

First Eucharist Weekend



OPEN HEARTS • OPEN MINDS • OPEN DOORS

St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church

HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 14, 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

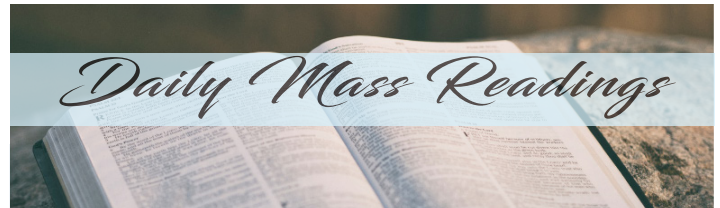
12:05 PM Public & Livestream

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, May 15: Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26-16:4a

Tuesday, May 16: Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday, May 17: Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; Jn 16:12-15

Thursday, May 18: Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20

Friday, May 19: Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23

Sunday, May 21: Acts 1:12-14; Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8;
1Pt 4:13-16; Jn 17:1-11a

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

Parish and Center Office Hours

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

Sunday
9:00 - 11:00 AM

Bulletin/Parish-Wide Email

We are implementing new Parish Communication Procedures. Going forward, we have new deadlines for both the bulletin and the emails. Please access www.spsact.org/communication to view all deadlines and to submit your information via our handy-dandy online form. [Please email cabramo@spsact.org](mailto:Please_email_cabramo@spsact.org) and schristopher@spsact.org.
Deadline for the May 28 Bulletin is May 19 at noon.



The Pastor's Corner

May 14, 2023

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Being the unrepentant Anglophile that I am, my alarm went off at 5:00 AM on Saturday, May 6th so that I could watch the entire Coronation ceremony of King Charles III. I watched (and listened) with awe as the two-hour ceremony unfolded. It was an impressive display of pagentry in which the British people are such experts.

There were several significant moments which will remain in my memory, one of which was the young chorister from His Majesty's Chapel Royal who, at the very beginning of the ceremony, stood before the king and said in a very confident voice: "Your Majesty, as children of the kingdom of God we welcome you in the name of the King of kings." To which the king replied: "In his name and after his example I come not to be served but to serve."

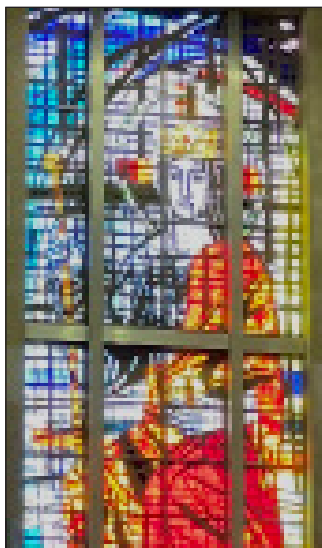


Later on, following the crowning of the king, he was handed the Orb, representing the world under Christ, and a Sceptre with Cross, representing earthly power and representing spiritual authority exercised chiefly in mercy. You can see these regalia in the photo to the left.

Later that same afternoon, I participated in the Liturgy of Confirmation at the Cathedral

of St. Joseph during which 31 of our young parishioners were anointed with the Sacred Chrism as they received the Sacrament of Confirmation from Archbishop Blair.

During the liturgy, I had a perfect view of the great West window of the Cathedral which depicts Christ the King, holding an orb and sceptre. I was immediately reminded of the statement said by King Charles: "In his name...I come not to be served but to serve."



It is now one week later, and this weekend we are celebrating the First Eucharist of 26 children of our parish. This, too, is a very significant event in the life of our parish, and especially for those who will receive the Body of Christ for the first time. This event always evokes memories of my own First Communion some 62 years ago, and I hope it revives memories of your own.



Today, we welcome our children to the Table of the Lord. This further step, following Baptism which made them "children of the kingdom of God," brings them closer to the heart of Jesus, who came, not to be served, but to serve. In another six or seven years, these same children will be Confirmed in the Spirit, fully initiating them into the Christian faith.

It is so appropriate that our First Eucharist occurs this weekend on which we celebrate Mother's Day, for it is through the faith of our parents that our Catholic traditions are handed down to us. Their love and example have brought these children to this moment, which should be treasured and renewed through the course of years. Jesus is our constant source of nourishment and we must allow ourselves to be fed at His Table of Word and Eucharist on a weekly basis.

At the same time, however, I am mindful of those mothers in our world and in our country, whose children will not be sitting at the family table today because they have been lost to violence and war. I think of the mothers in Ukraine, Sudan or Haiti; in Allen, Texas and so many other cities in our nation, including our own, whose children have been taken from them far too soon because of military conflict, gang warfare, gun violence or bullying.

May Mary, our Blessed Mother, who knew deeply the pain of suffering, be with all those mothers who grieve the death of their children. Let us continue to pray, and work for, an end to the manifold needless suffering that continues to afflict our world and nation.

May God's blessings and love come upon all our mothers, grandmothers, and those who are like a mother to us.

Blessings on your week ahead!

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

Photo of King Charles III: Hugo Burnand/Royal Household, 2023

Open Hearts (LGBTQ+)Ministry

Open Hearts LGBTQ+ Meeting: Sunday, May 14 at 6:00 PM.

Go to <https://spsact.org/contact-form-for-open-hearts-ministry/> for more information.

Family and Friends Meeting: Sunday, May 21 at 3:30 PM.

Go to <https://spsact.org/ministries/open-hearts-lgbtq-ministry/#family-friends> for more information.

All Meetings are in the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry.

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. Next Meeting: May 16, 2023

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

Registration is required; five-person minimum needed.

Praying with Sacred Scripture: May 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, a group gathers virtually to share prayer together. As one participant writes, "Quiet Prayer has given me an opportunity to pray compassionately for others as well as myself. The quiet time of reflection on readings from spiritual writers or on Sunday's Gospel has been a gift." Our personal intentions remain private but support and encouragement come from the group gathered.

Feel free to "drop in" and allow this half-hour to nurture your own spirit. You can find the Zoom link in Monday's email. **Next Meeting: May 17, 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 17, 2023.**



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.

Our next Zoom meeting is Wednesday, May 17 at 7:00 pm.

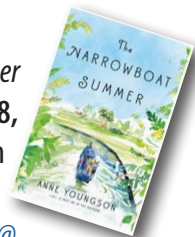
The next in person meeting is Sunday, May 21 at 3:30 pm.

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.

A Novel Idea Book Club

Our May book selection is *The Narrowboat Summer* by Anne Youngson. Join the discussion on **May 18, 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.



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 this weekend, May 13/14. The Walk is just a week away on May 20. To contribute online, go to <https://tinyurl.com/yc5595x9>. Thank you to everyone who has already donated and/or planned to participate the day of the Walk.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

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.

Anointed for Mission

Tuesdays, May 30 and June 20, 7:00 to 8:00 PM. on Zoom.



Did you ever wonder what it means to be anointed "priest, prophet, and king" as we hear at every Baptism celebrated?

How would a renewed sense of my own Baptism deepen my faith, bring purpose and meaning, and possibly change my life?

We were all plunged into the same waters and we are all sharers in the mission of the Church.

Recognizing our identity is rooted in and flows from Baptism, these first two sessions will help us reclaim an understanding of the first sacrament received.

Let's explore together this incredible dignity and task given at Baptism.

Please consider joining in one or both sessions! *Facilitator: Pat Curtis.*

Go to <https://bit.ly/42Byuwq> to receive the handout and Zoom link.

Transformational Hospitality and Kindness

Thursday, June 15, from 7:00 to 8:15 PM.

As we leaf through the newspaper or watch the news on TV, almost weekly we are confronted with the reality of hate crimes being carried out. These acts may be faith based, ethnic origin based, sexual orientation based, and at times more randomly targeted. Regardless of where and how this hatred is playing out, with each occurrence an overwhelming anguish washes over us, and leaves us with that haunting question of "How did we get here?"

We are deeply troubled by these occurrences, and it is good that we question; but perhaps it is important to also ask "How do we change this?"

A heightened awareness and being open to viewing opportunities through a different lens may help us begin to shape ourselves, our communities, and how we look globally at injustices.



We have an opportunity, as a parish, to participate in viewing a 30-minute Oscar-nominated documentary entitled "Stranger at the Gate" which was produced by Josh Seftel. This documentary won the Grand Jury Prize which is what qualified it for the Oscars. In 2022 it was also nominated for the 2022 Critics

Choice Documentary Awards.

This documentary is highly acclaimed, and is about an ex-Marine who fought in Afghanistan, was injured, was discharged from the military, and ultimately came home to restart his life. . . a life that was clouded with PTSD. Where he settled to start his life with his new family, there was a very large Muslim population. . . a population he had grown to hate in his time in Afghanistan. This hatred continued to grow in him as he moved through day-to-day life. And, his hatred for this group began to shape a hate crime he planned to execute. What is striking about this story is how the power of hospitality totally changed the outcome, and how he himself was transformed by this love and kindness.

Please plan to join with others in-person in the Franciscan Center on **Thursday, June 15 starting at 7:00 PM** for viewing the documentary followed by conversation together. Please go to <https://bit.ly/41hVuQ8> to register ahead of time.

Religious Education Registration 2023-2024 is now open!

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.

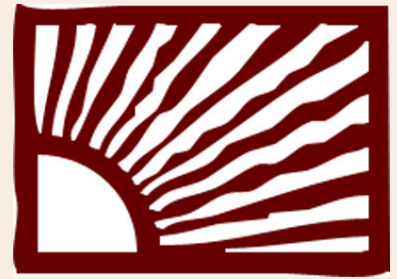
The 7th and 8th graders host parish wide service projects (i.e. Advent Wreath Workshop and Easter Cookie Delivery), build connections with the homebound of our parish, and volunteer regularly helping set up and working in the hydroponic gardens with LEVO International.

The Confirmation program includes regular service with House of Bread, No-Freeze Shelter, Franciscan Center Sandwich Ministry and other opportunities with our community partners, and an open invitation to participate in the life of our parish by joining any of our ministries such as the singing in the choir, lectoring, Altar Serving, etc.

All programs take place within the traditional school year (September through May). Go to www.spsact.org/faith-formation/youth-faith-formation for more information and to register. If you have questions contact Deborah Pelletier at dpelletier@spsact.org.

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

As we continue our series on the role of women in the Church, we offer this prayer, which arose from the thoughts voiced by participants in our "Women Deacons"



program series earlier this year. We invite you to reflect upon these words and the intentions expressed here. May the Spirit of God inspire and encourage us to remain hopeful as we pray for the change our hearts desire.

Prayer for Women Deacons

Creator God,

We thank you for the gifts given to all for service in the Church:

- for Deacon Phoebe and all the other women leaders in scripture in the early Church
- for Anastasia, Radagund and all the ordained women deacons throughout the history of the Church
- for the countless unnamed women who have taught and spread the faith worldwide for centuries
- for women who minister in the Church today.

We pray in hope that the Church will again ordain women as deacons, whose ministry is in Word, Liturgy, and Service, so the People of God may experience:

- a wider understanding of scripture
- the blessing of women in sacramental moments
- the gifts of women in leadership positions.

Spirit of God, help the Church to embrace the equality and diversity of gifts that our faith communities cry out for.

Strengthened by the sacramental graces, women deacons would have a powerful effect in helping to meet the needs of the People of God in today's world.

We pray through Christ our Redeemer and Servant of all.
Amen.

From the Franciscan Center



Advocacy Update from Fr. Mike and A Call to Action

Over the past months, many of you have heard me preach on important issues such as educational equity, environmental justice, affordable housing, the health of our youth, and reducing gun violence. You may have also read the testimony I submitted to the legislative hearings on these issues. At that time, I asked you to reach out to your legislators to advocate for these issues.

I am proud to say that many of you shared your voices, as did many others throughout the fifty other faith communities that make up Greater Hartford Interfaith Action Alliance, or GHIAA.

Thanks to your efforts, all but one of those bills made it out of committee. Unfortunately, Rent Caps did not, but it is currently being studied. I cannot stress enough the importance of advocating for these issues that impact our community and beyond.

To read more on GHIAA's efforts, how you can make a difference and to hear why these issues are important for us as Catholics to advocate for, go to <https://spsact.org/advocacy-update-from-fr-mike/>. There you will find the homilies preached on the issues of Educational Equality, Expansion of Husky Health and testimonies submitted on behalf of Fair Share Housing and Gun Violence.

Together, we can make a difference in our community and beyond. Thank you for your consideration and please take action on the issue that is closest to your heart.

Peace,

Michael Johnson ofm
Director
Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry
Brothers Walking Together Program



Volunteer with Levo this Spring

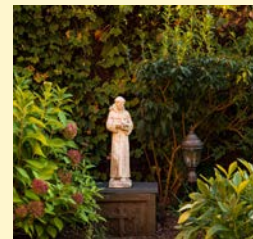
Check out the volunteer opportunities and sign up for a time on their website by going to <https://levointernational.org/volunteer>.

Learn more about Levo's CSA!

Pick up your own fresh, local veggies when you come to Mass from late spring through early fall! Go to <https://levointernational.org/shop/csa> for more information or to sign up for your own CSA!

News and Needs from Our Church Gardens

Greetings from the "Yard Goats Gardening Team".



Our church grounds are beginning to bud and bloom, a sure sign of hope and of beauty. The perennials are popping up and shrubs are flowering. We are looking for a few more garden volunteers to help weed and maintain our gorgeous gardens throughout the coming season. Please consider joining us for easy tasks and socializing outside. Flexibility and fun are our only guidelines. An hour or two a week, or a month, would be welcome!

Thanks for considering and helping to keep our grounds beautiful.



Save the Date!!!

Celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the Clare Gallery with us at St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church and the Franciscan Center!
Mass • Artist's Talk • Music Program • Art Raffle • Refreshments

Saturday, September 30, 2023

Details about registration forthcoming

Advertise in Our Church Bulletin

Do you have your own business, work for or know a company that might benefit from weekly print and online advertising for a year? Consider a Bulletin Advertisement. Benefits:

- 52 weeks in our printed bulletin
- At least 2 years online
- Access to an on demand cell phone app where people can locate your business whenever they want

For more information send an email to info@spsact.org or call the church office and leave your information. We will connect you with our Bulletin Rep!



Franciscan Friars
Holy Name Province

Making a Report of Abuse to Holy Name Province

If you have information about alleged sexual abuse by a friar of Holy Name Province against a minor or vulnerable adult, report it by calling our Survivor/Victim Assistance Coordinator at 1-800-770-8013, or by writing to: Holy Name Province Assistance Coordinator, 129 W. 31st Street, 2nd Floor, New York, NY 10001.

Allegations of sexual abuse will be reported to civil authorities regardless of whether the accused friar is living or dead, or whether he is a current or former member of the Province.

Office of Victim Assistance

As the Victim Assistance Coordinator for Holy Name Province, I want you to know that your contact is very important to me. I have learned over the years from survivors that it takes a great deal of courage for a person who has experienced abuse by a Religious to reach out, either to make an abuse report or to ask for assistance of any kind.

A little about my background: I am an independent lay psychotherapist in private practice in Sonoma County, CA. Since 2005, I have also served as the victim assistance coordinator in the Office of Pastoral Outreach for the Franciscan Province of St. Barbara. I am here to advocate for and assist those who have been sexually abused by anyone serving in the Province. This includes family members who have been secondarily affected.

Now that you have taken this first step, I encourage you to call my toll free number and leave a message for me on my confidential line. I will return your call within one day. If you prefer to email me, you are welcome to contact me that way. Whichever way you choose to reach out, I hope that you do. It is my genuine hope that I will have the opportunity to support your healing.

Sincerely,
Angelica Jochim, MFT
angelica.jochim@gmail.com
800-770-8013



Archdiocese of Hartford
Office of Safe Environment
467 Bloomfield Ave.
Bloomfield, CT 06002



HOW TO REPORT AN INCIDENT OF SEXUAL ABUSE TO THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD

If you have knowledge or suspect that a minor or vulnerable adult (an adult with an intellectual disability) has been sexually abused, in any manner, by personnel of the Archdiocese of Hartford, you are urged to report this information to:

Faith Vos Winkel, MSW
Victim Assistance Coordinator
860-541-6475
faith.voswinkel@aohct.org

In addition, you will be asked to follow up in writing with a detailed description of the facts involved in the incident. Specifics of this written report can be found in the Policies and Procedures of the Archdiocese of Hartford Relating to Allegations of Sexual Misconduct Involving Minors and Vulnerable Adults. This document is also available online at www.archdioceseofhartford.org. The Archdiocese of Hartford will report any and all incidents to the proper civil authorities.

Mandated reporters in the State of Connecticut are required by law to report any incident of sexual abuse involving a minor or vulnerable adult. We encourage any Non-Mandated persons to report such incidents to the proper authorities as well. We support your right to do so.

Incidents involving sexual abuse of minors (persons under the age of 18) should be reported to:
State Department of Children and Families Care-line
1-800-842-2288

Incidents involving sexual abuse of vulnerable adults aged 18 – 59 should be reported to the:
Connecticut Department of Developmental Services – AID Division
for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities
1-844-878-8923

Incidents involving sexual abuse of vulnerable adults aged 60 and over should be reported to:
Department of Social Services for the Elderly
1-888-385-4225

Once a written report of an incident of sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult has been received, an investigation will be undertaken by, or on behalf of, the Archdiocese of Hartford.

Gifts & Offerings

5/01/2023 thru 5/07/2023

Weekly Offering:	\$6,572.50
Online:	\$10,391.23
Total for Operating Budget:	\$16,963.73
Nuts & Volts:	\$2,707.00

Thank you for your continued generosity

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, May 13, 2023

4:00 PM Concetta Romano

Sunday, May 14, 2023

8:00 AM Lucy, Jenny and Andrea Scacca

10:00 AM Carmela & Guido Coletto

11:45 AM Ruth McHugh

5:00 PM Encarnacion Nieves, Maria Nieves, Florencia Rosal & Monserrate Jimenez

Monday, May 15, 2023

7:30 PM Fr. Antonio Saraiva

12:05 PM Patrick Leyden

Tuesday, May 16, 2023

7:30 AM Barbara Dichello

12:05 PM Fr. Ronald Stark, O.F.M.

Wednesday, May 17, 2023

7:30 AM Maria Assuncao, Jose DaCosta Roxo & Analia & Antonio Alves.

12:05 PM Maryann Farrell

Thursday, May 18, 2023

7:30 AM For our Parishioners

12:05 PM Brian Heffernan

Friday, May 19, 2023

7:30 AM St. Genevieve parish and community

12:05 PM Patrick Leyden

Saturday, May 20, 2023

4:00 PM Anna Alexis, 11th Anniversary

Sunday, May 21, 2023

8:00 AM Mastronardi Family

10:00 AM J. Gregori Montano

11:45 AM In thanksgiving to St. Boniface

5:00 PM Maria Monaco

Second Collection on May 20/21, 2023: The Catholic Communication Campaign

Through websites, social networks, television, radio, and print, the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC) helps the Church spread the Gospel message through the media locally and nationally. Half of all donations collected in your diocese stay in your diocese to support your local communications needs, such as radio and television programming and diocesan publications. Please go to <https://bit.ly/302q8d5> to make a gift online.

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: \$67,485.00

Please go to <https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/> for more information. No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements.

Sanctuary Lamps

Week of April 30, 2023

In loving memory of Anthony Pizzoferrato

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.

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 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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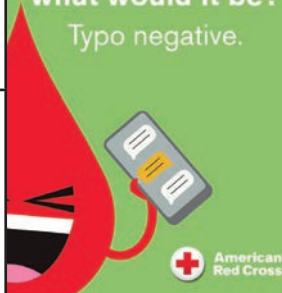
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