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St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church

HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT

PENTECOST SUNDAY

MAY 28, 2023

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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

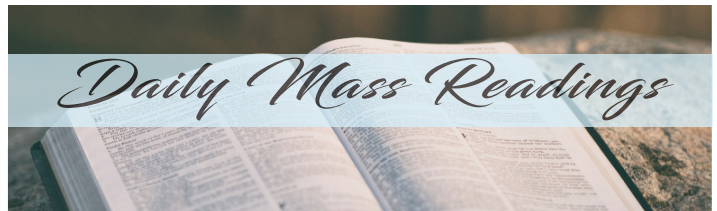
12:05 PM Public & Livestream

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, May 29: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14;
Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday, May 30: Sir 35:1-12; Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday, May 31: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16;
Lk 1:39-56

Thursday, June 1: Sir 42:15-25; Mk 10:46-52

Friday, June 2: Sir 44:1, 9-13; Mk 11:11-26

Sunday, June 4: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55,
56; 2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18

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

Warning!



We are aware that parishioners are receiving emails which appear to be from friars or parish staff asking for money or gift cards.

Before responding to any of these emails, check the email address of the sender. If it isn't an address listed in the bulletin, it is a phishing attempt and not a valid request from any of us.

Do not ever click on any link from these emails. You can report these as SPAM or delete them through your email provider.



Schedule

Mass at 9:00 AM

No 7:30 AM or 12:05 PM Masses

No Confessions

Church Offices are closed

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The Pastor's Corner

May 28, 2023

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

A man was driving home in his new car after a wonderfully successful day at work. Suddenly, in the midst of his joy at the day's events, he found himself seized by a tremendous desire to share his happiness. What could he do? He was a few miles from home in an area where he doesn't know anyone.

Stopping his car outside a row of simple attached houses, he went to the nearest door, number 22, rang the doorbell and waited. After a short time a middle-aged man appeared and looked at him suspiciously. "What do you want?" he asked. "I'd like to give you that car there as a gift," replied the businessman. The man at the door glanced to the street where there sat a gleaming new Porsche. The businessman held out the keys as the man at number 22 backed away muttering, "Are you nuts?" The door slammed shut in the businessman's face.

Stepping up to number 24, the businessman rang the doorbell and again waited. This time a young woman opened the door and they greeted one another. The man held out his hand and offered her the car as a gift. The woman began to get agitated. "What are you after?" she asked in an anxious tone of voice. The businessman tried to smile and said, "Nothing. I simply want to give you my car as a gift." The woman snapped back, "If you don't get away right this minute I'll call the police." Again, the door slammed in his face.

At number 26 the businessman braced himself for a final effort. "Can't anyone accept my gift?" he asked himself. The woman who opened the door was bewildered at first but reached out to receive the car keys. Standing in stunned silence, she began to weep. "This car... a gift... for me?" The man smiled, turns around and walked away up the street.

As the Holy Spirit anointed Jesus for his mission, so on Pentecost the apostles were anointed and sent out to proclaim the Good News. What is this Good News? The revelation that we are loved immeasurably. That the God of

love loves us unconditionally. With this in mind we can leave behind our self-indulgent or self-independent ways which can so easily lead only to self-destruction. We can reach out with open hands to receive the gift of God's love freely given in the Spirit and enter into a world where we live not by our own power or will, but by the Spirit.

If we are truly to flourish as human beings and invite others to flourish, we need to be able to receive gifts freely and use them generously. It is essential to give to others, but it is also essential that we receive from the Giver of all gifts. As we celebrate Pentecost today we might want to simply ponder our own ability to receive from God and from others. Am I so focused on my own independence and my own agenda that it is difficult to receive from God or anyone else? Can I open my hands to receive rather than hold on to unhealthy and unholy ways of living?

The man who tried to give away his car struggled to find a willing recipient. We can hope that we will be more willing to receive the greatest gift of all – the Good News that we are loved and that God desires to make a home with us in the Spirit.

Blessings on your week ahead!

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



P.S. Here's a photo of the St. Patrick-St. Anthony participants in the Walk Against Hunger, held last Saturday, May 20th. We came prepared for the rain, but it held off long enough to finish the walk!



Knights of Columbus Memorial Day Mass

The Bishop McMahon Assembly 4th degree Knights of Columbus will hold their annual Memorial Day Mass on Monday, May 29, 2023 at 10:00 am. Mass will be held rain or shine, at the mausoleum located in Mt. St. Benedict Cemetery on Blue Hills Avenue in Bloomfield. The public is invited and there will be a distribution of Holy Communion.

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/43dW5Ep> to receive the handout and Zoom link.

"Welcoming the Stranger: One Parish's Refugee Ministry Story"

Thursday, June 15, 6:30 to 7:30 PM. on Zoom



A surprise visit... it was just that. According to the dictionary, the word surprise "can be an unexpected or astonishing event". For the parishioners of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

in Edgartown, MA, as well as many of the inhabitants of Martha's Vineyard, the arrival of 50 Venezuelan immigrants on September 14, 2022 was both "unexpected" as well as "astonishing", ultimately. These Venezuelan immigrants had been promised that the plane ride they took from Florida would ultimately bring them to Boston where they would find people to help them and they would have jobs. So, these Venezuelan individuals and families were surprised to find themselves on Martha's Vineyard, and it didn't take long for them to comprehend that their arrival was unexpected. These individuals also came to quickly sense that they would be amazed by the outpouring of hospitality, support, and compassion they received from both this parish community as well as the residents of Martha's Vineyard.

Come meet the people of faith who embodied a motto near and dear to us at SPSA, "Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors"!

The pastor along with some parishioners of St. Andrew's will join us virtually on Thursday, June 15 from 6:30 to 7:30 PM for a fascinating sharing of their story of radical hospitality and kindness. They will recount the challenges of language, available shelter, access to nutrition and legal assistance. The pastor shared that their intent was "to show the migrants what a community based on caring and love looks like." And, what they ultimately provided them with was the greatest gift anyone could have given them, they "gave them hope."

You don't want to miss this opportunity! Please go to <https://tinyurl.com/3ssx2wps> to register, receive the Zoom meeting link and JOIN US!

The Drumming Circle



Join us on Monday, June 5 from 6:30 to 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.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Zoom: Monday, June 12, 7:00 to 8:00 pm

In-person: Thursday, June 29, 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.

From Our Church Gardens

Greetings from the "Yard Goats Gardening Team". We are in need of mulch and topsoil for our beautiful gardens. Our garden beds need to be refreshed and nourished. If you or someone you know might be able to help us out, please reach out to our "Yard Goats Garden Team" by emailing info@spsact.org. Thanks for considering and helping to keep our grounds beautiful.



Transformational Hospitality and Kindness

***NEW DATE* - Thursday, June 22, 7:00 to 8:15 PM.**

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 22 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.

Free Will Offering can be made payable to "St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church" and mailed to 285 Church Street, Hartford, CT 06103, Attn. Pat Curtis

Rel Ed Registration 2023-2024 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.

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. Contact Deborah Pelletier at dpelletier@spsact.org with questions.

Ongoing Adult Faith Formation Programs

Group Spiritual Reflection: Come as you are with an open heart. All are welcome!

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 30, 2023**

Quiet Prayer: Every Wednesday from 7:30 - 8:00 AM. 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 31, 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 31, 2023.**

Praying with Sacred Scripture: June 14 & 28, 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

Monthly Collection for June

Next weekend's second collection is our monthly collection for June. This month we concentrate on donations for our church grounds. We are in need of topsoil, mulch and other items to help our gardens thrive. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Thin Places

Henri Nouwen, a renowned spiritual Master, in a three pamphlet series, *IDENTITY: Finding myself in God*, *GOD: Discovering The Divine*, and *LOVE: Experiencing Deep Connections*, encourages us to embrace some challenging life challenges. During the weeks of June and the first week of July, on Wednesdays and Thursdays, we will gather to pray, reflect, and "listen" to him in contemplative "silence". Pamphlets can be ordered on <https://catholic.creativecommunications.com/>. Time: 12:45 TO 2:15 PM. Please reach out directly to Sr. Ginny to register or for more information on this wonderful series. She can be reached at Sheehan932@gmail.com. Please indicate the day you are available. *Presenter: Sr. Ginny Sheehan, sndden*



Baptism

Sunday, May 28, 2023

Cayden Nicholas Elwood
child of Megan Elwood

The Walk Against Hunger

THANK YOU, THANK YOU to the energetic walkers and for the generous folks who donated to the Walk Against Hunger. Our SPSA's community is so dedicated toward feeding our brothers and sisters at The House of Bread that we raised \$7,500. Thanks for your participation and support!!

- Sincerely,
Mary-Ann Langton, Team Leader

Gifts & Offerings

5/15/2023 thru 5/21/2023

Weekly Offering:	\$5,558.00
Online:	\$10,738.23
Total for Operating Budget:	\$16,296.23

Additional Nuts & Volts:	\$350.00
Ascension Offering:	\$504.00
Catholic Communication	
2nd Collection:	\$834.00

Thank you for your continued generosity

2023 Archbishop's Annual Appeal

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal changes lives through service to the Lord. Your gift helps to support those cultivating a vocation to the priesthood. Your gift to the Annual Appeal is an investment in the future of our Church and our Faith.

Parish Goal: \$115,000 Current Donations: \$70,480.00

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.

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, Gerry Keohane, and Anna Ramirez.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, May 27, 2023

4:00 PM William Macauley

Sunday, May 28, 2023

8:00 AM Brian Cavanaugh

10:00 AM Salvatore & Rosina Rinaldi

11:45 AM In thanksgiving to St. Lucy

5:00 PM Catherine Rita Hall

Monday, May 29, 2023

9:00 AM

Tuesday, May 30, 2023

7:30 AM Miguel Gody

12:05 PM Daniel Laffin, III

Wednesday, May 31, 2023

7:30 AM

12:05 PM George Invelito

Thursday, June 1, 2023

7:30 AM

12:05 PM Tina Pitruiggello

Friday, June 2, 2023

7:30 AM for our parishioners

12:05 PM Concetta Gianni

Saturday, June 3, 2023

4:00 PM Burtes Bolle

Sunday, June 4, 2023

8:00 AM Tina Pitruzzello

10:00 AM Rose Marie Cilia & Charles DeLeo

11:45 AM Sebastian Kolodziej

5:00 PM Prayer Intentions for Avery Polking

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.

Sanctuary Lamps

Week of May 28, 2023

In honor of Betty Russell's upcoming birthday by Beverly Leone

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-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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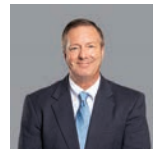


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