

Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one
of them falls to the ground without your Father's knowledge...
So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.



Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 25, 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

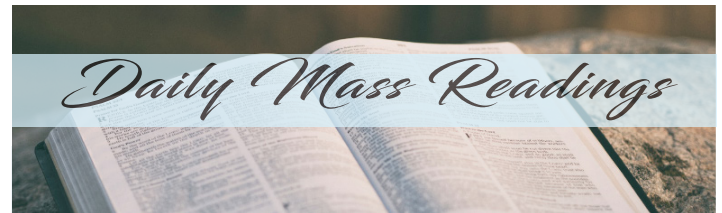
12:05 PM Livestream available

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



Monday, June 26:

Gn 12:1-9; Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday, June 27:

Gn 13:2, 5-18; Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday, June 28:

Gn 15:1-12, 17-18; Mt 7:15-20

Thursday, June 29:

Acts 12:1-11; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18;
Mt 16:13-19

Friday, June 30:

Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22; Mt 8:1-4

Sunday, July 2:

2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a; Ps 89:2-3,
16-17, 18-19; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11;
Mt 10:37-42

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

Rel Ed Registration 2023-2024 Open!

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.

Watch Online:



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



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

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

The Deadline for July 9 Bulletin is June 27th.

The Pastor's Corner

June 25, 2023

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

I was dismayed last week to read an article in the Hartford Courant which began thus: "Police in Middletown [CT] are investigating to determine if a number of recent vandalism cases in which feces were found smeared on several homes and vehicles could be related to the fact each resident displayed a Pride flag."

I realize that this is a somewhat distasteful way to begin my letter, but this weekend, as thousands of members of the LGBT community gather in New York City to celebrate Pride, we are witnessing growing numbers of anti-LGBT incidents around our nation, as well as hundreds of new anti-LGBT legislative bills, including many targeting transgender persons, especially trans youth.

Here at St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church, we take these events very seriously because they represent further attempts to denigrate the dignity that should be accorded all persons, regardless of gender or sexual orientation. Furthermore, LGBT persons are being targeted within the church.

This is an excerpt from a recent essay by Robert Shine of New Ways Ministry: "Real victims are LGBTQ+ church workers fired from their jobs. Real victims are LGBTQ+ people criminalized by governments around the world. Real victims are trans people who are beaten and often killed for trying to live their lives. Real victims are queer couples who are denied communion for themselves or baptism for their children. Real victims are LGBTQ+ youth who practice self-harm or die by suicide because of the negative messages they hear from church leaders."



Part of the problem is basic ignorance of who LGBT persons are, coupled with a growing spirit of hate and the condemnation of those who are different. Our parish's ministries to the LGBT community, Open Hearts and Friends & Family, continue to offer support and encouragement to

those who are struggling to find acceptance both within the church and within their families. In addition, they strive to inform and educate about LGBT issues. One example is a film which will be shown this Monday, June 26, called "Wonderfully Made—LGBTQ+R(eligion),

a combined fine art project and feature-length documentary that together strike at the root of anti-LGBTQ+ attitudes by exploring the challenges and aspirations of LGBTQ+ Catholics."



We hope you will come to see this film which will be shown at the Theatre of the Performing Arts, 359 Washington Street in Hartford, Monday, June 26 at 6:30 PM. Tickets are free and can be reserved by using this QR code:



On to a few other matters:

I ask your prayers for our Pastoral Associate, Patricia Curtis, and her family as they mourn the death of her brother, James, who died from cancer on Saturday, June 17 in Washington, DC. Pat travelled to Washington with her mother and sister earlier in that week to be with Jim and his son Christopher. Pat sent an email to me saying, "We are all very sad but are at peace that he is at peace." The Mass Intention for Tuesday, July 25, at 12:05 PM will be for Jim.

Also, a few words about our recent re-introduction of the reception from the Cup of the Blood of Christ at the 10:00 Mass. So far, everything has gone well as we gauge how much wine is needed, and how many communicants are drinking from the Cup. I realize that it will take time for more people to become comfortable with the availability of the Cup, but I feel that it is important to make it available nonetheless. We still need to firm up our team of Eucharistic Ministers to ensure that the Communion Rite is carried out reverently and well-staffed. Again, thank you for your patience!

I know that some of you will be heading to summer homes for the next few months, and I hope you enjoy your time away with your families. The friars and lay staff wish you all a restful and relaxing summer as we go into "summer mode" ourselves – staff meetings every *other* week!

Blessings on your week ahead!

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

The Secular Franciscan Order Meeting



Is God calling you to live a life of love, peace, and holiness in the model of St. Francis of Assisi? Join us for our gathering in the lower level of the Urban Ministry Center at St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church on June 25th at 2:00 to learn more about the Secular Franciscan Order. We will be discussing how our Franciscan Spirituality affects our lives.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

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.



Community Sunday Evening Edition

Sunday, June 25, 2023
After the 5:00 pm Mass

Join us for wine, cheese, and conversation in the Franciscan Center following 5:00 pm Mass

Hosted by the members of the Committee for Social Justice



Beach Mass

JOIN US FOR MASS & A DAY AT THE BEACH

HAMMONASSET BEACH STATE PARK

JULY 16, 2023

Start the day with Mass, bring food to share, and relax for a wonderful day enjoying community with family, friends, and *the beach!*

Psalms: A Dialogue with God

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

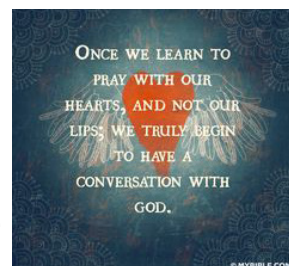
In 1994, Dorothy Jones wrote of Dag Hammarskjöld, Secretary-General of the United Nations, that he viewed his work not simply as a political role, but as a religious calling. When his briefcase was recovered after the fatal plane crash in September 1961, it contained a copy of the New Testament, a copy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



CHURCH STREET MUSIC & ARTS CAMP for 3rd - 8th graders

AUGUST 21, 22 & 23, 2023

Art from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
"Painting the Garden"

Music from 12:30 - 3:00 pm
"Exploration of Global Music"

St. Patrick - St. Anthony Church &
Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry

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.

Ongoing Adult Faith Formation Programs

Group Spiritual Reflection: Tuesday, June 27 on Zoom

at 12:30 PM. Please go to <https://bit.ly/3KHQuCO> to receive the Zoom meeting link.

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: June 28, 2023.

Praying with Sacred Scripture: June 28, 2023 from 7:00 to 8:00 PM. Please consider joining us in-person for "lectio divina" (divine reading.) Co-facilitators: Sheila Denion and John Lemega

News from The Sister Parish Committee

Dear SPSA Parish Community,

Our generosity extended to our sister Parish, St. Genevieve in Zoranje, has truly been an integral part of a lifeline for their church, community, families, and especially the school aged children. Over the years, our assistance has focused on assisting the St. Genevieve Parish with school lunches, school supplies and pay for teachers. However, the presence of violence in Zoranje and the genuine fear permeating the community is resulting in additional needs going beyond what we have supported in the past.



To escape acts and threats of violence, the adults and their children are leaving the community to seek shelter and safety. Father Gaby is forced to close the church and school. While conscious of his own safety as a member of the clergy, he struggles to provide for human needs to whatever level is possible with some of the funding we have offered in the past along with a recent generous contribution by an anonymous donor. The need and support now goes well beyond the school, reaching deeper into the community like a ripple effect of a stone thrown into a pond.

Our covenant with St. Genevieve ultimately exists to support our Sister Parish community and the school, but St. Genevieve parish is part of larger community. The current living conditions provide us with opportunity to materially and spiritually demonstrate love to our brothers and sisters that supports and heals. It is our hope and prayer that our effort will keep the ground fertile so that the community and the school can flourish and become stronger once the current crisis subsides, which it most surely will. Father Gaby and the entire Parish of St. Genevieve, our extended family, recognize the steadfast support, prayers, and solidarity we offer them with the utmost gratitude. We will not abandon them.



Baptism

Kennedy Sloane

child of Brendan & Jacqueline Thomas
was baptised at the 10:00 am Mass on
Sunday, June 25, by
Fr. Tim Shreenan, O.F.M.

Documentary Screening:

Open Hearts Ministry invites you to a screening of the documentary *Wonderfully Made LGBTQ+R(eligion)*

Monday, June 26 at 6:30 pm, Theatre of the Performing Arts, 359 Washington Street, Hartford, CT, (Lobby opens at 5:30)

Members of all faith communities gather in Hartford, Connecticut, for this Special Screening of the award winning documentary film. Meet the filmmakers and join the talk.



Save the Date!!!

Clare Gallery 20th Anniversary Celebration
Saturday, September 30, 2023
Details about registration forthcoming

Peter's Pence Collection, July 1 and 2



Next weekend's second collection is for Peter's Pence.

The Holy Father's charitable outreach to victims of war, migrants and refugees, and the poor affected by illness and natural disasters is

supported by contributions to the Peter's Pence Collection.

Weekly Offering

6/12/2023 thru 6/18/2023

Weekly Offering:	\$6,252.00
Online:	\$9,597.23
Total for Operating Budget:	\$15,849.23

Thank you for your continued generosity

2023 Archbishop's Annual Appeal



Parish Goal: \$115,000
Total Pledged: \$76,500.00

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.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, June 24, 2023

4:00 PM Sabastiana Lombardo

Sunday, June 25, 2023

8:00 AM

10:00 AM Richard Crockett

11:45 AM Intentions Given to Our Lady of Grace

5:00 PM

Monday, June 26, 2023

7:30 AM

12:05 PM Sadie & James Baio

Tuesday, June 27, 2023

7:30 AM For our parishioners

12:05 PM

Wednesday, June 28, 2023

7:30 AM For St. Genevieve

12:05 PM Ron Roy

Thursday, June 29, 2023

7:30 AM

12:05 PM Edwardo Rodrigues

Friday, June 30, 2023

7:30 AM

12:05 PM

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

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.

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, Deborah Godin and Anna Ramirez.

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 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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