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St. Patrick - St. Anthony Church

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 5, 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

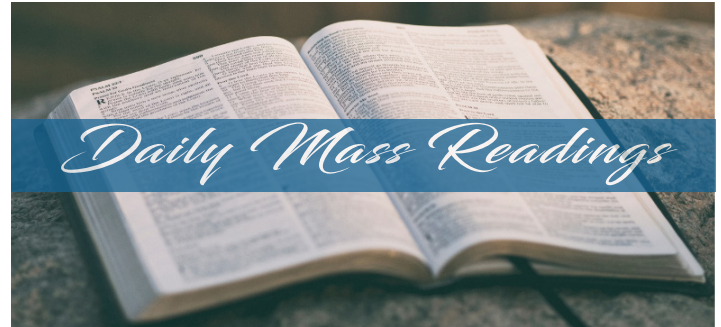
12:05 PM Public & Livestream

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



Monday, Mar 6: Daniel 9:4b-10; Luke 6:36-38

Tuesday, Mar 7: Isaiah 1:10, 16-20; Matthew 23:1-12

Wednesday, Mar 8: Jeremiah 18:18-20; Matthew 20:17-28

Thursday, Mar 9: Jeremiah 17:5-10; Luke 16:19-31

Friday, Mar 10: Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a;

Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46

Sunday, Mar 12: Exodus 17:3-7; Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9;

Romans 5:1-2, 5-8; John 4:5-42

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

Upcoming Bulletin Deadline

March 12 Bulletin: Monday, March 6 at noon

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Snack Pack Dropoff:
Sunday, March 5,
2023 from 9:45 am to
12:00 pm

Community Sunday is
March 12, 2023 after
the 8:00 and 10:00
am Masses

The Pastor's Corner

March 5, 2023

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

More than 40 years ago – it's hard to believe it's been that long – when I was a young friar in formation, I spent a year at one of our Province's retreat houses. It was a lovely place reminiscent of the Franciscan friaries in Tuscany with red tile roofs and a chapel with a tall bell tower. It was situated on a hill top with commanding views of the surrounding hills and farmland. About once a month we held a weekend retreat for high school students called "Search." By the end of those weekends on Sunday afternoon, many of the students who had arrived on Friday evening, shy and fearful of what was going to happen over the next few days, didn't want to leave because they had made new friends and experienced something new and wonderful about themselves and their relationship with God. It was as if they had experienced a transfiguration and, like Peter, wanted to preserve the moment and remain on that hilltop, at least for a little while longer.

Throughout the Bible we encounter people who lived and died by the Lord's blessing. Abram, for example, left his home, his family, all that was familiar to him, with nothing more to hang onto than God's promise that he and all his descendants would be blessed among the nations. Jesus, too, is transfigured by the revelation "This is my beloved son." Like Moses and Elijah, he hears and recognizes God's call and responds to the challenge to fulfill his destiny and the destiny of his people.

Lent challenges us to go beyond our familiar and safe routines and habits to a sacred space where we might hear God's call and receive his blessing. Perhaps more than any other season, Lent gives us permission to focus on our spiritual lives, to take time apart from the everyday demands to listen to what God might be asking of us.

In Peter, James and John, we see images of those who hear the call through the filters of age-old beliefs. Peter wants to build a little tent city, to preserve this timeless moment. They are overcome by something so new and unfamiliar. They want to reduce the challenging revelation to something they can understand. But God rarely breaks into our lives in familiar and expected ways. God constantly challenges us to go beyond, to be transfigured. Like the apostles, we often try too hard to fit new experiences of faith into familiar patterns, and in the process we reduce those experiences to something far less than they actually are.

We should allow our experience of God to transform us into something we never dreamed we could be. The dazzling white Jesus wears in today's Gospel suggests the white robes of the newly baptized in the early Christian community, as well as those in our own time who are preparing for baptism at Easter. Like Jesus, they enter into conversion of body, mind and soul. Their experience can challenge us to examine our own commitment to our faith.



Peter, James and John struggle to accept the revelation in the limited terms of their own past, seeing it only in its external manifestation. Their inability to grasp it terrifies them. But Jesus, coming out of the very heart of the experience, reassures them, calms them, and leads them down the mountain to the continuing challenge of living the vision day in and day out.

The transfiguration reminds us that Lent is a time of renewal and purification, a time of going beyond our often self-imposed limitations. Even during Lent we know that the blessing of Easter is ours in Jesus Christ. But we only arrive at the fullness of the resurrection through the passion of the cross. Just as Jesus and the apostles were given strength and inspiration in the vision on Mt. Tabor for the daily routine of ministry in Galilee, we celebrate the sign of God's promise for our lives in the Eucharist. And thus, we go back down the mountain, back to daily life, not to just resume our usual pattern of living, but to embrace the new, the unexpected, the demanding reality of life in Christ, or rather, life and death in Christ – the dying and the rising of the One who makes all things new.

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

His Sacrifice and Ours: The 2023 Archbishop's Annual Appeal

The 2023 Archbishop's Annual Appeal is now underway in our parish. Our goal is to engage our entire parish family in this year's Appeal and to pray for the success of the Appeal, both here in our parish and across the three counties of the Archdiocese.

We hope you can help us meet our parish goal of \$115,000. If you would like to make a gift, please mail in your pledge card. You may also visit the Archdiocesan website at www.archdioceseof-hartford.org or call the Appeal Office at (800) 781-2550. Keep in mind that an early pledge will allow you to best use the monthly payment plan.

Lenten Programs 2023

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

Thursdays, March 9, 16, 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

Fridays during Lent 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 9, 16, 23 from 7:00 to 8:00 PM.

Registration/Information Link: <http://bit.ly/3Kd1apD>. Presenter:

Fr. Bill Beaudin, OFM

Suggested Offering: \$35.00

Lenten Twilight Retreat: "A Time for Eucharistic Revival ... A Time of Love"

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

Join Fr. Ken Paulli, OFM 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. This program is available via livestream for those who may want to attend from home. **Registration deadline: March 10.**

Suggested offering and registration links:

\$25.00, for dinner at 5:30 PM: <http://bit.ly/3YRURvM>

\$15.00 for presentation only (Livestream link will be sent if you are viewing from home) at 6:30 PM; <http://bit.ly/3XGccqu>

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.

Registration and Lunch Reservation Link: <http://bit.ly/3lxdEhs>

Suggested Offering per session: \$8.00

Registration Deadline: March 17.

Community Stations of the Cross

Friday, March 24, at 12:30 PM, 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. As we journey with Jesus on his walk to Calvary, we hear individual reflections which 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. Registration Link: <http://bit.ly/3Ed3h8W>

Registration Deadline: March 20.

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. 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. March Meetings: 8th and 22nd.

Co-facilitators: Sheila Denion and John Lemega.

The Drumming Circle

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



Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade Mass

Our Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade Mass will be held at St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church on Friday, March 10, 2023 at 7:00 PM.

All are welcome to attend this very special mass as we come together, the night before the 51st Annual Greater Hartford St. Patrick's Day Parade, in celebration and in gratitude. This year the mass will also be available for viewing, via livestream by going to <https://spsact.org/livestream/> and clicking on the Parade Mass link. Photo: Eileen Moore, Jim Moriarty and 2022 Parade Grand Marshal, Elizabeth Saunders.



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. One goal in this new year is to maintain our level of communication with all who connect with the services and mission of the Church and the Franciscan Center.

At the heart of staying connected is ensuring we have accurate information in our parish database. Watch for more information coming next week about how we can stay connected with you in the best way for you!

A Novel Idea Book Club

Our March book selection is *Matrix* by Lauren Groff. According to NPR's Keishel Williams' September 6, 2021 book review, "Lauren Groff's *Matrix* is an inspiring novel that truly demonstrates the power women wield, regardless of the era."

Join the discussion on **March 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.



Open Hearts Ministry

Monthly Meeting: Join us Sunday, March 12, 2023 at 6:00 PM in the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry. Bring a snack or beverage to share. Go to <https://spsact.org/contact-form-for-open-hearts-ministry/> for more information and a ministry member will connect with you.



Family & Friends Ministry

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

The Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents



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.

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, March 15, 2023 at 7:00 pm. The next in person meeting is Sunday, March 19, 2023 at 3:30 pm.

Please click <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

If the winter blues threaten to dampen your spirits ~ please consider attending our gatherings for enjoyable storytelling and ministry knitted together!

March Meeting Dates:

Virtual: Monday, March 13, 2023, 7:00 to 8:00 PM.

In-person: Thursday, March 30, 2023, 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM.

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

Gifts & Offerings

February 20 - 26, 2023

Weekly Offering: \$6,343.00

Online Giving: \$9,612.23

Ash Wednesday: \$1,743.00

Donations for Heating: \$515.00

Other Gifts and Donations: \$800.00

Total for Operating Budget: \$19,013.23

Thank you for your continued generosity!

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. Monetary donations will continue to be sent 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. Donation Link: <http://bit.ly/3xBC2kV>.

March Monthly 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 this weekend, March 4-5, 2023 to help defray these costs. Your generosity is appreciated. Go to <http://bit.ly/3Z6D30D> if you would like to donate online.



Sanctuary Lamps

Week of March 5, 2023

In Loving Memory of Susanne Monica Andreski
by Elaine Wiatr

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, March 4, 2023

4:00 PM Richard L. Walsh, III

Sunday, March 5, 2023

8:00 AM Joseph R. Panfile & Sean L. Tobin

10:00 AM Richard & Terry Blackstone

11:45 AM Eleanor Louise McGrath

5:00 PM Mary Casey

Monday, March 6, 2023

7:30 AM For our parishioners

12:05 PM Blessed Michael McGivney

Tuesday, March 7, 2023

7:30 AM Jose dos Santos

12:05 PM Joseph Kelliher

Wednesday, March 8, 2023

7:30 AM

12:05 PM Anne Healy

Thursday, March 9, 2023

7:30 AM

12:05 PM

Friday, March 10, 2023

7:30 AM

12:05 PM

Saturday, March 11, 2023

4:00 PM Dorothy Shea

Sunday, March 12, 2023

8:00 AM Angela Padilla

10:00 AM Joseph Patoka, Sr

11:45 AM Donald Tuttle

5:00 PM Ann Janulevicz

Watch Online:



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



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



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

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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/>

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<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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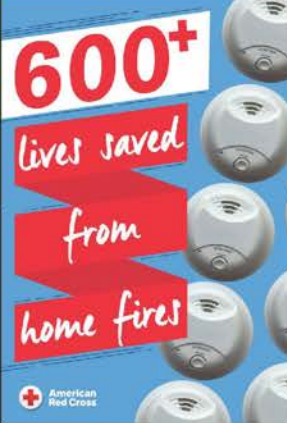
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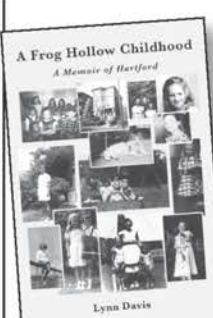
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