

OPEN HEARTS • OPEN MINDS • OPEN DOORS

St. Patrick - St. Anthony Church

HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 16, 2023

St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church and The Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry

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*Open Hearts
Open Minds
Open Doors*

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

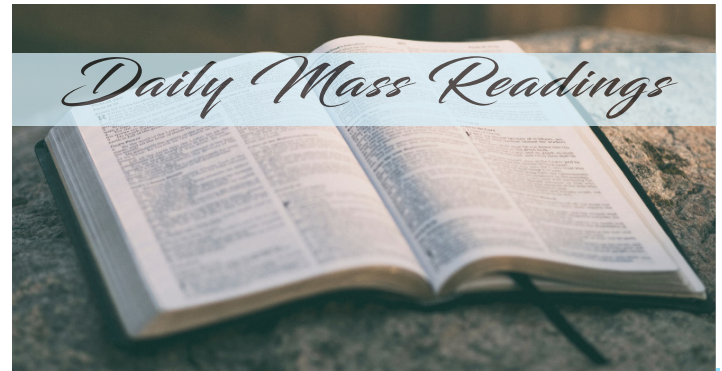
12:05 PM Public & Livestream

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, April 17: Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday, April 18: Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday, April 19: Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21

Thursday, April 20: Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36

Friday, April 21: Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15

Sunday, April 23: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8,
9-10, 11; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

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

On The Cover: "Christ between the Apostles" by Sebastiano Santi (1788-1866) in the Church of The Twelve Apostles of Christ in Venice, Italy.

Parish and Center Office Hours

Monday - Saturday
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Sunday
9:00 - 11:00 AM

Bulletin Deadline

All potential bulletin material should be submitted for consideration by Noon on Monday for inclusion in the Sunday Bulletin.

Please Email cabramo@spsact.org

The Pastor's Corner

April 16, 2023

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Today we celebrate the Second Sunday of Easter, the conclusion of the Octave of the Resurrection of the Lord. But we still have another six weeks of celebration before the season culminates with the Solemnity of Pentecost on May 28. In the meantime, we will celebrate many baptisms, as well the First Eucharist of our children the weekend of May 6-7, and the Confirmation of our young people on May 6 at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph. In addition, our Ladies' Guild will celebrate the 85th anniversary of its founding on May 7 together with our annual May Crowning ceremony. And let's not forget the annual Walk Against Hunger on May 20!

Once again, I wish to express my thanks to everyone who made the liturgies of Holy Week and the Sacred Triduum such beautiful and meaningful experiences for our parish. Many first-time visitors were overwhelmed by the music and prayerfulness of our liturgies. Everyone who played a part should take great satisfaction knowing that you helped someone else feel closer to God through your ministry.

The Gospel for this weekend is the same every year on the Second Sunday of Easter – the story of the Apostle Thomas coming to faith in the Risen Christ. He has come to be known as "Doubting Thomas" because he couldn't believe the news that Jesus had risen from the dead until he had physical proof. Only by touching the wounds of Jesus could he be assured that the resurrection was real.

Let's face it: we have doubts at times about many things, even our faith. This is only natural because faith in something we can't see or touch is not easy. Often, we have to rely on the word of others. Unfortunately, in our country today, many think of this as "fake news." But the Resurrection was certainly not fake news – it was Good News, the best news that humanity would ever receive. How we choose to respond to that news will make all the difference, not only in our own lives, but in the lives of those around us. Our Easter faith grows stronger only to the extent that we put that faith into action. Happily, this is the hallmark of our parish of St. Patrick-St. Anthony. If anyone should doubt it, just wait until next month!

Blessings on your week ahead!


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



2023 Easter Flowers

Thank you for remembering and honoring your loved ones as we enter into this Joyous Easter Season.

- ❖ Thomas Sataro, Anna Pavlick, Jos Pavlick, Mary Sataro, and Jo-Ann S. Proule by Pat & Ron Biederman
- ❖ Mr. & Mrs. D. Marques, Mr. & Mrs. E. Carvalho, and Maria Brito by Teresa & Tony Carvalho
- ❖ Joanne Lee and David Frawley by Dennis Frawley
- ❖ Ronald Gina, Sr. by Norma Gina
- ❖ Joseph Kelliher, Eleanor Tremko, John & Frances Tremenko, and Frank Tremenko by Dolores Kelliher
- ❖ Carole & Frank Maynard by Karen Maynard
- ❖ In memory of Paul and Judy Thibeault by Brian & Anne Thibeault
- ❖ Easter flowers in memory of deceased family and friends by Miriam Underwood
- ❖ John Walsh by Marybeth Walsh

April Community Sunday Dates



Donuts, Coffee, Juice & BP Check
April 16, 2022
After the 8:00 & 10:00 am Masses

Wine and Cheese
April 23, 2022

After the 5:00 pm Mass



SPSA Annual Community Day at the Dunkin' Park!

Tickets are just \$12.00 this year.

Get your Tickets this weekend after ALL Masses in the Franciscan Center Lobby. You don't want miss out on this yearly tradition.



We will also have a Mascot meet and greet!!! Just look for large blue and great goat outside of church on Sunday!!!

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Family & Friends Ministry

Our April meeting will take place on **Sunday, April 16, 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.

The next in person meeting is Sunday, April 16, 2023 at 3:30 pm. Our next Zoom meeting is Wednesday, April 19, 2023 at 7:00 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.

Ongoing Adult Faith Formation Programs

Group Spiritual Reflection: Every Tuesday via Zoom from 12:30-1:30 PM. Next Meeting: April 18, 2023. 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. **Next Meeting: April 19, 2023.**

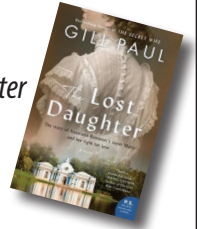
Taproot: Every Wednesday during the day, from 11:00 AM -12:00 PM. *Facilitator Pat Curtis.* [CLICK Here](#) to register and receive the Zoom link. **Next Meeting: April 19, 2023.**

Praying with Sacred Scripture: Wednesday, April 26, 2023 from 7:00 to 8:00 PM. Please consider joining us in-person for "lectio divina" (divine reading.) If you haven't tried it yet, please do! The process is simple and will be explained each time, and sharing is welcome, but optional.

Co-facilitators: Sheila Denion and John Lemega

A Novel Idea Book Club

A Novel Idea Book Club presents, *The Lost Daughter* by Gill Paul. Ms. Paul is a best selling author of historical fiction, specializing in relatively recent history.



Join the discussion on **April 20, 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 and we will forward it to you.

Clare Gallery's Exhibit: *Old Growth*



Clare Gallery's second 20th anniversary exhibition, *Old Growth* includes works by Connecticut artist Roberta Shea.

Please go to <https://spsact.org/clare2/> for additional information on this exhibition.

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>.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

April Meeting Dates:

In-person: Thursday, April 27, 2023, 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM.

Virtual: Monday, May 8, 2023, 7:00 to 8:00 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.

From the Franciscan Center

The Franciscan Center is excited to invite you to participate in National Rebuilding Day on Saturday - April 29 (7:30 AM to 3:30 PM - lunch provided).

We will be joining forces with Rebuilding Together Hartford. Together, we will help to revitalize homes in our community, making them safer, healthier, and more accessible. No prior experience is necessary. Jobs are available for all skill levels. Necessary tools and supplies will be provided on site.

To register to attend on April 29, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/yvsr4bwt>. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Sue O'Donnell at sodonnell38@gmail.com.

The 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 April 23rd at 2:00 to learn more about the Secular Franciscan Order. Our topic of discussion and reflection will be the Fruits of the Holy Spirit.

Celebrate Earth Day!

Sunday April 23rd after the 10:00 am Mass

In celebration of Earth Day, the Secular Franciscan's will be distributing Rudbeckia plants (Black-Eyed Susan) to express Care for God's creation. Black-Eyed Susan's are a native plant and a good pollen source for bees and other pollinators. In the summer months the leaves of the plant are a source of nourishment for 15 species of butterfly and caterpillars. In the fall and winter, the cones of the flower continue to provide food for migrating and wintering songbirds. You can help to Care for God's Creation by planting Black-Eyed Susan's and other native plant species in your yard. For additional information about the importance of pollinators, please visit: www.pollinator-pathway.org.

Religious Education Registration 2023-2024 will open May 1st!

The religious education programs at St. Patrick – St. Anthony Church are designed to allow parents to choose not only the best schedule for their young children but also the best learning format for those children. We firmly believe that the parents (and families) are the original and primary educators of their children, and we are honored to support you in nurturing your child's faith. Our classes begin at age three.

For this reason, religious education for children through sixth grade can occur at St. Patrick – St. Anthony Church within a traditional format, a hands-on (Montessori) format (Catechesis of the Good Shepherd) or a family format (Whole Community Catechesis).

All students come together in one seventh and eighth grade program so that they can begin to form a cohesive group for our ninth and tenth grade Confirmation class. Our 7,8 and high schoolers are very involved in social justice and community service.

All programs take place within the traditional school year (September through May). Check out the website, www.spsact.org/faith-formation/youth-faith-formation for more information or contact Deborah Pelletier at dpelletier@spsact.org.



From the Office of Outreach & Volunteer Ministry

There are many opportunities to offer our gifts and talents at SPSA & the Franciscan Center, and to consider how we might further live out our Christian faith together. I see evidence of the Resurrection every day here: our volunteers serve as the hands and feet of Christ to our parish community, and to greater Hartford and beyond. Please go to <https://spsact.org/current-volunteer-opportunities/> for more information and/or to connect with Allison Holst-Grubbe, Director of Outreach and Volunteer Ministry.

What Does Hunger Look Like?

The St. Patrick-St. Anthony Committee on Social Justice invites you to join them by Zoom on Monday, April 17, 2023 from 7:00 to 8:00 PM to see just what hunger looks like. To Register and receive the Zoom link for our meeting please go to <https://tinyurl.com/2fa46n43>.



Walk Against Hunger May 20, 2023

Join our team to support the House of Bread

Why is the WALK AGAINST HUNGER so important? Monies raised from the walk will allow The House of Bread to keep feeding nearly 2,000 homeless people daily. Click the link above to support our efforts. A huge thank you to those who have already donated and/or planned to participate the day of the Walk.

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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, Ruben Espinosa and Anna Ramirez.

Gifts & Offerings

Palm Sunday: 3/27/2023 to 4/2/2023

Weekly Offering:	\$10,876.00
Online:	\$8,809.23
Total Offering:	\$19,685.23

Thankyou for your continued generosity

Easter will be announce next in the April 23rd Bulletin.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, April 15, 2023

4:00 PM Angela Maria & Pietro Fazio

Easter Sunday, April 16, 2023

8:00 AM William, Angie & Joann Speziale

10:00 AM Vincent Marella

11:45 AM Patrick J. Leyden

5:00 PM Louis J. Pierro

Monday, April 17, 2023

7:30 PM Vincent D. McCarthy, 15th Anniversary

12:05 PM Margaret & Michael Abbruzzese

Tuesday, April 18, 2023

7:30 AM For our parishioners

12:05 PM Baio & Spirito Families

Wednesday, April 19, 2023

7:30 AM

12:05 PM Gloria A. Capobianco

Thursday, April 20, 2023

7:30 AM For the intentions of Phil DeVito

12:05 PM Richard Cobb

Friday, April 21, 2023

7:30 AM Richard Clinton

12:05 PM Paul Haas, Sr.

Saturday, April 22, 2023

4:00 PM Jose Batista & Clotilde Fermina

Easter Sunday, April 23, 2023

8:00 AM Felipe Obregon

10:00 AM Bob Lemega, 3rd Anniversary

11:45 AM Madeline Capodanno

5:00 PM Eulogio Rosal

2023 Archbishop's Annual Appeal



In just a few short weeks, our parish has raised **\$38,920.00** for the 2023 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. In these trying times, the need of our surrounding community grows and the assistance

provided by the Appeal becomes all the more crucial. If you have not yet made your gift to this year's Appeal, please consider doing so in the days ahead. Your gift to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal will help continue the vital services, ministries and programs that help so many throughout our Archdiocese.

All funds contributed to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal are used exclusively for the purposes outlined in the Appeal literature, which can be found at <https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/>. No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements.

Job Opportunity: Part-Time Receptionist



We are looking for someone to share our Saturday receptionist position in the parish office. Duties include answering the phones and light office work. For more information or to submit your resume, contact our Business Manager, Kristina DiDominio at 860-756-4034 or kdidominio@spsact.org.



This is just a reminder that the steam has been turned off and it may be chilly in the church for a bit.

Mass Intentions and Sanctuary Lamps: Masses and 7-day Sanctuary Lamps may be scheduled for loved ones, living or deceased. Contact the parish office to schedule a Mass. Suggested donation: \$10.

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:

<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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