

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

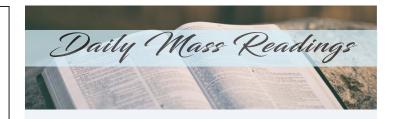
7:30 AM

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, July 17: Ex 1:8-14, 22; Mt 10:34 — 11:1

Tuesday, July 18: Ex 2:1-15a; Mt 11:20-24 Wednesday, July 19: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Mt 11:25-27 Thursday, July 20: Ex 3:13-20; Mt 11:28-30

Friday, July 21: Ex 11:10 — 12:14; Mt 12:1-8 Sunday, July 23: Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10,

15-16; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 or

Mt 13:24-30

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

On The Cover: "The Sower" by Harold Copping (1863-1932) in *The Parables of Our Lord* by Theodora Wilson Wilson, published by The Religious Tract Society in 1929.

Watch Online:



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



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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 emailcabramo@spsact.org and schristopher@spsact.org

Upcoming Deadlines

July 30 Bulletin, July 21 August 6 Bulletin, July 28

August 13 Bulletin, August 4

The Paston's Corner

July 16, 2023

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Today's gospel parable about a farmer who sows seed on various types of ground always makes me think of a sculpture I



Not everything we do always turns out the way we might have planned. Life often seems haphazard at times, doesn't it? Even the most organized among us can sometimes find ourselves in uncertain situations where we don't have any idea what we're doing! I felt that way for about the first year of being a pastor, and I'm still learning two years later.

The little seeds we plant along the way, without our even noticing, can become rooted and begin to grow. An idea or bit of inspiration is all it takes to begin a journey of growth for one's self or for the sake of others. A clothing drive for refugees, like the one we had last weekend, returned huge results. So many good and beneficial things occur because someone had an idea — the seed which grew and bore fruit. But some ideas don't bear fruit, and that's okay too. It never hurts to try something new or different and just see what happens.

On Saturday, July 8, we began the return of the Cup of the Blood of Christ at the 4:00 Mass. With just two Eucharistic Ministers, together with the celebrant, we managed quite well. The Body of Christ was distributed on either side in front of the first pew while the minister of the Cup stood in the center at the foot of the steps. Meanwhile, at the 10:00 Mass we use three Eucharistic Ministers to provide easier traffic flow.

We will begin to reinstate the Cup at the other Masses very soon, and we encourage you to consider receiving the Blood of Christ whenever it is available.

Blessings on your week ahead!

Fr. Tim Sheenan, ofm

Fr. Tim Shreenan, O.F.M.

Pastor

Sister Parish "Christmas in July"

Along with many of you, the Sister Parish Committee is aware and very concerned that Haiti, and specifically Zorange and the St. Genevieve community, has become deeply and directly affected by the gang violence and political turmoil in that country. Through weekly communications with Fr. Gaby Noel, we have learned of the unprecedented violence and oppression that has now moved beyond the streets of Port-au-Prince to the countryside. Daily life as it has been known is impossible, with schools and churches closed, meager provisions unavailable and willful lawlessness ruling the villages.

It is because of these unprecedented times that the Sister Parish Committee has proposed to temporarily extend our support beyond the traditional aims. We have given Fr. Gaby the latitude to help those most affected by this inhumanity within his Parish of St. Genevieve.

And, we are fortunate to have a strong Advocacy Sub-Committee to the Sister Parish Committee. Their tireless work to garner support for an international response to the conditions in Haiti and affect real change throughout the country is to be commended. They are having conversations leading to actions with U.S. Senators, Congresspersons and influential Bishops. We have connected with several, and soon to be dozens, of other "twinning" parishes across the county. These voices are being amplified and their messages being heard, demanding a response. Only God knows where this will lead. So far, so good.

Father Gaby and several of his parishioners have been forced to leave their village, returning only during the daylight hours. Most nights, they are not able to be in their homes, and must sleep, as Father says, "under the stars".

These are the same stars we see from our homes in Connecticut. Perhaps tonight we might reflect on how different life is depending on where we happen to be born. We must always remember that we are all God's children to bear witness to the light. We are called to be His hands in this world, to strive to discern His will and do His work.

Thank you — Mesi!

Donations can be made one of the following ways:

- By check: at Mass or mail, please note "Christmas in July" on the memo line.
- Online: Please go to https://spsact.org/ our-parish/sister-parish-st-genevieve/ or scan the QR Code with your cell phone camera.



You are Invited...

Pope Francis' SYNOD has brought our Church to a remarkable moment in history. The Pope's commitment to synodality -- walking together



and listening to one another on the journey of faith — is bearing witness to the critical and urgent call to rethink women's participation in the Church echoed across every continent. This is important and timely: the global Church is actively discerning about women and the diaconate, alongside expanded roles in preaching and governance. It's ultimately a decision for our pope — but Pope Francis wants to hear from the People of God.

All faith communities are invited to lift up this intention in prayer through the intercession of Deacon Phoebe, collaborator with Paul in ministry to the people of the early Church.

I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a deacon of the church in Cenchreae. I ask you to receive her in the Lord in a manner worthy of the holy ones... Romans 16:1-2

Our Women of Hope Ministry invites you to join with others in the prayer below throughout this summer and fall. Be on the lookout for two opportunities to gather in September as together we engage with this moment in time as the People of God.

Enlightened by grace and taught the faith by the chosen vessel of Christ, you were found worthy of the diaconate and you carried Paul's words to Rome.



O Deacon Phoebe, pray to Christ God that his Spirit may enlighten our souls and guide the discernment of the Church that the gifts and voices of women may be received and affirmed in our day for the service of your people!

Paul proclaimed you a protector of many, and you became his helper. Hearken to those who approach you with

faith and who cry out to you with love:

Rejoice, glory of Corinth and pride of Achaia; rejoice, you lamp of Cenchreae; rejoice, O Deacon Phoebe.

Prayer texts adapted from hymns of the Orthodox liturgy: Apolytikion in the Third Tone and Kontakion in the Second Tone.

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For information and resources, please go to www.DiscerningDeacons.org



Beach Mass: This Sunday, July 16, 2023

Join us at Hammonasset Beach in Madison, CT this Sunday for Mass and a fun community day.

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 or go to https://tinyurl.com/y6wdv72y for a map of where we will be.

Ongoing Adult Faith Formation Programs

Group Spiritual Reflection: Tuesday, July 18 on Zoom at 12:30 PM. Please go to https://bit.ly/3KHquCO to receive the Zoom meeting link.

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.

A Novel Idea Book Club

Our July book selection is *The Final Revival of Opal* & *Nev* by Dawnie Walton. Join the discussion on July 17, 2023 at 7:00 PM via Zoom or join us in person at the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry. We will be holding hybrid

meetings this month, on August 17, 2023 and for the September meeting as well. 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.

Psalms: A Dialogue with God

Thursdays on Zoom, July 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.



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/.

Clare Gallery 20th Anniversary Celebration Saturday, September 30, 2023



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 goto 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.



Weekly Offering

6/26/2023 thru 7/02/2023

Weekly Offering: \$12,855.00
Online: \$10,035.23 **Total for Operating Budget:** \$22,890.23

7/03/2023 thru 7/09/2023

Weekly Offering: \$7,455.00
Online: \$9,782.23 **Total for Operating Budget:** \$16,492.23

Thank you for your continued generosity

Franciscan Missionary Union 2nd Collection July 22/23

The 2nd Collection on July 22/23 will be for the Franciscan Missionary Union.

For almost 90 years the Franciscan Missionary Union has provided support to Franciscan Missionaries of Holy Name Province in far away places such as China, Bolivia, Peru, Jamaica and Kenya, as well as places closer to home like our parishes in rural Georgia. Today, the Franciscan Missionary Union has embarked on some new and exciting endeavors in our ongoing effort to provide people of faith with opportunities to live out their call to mission in the 21st century. Please consider supporting the Union's work and efforts to "go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation" (Mark 16:15). Go to https://fmunion.org/ for more information. To donate online please go to https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-FrMissionUnion.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, July 15, 2023 4:00 PM In Thanksgiving

Sunday, July 16, 2023

8:00 AM William, Angie & Joanne Speziale

10:00 AM Sarafina Tomaro

11:45 AM Francesco & Elissa Lanaro

5:00 PM

Monday, July 17, 2023

7:30 AM For our parishioners

12:05 PM

Tuesday, July 18, 2023

7:30 AM

12:05 PM Rose Sullivan

Wednesday, July 19, 2023

7:30 AM

12:05 PM Conrado Rosal, 8th Anniversary

Thursday, July 20, 2023

7:30 AM For the people of St. Genevieve

12:05 PM

Friday, July 21, 2023

7:30 AM

12:05 PM Salvatore A. Misasi, Sr.

Saturday, July 22, 2023

4:00 PM Pascual Gutierrez & Argentina Collado

Sunday, July 23, 2023

8:00 AM Christopher Shea 10:00 AM Fr. Jim Hynes, O.F.M.

11:45 AM In Thanksgiving to St. Christina

5:00 PM Madeline Capodanno

2023 Archbishop's Annual Appeal



Thank you to all those who have donated to the 2023 Archbishop's Annual Appeal this year. If you still have yet to donate, please

consider a gift today by returning the pledge card mailed to you.

Parish Goal: \$115,000 Total Pledged: \$80,072.50

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 Deborah Godin.



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 Minstry: 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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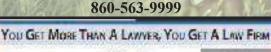
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