

Whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me
is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it,
and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.



Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 2, 2023

St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church

285 Church Street

Hartford, Connecticut

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 Livestream available

Sunday Masses

8:00 AM

10:00 AM Livestream available
(Special "Mask Only" section available)

11:45 AM

5:00 PM

Weekday Masses

7:30 AM

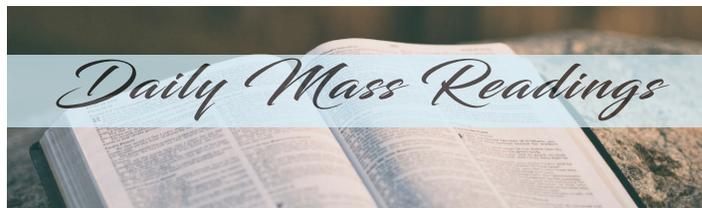
12:05 PM Livestream available

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, July 3: Eph 2:19-22; Jn 20:24-29
Tuesday, July 4: Gn 19:15-29; Mt 8:23-27
Wednesday, July 5: Gn 21:5, 8-20a; Mt 8:28-34
Thursday, July 6: Gn 22:1b-19; Mt 9:1-8
Friday, July 7: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67; Mt 9:9-13
Sunday, July 9: Zec 9:9-10; Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30

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

HAPPY 4TH

Parish Office and Mass Schedule

Mass Schedule for Tuesday, July 4th, 2023
9:00 am Mass Only
Note: No 7:30 am or 12:05 pm Masses

The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday
in observance of the holiday.

Watch Online:



<https://www.facebook.com/St-Patrick-St-Anthony-Church-109359789104825/>



<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8Vhk8-hhlyAJenBxueHySQ>



<https://venue.streamspot.com/cdc76f52>

The Pastor's Corner

July 2, 2023

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

I have to be honest, but I just don't understand the current trend of tattoos. People cover their arms, legs, faces (and probably other parts) with various bits of "body art." Some of them are quite artistic, and probably cost quite a bit of money, as well as pain. But as I once heard one observer comment: "Once you've got it, you've got it."

While doing some research on the internet in preparation for this letter, I came across a web page titled "101 Great Cross Tattoo Ideas For [the] Back" – a seemingly endless series of photos of various types of crosses permanently tattooed to people's backs.

Several years ago, while taking a walk along the Hudson River in New York City on a sunny afternoon in early July, I spotted a young couple walking ahead of me. The young man, who was shirtless on that hot day, sported a large tattoo on his back similar to the one pictured here.



I managed to catch up to the couple and told them that I couldn't help but notice the fellow's tattoo. I introduced myself and told him that his tattoo of a large wooden cross on his back reminded me of that Sunday's Gospel in which Jesus said: "Whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me."

We ended up having a very pleasant conversation, and the young man, probably in his mid-20's, told me that getting that particular tattoo was a reminder to him that he should try to live a good Christian life, and that the cross on his back would be a life-long and literal way of "carrying his cross."

Although I personally feel that a person doesn't need to go to such drastic measures in order to live the Gospel teachings of Jesus, I understood what the young man was saying, and I admired his desire to have the cross on his back as his own form of witness.

The message that our Gospel reading this weekend offers us is that being a disciple of Jesus is no joyride. Sometimes it requires radical disengagement from people or things who might get in the way.

But not everyone is called to a life of complete ascetic detachment, either. It's more a matter of setting one's priorities in the proper order. This is a teaching that Jesus often emphasized: putting God first in our lives, and living a life that reflects our love for God as well as love for our neighbor.



Jesus also spoke on several occasions about the need to take up one's cross and follow him, just as he took up his cross and walked the hill of Calvary. That means sacrificing one's self for the good of others, especially those who might not appreciate our efforts. Even the simplest things we do for others can have great meaning and value. *What* and *how* we do something is one thing; *why* we do it is what gives it meaning.

In the sixth chapter of St. Paul's letter to the Romans, we find the reason for why we are called to live for others through the cross of Christ. Here, Paul reminds us of our baptism into the death of Christ. "If we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him," Paul writes. But this isn't just about the future; it has serious implications for the present. Living and dying with Christ implies that we must be willing to live as he did: for the sake of others.

We do this whenever we give ourselves to him through serving others, by giving our time and talents to others, especially when some form of sacrifice is involved.

We don't necessarily need to get a tattoo on our backs, or even wear a cross around our necks, or wear medals to show others that we are Christian disciples. They are simply reminders that we should be who we say we are. Our very lives should be the outward sign of our inner commitment to Christ.

As we celebrate July Fourth this coming week, let us remember the concluding words of the Declaration of Independence: "With a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor."

Blessings on your week ahead!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fr. Tim Shreenan, O.F.M." The signature is written in dark ink on a white background.

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

P.S. Please be sure to read about our new Coadjutor Archbishop Christopher Coyne on the next page.



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THE ARCHBISHOP

June 26, 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As announced in Rome on June 26, Pope Francis has appointed, at my request, a Coadjutor Archbishop for Hartford, Bishop Christopher Coyne, Bishop of Burlington, Vermont.

Bishop Coyne's appointment as coadjutor means that upon my retirement next year after I reach the canonical retirement age of 75 he will succeed me as your Archbishop.

I made this request of Pope Francis in a letter I sent to him dated January 24 of this year. With the passing of years and my own retirement age approaching, I told Pope Francis that the appointment of a coadjutor bishop would not only be helpful to me for the pastoral care of the Archdiocese, but would also provide my successor with time to become familiar with the Archdiocese, its clergy and people, and with our ongoing pastoral planning, before becoming Archbishop.

I should add that a request for the appointment of a coadjutor bishop is not unprecedented, as we saw recently in the Diocese of Providence, Rhode Island, with the appointment of Bishop Henning as coadjutor to succeed Bishop Tobin.

I am grateful to Pope Francis for granting my request and to Bishop Coyne for accepting this appointment from the Holy Father. I first met Bishop Coyne in 2011 and we have worked together as members of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. His years of ministry as a priest and bishop speak for themselves, and our Archdiocese will be blest to have him as chief shepherd when the time comes. I know we will give him a warm welcome.

Bishop Coyne will take up residence in the Archdiocese with a Mass of Welcome to be celebrated at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Mother Church of the Archdiocese of Hartford, on Monday, October 9, 2023, at 2 PM.

As for me, my 75th birthday, God willing, will be April 12, 2024. I hope with divine assistance to continue to fulfill my responsibilities faithfully, now ably assisted by both Coadjutor Archbishop Coyne and Bishop Betancourt.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Leonard P. Blair
Archbishop of Hartford



Refugee Children's Clothing Drive
JULY 8 & 9 AFTER ALL MASSES

Recently, we were made aware of a group of refugees from Haiti who were literally dropped off at a hotel in Chicopee, MA. Among this group are 111 children who arrived with nothing more than the clothes on their backs.

Pastor Vasily, who has been helping the Ukrainian refugees in Western Massachusetts, is now helping these Haitian children and has opened his collection center to the Haitian refugees. Pastor Vasily needs our help to clothe the 111 children who range from infants to 17 years old.

Here is your chance to clear out your closets of the kid's old clothes.

Scan QR code above or goto <https://bit.ly/july-clothing-drive> for more information.

Psalms: A Dialogue with God

Thursdays on Zoom, July 6, 13, 20, 27 & August 3, 10;
 10:30-11:30 AM

In 1994, Dorothy Jones wrote of Dag Hammarskjold, Secretary-General of the United Nations, that he viewed his work not simply as a political role, but as a religious calling. When his briefcase was recovered after the fatal plane crash in September 1961, it contained a copy of the New Testament, a copy of the United Nations Charter, and a copy of the Book of Psalms.



In this course, we shall prayerfully review some of these psalms that reveal God's word to us and that express our thanks, praise, pleas, and frustrations to the God who cares. We will also break open the Psalm for the upcoming weekend liturgies.

Presenter: Fr. Francis Soucy, OFM

Please go to <https://tinyurl.com/2edcrb4a> to register and receive the Zoom link.

Suggested Offering: \$50.00 can be made payable to "St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church" and mailed to 285 Church Street, Hartford, CT 06103, Attn. Pat Curtis OR <https://osvhub.com/spsact/giving/funds/adult-faith-formation> and note the program name in the Memo.



Join us at Hammonasset Beach in Madison, CT for Mass and a fun community day on Sunday, July 16, 2023!

The beach Mass will be at 10:00 am in "Shelter 4," a picnic pavilion with convenient parking that is close to Meigs Point Nature Center.

Scan the QR Code or go to <https://tinyurl.com/y6wvdv72y> for a map of where we will be.



We are excited to announce a summer camp opportunity for 3rd – 8th graders this August! Choose from art in the morning, music in the afternoon, or stay with us all day to experience both art and music! Check out the details and sign up by scanning the QR Code or going to <https://spsact.org/art-and-music-camp-2023/>.



Summer Nourishment:

Women of the Bible Quilt

Tuesdays, July 11, 18 & Aug 1 at 12:30 following the 12:05 Mass



Have you stopped by the Franciscan Center yet to see the magnificent QUILT hanging on display in the Clare Gallery this summer? Not to be missed! *Who are these biblical women represented in the quilt and what do their lives have to say to us today?*

Join us as we break open the stories of the twelve inspirational women of Scripture whose lives are depicted in our colorful Women of the Bible QUILT.

A light lunch will be served in the Franciscan Center immediately after the 12:05 Mass. We will follow Covid-precautions for food preparation and serving as well as for safe-distanced seating.

Co-Presenters: Pat Curtis and Patty Panetta

Please register by July 7 by going to: <https://tinyurl.com/yxp5ymaw> to register.

Suggested Offering per session: \$8.00 can be made payable to "St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church" and mailed to 285 Church Street, Hartford, CT 06103, Attn. Pat Curtis OR goto <https://osvhub.com/spsact/giving/funds/adult-faith-formation> and note the program name in the Memo.

Bulletin/Parish-Wide Email

We are implementing new parish communication procedures. We have new deadlines for both the bulletin and emails. Please access www.spsact.org/communication to view all deadlines and to submit your information via our online form. Please email cabramo@spsact.org and schristopher@spsact.org

Upcoming Deadlines

July 23 Bulletin, July 14

July 30 Bulletin, July 21

August 6 Bulletin, July 28



Baptism

Nolan John

child of John & Jennifer Rosito
was baptised at the 4:00 PM Mass on
Saturday, July 1, by
Fr. John Leonard, O.F.M.

Ongoing Adult Faith Formation Programs



Quiet Prayer: Every Wednesday from 7:30 - 8:00 AM. Make time for your personal intentions each week. Join in this quiet prayer practice held every Wednesday morning.

One participant shares, "Sometimes I just sit still, breathe, and reflect.

Sometimes I write in my gratitude

journal. Sometimes I just draw from the heart. One half hour is the perfect length." Feel free to drop in and allow this time to nurture your own spirit. You can find the zoom link in Monday's email. **Next Meeting: July 5, 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.

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, lecturing, Altar Serving, etc.

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.

Sister Parish: Christmas in July

The Sister Parish team invites your continued financial and spiritual support of our sister parish of St. Genevieve, especially during our 2023 "Christmas in July" program. Starting next weekend, July 8 & 9, and throughout July masses, you can visit the Sister Parish Christmas Tree, choose a tag, and learn more from a committee member in-person.

As Fr. Gaby has written to us, our covenant relationship and the funds we raise, enables them to "feed students, teachers, and kitchen staff, pay our teachers, purchase school materials, and make repairs to student chairs, and benches, and provide general maintenance".

We will continue to update you on the dire situation in Haiti and our sister parishioners and Pastor Gaby. This week, for your reflection, we share with you the moving words of Francis Rago, a parishioner who wrote several poems after returning from a visit to St. Genevieve.

Bon swa, good people of St. Genevieve

I extended my hand;
You offered your cheeks for me to kiss,
and warmly did your kind eyes smile.
You prepared your simple food
And presented it with care.
You welcomed me to your council meeting,
hugged me your Sign of Peace at Mass.

You fill your irons every day
with clumps of charcoal made red hot
to send your children off to school
with uniforms always sharply pressed.
Their bright little faces can melt a heart.
They smile and play and eagerly learn.
They are like children everywhere.

Not likely will you own a car.
A toaster doesn't brown your bread.
But should we measure spiritual wealth,
yours are the souls that are truly rich.
I bask in your shared humanity,
am humbled by your faith.
In hopes and dreams,
you are like people everywhere.
We are the same.
We are one.

Francis Rago



Clare Gallery's 20th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, September 30; 4:00-7:30 PM.

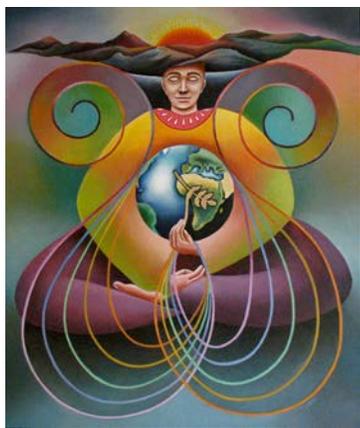
The Clare Gallery has been promoting the arts and hosting exhibits that educate and inform all who enter our facility for twenty years!

To celebrate this momentous milestone, we will curate the 20th Anniversary Exhibition celebrating twenty of our past artists. We have chosen them from our three themes emphasizing world religions, interfaith themes and social justice themes, either on a global or local level.

Along with our exhibition, to mark this special occasion, we are planning a *20th Year Anniversary Evening of Celebration on Saturday, September 30, from 4–7:30 PM*. The celebration includes Mass at 4:00 PM. At 5:00 PM, Steve Balkun, master woodcarver, will discuss the statues of Saints Clare and Francis he created for the St. Patrick–St. Anthony Church sanctuary— Please go to <https://youtu.be/8vLmirHpQ14> to watch the video *Prayerful Creativity* to understand his process for this project.



At 6:00 PM, you can enjoy an appetizer, a glass of wine, and a musical concert by members of our parish music ministry led by Director of Music Ministries, Dr. Gabriel Löfvall. There will also be a raffle of small works curated from the many artists that have graced our walls.



Please go to <https://tinyurl.com/ClareGallery20> to register for this wonderful celebration on Saturday, September 30, from 4–7:30 PM. Tickets are \$20, as a suggested donation, per person. This celebration event is a major fundraiser for the Clare Gallery. All funds raised will support this ministry for many years. We appreciate your participation and generosity.

If you cannot attend the evening celebration, but would like to support the Clare Gallery we are grateful for a donation in any amount. Checks can be made payable to "Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry" and note "Clare Gallery" in the Memo. Please mail to 285 Church Street, Hartford, CT 06103, Attn. Pat Curtis. To make a donation conveniently online, please go to <https://tinyurl.com/OnlineClareGalleryDonation> or scan the QR code.



Peter's Pence Collection, July 1 and 2



This weekend, July 1/2, 2023, is the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the work of the Universal Church, including the work of the Holy See and the charitable works of Pope

Francis. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a sign of mercy to our suffering brothers and sisters.

Please be generous.

Please goto <https://tinyurl.com/spsa-peters-pence> to make your donation through the parish. For more information, visit www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html.



Weekly Offering

6/12/2023 thru 6/18/2023

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| Weekly Offering: | \$6,181.00 |
| Online: | \$9,841.23 |
| Total for Operating Budget: | \$16,012.23 |

Sanctuary Lamps

Week of June 25, 2023

In Loving Memory of Richard Formica
and Lida Romano

Week of July 2, 2023

In loving Memory of Judy Ryiz and
Larry Tracy, Jr.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, July 1, 2023

4:00 PM Teresa Melzen

Sunday, July 2, 2023

8:00 AM

10:00 AM Maria Monaco

11:45 AM

5:00 PM Judy Ryiz, 3rd Anniversary

Monday, July 3, 2023

7:30 AM Intentions for our parishioners

12:05 PM Concetta Gianni

Tuesday, July 4, 2023

9:00 AM Deceased members of the Tsuji family

Wednesday, July 5, 2023

7:30 AM Carol Turonis, 2nd month's mind

12:05 PM Intentions for members of Holy Trinity Parish

Thursday, July 6, 2023

7:30 AM Constance Gray

12:05 PM Lina Brunelle

Friday, July 7, 2023

7:30 AM Adriano & Maria DaCosta(Roxo)

12:05 PM Salvatore Gianni

Saturday, July 8, 2023

4:00 PM Francis Marquis

Sunday, July 9, 2023

8:00 AM Melissa Corning

10:00 AM Salvatore & Rosina Rinaldi

11:45 AM

5:00 PM Brenda Byrne

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 Deborah Godin..



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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.

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 season of Lent.

Patricia Curtis, Pastoral Associate; 860-756-4034, EXT. 113.

Matrimony: The Sacrament of Marriage at St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church are celebrated Friday and Saturdays. The Bride or Groom should contact *Carolyn Abramo, Wedding Manager; 860-756-4034, EXT. 111* or <https://spsact.org/wedding-request-form/> to begin preparation for Marriage, normally one year in advance and before any other arrangements are made for a reception.

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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