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# *St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church*

HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 30, 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

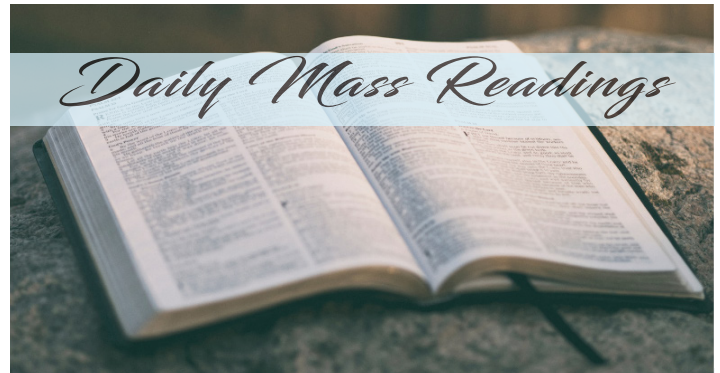
12:05 PM Public & Livestream

## 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



## Daily Mass Readings

**Monday, May 1:** Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:11-18

**Tuesday, May 2:** Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30

**Wednesday, May 3:** 1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14

**Thursday, May 4:** Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20

**Friday, May 5:** Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6

**Sunday, May 7:** Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19;  
1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

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

**On the Cover:** *The Good Shepherd*, by William Dyce. Scottish artist from the 1800s.

## 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](mailto:cabramo@spsact.org)

# The Pastor's Corner

April 30, 2023

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

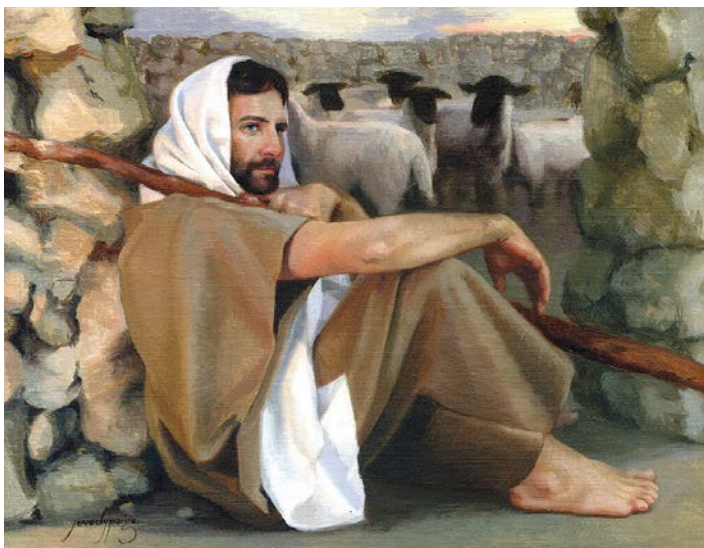
The following story probably falls into the "let-this-not-happen-to-you" category.

A number of years ago, another friar from St. Francis Church in New York and I went down to Southstreet Seaport in lower Manhattan, an historic neighborhood where sailing ships once docked. It had undergone a restoration and became a popular tourist destination with many high-end shops and restaurants.

While we were there we decided to find a place for dinner. One of the restaurants had an outdoor dining area, and it was quite busy with people waiting in line to be seated. The other friar (who will remain nameless) spotted an empty table for two and blithely stepped over the row of shrubs that enclosed the dining area and sat down. I was a bit hesitant to follow, but he persuaded me that it was no big deal. Until the maître-d' came along and gave us both a dirty look. I'm sure the people waiting in line weren't very pleased either.

I always think of that incident whenever I read today's Gospel passage, especially the part where Jesus refers to himself as the gate for the sheep. Although I wouldn't put ourselves in the same category of "thieves and robbers," we might be more aptly called "interlopers" or "trespassers."

While I was searching the internet earlier this week to find images to use on the cover of today's bulletin and song sheet, I came across the work of an artist named Jenedy Paige, a wife and mother of



four children, as well as a member of the Church of Latter Day Saints, the Mormons.

The image struck me because at first, I thought it was a photo of an actor from a movie depicting a shepherd sitting by the opening of a sheepfold. Looking more closely, I realized it was a painting, not a photo. I also realized how historically accurate the painting was.



The artist herself wrote some comments about the painting which she titled simply: "The Gate" (pictured below). Here is part of what she said: "The sheepfolds in biblical times were constructed without a gate or door. The small opening from which the sheep would enter was the place where the shepherd would rest. This was the best way the shepherd could protect his sheep, as any predator or thief would have to get past him first."

At the end of today's Gospel, Jesus tells us: "I came that they might have life and have it more abundantly." Unfortunately, there are many forces at play today that contradict these words of Jesus. There are the forces of violence that cut many lives short. There are the forces of consumerism that present a false sense of "abundance." There are the forces of exclusion that tell some people that they don't belong to the flock because they are different or don't conform.

But Jesus said, "Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture." He wants us to enjoy the freedom to find the best way for us live an abundant life, and not to feel that we must shut ourselves away in fear and hiding.

The Eucharist is our gateway to the nourishment and abundant life that only Jesus can provide. And having received that nourishment, we are to go back out and face the challenges and opportunities the world offers. Life in Jesus will be truly abundant when we come at last into the eternal life of the Kingdom of heaven. But in the meantime we continue to listen to his voice as a sure source of guidance and inspiration. Or, as the beautiful Eucharistic hymn puts it: "As when the shepherd calls his sheep, they know and hear his voice; so when you call your family, Lord, we follow and rejoice."

Blessings on your week ahead!

*Fr. Tim Shreenan, OFM*

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

## Clare Gallery's Exhibit: *Old Growth*



You only have until May 12th to view Clare Gallery's second 20th anniversary exhibition, *Old Growth* which showcases 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.

### Ongoing Adult Faith Formation Programs

**Group Spiritual Reflection:** Our gathering will reflect upon the Gospel for the upcoming Sunday to guide us on our path of discipleship. As companions on the journey, we listen, reflect and share how the Word speaks to our hearts through the Spirit. There is no need to do any advance preparation for the session. Come as you are with an open heart. All are welcome!

#### Two options to participate:

**Every Tuesday from 12:30-1:30 p.m. via Zoom**

Please go to <https://bit.ly/3KHquCO> to receive the Zoom meeting link.

**In-person meeting at the Franciscan Center** following the 12:05 Mass on Thursdays, May 4, 11, 18 and 25 from 12:40-1:40 p.m. Go to <https://bit.ly/3UNT1LE> to register for the in-person gathering.

**Praying with Sacred Scripture:** May 10 and 24 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*

**Quiet Prayer:** Every Wednesday from 7:30 - 8:00 AM. You can find the Zoom link in Monday's email. **Next Meeting: May 3, 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: May 3, 2023.**

## 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/fait-forma-tion/youth-fait-forma-tion](http://www.spsact.org/fait-forma-tion/youth-fait-forma-tion) for more information or contact Deborah Pelletier at [dpelletier@spsact.org](mailto:dpelletier@spsact.org).

### The Drumming Circle

Join us for our first meeting of 2023 on Monday, May 1 from 6:30-7:30 PM in the church. No experience or drum necessary. Please contact Elaine Wiatr at [elaine.wiatr@yahoo.com](mailto:elaine.wiatr@yahoo.com) for more information or if you need to borrow a drum.



### Snack Pack Drop Off

Sunday, April 30, 2023 from 9:45 AM to 12:00 PM

### Prayer Shawl Ministry

#### Upcoming Meeting Dates:

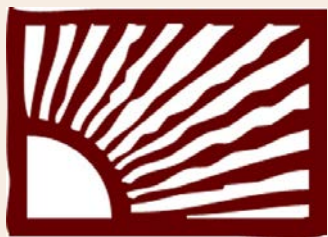
**Virtual: Monday, May 8, 2023, 7:00 to 8:00 PM.**

**In-person: Thursday, May 25, 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.

## Women in the Church: our History, our Present, and our Future



The Women of Hope at SPSA are encouraged by our parish's response to Pope Francis' invitation to a Church-wide "Synod on synodality." The listening sessions held here

during the Synod's initial consultation period produced a report for the Synod; we now have the Vatican's synthesis: *"Enlarge the Space of Your Tent"* (October 2022). In this global report, we see both laments and dreams for the Church -- and for women in the Church -- shared by women, men and youth worldwide.

As Women of Hope we continue to walk this "synodal path," and invite you to join us for further listening, prayer, and reflection about these matters close to our hearts. We trust all the while that God's own Spirit will be our guide on this journey together. Watch for updates from us here in the bulletin over the coming months.

This week we share excerpts from two key paragraphs from *"Enlarge the Space of Your Tent"* regarding women's participation in and contribution to the Church.

¶ 60. *The call for a conversion of the Church's culture ... A critical and urgent area in this regard concerns the role of women and their vocation, rooted in our common baptismal dignity, to participate fully in the life of the Church. A growing awareness and sensitivity towards this issue is registered all over the world.*

¶ 61. *From all continents comes an appeal for Catholic women to be valued first and foremost as baptised and equal members of the People of God... The Holy Land report notes:... "In a Church where almost all decision-makers are men, there are few spaces where women can make their voices heard. Yet they are the backbone of Church communities, both because they represent the majority of the practising members and because they are among the most active members of the Church."*

*The Korean report confirms: "Despite the great participation of women in various Church activities, they are often excluded from key decision-making processes. Therefore, the Church needs to improve its awareness and institutional aspects of their activities" (EC Korea).*

In our next update, we will share more insights identified on a global level.



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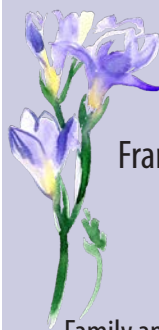
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### *85th Anniversary Celebration*

Sunday, May 7, 2023 at 12:00 pm

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*Guest Speaker*

Sr. Alicia Torres

Franciscans of the Eucharist Chicago, IL



*Ticket Cost*

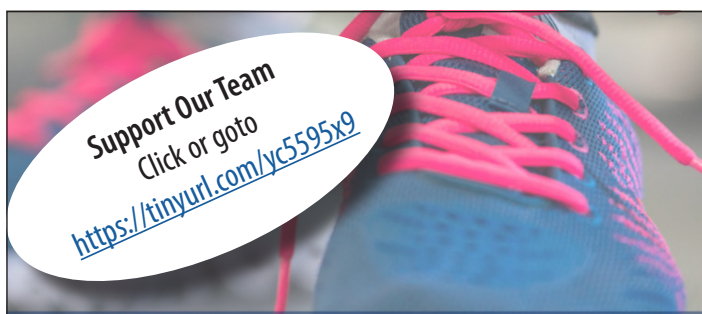
\$35 per person

Family and friends are all invited to join our Celebration!

\*\*\*\*Reservations Required\*\*\*\* Payment in Advance, Please

Drop off reservations and payments, payable to SPSA - Ladies Guild, to the Church Office, mail to Marianne Midura, 20 Torwood Street, Hartford, CT 06114 or go to <https://bit.ly/3A9Zg2N> to pay online, please indicate number attending in the notes and consider adding the online processing fee to your total.

For more information please call Marianne at Call: 860-956-9780 or Email: [midura20@comcast.net](mailto:midura20@comcast.net)



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<https://tinyurl.com/yc5595x9>

## Walk Against Hunger May 20, 2023

*Join our team to support the House of Bread*

Please visit our Walk Against Hunger Table after all Masses each weekend leading up to the Walk on May 20. To contribute online, click the link above or type into your browser. Thank you to everyone who has already donated and/or planned to participate the day of the Walk.

## 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, Gerry Keohane, and Anna Ramirez.

### Gifts & Offerings

4/17/2023 to 4/23/2023

Weekly Offering:	\$6,325.00
Online:	\$8,901.23
Other Donations:	\$4,000.00
<b>Total for Operating Budget:</b>	<b>\$19,226.23</b>

*Thank you for your continued generosity*

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Saturday, April 29, 2023

4:00 PM Gaetano Romano, 50th Anniversary

### Easter Sunday, April 30, 2023

8:00 AM Elaine & Frank D'Amico

10:00 AM Gus & Johanna Pace

11:45 AM Edward J. Ward

5:00 PM Manuel Almagro

### Monday, May 1, 2023

7:30 PM Jeremiah Dowd

12:05 PM Claudia Voight

### Tuesday, May 2, 2023

7:30 AM

12:05 PM Edward Monahan

### Wednesday, May 3, 2023

7:30 AM Intentions for our parishioners

12:05 PM Concetta Gianni

### Thursday, May 4, 2023

7:30 AM Lucy Scacca

12:05 PM Doris Noel

### Friday, May 5, 2023

7:30 AM

12:05 PM Intentions for Patricia Michaud

### Saturday, May 6, 2023

4:00 PM Chelsea Clyburn-Morehouse

### Sunday, May 7, 2023

8:00 AM William, Angie & Joann Speziale

10:00 AM Living & Deceased members of the Ladies Guild

11:45 AM Michael Fusco, Jr

5:00 PM Lucia Zappulla

## Monthly Collection for May



Our monthly collection for May will be in support of our beautiful church grounds. A second collection will be taken up at each Mass the weekend of May 6/7.

## 2023 Archbishop's Annual Appeal



Thank you to the parish families who have made a gift or pledge commitment to the 2023 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not yet had the opportunity, please consider prayerfully supporting

the many "Good Works" of the Archdiocese. Every gift will be gratefully received and sincerely appreciated.

**Parish Goal: \$115,000 Current Donations: \$62,440.00**

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.

## Sanctuary Lamps

Week of April 30, 2023

In loving memory of Larry Tracey, Jr

**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...*

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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