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*St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church*

HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 19, 2023

**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



**Palm Sunday of the Passion, April 1 & 2**

Saturday Mass at 4:00 PM

Sunday Masses at 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 11:45 AM and 5:00 PM

**Holy Thursday, April 6**

Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:00 PM

**Good Friday, April 7**

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion, 3:00 PM

Musical Meditation, 7:00 PM

*The Crucifixion* by Sir John Stainer

sung by choirs of St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church  
under the direction of Dr. Gabriel Löfvall, Dir. of Music Ministry

**Holy Saturday, April 8**

Great Vigil of Easter, 8:00 PM

**Easter Sunday, April 9**

Masses at 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 11:45 AM and 5:00 PM

*Daily Mass Readings*

**Monday, Mar 20:** 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a  
**Tuesday, Mar 21:** Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16  
**Wednesday, Mar 22:** Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30  
**Thursday, Mar 23:** Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47  
**Friday, Mar 24:** Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30  
**Sunday, Mar 26:** Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45

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

**On the cover:** *Christ Healing the Blind Man* by A. Mironov.

# The Pastor's Corner

March 19, 2023

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

I would like to begin by offering congratulations to Dan and Peg Lareau who will receive the St. Joseph Medal this Sunday afternoon at the Cathedral of St. Joseph from Archbishop Blair. Father John and I will attend the ceremony during which medals are given to members of the parishes of the Archdiocese of Hartford in recognition of their dedication and service to the Church. In the past few years we have recognized Kim Nardone and Christian Heiden for their service, and this year we have nominated Dan and Peg for the many ways they serve our parish of St. Patrick-St. Anthony and beyond!

I would also like to offer a word of encouragement to all our parishioners to participate in the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. So far, our parish has pledged almost \$18,000, which is a very good start. We should keep in mind that we are part of the local Church, and as such, we ought to support the charitable works of the Church beyond our own parish. So, if you haven't yet made a gift or a pledge, please consider doing so.

Early on in my ministry in New York, there was a man named Frank who would attend Mass at St. Francis of Assisi every day. He lived in a nearby hotel; always dressed in a suit and tie, he was well-known in the neighborhood. Frank was also blind, but his lack of physical sight never kept him from doing all the normal things we take for granted. He seemed to be able to navigate the crowded sidewalks with little difficulty. Once in a while he would come to the parish office to purchase a Mass card, and he knew –by touch – the exact denomination of each bill in his wallet.

To be honest, I've always been rather amazed how people are able to overcome their lack of physical sight and not allow it to keep them from attaining great self-sufficiency. Moreover, there was a residence for blind persons about eight blocks away from the church, and several of the residents would regularly attend Mass on Sundays. At the end of Mass, as they were approaching the door of the church, they would call out to the priest to say hello.

In Jesus' time things were much different for people with physical impairments, as we often hear about in the Gospels. Today's Gospel highlights the example of a blind man who receives his sight from Jesus. Unfortunately, this miracle gets quickly swept aside when arguments arise about whether his blindness was a result of sin.



The final paragraph of the Gospel is quite telling: "Some of the Pharisees who were with him said to [Jesus]: 'Surely, we are not also blind, are we?'"

Jesus said to them, 'If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you are saying, 'We see,' so your sin remains.'"

I am reminded here of the verse from the Gospel of Matthew (13:13-14) which says, "They look but do not see and hear but do not listen or understand." Isaiah's prophecy is fulfilled in them, which says: 'You shall indeed hear but not understand, you shall indeed look but never see.'"

So, the question that is put before us is this: "How willing are we to change our thinking about something which we are convinced is the truth, but in reality, might not be?" In other words, when confronted by another opinion or point of view, how willing are we to consider accommodating that view with our own? Is it just a matter of pride that might prevent us from altering a view that we hold dear?

Perhaps many of the political, religious and moral arguments which have aroused so much animosity in our world today could be resolved, or at least pacified, if only we were more willing to see a different way of looking at things. I know that there have been many times in my life that I have been led to put aside my own point of view and look at a situation from other angles that I might not have considered before. In doing so, I have experienced something of a conversion from thinking that my opinion or belief was the only way of seeing a situation. To borrow a line from the beloved hymn "Amazing Grace," I was blind, but now I see.

Those have been moments of grace for me, as I hope they have been for you, as well. As I have gotten older, I have often thought that I had gained a bit of wisdom and understanding about life. But I've also come to the realization that I don't have all the answers, all the information, and certainly not the wisdom I thought I had. It is only by keeping our eyes and ears (and hearts and minds) open to others that we can continue to learn the true wisdom that comes from the heart of God.

Blessings on your week ahead!

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

# Lenten Programs 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 following. **Suggested Offering for Lunch: \$8.00 per session.**

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

**Thursdays, March 23 & 30; 10:30 to 11:30 AM.**

Registration and Zoom Link: <http://bit.ly/411kH29>

**Presenter: Fr. Francis Soucy, OFM. Suggested Offering: \$50.00**

## Stations of the Cross

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.

**Fridays during Lent starting at 12:30 PM.**

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

**Thursday, March 23 from 7:00 to 8:00 PM.**

Registration/Information Link: <http://bit.ly/3Kd1apD>. **Presenter: Fr. Bill Beaudin, OFM. Suggested Offering: \$35.00**

## Stations of the Cross for Older Adults

**Friday, March 24, immediately following the 12:05 Mass.**

Join Fr. Mike and others as we celebrate a unique Lenten Stations of the Cross, a Stations of the Cross for Older Adults. Afterwards, we invite you to share community and a light lunch in the Franciscan Center.

**Suggested Offering for lunch: \$8.00.** Registration Link: <http://bit.ly/3Ed3h8W>. **Registration Deadline: March 20.**

## Lenten Program Suggested Offerings

Suggested program offerings 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. Please indicate program name with payment.

## Ongoing Adult Faith Formation Programs

**Group Spiritual Reflection: Every Tuesday via Zoom from 12:30-1:30 PM.** 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.** *Facilitator Pat Curtis.* [CLICK Here](#) to register and receive the Zoom link.

**Praying With Sacred Scripture: Our next meeting is March 22, 2023 from 7:00 to 8:00 PM at the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry.** *Co-facilitators: Sheila Denion and John Lemega.*

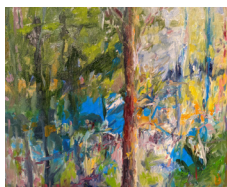
## The Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents

The next in person meeting is Sunday, March 19, 2023 at 3:30 PM.

## SPSA Community Day at the Dunkin' Park!

**Sunday, June 11, 1:00 PM.** Tickets go on sale after all Masses on April 15-16 in the Franciscan Center Lobby.

## Clare Gallery's \*New\* Exhibit



Clare Gallery's second 20th anniversary exhibition, **Old Growth** includes works by Connecticut artist Roberta Shea. Shea started her artistic practice later in life. She always knew she loved experimenting with

painting and drawing, but when she moved to new surroundings, her creative energy motivated her to pursue a professional practice.

**An in-person artist talk is on Sunday, April 23, at 1:00 PM.**

**A virtual artist talk is Thursday, April 27, at 7:00 PM.** To register for the virtual Artist Talk and receive the Zoom Link please go to <https://tinyurl.com/yamupeur>.

Shea believes that it is "never too late to start over and make your mark," and her marks are mesmerizing. You cannot help but get caught up in the work's rhythm, space, and emotional color palettes. The work draws you in to investigate the activity on the surface, yet it also asks you to step back to view the entire work. Her process is very physical with paint being dripped, scrapped, dragged, and layered, creating thick impasto and thin surfaces of abstract representation. When you focus on one part, it becomes its own abstract painting. Then, if you step back, a larger landscape reveals itself. Her physical mark-making mimics nature's powerful process of renewal.

## Family & Friends Ministry

Our next meeting will take place on **Sunday, March 19, 2023 at 3:30 PM** in the Franciscan Center.



## St. Patrick - St. Anthony Ladies Guild

**Save the Date: May 7, 2023, 10:00 am Mass: The 85th Annual May Crowning** The Ladies Guild May Crowning will be at the 10am Mass followed by a Celebration Fundraiser in the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry beginning at 11:30 am. More information on our fundraiser will be available in upcoming bulletins and parish-wide emails. Join us in celebrating 85 years of service. Net proceeds will be divided between the Ladies Guild Scholarship Fund, The House of Bread and the many programs at the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry.

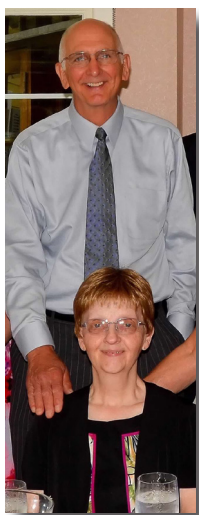
## Staying Connected As A Community:

We are grateful for all of the variety of ways in which people 'belong' to SPSA! Essential to the vibrancy of our community life is communication. Thank you so much to all who have answered our email and logged in to their accounts. In the upcoming weeks we will send out a reminder email to those who have yet to respond.

**Need some help with this?** Simply call the office at 860-756-4034. We have parish staff available to help. Read more about our Connection Campaign at <https://bit.ly/3YmUpF4>.

## 2023 St. Joseph Medal Recipients

### Dan and Peggy Lareau



Daniel and Peggy Lareau are this year's St. Joseph Medal recipients. Dan and Peggy have been parishioners of St. Patrick - St. Anthony Church for multiple decades. Between the two of them, they served in over 15 ministries with the parish. The Lareaus currently participate regularly in ten ministries -- encompassing liturgical ministry, parish life, spiritual care, and service to our neighbors in need. Additionally, both Dan and Peggy are among the first to volunteer for one-time events or other parish needs. Peggy and Dan both embody devotion to God, their neighbors and this parish. They will receive their awards during a ceremony at the Cathedral of St. Joseph this Sunday at 3:00 PM. Congratulations, Dan and Peg. Thank you for all you do for our community.

## THANK YOU from the Clare Gallery Ministry



A huge thank you from the Clare Gallery Ministry for your Backpack Supplies and Gift Card donations. Your generosity filled the room with supplies from toys, books, and educational material to clothing, socks, jackets to diapers and wipes! Our backpacks for immigrant children overflowed with your voluminous donations. Our Confirmation students assembled the backpacks after learning about and reflecting upon the issue and impact of immigration on children and their families. Our artist Christine Breslin along with representatives from The Migrant Center and Grannies Respond shared stories from their experiences at the border. In addition to the backpacks, both organizations received over \$500 in gift cards and monetary donations to support their outreach to newly arriving families. You heard the call for help and responded!

Many thanks for your genuine expression of care and concern for our sisters and brothers who are suffering. You have made a difference!

## Sister Parish Update:



Greetings, here is Part 2 of our update.

You can read the entire update and find additional information about the ministry and how you can help St. Genevieve on our website at <https://bit.ly/update-from-sister-parish>.

### Part 2: Life in Zoranje and at St. Genevieve Parish

In Zoranje, home of our Sister Parish St. Genevieve, the community struggles with the reality that the insecurity of rampant violence, staggering food and fuel shortages, prevalent illness and political unrest have reached their village. The school at St. Genevieve, normally a place of hope and security in their community, was not able to open in the fall as planned. The lunches that were in many cases the only hot meal of the day for 400+ children, were unavailable.

In January, the school did reopen, if only temporarily. Almost three quarters of the students came back to school and the Canteen began providing the hot lunch program once again. Sadly, as of this writing, the school has been forced to close due to gang activity having reached Zoranje. This is new and unprecedented in this village. The decision to open the school at St. Genevieve is now being made on a week-by-week basis. Our steadfast support of this community, however, has and will continue.

**We remain hopeful.**

## 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, Tim Hindman, Judy Smith, Susan Degennaro and Anna Ramirez.

### Gifts & Offerings

March 6 - 12, 2023

Weekly Offering: \$8,548.00

Online Giving: \$9,411.23

Other Donations: \$2,233.73

**Total for Operating Budget: \$20,192.23**

*Thank you for your continued generosity!*

## 2nd Collection this weekend: Catholic Relief



The CRS Collection this weekend, is an opportunity for you to help improve the lives of the most vulnerable people around the world and here in the United States. Your support funds organizations dedicated to aiding people affected by war and natural disasters, migrants and refugees in need of material and legal assistance, and people worldwide whose livelihoods are impacted by changing political and environmental conditions. Please go to <http://bit.ly/3L34ILE> to donation online.



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## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Saturday, March 18, 2023

4:00 PM James Fahey

### Sunday, March 19, 2023

8:00 AM William, Angie & Joann Speziale

10:00 AM Rose & Angelo Perrone

11:45 AM Dora & Harold Adams

5:00 PM For the intentions of Charlotte & Quinn Polking

### Monday, March 20, 2023

7:30 AM Maria Obregon

12:05 PM Salvatore Lombardo, 60th Anniversary

### Tuesday, March 21, 2023

7:30 AM

12:05 PM Daniel Rodriguez

### Wednesday, March 22, 2023

7:30 AM For our parishioners

12:05 PM Peter Penta, 9th Anniversary

### Thursday, March 23, 2023

7:30 AM Mary Sally Dwinell

12:05 PM Madeline Capodanno

### Friday, March 24, 2023

7:30 AM

12:05 PM Louis Sogaro

### Saturday, March 25, 2023

4:00 PM Edward Alexis, 8th Anniversary

### Sunday, March 26, 2023

8:00 AM Helen McDermott, 40th Anniversary

10:00 AM Frank Perrone

11:45 AM Rashid and Yesmine Ellis

5:00 PM Encarnacion Nieves

## Mass Intention Corrections, March 13 - 19.

The following Mass Intentions were listed incorrectly in the printed version of the March 12th bulletin. They are correct below:

March 14, 2023 at 12:05 pm: Hatsuko & Kiyoshi Nakamura

March 15, 2023 at 12:05 pm: Claire Eppolitto

March 16, 2023 at 12:05 pm: William MaCauley

Our sincerest apologies for the errors.

## *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.

**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](mailto:aholstgrubbe@spsact.org); 860-756-4034, EXT. 110.*

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## **Communion Survey**

For our planning purposes, we would like to know if you would like to receive from the cup during Communion at this time. Please fill out the survey below and send into the office.

**Questions:** Please circle your answers.

**Will you receive the cup if it is offered at Communion?**

YES or NO

**What weekend Mass do you typically attend?**

4:00 PM 8:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:45 AM or 5:00 PM

**We would need more Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist to help facilitate distribution from the cup. Would you be interested in receiving training to be an E.M.? YES or NO**



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