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St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church

HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT



PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

APRIL 2, 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



Sacrament of Reconciliation During Holy Week

Monday, April 3, 11:15 - 11:45 AM

Wednesday, April 4, 11:15 - 11:45 AM

Daily Masses During Holy Week

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday, 7:30 AM & 12:05 PM

Holy Thursday, April 6

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

Special Collection for the Franciscan Center

Compline (Night Prayer), 9:00 PM

Good Friday, April 7

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

*Special Collection: Pontifical Good Friday Collection in support of the
[Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land \(Click to view\)](#)*

Musical Meditation, 7:00 PM, PUBLIC & LIVESTREAM

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

Free Will Offering for the Music Ministry

Holy Saturday, April 8

Great Vigil of Easter, 8:00 PM, PUBLIC & LIVESTREAM

Special Second Collection for Easter

Easter Sunday, April 9

The Resurrection of the Lord

8:00 AM, 10:00 AM (Public & Livestream), 11:45 AM and 5:00 PM

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Parish and Center Office Hours Holy Week and Easter Week

Monday, 4/3/2023 - Thursday, 4/6/2023,

Saturday, 4/8/2023: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Easter Sunday, 4/9/2023: Closed

Friday, 4/7/2023 & Monday, 4/10/2023: 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Tuesday, 4/11/2023 - Saturday, 4/15/2023: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Sunday, 4/16/2023: 9:00 - 11:00 AM

The Pastor's Corner

April 2, 2023

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

As we commemorate the Lord's triumphant entrance into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, and as we hear again the account of his passion and death from the Gospel of Matthew, I extend a warm welcome to anyone who may be visiting us this weekend. Please know that we are happy that you have chosen to worship with us, and we hope you will return!

In these last final days of the season of Lent, which ends on Holy Thursday morning, I'm recalling some of the wonderful events I've seen and experienced during these sacred days: more people participating in daily Mass; more people coming to the Sacrament of Reconciliation; the celebration of the Stations of the Cross; enriching adult faith formation programs, even though the weather required us to make some quick alternative plans.

On Friday, March 10th, the annual St. Patrick's Parade Mass was celebrated here, with Parade representatives from the various municipalities in the great Hartford area participating. As the principal celebrant and homilist for the Mass, I was joined by Fr. John Melnick, the Rector of the Cathedral of St. Joseph, and Archbishop Emeritus Henry Mansell. Our own Jim Moriarty provided on-air commentary for the televised Parade the following day.

More than forty children of our Parish celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Saturday, March 18th, along with their parents and other family members. I want to thank Deb Pelletier, Sarah Christopher, and the members of the religious education staff who prepared the children for this important step in their sacramental life. We are very fortunate to have such a dedicated team who help to form the younger generation in the ways of our Catholic faith.

On Saturday, March 25th, we were privileged to celebrate the Mass of Christian Burial for Hartford's first female Mayor, Ann Uccello, who died at the age of 100. Fr. John was the principal celebrant for the Mass, and retired Auxiliary Bishop Peter Rosazza preached a beautiful homily. From now on, the sign at the corner of Church Street and Ann Uccello Street will always have a special meaning for me. From what I heard, Mayor Uccello was a force to be reckoned with, and a leader who put our city on the map! May God give her eternal rest for her labors.

At all Masses this weekend we are taking up our monthly special collection to help us close our annual budget gap. This month the collection will be for the music ministry of St. Patrick-St. Anthony. Each year we end up with a deficit of approximately \$200,000 which we have been covering by taking funds from our investment account. I've never been comfortable taking too much out of the account for this purpose, and the monthly special collections are helping to rectify that situation. All of us are aware that our music ministry is one of the best in the area, and we are blessed to have such talented musicians who provide beautiful choral and instrumental music for our liturgies. I am confident that you will support our music ministry with your generous giving this weekend. We are very appreciative of Gabriel Löfvall and all who help us to worship God in song as beautifully as possible.



Next, I would like to express my appreciation to Patti and Stefan Wawzyniecki and Maeve and Ken Brasa for pruning our hydrangea trees and getting our gardens ready for Spring, and to John Bizis for the lovely floral arrangements at the entrance of the Church. We are fortunate to have many "Green Thumbs" who make our grounds such inviting places!

These are just some of the recent activities which have taken place here on Church Street. Of course, much happens that often goes unnoticed, like our Sandwich Ministry or Religious Education classes. Sometimes I just have to watch in amazement at how many folks come through our doors each day and offer their time and talents, especially for those in need. Ours is a faith community that never slows down. My feeble attempt to summarize all the activity here cannot fully capture what St. Patrick-St. Anthony is all about.

My hope and prayer for all of us during the coming days is that we will be renewed once again by the great offering of Jesus to the Father in the Paschal Mystery. As we celebrate the events through which our salvation was accomplished, may our hearts and minds be lifted up by the One who was lifted high on the cross for our healing.

"Christ became obedient for us unto death, even to the death, death on the cross. Therefore God exalted Him and gave Him a name which is above all names."

May you have a blessed Holy Week.

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

The Drumming Circle

Join us for our first Monday of the month meeting on April 3rd 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.



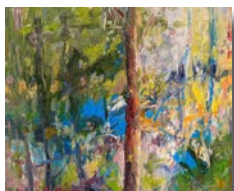
Palm Sunday Food Drive

Drop off is this Saturday and Sunday at the Franciscan Center. Help support and feed the families served by the House of Bread and Hands on Hartford. The food collected will be shared with families so they can have food in their cupboards during Holy Week and on Easter.



Some of the items needed: Peanut Butter, Rice, Dried Beans, Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Tuna, Canned Chicken, Cereal, Granola Bars, Ground Coffee, Sugar and 2 Canned Vegetables. Please go to <http://bit.ly/3z0vAV6> for a complete grocery list and other information about our Food Drive.

Clare Gallery's Exhibit: *Old Growth*



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. 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>.



Slow Art Day

"It's not what you look at that matters, it's what you see."

Henry David Thoreau

"Founded in 2010, Slow Art Day is a global event (more than 1,500 museums and galleries have participated) with a simple mission: help more people discover for themselves the joy of looking at and loving art. Why "slow"? When people look slowly at a piece of art they make discoveries ... it turns out that slowing down not only helps us see more, but, ... it brings with it the joy of discovering more. What sounds like a possibly boring act... is quite the opposite. But we cannot convince people of this, they must experience it themselves. And that's an exciting discovery. It unlocks passion and creativity and helps to create more art lovers." (Excerpt from <https://www.slowartday.com/>)

Join us in the Clare Gallery, Saturday, April 15 from 3:00-4:00 PM for the Slow Art experience with our new exhibit, *Old Growth* by Connecticut artist Roberta Shea.

Register at <http://bit.ly/3n8Os1E> to let us know you are coming!

Ongoing Adult Faith Formation Programs

Group Spiritual Reflection: Every Tuesday via Zoom from 12:30-1:30 PM. Next Meeting: April 4, 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 5, 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 5, 2023.

Suggested AFF Program 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.

What Does Hunger Look Like?



In preparation for this year's Annual Walk Against Hunger on May 20, 2023 (To support our team, go to <https://tinyurl.com/yc5595x9>), 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. This evening will consist of two short videos and group discussions. Go to <https://tinyurl.com/2fa46n43> to register and receive the Zoom link.

SPSA Community Day at the Dunkin' Park!

Sunday, June 11, 1:00 PM.

Picture a warm June afternoon, the sun is shining, you are sitting in the stands, drinking a nice cold beverage watching the Yard Goats!!! Come support the team as they play against the Somerset Patriots, New York Yankee's AA-Affiliate and Defending Eastern League Champs ~and our Big Rivals! Yankee Fans take note!!!



Tickets go on sale after all Masses on April 15-16 in the Franciscan Center Lobby.

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 to update their information on our Realm Database. 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>.

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 DiDominzio at 860-756-4034 or kdidominzio@spsact.org.

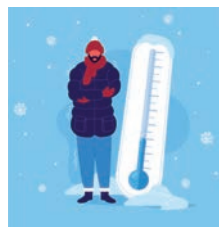
Traffic/Parking Advisory:

Greetings from SPSA Parking and Traffic Central. Just a heads up that traffic in and around the Saints Lot will be busy on Holy Thursday and Good Friday evenings. Wolfpack games at the XL Center are at 7:00 PM on April 6 and April 7. The Yard Goat game at Dunkin Stadium is also on April 7 at 7:10 PM.



Please allow extra time due to traffic coming into Hartford when attending The Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday (April 6, 2023) at 7:00 PM and the Good Friday Musical Meditation (April 7, 2023) at 7:00 PM.

We have alerted LAZ Management that Church parking is a priority in our lot. They will also keep the traffic in the parking lot flowing following all of our Church services.



A Reminder

As you are aware, our church is heated by steam provided by the Hartford Steam Company.

We have contracted with them for more than 20 years. Our yearly contract runs from November 1 through March 31 each year. This is just a reminder that the steam has been turned off and it may be chilly in the church for a bit. Thank you for your understanding.

Daily Mass Readings

Monday, April 3:	Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday, April 4:	Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday, April 5:	Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25
Thursday, April 6:	Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Jn 13:1-15
Friday, April 7:	Is 52:13-53:12; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1-19:42
Sunday, April 9:	Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9

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

Gifts & Offerings

March 19 - 26, 2023

Weekly Offering: \$4,926.00

Online Giving: \$8,737.23

Total for Operating Budget: \$13,663.23

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, April 1, 2023

4:00 PM Joseph Melzen

Sunday, April 2, 2023

8:00 AM John Sauntry

10:00 AM Salvatore & Rosina Rinaldi

11:45 AM Natalie Rice

5:00 PM Donald Dodson

Monday, April 3, 2023

7:30 AM Melissa Corning, 3rd Anniversary

12:05 PM Concetta Gianni

Tuesday, April 4, 2023

7:30 AM Parishioners of St. Genevieve

12:05 PM Marsiella Auriemma

Wednesday, April 5, 2023

7:30 AM For our parishioners

12:05 PM In gratitude for Dr. Joseph Corning

Special Collection for Music Ministry This Weekend



Our special collection for the month of April will be taken for the support of our music ministry.

St. Patrick-St. Anthony is renowned in the greater Hartford area for our superb music, whether it be at a Sunday liturgy or a concert or special occasion such as Christmas Lessons and Carols.

Our three choirs (Gallery, Bass Clef and Treble Clef), our assistant organist and organ scholar, our newly-revived children's choir, the Church Street Singers, as well as our instrumental ensembles, all under the leadership of Dr. Gabriel Löfvall, strive to bring beauty and inspiration to our communal worship of God. All of this requires significant financial support, and we invite you to express your appreciation for our music ministry by giving to this weekend's special monthly collection. Thank you for your generosity!

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.

2023 Archbishop's Annual Appeal

It is important that when you give to any charitable organization, you are confident that the funds received are being used wisely. Be assured that your gift to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal supports the ministries and programs indicated in the 2023 Appeal literature! Organizations such as our own sandwich ministry, St. Anthony Bread for the Poor received funding from the Appeal's Vicariate Outreach Program that makes a difference in the lives of our local neighbors. Please visit the Appeal website at www.archdioceseof-hartford.org to learn more and make your gift today.

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.

Easter Flower Memorials

We invite you to celebrate the joy in the Resurrection of Christ by remembering family members and friends who have died with a donation toward Easter flowers and decorations.

The names of those received by Thursday, March 30 will be noted in the bulletin for Easter Sunday anything received after the 30th will be noted in either the April 16th or April 21st bulletin.

Please indicate loved one's name(s) below, online in the notes or on the check memo line.

Give online by going to <https://bit.ly/3TD18tM> or mail a check to the office.



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 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; 860-756-4034, EXT. 110.*

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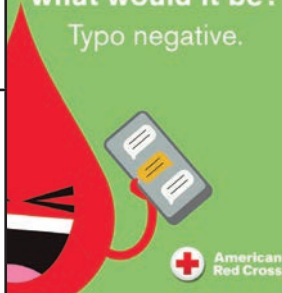
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