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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

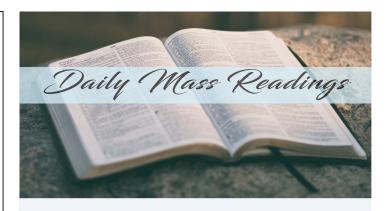
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12:05 PM Livestream available

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 7: Nm 11:4b-15; Mt 14:13-21 Tuesday, Aug 8: Nm 12:1-13; Mt 14:22-36 or

Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday, Aug 9: Nm 13:1-2, 25 - 14:1, 26a-29a, 34-35;

Mt 15:21-28

Thursday, Aug 10: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26 Friday, Aug 11: Dt 4:32-40; Mt 16:24-28

Sunday, Aug 13: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85:9, 10,

11-12, 13-14; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

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

Watch Online:



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



https://venue.streamspot.com/cdc76f52

Important Bulletin Information

Upcoming August Bulletin Deadlines

August 13 Bulletin, August 4 August 20 Bulletin, August 11 August 27 Bulletin, August 18

Our bulletin editor is going on vacation in September.

Therefore, our bulletin deadlines for all September Bulletins will be August 23rd, 2023

The Paston's Corner

August 6, 2023

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

The critically acclaimed film "Oppenheimer" chronicles the life of J. Robert Oppenheimer,

who was pivotal in the development of the atomic bomb which fell on the city of Hiroshima, Japan on August 6, 1945. A second bomb was released over the city of Nagaski three days later, forcing the surrender of Japan to end the Second World War. Together, the two bombings caused the deaths of approximately 226,000 people, most of them civilians.

As the Church celebrates the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord on the same date as the detonation of the first atomic weapon, a horrific irony comes into play. The bright light which transfigured the face of Jesus on the top of a mountain stands in stark contrast to the blinding light of a man-made weapon of mass destruction.

In a further touch of irony, a Canadian missionary, Fr. Harold McSherry, who served in Hiroshima in the post-war period, noted that in the Japanese language the word used to translate "transfiguration" could also mean "disfiguration." In stark contrast to the shining revelation of Jesus as the beloved Son of God, the light of disfiguration from the atomic bombs caused terrifying devastation.

Jesus came to us as the Light of the World. He was unrelenting in his commitment to peace, to nonviolence, to God's command to love one another; indeed, to love one's enemies. His message is simply stated, but not quite so easy to live out in our complex modern world.

The author of today's second reading tells his community: "We possess the prophetic message that is altogether reliable. You will do well to be attentive to it, as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts."

If we hold to this message, we will be doing our part to ensure that the devastating light of Hiroshima and Nagaski will never again afflict any of God's children. In doing so, we will know that we have heard the voice of God: "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."

Blessings on your week ahead!

Fr. Tim Shreenan, of m. Fr. Tim Shreenan, O.F.M.

Pastor



Thank you so very much! Mesi!

Christmas in July helps remind us all, once again, why our prayers and support are necessary for our Sister Parish and all of Haiti: to perpetuate our shared hope for peace and stability and the education and nourishment of the children. We are grateful for your ongoing prayers and financial gifts for the students of St. Genevieve School and emergency needs of Pastor Noel. Your generosity truly reflects your acts of kindness and love.

There is good news to share!

First, the school has re-opened and about half of the students have returned for a summer session, according to Pastor Noel.

Second, the 9th Graders passed

their national exams! We have sent our congratulations to the teachers and students.

We'd like to share this Haitian proverb, as *Christmas in July* ends for 2023:

Bondye di w, fè pa w, M a fè pa M God says do your part and I will do Mine.

We will continue to accept contributions though August. Donations can be made one of the following ways:

- By check: at Mass or mail, please note "Christmas in July" on the Memo line. Mailing address: 285 Church Street, Hartford, CT 06103.
- Online: from our webpage or by scanning the QR Code below with your cell phone camera.

https://spsact.org/our-parish/sister-parish-st-genevieve/.



You are Invited...

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.

Prayer for Women Deacons

Loving God of all creation, we thank you for the countless blessings you bestow on us:

the gifts given to *all* for service in the Church.

We pray in hopeful waiting that our Church will welcome the gifts of *all* who long to serve the People of God as deacons, in the diaconate's ministries of Word, Liturgy and Service.

Liturgy \sim to administer the sacraments and blessings for which a deacon has authority \sim



May we hear the voices and see the hands of women strengthened by the grace of their ordination as deacons; welcoming and blessing each one of us, and our communities of faith, in life's sacramental moments from birth to death.

We pray that the Diaconate be open again to women to affirm by sacramental ordination the ministries already realized in what women are doing among the People of God today.

We pray through Christ, who is our Redeemer and who made himself the servant -- the 'deacon' -- of us all.

Amen.



Ongoing Adult Faith Formation Programs



Several of our programs will not meet during the month of August. They will reconvene in September. We list them here for your consideration. "Come and See" what these enriching groups have to offer this Fall. All are Welcome! (You can find the Zoom links in par-

ish-wide emails sent on Mondays.)

Group Spiritual Reflection: Every Tuesday from 12:30 - 1:30 PM on Zoom

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.

Quiet Prayer: Every Wednesday from 7:30 - 8:00 AM on Zoom.

A group gathers virtually to start their day sharing quiet prayer together. As one participant writes, "Quiet Prayer has given me an opportunity to pray compassionately for others as well as myself. The quiet time of reflection on readings from spiritual writers or on Sunday's Gospel has been a gift." Our personal intentions remain private but support and encouragement come from the group gathered. Feel free to "drop in" and allow this half-hour to nurture your own spirit.

Taproot: Every Wednesday from 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM on Zoom 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.

Praying With Sacred Scripture: Each month on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays from 7:00 - 8:00 PM in-person

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.

Psalms: A Dialogue with God

Thursdays on Zoom, August 10; 10:30-11:30 AM

Presenter: Fr. Francis Soucy, OFM

Please go to https://tinyurl.com/2edcrb4a to register and receive

the Zoom link.



Congratulations

Thomas Bethin & Alexis Schwarz Married on Friday, August 4, 2023 and witnessed by Fr. Timothy Shreenan, O.F.M.

Transformational Hospitality and Kindness

NEW DATE - Tuesday, September 12, 7:00 to 8:15pm.

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 that 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 p.m.** for viewing the documentary followed by conversation together. Please go to https://bit.ly/41hVuQ8 to register ahead of time.

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 go to https://youtu.be/8vLmirHp014 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

7/24/2023 thru 7/30/2023

Weekly Offering: \$5,191.00
Online: \$8,611.23 **Total for Operating Budget:** \$13,802.23

Thank you for your continued generosity

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.

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: \$82,457.50

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 5, 2023

4:00 PM John C. Brennan, 15th Anniversary

Sunday, August 6, 2023

8:00 AM Valentino & Philomena Raimondi

10:00 AM Carol Curtis11:45 AM Richard Crockett5:00 PM For our parishioners

Monday, August 7, 2023

7:30 AM Effigenia Palomino 12:05 PM Joseph Kelliher

Tuesday, August 8, 2023

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

12:05 PM Edward & Dawn DiLorenzo

Wednesday, August 9, 2023

7:30 AM Joe Carpe

12:05 PM Frances Bazzano

Thursday, August 10, 2023

7:30 AM

12:05 PM Ronald V. Williams

Friday, August 11, 2023

7:30 AM Ida Invelito 12:05 PM Tim McAdam

Saturday, August 12, 2023

4:00 PM Deceased members of the Pinnone Family

Sunday, August 13, 2023

8:00 AM Hilda Megaw 10:00 AM Millie Intino

11:45 AM Mary Marut, 36th Anniversary

5:00 PM Skip Kimball

Elevate Your Faith with Scripture Study



Embrace a love for time with God and Sacred Scripture. Join the New England Catholic Biblical School's accredited Certificate in Advanced Biblical Studies program to study and pray with all the books in the Bible.

Enrollment is open until August 31st for in-person and virtual classes. Please visit www.NewEnglandCatholicBiblicalSchool.com or call 860-242-5573.

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, Mary Alice Cronin 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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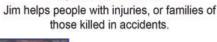
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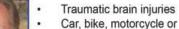
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