Spiritual Master. These reflections embrace his most essential teachings: Suffering, Freedom, Finding Peace in Anxious Times, Finding Myself in God, and God - Discovering the Divine.

Participants are asked to read the Introduction and first three chapters of the booklet: Suffering: *Transforming our pain*, pages 6-10.

To register or for more information on how to receive the printed materials, please email: eddyab@att.net or Sheehan932@gmail.com by February 24, 2023.

Classes will be held on zoom for six weeks. Information will be sent before sessions. Participants can choose either the class starting on March 1st or March 2nd. Please identify which day you prefer. *Presenter: Sr. Virginia Sheehan, SNDdeN*

Let's Fill Backpacks!!!

February 18/19 and 25/26 at all Masses.

In response to the current Clare Gallery Exhibit, *A Suspension of Perception*. We are collecting items to fill backpacks for donation to two organizations: The Migrant Center at St. Francis of Assisi Church in NYC and Grannies Respond. The following items are needed:

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.

[See complete list at https://spsact.org/collection-for-migrant-children-feb-2023/](https://spsact.org/collection-for-migrant-children-feb-2023/)

[The Migrant Center](#) and Grannies Respond have been assisting immigrant adults and children by providing backpacks with personal care items and clothing to meet their immediate need. 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!



Baptism

Sunday, February 19, 2023

Lincoln Robert

child of Phillip & Elena Alexander

Have a Franciscan Heart: 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.

In a small neighborhood in Aleppo, the city in Syria about 30 miles from the Turkish border, Franciscan Friars who minister in the region and whose friary was, thankfully, unscathed by the earthquake, are not abandoning the people in their greatest time of need. They help 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 so they can help the frightened, cold and hungry people who lost everything in the earthquake.



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. [CLICK Here to make a donation.](#)

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Gifts & Offerings

February 6 - 12, 2023

Weekly Offering: \$6,242.00

Online Giving: \$9,769.23

Total: \$16,011.23

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\$5,739.60



Sanctuary Lamps

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-Ann Formica

Mass Intentions for the Week

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

Monday, February 20, 2023

7:30 AM Ernest Burnell

12:05 PM Raymond M. Frisbie, Sr

Tuesday, February 21, 2023

7:30 AM

12:05 PM Kenneth P. Stokowski

Wednesday, February 22, 2023

7:30 AM

12:05 PM James "Jim" Treacy, Jr

Thursday, February 23, 2023

7:30 AM For our parishioners

12:05 PM Madeline Capodanno

Friday, February 24, 2023

7:30 AM Deceased Members of the 100% voters Society

12:05 PM Antonio & Analia Alves

Saturday, February 25, 2023

4:00 PM William Leone, 11th Anniversary & John Grocki

Sunday, February 26, 2023

8:00 AM Laurinda De Jesus & Jose Maria Da Costa

10:00 AM Salvatore & Rosina Rinaldi

11:45 AM Eleanor McGrath

5:00 PM Albert M. Penta

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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 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.

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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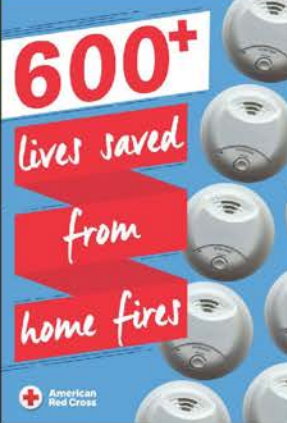
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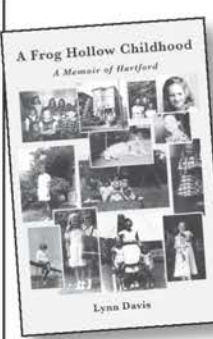
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