

You are the **salt** of the **earth**.

You are the **light** of the **world**.



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St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church

HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 5, 2023

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!



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, Feb 6:	Genesis 1:1-19; Mark 6:53-56
Tuesday, Feb 7:	Genesis 1:20-2:4a; Mark 7:1-13
Wednesday, Feb 8:	Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-17; Mark 7:14-23
Thursday, Feb 9:	Genesis 2:18-25; Mark 7:24-30
Friday, Feb 10:	Genesis 3:1-8; Mark 7:31-37
Sunday, Feb 12:	Sirach 15:15-20; Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34; 1 Corinthians 2:6-10; Matthew 5:17-37

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



Snack Pack Drop Off

Sunday, February 5, 2023

9:45 AM to 12:00 PM

Upcoming Bulletin Deadlines

Feb. 12 Bulletin: Monday, Feb. 6 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. There is still time to get your statement. In addition to calling the Parish Office or emailing 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.*

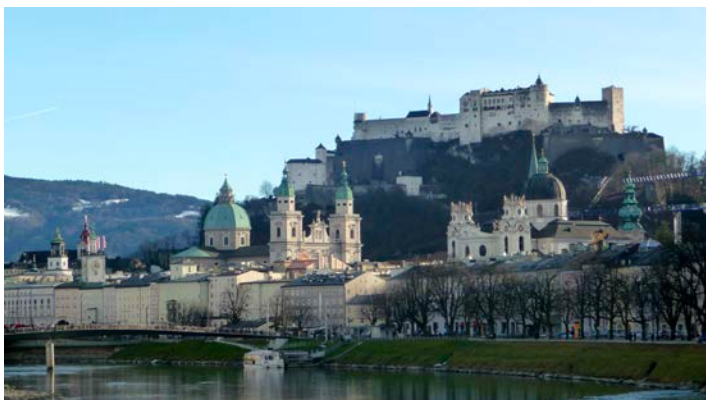


The Pastor's Corner

February 5, 2023

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Salzburg, Austria is one of the most beautiful cities in the world. Its founding dates back to Roman times and its name means "Salt Castle." This name derives from the barges that carried salt on the Salzach River, which were subject to a toll in the 8th century, as was customary for many cities situated on European rivers. The many salt mines in the area around Salzburg made it a very prosperous city back in the Middle Ages. The Festung Hohensalzburg, a fortress built on top of a mountain in the 11th century, protected the city down below during times of war and unrest. Today, in addition to the house where Mozart was born, and the various sites where scenes from *The Sound of Music* were filmed, the fortress is a popular tourist attraction, and it is especially impressive at night when it is illuminated.



The city of Salzburg with the Salzach River in the foreground, and the Festung Hohensalzburg ("High Salzburg Fortress") perched on the top of the mountain.

So, when Jesus talks about his disciples being "salt of the earth" and "light of the world," the city of Salzburg seems to encompass both images, including the image of a city set on a mountain that cannot be hidden. But of course, those images are just a starting point for something much deeper and more meaningful, especially as we try to understand them in relation to our identity as followers of Jesus and what he expects from us.

Jesus instructs the disciples: "Your light must shine before others, so that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father." His words are curious here, because just one chapter later in Matthew 6:1, he will tell us, "Take care not to perform righteous deeds in order that people may see them." In fact, we will hear these words in a few weeks' time on Ash Wednesday. How do we reconcile these seemingly contradictory messages? Perhaps the key is the motivation for the

deeds that make up a Christian life. They shouldn't be done for one's own glory or benefit, but to give glory and honor to God through a life of loving service to others.

And so, when Jesus calls his disciples to be "the light of the world," we hear in our first reading exactly how that light ought to shine. Sharing your bread with the hungry, sheltering the oppressed, clothing the naked, not turning one's back on one's own. In other words, by our care for others in need, the light of Christ given to us at baptism will be manifested.

Of the many hallmarks of the saints, one of them seems to be a dedication to good works that naturally draw attention, coupled with a desire to deflect attention from oneself completely. For example, during her acceptance speech for the 1979 Nobel Peace Prize, Saint Teresa of Kolkata said, "I personally am most unworthy. . . . But I am grateful and very happy to receive this award in the name of the hungry, of the naked, of the homeless, of the crippled, of the blind, of the leprosy, of all those people who feel unwanted." As followers of Christ, we are called to a high standard indeed – not only to do good works, but to do them selflessly as well.

As for the image of light found in both the Gospel as well as the first reading from Isaiah, when he says that by tending to the needs of others that light shall rise before us in the darkness, our psalm this week also underscores the firm foundation of the just. We are told that the upright person shall never be moved, that his heart is firm and steadfast. As Jesus likens his disciples to a city on a hill that cannot be hidden, the psalm offers an additional image of the just person as a light in darkness.

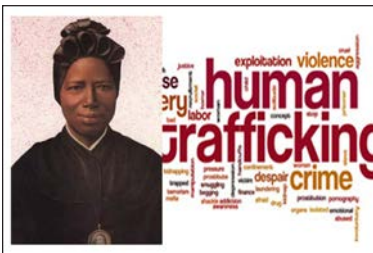
"Then your light shall break forth like the dawn..." Who has been an example of faith and a guiding light for you in times of darkness, or pain, or despair? How are you being called to be this light for others?

Blessings on your week ahead!

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



Prayer and Reflection Vigil



The Archdiocese of Hartford Human Trafficking Task Force in collaboration with St. Josephine Bakhita Parish will offer a Prayer and Reflection Vigil against Human Trafficking on

Wednesday, Feb. 8, 7:00 PM. All are welcome. The event will be held at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 280 Brook St., Rocky Hill. Refreshments to follow.

In commemoration of St. Josephine Bakhita, Patron of Human Trafficking Victims, novena prayers are offered by the Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry on its website: <http://www.catholicsocialjustice.org/human-trafficking-prayers.html>

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



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

Suggested Offering: \$50.00 can be made payable to "St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church" and mailed to 285 Church Street, Hartford, CT 06103, Attn. Pat Curtis OR [CLICK Here \(www.osv.com/spsact/giving/funds/adult-faith-formation\)](http://www.osv.com/spsact/giving/funds/adult-faith-formation) to give offering conveniently ONLINE and note the program name in the Memo.

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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Baptism

Saturday, February 4, 2023

Piper Sofia

child of Jackson & Sandra Lautier

Clare Gallery 20th Anniversary Year A Suspension of Perception



Virtual panel discussion this 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.

“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 Migrant 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.

Details about the collection will be forthcoming as we work with the Migrant Center which 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! Thank you for your generosity!

A Novel Idea Book Club



Our January book selection is *Still Life* by Sarah Winman, British actress and author. From go-roads.com: “*Still Life* is a sweeping portrait of unforgettable individuals who come together to make a family, and a richly drawn celebration of beauty and love in all its forms.”

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.

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.

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.

Save the Date
Let the Good Times Roll!!
Celebrate Mardi Gras
February 19, 2023



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.

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 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 23 - February 5, 2023

Weekly Offering: \$3,882.00

Online Giving: \$7,618.73

Total: \$14,152.73

Catholic HS Collection: \$1,128.00

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 Adult Faith Formation

Support our Adult Faith Formation Programs today.

Name: _____

Address: _____

St. Patrick - St. Anthony Church
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(checks made payable to SPSA with Music Ministry in the memo)

[CLICK TO GIVE ONLINE](#)

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, February 4, 2023

4:00 PM Richard Formica, 5th Anniversary

Sunday, February 5, 2023

8:00 AM Antoinette Smith, 1st Anniversary

10:00 AM Robert Frost, 3rd Anniversary

11:45 AM Ancedo (Tony) Cicchetti

5:00 PM For the Intentions of Dawn Polking

Monday, February 6, 2023

7:30 AM

12:05 PM William Mudano

Tuesday, February 7, 2023

7:30 AM For our parishioners

12:05 PM João da Costa

Wednesday, February 8, 2023

7:30 AM

12:05 PM Joseph Kelliher

Thursday, February 9, 2023

7:30 AM

12:05 PM Rose Gilberto, Ladies Guild Member

Friday, February 10, 2023

7:30 AM

12:05 PM Daniel Camilliere

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 to St. Valentine

5:00 PM J. Gregori Montano

Watch Online:



<https://www.facebook.com/St-Patrick-St-Anthony-Church-109359789104825/>



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



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

We are here to serve you...

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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 contact openhearts@spsact.org.
For information on Friends and Family contact friendsandfamily@spsact.org.*

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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