

Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart ... for my yoke is easy, and my burden light.



Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 9, 2023

St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church

285 Church Street

Hartford, Connecticut

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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

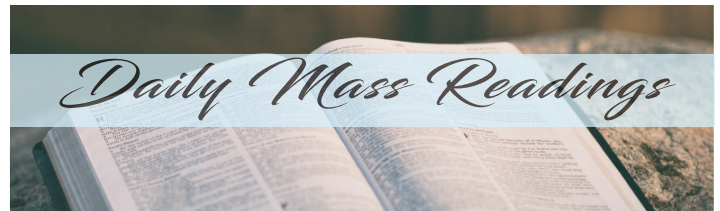
12:05 PM Livestream available

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 10: Gn 28:10-22a Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday, July 11: Gn 32:23-33; Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday, July 12: Gn 41:55-57; Mt 10:1-7
Thursday, July 13: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5;
Mt 10:7-15
Friday, July 14: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Mt 10:16-23
Sunday, July 16: Is 55:10-11; Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14;
Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23 or Mt 13:1-9

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

On the cover: *Laboureur dans un Champ* ("Worker in a Field")
by Vincent Van Gogh (1853-1890); painted in Saint Rémy, France in
early September 1889.

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](mailto:cabramo@spsact.org)
cabramo@spsact.org and schristopher@spsact.org

Upcoming Deadlines

July 23 Bulletin, July 14
July 30 Bulletin, July 21
August 6 Bulletin, July 28

Watch Online:



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



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



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

The Pastor's Corner

July 9, 2023

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

As members of the Archdiocese of Hartford, we received some very good news on Monday, June 26, when it was announced that Pope Francis had appointed Bishop Christopher J. Coyne, currently the Bishop of Burlington, VT, as the Coadjutor Archbishop of Hartford. As a coadjutor bishop, he will succeed Archbishop Leonard Blair once the Archbishop turns 75 years of age in April 2024.



When Bishop Coyne introduced himself to the media here in Hartford, he emphasized the need for us to be a welcoming and listening church. That is certainly how Pope Francis sees the mission of the church. Let us pray that, with the Synod of Bishops coming in the Fall, and the arrival of Coadjutor Archbishop Coyne in October, we as a local church will find much to celebrate!

On another, much less joyful note, the situation in Haiti continues to deteriorate almost on a daily basis. Our Sister Parish Committee has been hard at work attempting to address critical needs for our brothers and sisters of Ste. Geneviève parish in Zorance. We have established an Advocacy Subcommittee, chaired by Joe Cirsuolo, to coordinate efforts with other parishes in the U.S. who have twinning arrangements in Haiti, as well as the bishops of the U.S. and the federal government, including Senator Richard Blumenthal and Representative John Larson, to take more concrete steps to alleviate the suffering of the Haitian population by addressing the unchecked violence perpetrated by gangs.

Please read the message in the next column regarding our Christmas in July campaign, and our ongoing efforts to bring some measure of peace and stability to the fragile nation of Haiti.

Please be sure to check out the various programs and events that are scheduled for the months of July and August for both adults and children. So, stay safe, read a good book, go for a walk on the beach, enjoy a backyard cookout, and leave the rest in God's hands.

Blessings on your week ahead!

Fr. Tim Shreenan, OFM

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Pastor



Our "Christmas in July" for St. Genevieve, our sister parish in Haiti, kicks off this weekend. The Christmas tree is up, with photo tag decorations, and committee members are available at all masses to share information about our covenant with our fellow Haitian parishioners. (Look for the Santa Hats!)

Lunches for all students and teacher salaries remain the primary beneficiaries of

our support. But this year, due to the internal violence and destruction that has reached Zorance, we have also given Pastor Gaby permission to help those in dire need of emergency support.



Our last letter from Fr. Gaby explained that most parishioners, including himself, had to flee the village, and only sporadically return to check on their homes, school and the church.



Our spiritual support is also needed more than ever, and our prayers and petitions for Haiti remain critical, and a source of support for everyone at St. Genevieve, according to Fr. Gaby. Currently,

no other sources of help are reaching St. Genevieve – our relationship is more vital than ever to help give them hope and sustenance to survive this unprecedented period. 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.



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, July 11 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: July 12, 2023.**

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 kids' old clothes.

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

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!

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/y6wdv72y> for a map of where we will be.

Psalms: A Dialogue with God

Thursdays on Zoom, July 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.

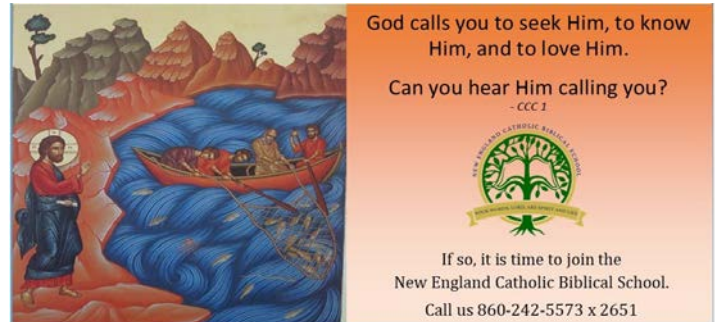
Presenter: Fr. Francis Soucy, OFM

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.

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.



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 followed by a presentation and reception in the Franciscan Center. At 5:00 PM, Steve Balkun, master woodcarver, will discuss the statues of Saints Clare and Francis he created for the church sanctuary. Go to <https://youtu.be/8vLmirHpQ14> and view the video *Prayerful Creativity* to learn about Steve's creative process.

At 6:00 pm, enjoy an appetizer and beverage while listening to a concert by members of our parish music ministry led by Director of Music Ministries, Dr. Gabriel Löfvall. Be sure to partake in our raffle of small works curated from the many artists that have graced our walls. For more info, to register and/or make a donation, please go to <https://tinyurl.com/ClareGallery20>.

Church Street Art & Music Camp

for 3rd - 8th Graders

August 21, 22 & 23, 2023

Art from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

"Painting the Garden"

Music from 12:30 to 3:00 PM

"Exploration of Global Music"

St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church &
The 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/>.



Offering Envelopes

Did you know...

we do not require offering envelopes if you make your donations via online giving.



If you would like to discontinue receiving envelopes by mail, please contact the parish office at 860-756-4034 or info@spsact.org and we will stop them for you. Thank you for your generosity.

Franciscan Missionary Union

2nd Collection July 23/24



The 2nd Collection on July 23/24 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>.

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: \$79,002.50

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.

Mass Intentions for the Week

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

Monday, July 10, 2023

7:30 AM

12:05 PM Joseph Kelliher

Tuesday, July 11, 2023

7:30 AM For parishioners of St. Genevieve

12:05 PM Kathleen Caulfield

Wednesday, July 12, 2023

7:30 AM

12:05 PM For our parishioners

Thursday, July 13, 2023

7:30 AM Lowell Weicker

12:05 PM Eamon Flanagan

Friday, July 14, 2023

7:30 AM Prayer Intentions for Carlos Costa

12:05 PM Salvatore Bramante

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

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 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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The Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry

JULY 1, 2023

GHIAA Updates

Recapping and Looking Ahead



THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION ENDED LAST MONTH

Gun Violence

In Connecticut, victims of gun violence are disproportionately people of color. While Black individuals make up only 10% of the state's total population, **56% of the state's gun homicide victims are Black**. **Latinx individuals** represent 14% of the state population, yet make up **23% of gun homicide victims**. Young Black men are profoundly vulnerable, killed by guns at 39 times the rate that young white men are.

During the 2023 legislative session, GHIAA called on our leaders to follow the recommendation of the Commission on Community Gun Violence Intervention and Prevention and allocate \$20 million over the biennium, to be disbursed to community-based organizations doing life-saving work on the ground in our major urban centers. Initially the Governor's budget included just \$2.5 million for this work.

We are pleased to share that the bipartisan budget passed by the House and Senate, and signed by the Governor, included \$22 million over the biennium for gun violence prevention. The advocacy of GHIAA leaders and our coordinating role among our many allied organizations were essential to achieving this success.

Mental Health

Here in Connecticut, there are more than **561,000 adults living with mental health challenges**, 160,000 of whom are not able to access the care they need. More than 40,000 youth ages 12-17 in Connecticut struggle with depression, and 49% of them did not receive any care in the last year. It is difficult to access mental health care in the best of circumstances. But it is nearly impossible for people who do not have insurance. While only 5% of the overall population of Connecticut is uninsured, among undocumented residents of our state, that figure skyrockets to 58%.

During the 2023 legislative session, GHIAA joined with our partners in the HUSKY 4 Immigrants Coalition to call on our leaders to pass HB 6616 and expand HUSKY eligibility for income-qualified people regardless of immigration status beyond the current age limit of 12. Our goal was to reach age 25, or age 18 at bare minimum.

HB 6616 was passed in amended form by the Human Services and Appropriations Committees. While the bill was not called for a vote by the full legislature, the final budget incorporated these provisions and expanded eligibility to age 15. While this falls short of our goal of covering all children and young adults, it nevertheless represents progress, as thousands more young people who have been excluded will now have access to physical and mental health care. This was only possible because of the tireless advocacy of GHIAA leaders and our coalition partners.

Educational Equity

The Connecticut state constitution guarantees an adequate education to every child growing up in this state. For decades, our state has recognized that our public education systems are inequitable, and that the root of the problem is funding, as 67% of public school students don't receive full funding for a high-quality K-12 education. In the 1980s, state leaders designed the Education Cost Sharing formula to address the glaring disparities in the opportunities our children receive. Over 30 years later, this formula has never yet been fully funded.

Legislative Wrap-Up 2023

In 2023, GHIAA took on five legislative priorities. These issues were identified based on more than 1,000 stories shared by leaders in our member institutions during our 2022 house meeting campaign. From the themes of these stories, our research teams developed concrete actions we could take toward justice. Hundreds of GHIAA leaders participated in our advocacy by writing testimony, attending press conferences, contacting legislators, and more. Here we share an update on what we achieved together.



JULY 1, 2023

During the 2023 legislative session, GHIAA called on our leaders to support HB 5003 to decrease the racial funding gap in public education by fully funding the ECS formula, and to allocate sufficient resources for its full implementation.

HB 5003 was passed, and the final budget included \$150 million toward fully funding the ECS formula. Furthermore, ECS implementation was accelerated and will be fully funded as of FY 2026. GHIAA leaders and our allies achieved remarkable forward movement toward equitable education for all Connecticut children.



Affordable Housing

In Connecticut, there are **130,000 households that are extremely low income and severely cost burdened**. What's more, Connecticut is one of the most racially segregated states in the nation. Our state's zoning regulations play a huge role in maintaining both segregation and unaffordability in our communities.

During the 2023 legislative session, GHIAA called on our leaders to pass HB 6633 and implement Fair Share Planning and Zoning, a new approach to land use in Connecticut that asks each town to plan and zone for an equitable portion of its regional need for affordable housing.

HB 6633 was passed by the Housing Committee but ran into major opposition in the full legislature. A stripped-down version of Fair Share was included in the omnibus housing bill that was debated for many contentious hours in the final week of the session before finally being passed. While this falls short of our goal of meaningful zoning reform, it does represent important (though incremental) progress toward a more thoughtful, equitable, and economically sustainable approach to housing in Connecticut. GHIAA's advocacy was particularly important because of our constituent engagement with legislators from urban, suburban, and rural districts.

Environmental Justice



In July 2022, the MIRA incinerator plant in the South End of Hartford ceased operation, but the board of directors continued to squander its remaining financial reserves by paying executive salaries and providing subsidies for suburban communities to truck their trash out of state. Hartford has borne the brunt of this regional service for decades, at the cost of high asthma rates and low life expectancies for residents of the neighboring communities, who are mostly lower-income Black and Brown folks.

During the 2023 legislative session, GHIAA called on our leaders to pass HB 6664, which would dissolve MIRA and create a new oversight body to manage the remediation and redevelopment of the South End site. We also called for meaningful representation from the City of Hartford in the leadership of the new waste authority, and for long-term community engagement to determine the future of the site.

HB 6664 passed in amended form and was signed into law, and as of July 1, 2023, MIRA will cease to exist. What's more, the Hartford city council will appoint five members of the new waste authority's board. This is a remarkable win for GHIAA and our allies as we seek to responsibly and equitably remediate the incinerator site and rectify decades of environmental justice.

Next Steps

1. Please share these updates with your congregation and thank them for their leadership! And please accept our gratitude for all you have done.
2. We know that policy change is the first step, and that the implementation of these policies will require vigilance and accountability if it is to happen in meaningful and effective ways. We will keep you posted about further opportunities for action!
3. This summer, GHIAA staff and leaders will engage in discernment about our next steps on these and/or other issues.
4. None of these crucial wins could have happened without our strong foundation of authentic relationships. Please invest in expanding and deepening your relationships both within and beyond your congregation. This is how we will continue to identify our issues and build the power to continue making concrete change toward justice.

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