

“And so I say to you, you are Peter,
and upon this rock I will build my church,
and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.
I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven.”



Delivery of the Keys by Pietro Perugino (1452-1523); Sistine Chapel, Rome

St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church
285 Church Street
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August 27, 2023
Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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

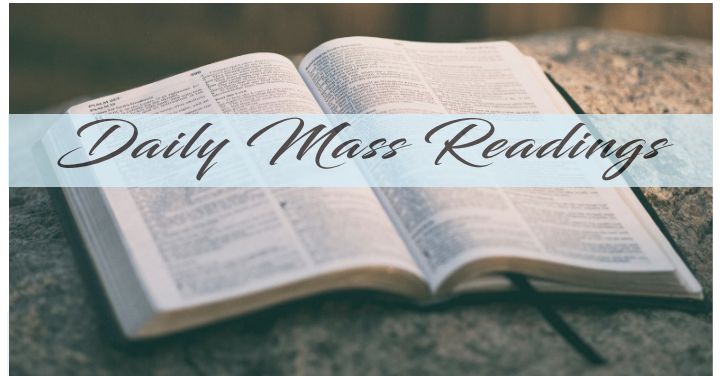
12:05 PM Livestream available

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, Aug 28: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday, Aug 29: 1 Thes 2:1-8; Mk 6:17-29

Wednesday, Aug 30: 1 Thes 2:9-13; Mt 23:27-32

Thursday, Aug 31: 1 Thes 3:7-13; Mt 24:42-51

Friday, Sept 1: 1 Thes 4:1-8; Mt 25:1-13

Sunday, Sep 3: Jer 20:7-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

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

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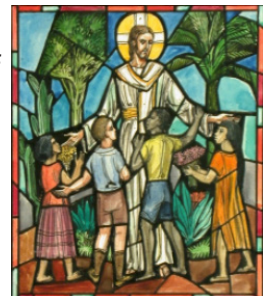


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Rel Ed Registration 2023-2024

Register now for our next session of Religious Education. We offer Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Traditional Religious Education classes, a monthly Family Program, 7th & 8th Grade Youth Ministry and Confirmation.

All programs take place within the traditional school year (September through May). Go to <https://tinyurl.com/RegisterForReligiousEd> to register.



The Pastor's Corner

August 27, 2023

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

How many keys do you have on your key ring? I have a total of six: one for the exterior doors of the Church and Center; one for the interior doors of the Center and another for the Church; and three for padlocks. And I wouldn't get very far if I lost or misplaced them.

Keys, whether they are the traditional metal variety, or modern magnetic cards or fobs, are an indispensable part of our everyday lives. But I've wondered if keys actually existed in Biblical times. Yes, they did, but they were very simple and very large, much larger than our keys today. This might explain why the keys Jesus gives to Peter in one of our windows are so large.



One source says: "The custom of carrying large keys on the shoulder seems to be an ancient one. Treasurers and other city officials carried these huge keys as a symbol of high office. They often had a bunch of keys on the shoulder, half hung down the front and half hung

down the back. The chief steward of a rich home carried the keys of the household on his shoulders. The handle of a key was made either of brass, silver, or wood and was often very elaborately carved. They were usually large keys. Ordinary wooden keys were from six inches to two feet in length. It was much easier to carry a number of keys this size on the shoulder."

This explains what we hear in today's reading from the prophet Isaiah (22:22): "I will place the key of the House of David on his shoulder; what he opens, no one will shut, what he shuts, no one will open."

In the Gospel, Jesus tells Peter that he will be given the "keys to the kingdom of heaven." This passage foresees the papal authority that Peter and his successors would eventually exercise over the church.

On the papal coat of arms, in addition to the Papal Tiara, formed by three crowns symbolizing the traditional triple power



of the Pope (father of kings, governor of the world and Vicar of Christ), Peter's keys are very prominent as well.

Of course, the question of papal authority has caused some serious issues in the history of the church, which have resulted in schism and reformation. Even today, there are those in the church who question Pope Francis' authority in ways that many find distasteful at best, and potentially schismatic at worst.

As I think about the symbol of "keys" I realize that they work both ways: to lock people in (or out), and to unlock a door to freedom (or welcome). In recent times we've witnessed both purposes.

But more than just a symbol of papal authority, all of us hold a "key to the kingdom." We call it baptism, the sacrament that initiates us into the church and into the kingdom of God. The *General Instruction on Christian Initiation* (para. 3) says, "Baptism, the door to life and to the Kingdom, is the first Sacrament of the New Law..." In Baptism, all of us have received a key that unlocks for us the grace of God and a dignity which can never be taken away.

Many years ago there was a pastor of a parish in South Buffalo near where I grew up, Msgr. Leo Toomey. He was a legendary figure who showed up everywhere – wakes, funerals, graduations; you name it. When you met Msgr. Toomey for the first time, he would reach into his pocket and press into your hand a small gold "key to the kingdom" to remind you of how important you were to God. In other words, keys aren't just for dignitaries like those who are honored with a "key to the city." I see the keys to the kingdom as a symbol of the mercy and generosity of a God who created us and loves us all equally.

Perhaps, at this critical juncture in the life of the Church, in which too many are quick to condemn or exclude, we ought to be less concerned with binding and more with loosing.

Blessings on your week ahead!

Fr. Tim Shreenan, OFM

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Pastor



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Adult Formation Course

Give Yourself Time to Grow in Faith

You are invited to participate in a transformational experience where you will have space to nurture your faith, grow in a retreat like atmosphere, build your community, and come to know more about how Jesus works in your life and in the life of the children you love.



The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Adult Formation Course is starting right here in our parish the first week of September. Join us Friday evening and Saturday September 8 and 9 to fully understand what this experience can do for your life. All you need is an open mind and heart, and a little bit of time.

We invite you to consider joining us ... even if you're not sure what you are being called to, but you are seeking "something" in your spiritual life, or those with children, grandchildren, or other children in your life that you would like to guide in their faith development.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is our hands-on, experiential religious education option for children ages 3 - 12, and it focuses on nurturing the child's relationship with God. Catechists in the program have participated in a formation course where they learn about child development, theology, and the liturgy. There is no requirement to teach in the CGS program after taking the course.

The CGS Formation Course might give you just what you need in terms of nurturing your faith and your own relationship with God. Email Deb Pelletier at dpelletier@spsact.org with any questions or learn more by clicking below.

St Francis Builds - Puerto Rico January 21-28, 2023

Are you looking for a way to help others... gain a sense of community and expand your spirituality? ... Consider a Build Trip!

St. Francis Builds (SFB) was developed 16 years ago by Fr. Mike Johnson while working in Maryland at St. Camillus parish. SFB has worked with underserved communities in the United States and in other countries. During the past year groups have travelled to Tijuana, Mexico and New Orleans.



Hurricane Maria occurred 5 years ago. Many families in Puerto Rico are still waiting for restoration from this storm. The island has been hit again with devastation from Hurricane Fiona. The work offered by SFB volunteers will be needed in January!

The group will be staying in Yabucoa on the southeast section of the island. Possible tasks include painting, tiling, grouting, sealing roofs and installing cabinets, windows and doors.

While skilled labor experience is fabulous... it's certainly not essential.

Enthusiasm, interest and a commitment to learning and helping others are some of the most important skills needed for this trip! Check out this video from another trip to Puerto Rico to view the different activities – work and fun that await! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PBau6VQDrmg&t=3s>

The cost of the trip will be approximately \$1,200. This fee includes housing and all meals. Airfare is not included.

Interested? Email Fr. Mike Johnson @ mikeinbolivia@gmail.com or Sue O'Donnell at sodonnell38@gmail.com for more information.



Volunteer Opportunities:

Hospitality Ministers Needed

Do you enjoy offering hospitality and socializing with our parish community?

Join our team of Community Sunday Evening Edition hosts! This team will serve wine & cheese and other treats after the 5:00 PM Mass on the fourth Sunday of each month, September through May.

Join a Saturday House of Bread Meal Team

Some of our Saturday lunch House of Bread meal teams are accepting new volunteers! If you desire to offer hospitality to our neighbors in need, and are available from 10:45 AM to 1:00 PM on Saturdays, please contact Allison at aholstgrubbe@spsact.org. Meal teams serve 10 or fewer times per year on a rotating schedule.



Baptism

Adalyn Grace
Child of
Matthew and Sarah Puzycki
Sunday, August 27, 2023 at 10:00 AM
by Fr. Timothy Shreenan, O.F.M.

Children's Clothing Collection

September 9 and 10, 2023

Collecting new and gently used fall and winter clothing for Ukrainian and Haitian Refugee Children.



Annual Rev. Dawson D. Trenchard Scholarship Award Form Available

DID YOU KNOW The Ladies Guild has given over \$74,000 in scholarships to children in the parish since 2003? Apply now for the Annual Rev. Dawson D. Trenchard Scholarship Award. Deadline is Wednesday, September 20, 2023. [CLICK Here](#) for more information, to donate to our scholarship fund, and to access the form.

Weekly Offering

8/14/2023 thru 8/20/2023

Weekly Offering:	\$6,957.00
Online:	\$9,787.23
Total for Operating Budget:	\$16,909.23

Thank you for your continued generosity

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.

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/Online-ClareGalleryDonation> or scan the QR code.



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: \$84,557.50**

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, August 26, 2023

4:00 PM Encarnacion Nieves, 12th Anniversary

Sunday, August 27, 2023

8:00 AM Cornelius Dowe

10:00 AM Salvatore & Rosina Rinaldi

11:45 AM Marion & Philip Benedetto

5:00 PM Sebastian Kolodziej

Monday, August 28, 2023

7:30 AM

12:05 PM Ruben Espinosa

Tuesday, August 29, 2023

7:30 AM

12:05 PM James Corless

Wednesday, August 30, 2023

7:30 AM For our parishioners

12:05 PM Eleanore Gates

Thursday, August 31, 2023

7:30 AM For the People of St. Genevieve Parish

12:05 PM Pam Sawyer, 1st Anniversary

Friday, September 1, 2023

7:30 AM Frank D'Amico

12:05 PM

Saturday, September 2, 2023

4:00 PM In thanksgiving to St. Valentine

Sunday, September 3, 2023

8:00 AM Concetta Gianni

10:00 AM Don Marzano

11:45 AM Anne Marie Ellis

5:00 PM Blanche Gregoire

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Joyce Castafero, Tim Hindman, John
Gannon, Susan Degennaro, Mary Alice
Cronin and Deborah Godin.



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St. Patrick - St. Anthony and
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September 2023

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Welcome to a new semester of Faith Formation opportunities! We have many inspirational, thought-provoking, prayerful, and informative offerings for adults which will speak to your heart, challenge your thinking, and uplift your spirit. We think you'll be pleased with the diversity of our programming - both daytime and evening, weeknight and weekend - virtual or in-person - something for everyone! These gatherings or groups will help us to grow in our faith, to ask questions, to open new doors to learning about our spirituality, our call/response to discipleship, and our relationship with God.

We are eager to share these opportunities to nourish our spiritual journeys. In the pages which follow, you will find programs which encourage us to pray or reflect on the Scriptures we hear each week at Mass. There are gatherings to stay informed about relevant developments from Pope Francis' recent Synod. For example, together we will consider how the Church might return to the practice of opening the diaconate to all of God's People as well as grow in her welcome of the LGBTQ+ Community. We invite you to join a group to try out a **new** spiritual practice - one where we sit in silence together or another where we beat our drums to rhythms from deep within. Our eyes will be filled with images of beauty in our Clare Gallery which inspire. And, as we celebrate our Advent season, our own stained-glass windows will wrap us in the faith-filled story of the Incarnation.

This listing is available through our parish website at spsact.org/aff-fall-2023/ or by scanning the QR Code below. And, we encourage pre-registration through our online REALM links included with program descriptions. Please feel free to pass along this document and information to friends, colleagues and family members. **We envision our Faith Formation offerings available on a regional level, open to anyone who is interested in the journey of faith.**

Join us! Experience community in new and different ways - this is your faith home and you belong here. All are Welcome!

The Adult Faith Formation Ministry works throughout the year planning each semester of programs and activities. Please feel free to pass along suggestions and ideas for their consideration. On their behalf, I thank you for the support of the ministry they faithfully provide and I look forward to seeing you at these functions in this Fall/Advent season of 2023!

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**** Please note:**

Suggested offerings:

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Or you may [Click Here](#) to give your offering conveniently ONLINE and note the program name in the Memo.



Praying With Sacred Scripture: Each month on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, in-person, 7:00 to 8:00 PM; September 6 & 20, October 4 & 18, November 1 & 15, December 6 & 20.

Please consider joining us for “lectio divina” (divine reading.) It is a prayerful reading of a bible passage in order to discern its message for each of us today. We have found that meeting in person gives the experience greater intimacy and impact. 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.

Pre-registration is not required.

Co-facilitators: Sheila Denion and John Lemega



Group Spiritual Reflection



Every Monday, in-person, 12:40 to 1:40 PM; starting September 11

Every Tuesday, on Zoom, 12:30 to 1:30 PM; starting September 12

Our gathering will reflect upon the Gospel for the upcoming Sunday to guide us on our path of discipleship. As companions on the journey, we listen, reflect and share how the Word speaks to our hearts through the Spirit. There is no need to do any advance preparation for the session. Come as you are with an open heart.

Please [Register HERE \(bit.ly/groupspiritualreflectioninperson\)](https://bit.ly/groupspiritualreflectioninperson) for in-person meetings on Mondays

Please [Register HERE \(bit.ly/group-spiritual-reflection-on-zoom\)](https://bit.ly/group-spiritual-reflection-on-zoom) to receive the Zoom link for Tuesdays

Facilitators: Mary Espinosa, Joan Osella, and Elaine Wiatr

Drumming Circle - try something *new*

Mondays, September 11, October 2, November 6, December 4, 6:30 to 7:30 PM in the church

Did you know that drumming is good for the spirit as well as the heart and mind! Please join us for an evening of African drumming rhythms once a month in the church. Anyone can learn to drum - no musical experience is needed. If you have a drum, please bring it with you. Let us know if you need a drum by calling the parish office, 860-756-4034. First-time participants, please arrive by 6:15 p.m.

Facilitator: Elaine Wiatr

Sponsored by the Women of Hope Ministry



Transformational Hospitality and Kindness, Tuesday, September 12, 7:00 to 8:15 PM



As we leaf through the newspaper or watch the news on TV, almost weekly we are confronted with the reality of hate crimes being carried out. With each occurrence an overwhelming anguish washes over us and leaves us with the haunting question of “How did we get here?”

It is good that we question; but perhaps it is important to also ask “How do we change this?”

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 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 Tuesday, September 12 starting at 7:00 PM** for viewing the documentary followed by conversation together. Please [Register HERE \(bit.ly/transformational-hospitality\)](https://bit.ly/transformational-hospitality) to let us know you are attending.

Free Will Offering

In Quiet Prayer

Every Wednesday, on Zoom, 7:30 to 8:00 AM; starting September 13

"For many of us, life seems to be lived at a busy and frenetic pace, with little or perhaps no time to be quiet, to be still, or to be silent in a time and place of peacefulness, prayer, and reflection so that we can connect with our deepest selves and the God who lives there." (Cora Evans).



Join us by Zoom Wednesday mornings for a half hour, from 7:30 to 8:00 AM, to sit "in quiet" (Suzanne Nolan), in the presence of silence, to heal and restore in hope and joy, to ground and guide. We begin with a brief ritual of offering compassion for the needs of our world and ourselves. A reflection is shared. Sometimes it's a reading for the upcoming weekend; sometimes it's a contemporary prayer, followed by 20 minutes of silence for personal prayer and meditation. Please [Register HERE \(bit.ly/in-quiet-prayer\)](https://bit.ly/in-quiet-prayer) to receive the Zoom link.

Co-facilitators: Pat Curtis and Susan Lennon

Restoring Women as Ordained Deacons in the Roman Catholic Church



Our **Women of Hope Ministry** invites you to a two-part exploration into one of the significant developments from Pope Francis' Synod. Throughout 2023, the Synod continental reports revealed a growing global voice from the People of God asking the Church to advocate for women's participation as deacons. We present these two evening opportunities to gather to look closely at the role of deacon along with raising up the remarkable lives of our female faith ancestors who led the way in the early Church and who continue to provide inspiration for us today. Please join us for one or both sessions in the church and through livestream.

"So, What Does a Deacon Do?"; Tuesday, September 19, 6:30 to 8:00 pm

In our recent history at SPSA, we have not had a deacon serve our parish. This experiential demonstration of the diaconal ministries of Liturgy, Word, and Service will help us learn about a deacon's role and functions in a faith community. Join us in church for a narrated walk-through and discussion which will inform and expand our understanding of how any one among us can authentically be called to serve as a deacon.

"Leading Us Forward in Faith"; Tuesday, September 26, 6:30 to 8:00 PM

Ever wonder who were the women once commissioned and ordained as deacons in the Catholic Church? Join us as we explore the history of the women's diaconate and learn about some of the women who served. As we hear their names and learn their stories, may it renew the hope that we will, once again, restore women back to their ordained roles of liturgy, word, and service, as they once had in the early Church. To register for either of these gatherings, please [Click HERE \(bit.ly/women-deacons\)](https://bit.ly/women-deacons).

Taproot; Every Wednesday, on Zoom, 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM; starting September 20

Gather with others for weekly inspiration using experiences from your daily life. *Return to the Root: Reflections on the Inner Life*, "aims to strengthen your inner rootedness, to draw forth that loving nourishment contained in...your deepest self", states the author Joyce Rupp. Full of thoughtful insights, poetry, and prayer, weekly reflections are grouped by month. Tap into this "Taproot" gathering available to you every Wednesday morning ~ attend when your schedule allows to receive the gifts of spiritual nourishment and growth.

Please [Register HERE \(bit.ly/taproot-2023\)](https://bit.ly/taproot-2023) to receive the Zoom link.

Facilitator: Pat Curtis



Deepening our Consciousness of God; Thursday, October 19, 2023, 6:30 to 7:30 PM



The Daily Examen is an Ignatian Spirituality Prayer Practice that enables us to find God in all things. Plan to attend this in-person gathering to learn:

- * How God can be found in the everyday stuff of life
- * How to make the Daily Examen (through guided meditation)
- * How to continue your practice of consciousness of God in everyday life

Please [Register HERE \(bit.ly/deepening-consciousness\)](https://bit.ly/deepening-consciousness) to let us know you are attending.

Presenter: Brenda McLaughlin

Suggested Offering: \$10.00

Clare Gallery Exhibit: “*Color and Identity: A Visual Conversation*”, October 19 through December 3, 2023



Clare Gallery's final 20th Anniversary exhibition, *Color and Identity: A Visual Conversation*, reveals national artist Stanwyck Cromwell's ongoing artistic journey. Cromwell is originally from Guyana—a northern country in South America that borders Venezuela, Brazil, and Suriname. Though it is not an island, Guyana is culturally Caribbean, with a mix of African, Indian, European, and Latin heritage.

An artist reception will be held on **Sunday, October 22, 1-3 PM**. A panel discussion will be held on **Sunday, November 19, 1-2 PM**. Panelists will include the artist; [John Motley](#), past president of the Amistad Center for Art & Culture and of the Wadsworth Museum of Art; and [Fiona Vernal](#), Associate Professor, History and Africana Studies at the University of Connecticut. The panel will be moderated by Nancy Wynn, Associate Professor, Visual and Performing Arts, Merrimack College and Chair of the Clare Gallery.

Cromwell's artwork is a visual representation of the nostalgic memories of his Guyanese home, Caribbean influences of the West Indies (including its spirituality), as well as his experiences living in New England for fifty-three years—specifically Hartford, Connecticut. He has a love and respect for the West End community in Hartford—teaching at The Artists Collective and Capital Community College. He immigrated as a young man and states, “I grew up in a time when you worked hard and your word was your bond.” He associated with people from all walks of life. Those unique and varied conversations have made their way into his work. The artworks are rich hybrid abstract expressions of his Guyanese home blended with his American experiences. Cromwell states: “Even though I left home, I never left home.”

In much of his work, you can see the influences of his mother, both a seamstress and a craftsman, a father who was a graphic designer, and many artistic uncles—a long artistic ancestry. His work weaves together overlapping shapes, diverse edges, thick textural strokes of paint in rhythmic patterns and vibrant colors. His media consists of graphite, color pencil, watercolor, collage, and oils. Cromwell's artistic compositions are filled with symbols, where meaning shifts based on a viewer's visual literacy, their own memories, and an understanding of metaphor. Additionally, mask-like images and African-American facial features are part of his work. They reference Guyanese, African and Indigenous cultures, along with a connection to Carnival.

Cromwell received his MFA from the University of Hartford, Hartford Art School, and credits Professor Ellen Carey as his mentor, for she understood and encouraged his process-oriented work and its vibrant colors. He has been an artist-in-residence and a visiting artist for numerous New England arts and educational organizations. In 2021, Cromwell received the “100 Men of Color Distinguished Award, Hartford, CT.”

For more detailed information, visit Stanwyck Cromwell's website, stancromwell.com.

The Basics of LGBTQ+ and Our Common Call to Offer Support

Tuesday, October 24, 6:30 to 7:45 PM

- * What does science tell us about being LGBTQ+?
- * What are the two aspects of the Church's teaching on LGBTQ+?
- * How is this the way an LGBTQ+ person is welcomed or not? How is this a Life Issue?
- * As allies, what can we do to support life - support our LGBTQ+ sisters, brothers, youth, and loved ones?



Through conducting more than 35 Synod listening sessions, we have witnessed that there are many women, men and youth of our parish who are concerned about the welcome and inclusion of members of the LGBTQ+ community in our Catholic Church today. Many people affirmed our Open Hearts LGBTQ+ Ministry and Friends & Family Support Ministry. And, over the past six months with the release of the national and global Synod reports, we have learned of the expressed “desire for radical inclusion – no one is excluded” in the Catholic Church worldwide. Pope Francis' Synod affords us the potential to transform our hearts through an experience of discipleship steeped in the radical ministry of Jesus. To stay open to this call, we are invited to deepen our knowledge about the Synod topics and desired changes for our Church.

We would like to further empower allies of the LGBTQ+ community through opportunities to dialogue about “gender issues” in our culture today and increase our understanding from scientific and spiritual perspectives.

We have designed one session to start this conversation and invite you to join us. We encourage you to “bring a friend” with you as together we explore the above questions.

This important parish gathering is open to all. Please feel free to invite a friend or relative, neighbor, colleague, classmate, etc.

Please [Register HERE \(bit.ly/lgbtq-our-call-to-support\)](https://bit.ly/lgbtq-our-call-to-support) to let us know you are attending.

Presenter: Rich Broggin

Suggested Offering: \$10.00

Royal Psalms: The “Anointed One”

Thursdays on Zoom, November 2, 9, 16, 30 and December 7, 14
10:30 to 11:30 AM



“You are my child, today I have become your Father” (Ps 2, verse 2b). While the Christian expectation of the Messiah is fulfilled in Jesus, the reference to the Messiah in the psalms is attached to the “anointed one” of the Davidic line of kings. While YHWH is king of all creation and reigns with divine power from heaven, his “anointed one” rules on earth under YHWH’s protection and instruction. In this series, we will discuss the figure of the “anointed one” as he appears in the psalms.

Please [Register HERE \(bit.ly/royal-psalms\)](https://bit.ly/royal-psalms) to receive the Zoom link.

Presenter: Fr. A. Francis Soucy, O.F.M.

Suggested Offering: \$50.00

Giving Thanks - Our Active Response

Thursday, November 23, Thanksgiving; 8:00 to 9:45 AM

“Our Active Response” offers us an opportunity for action on Thanksgiving morning. From the tables at the House of Bread, to our Eucharistic table, to your table at home, we will be people not only giving thanks but also “living thanks.” Join us to prepare brown bag lunches at the Franciscan Center to be distributed at the House of Bread and in the community.

Adults and children of all ages are welcome to participate.

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED – limited to 30 volunteers.

Please [Register HERE \(bit.ly/our-active-response\)](https://bit.ly/our-active-response)

Thanksgiving Mass will take place in the church at 10:00 am

Advent Daytime Retreat: The Art of the Jesse Tree, Tuesday, December 5

Begin your Advent Retreat Day with our 12:05 Mass. Come over to the Franciscan Center for a light lunch from 12:30 to 1:00 PM. The presentation and prayer will take place in the Center from 1:00 to 4:00 PM



Along with the Advent wreath and Advent calendar, the Jesse Tree is a popular tradition of the season in which we prepare for the birth of Jesus. Dating back to the Middle Ages, the Jesse Tree is a representation of the ancestors of Jesus, taking its name from the prophecy of Isaiah (11:1): “A shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom.”

Join us for an afternoon in early Advent as we explore the various ways in which the Jesse Tree has been pictured from the Middle Ages to the present day in illuminated manuscripts, stained glass windows, painting, and sculpture. Afterwards, we will create our own Jesse Tree with specially designed “ornaments” representing the men and women who figured prominently in the history of ancient Israel, leading to Joseph and Mary and the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem.

Presenter: Fr. Tim Shreenan, O.F.M.

Suggested Offering:

\$25.00 includes lunch; please [Register HERE \(bit.ly/art-of-jesse-tree-with-lunch\)](https://bit.ly/art-of-jesse-tree-with-lunch)

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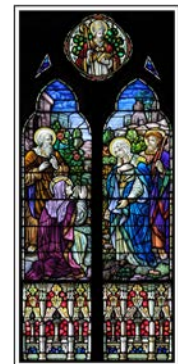
Incarnational Inspiration

Tuesdays, December 12 & 19 following the 12:05 Mass

Advent is a magical time of anticipation. It’s like the excitement of walking past that shiny little package under the tree that has your name carefully written on the tag. Let’s explore this blessed season as we pray and reflect on Mary’s journey with God Incarnate using the magnificent stained glass windows in our church. Their vibrant colors and symbols will guide us into the Advent journey with the Holy Family.

Co-facilitators: Pat Curtis and LouAnn Warren

Free Will Offering



Presenter and Facilitator Biographical Information

Richard Broggini practiced as a chiropractic physician for 7 years before pursuing teaching professionally. He has spent the last 30 years teaching 8th-grade physics and was the recipient of the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science Teaching. In 2008, Rich became a Lay Cistercian at St. Joseph's Abbey in Spencer, MA, discerning the call to live a contemplative life in the world according to the Rule of St. Benedict in the Cistercian/Trappist tradition. Married for 40 years with three adult children, Rich lives in Glastonbury, CT with his wife, Kathy.

Patricia Curtis joined the Pastoral Staff in December, 2001. Pat's responsibilities include collaborating with the Women of Hope Ministry, Baptism Preparation Team, Clare Gallery Ministry, Adult Faith Formation Ministry, Prayer Shawl Ministry, and Hospitality Ministries. Prior to relocating back to Connecticut, Pat lived and worked in Rochester, NY as a Pastoral Associate for 12 years in the Diocese of Rochester. Pat has a Master's degree in Pastoral Ministry from Boston College.

Sheila Denion is a longtime parishioner who has facilitated the Lectio Divina group for over 10 years. In 2023, she graduated from the New England Catholic Biblical School, a 4-year program encompassing every book of the bible. She lives at Seabury in Bloomfield with her husband, Tom Eysmans.

Mary Espinosa is a trained spiritual director who has been accompanying seekers for over thirty years. She holds a master's degree in Religious Studies and continues her interest in spirituality and scripture by studying the New Testament in the original language. She has lived in South America and here, in the Archdiocese, has worked in pastoral music and social justice.

John Lemega has been involved with Lectio Divina, as a participant and facilitator, for 15 years. He is a former steward of the Servant Leadership School and maintains a spiritual direction practice, having completed the internship program at the Spiritual Life Center. He and his wife, Joyce, have been parishioners for over 30 years. John presently serves on the Finance Council.

Susan Lennon became a parishioner at St. Patrick-St. Anthony in 1998 when she and her husband moved from Hartford's West End from Hartford's South End. She joined Pat Curtis in co-leading the Wednesday morning Quiet Prayer in 2023. She is a member of the Sandwich Ministry and No Freeze Shelter teams, and also volunteers with House of Bread. She has a bachelor degree in sociology from the University of San Diego and a Master's in Public and Private Management from Yale University.

Brenda McLaughlin: The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius guide Brenda McLaughlin's prayer life. Brenda's professional experience includes teaching in public elementary schools and at the university level. Brenda holds a M.A. in Theology and Ministry (Boston College) and is a trained spiritual director (Franciscan Spiritual Direction Certification Program). She also holds a Certificate in Advanced Biblical Studies (The New England Catholic Biblical School).

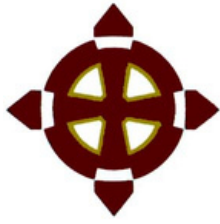
Joan Osella has served as a Lector for daily and weekend Masses for over twenty years, affording her the opportunity to share the Word in a meaningful and personal way. Joan and her husband were leaders of a House of Bread Team for fourteen years. Through participation in Spiritual Reflection, Joan has become aware that there are many ways to grow in love and understanding of one another and of our God.

Fr. Tim Shreenan, O.F.M.: Born and raised in Buffalo, Fr. Tim Shreenan was ordained to the priesthood in 1984. He spent more than 30 years ministering in New York City before becoming pastor at St. Patrick-St. Anthony in 2020. He has a wide range of interests, including music, art and art history, liturgical studies, travel, and crosswords. He also plays the organ, flute and other wind instruments.

Fr. A. Francis Soucy, O.F.M. taught English literature and linguistics for fifteen years in Pennsylvania and Massachusetts, during which time he also chaired the Medieval Colloquium of the Lehigh Valley. In 1986 he entered new waters. Fr. Francis established a nursing home in New Jersey for infirm Franciscan Friars where he served as the licensed administrator for 26 years.

LouAnn Warren served for thirty-three years as a director of religious education for the Archdiocese of Hartford. In her role she was the representative for Sadler Religious Education Materials. LouAnn holds a B.S. in Education and Masters in Religious Education from Fordham University.

Elaine Wiatr, a parishioner since 1999, is a member of the Prayer Shawl and Women of Hope Ministries. She is a Lector, leads the Bread Warriors ministry and coordinates the Servant Leadership Program. She earned her Master of Arts in Servant Leadership from Viterbo University in 2009 and is a 2010 graduate of the Women's Leadership Institute at Hartford Seminary where she was introduced to African drumming. Elaine is an Associate of the Sisters of Mercy and is passionate about Social Justice for the Palestinian people in The Holy Land.



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