"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."



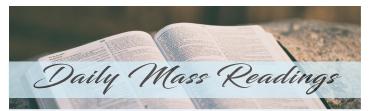
St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church 285 Church Street Hartford, Connecticut September 10, 2023 Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Monday, Sept 11:	Col1:24–2:3; Lk 6:6-11	
Tuesday, Sept 12:	Col 2:6-15;Lk 6:12-19	
Wednesday, Sept 13:	Col 3:1-11; Lk 6:20-26	
Thursday, Sept 14:	Nm 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11 Jn 3:13-17	
Friday, Sept 15:	1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Jn 19:25-27 or	
	Lk 2:33-35	
Sunday, Sept 17:	Sir 27:30-28:7; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10,	
	11-12 Rom 14:7-9;Mt 18:21-35	
Go to <u>http://www.usccb.org/</u> for readings online.		



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 рм Livestream available

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Masks are required for everyone during Reconciliation

Monday, Wednesday, Friday Saturday

11:15 to 11:45 AM 3:15 to 3:45 PM

Join the Choir!

"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with *gladness; come before his presence with singing."* — Psalm 100



St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church warmly extends an invitation to all music enthusiasts with choral experience to consider a remarkable

commitment to singing from September through May by joining one of our vibrant CHURCH CHOIRS. This is an opportunity to refine your vocal artistry, expand your choral knowledge, and enrich your spiritual path.

Treble Clef Choir (High Voices): Rehearsals take place every Wednesday from 5:30 to 6:45 PM. The TCC sings every other Sunday, usually at the 5:00 pm Mass.

Gallery Choir (SATB): Rehearsals take place every Wednesdays at 7:00 PM. The GC sings every Sunday at the 10:00 AM Mass.

Bass Clef Choir (Low Voices): Rehearsals are on Mondays at 7:45 PM. The BCC sings every other Sunday, usually at the 5:00 p.m. mass.

The Church Street Singers (Children/Youth): Rehearsal schedule is forthcoming.

For more details contact Gabriel Löfvall at 860-756-4034 or email Gabriel at glofvall@spsact.org.



Watch Online:

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



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

https://venue.streamspot.com/cdc76f52

The Pastor's Corner

September 10, 2023

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

I won't be in Hartford this weekend as I plan to be in Buffalo to attend the funeral service

of my brother-in-law, John F. Kuebler, who died back in July after a lengthy illness. Please keep my sister, Mary Beth, and the Kuebler family in your prayers – I'm sure they will appreciate your support.

On Monday, August 28, I went to Boston with Marc Sherer, the chairperson of our Sister Parish Committee, to meet with Fr. Gaby Noel, the Pastor of Saint Geneviève Parish in Zoranje. Fr. Gaby has been spending a few weeks in the United States visiting family members, and he was able to go to St. Anthony Shrine in Boston for an opportunity to meet with us. Fr. Cidouane Joseph served as our interpreter.

We met for about two hours and discussed many of the issues with which the people of Haiti are currently struggling. Fr. Gaby described the dangers that gangs have imposed upon the populace, mostly in the area around Port-au-Prince where Zoranje is located. Everybody knows that it will take a lot of time and will power to establish any kind of civil order in the poorest nation in the western hemisphere. However, we must remain hopeful that a solution will eventually be found. Below is a photo of the four of us taken at the conclusion of our discussion.



Please join me in wishing our hard-working Administrative Assistant, Carolyn Abramo, a happy and well-deserved vacation in Italy for the next several weeks. Nobody deserves it more than she does!

Blessings on your week ahead!

Fr. Tim Shreenan, ofm

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



Monthly Collection September 9-10, 2022

The special monthly collection for September

will be taken to defray our summer utility costs To give now, please Click or scan the QR Code. Thank you for your generosity.



Children's Clothing Collection

September 9 and 10, 2023

Coll<mark>ecting new</mark> and gently used fall and winter clothing for Ukrainian and Haitian Refugee Children.



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 chosen 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, tour of church artwork, art raffle, concert in the Franciscan Center, and delicious refreshments.

Please go to <u>https://tinyurl.com/ClareGallery20</u> to register for and/ or donate toward 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.

Community Sunday

Just a reminder: Community Sunday will be held this Sunday after the 8:00 and 10:00 AM Masses. Our parish nurses will be on hand after the 10:00 am Mass.



Order of Christian Initiaion of Adults (O.C.I.A.)



There are many reasons to explore, pursue and deepen one's relationship to the Catholic Church. Some do so because they have fallen in love with a practicing Catholic and they are interested in learning more about their partner's faith. Some come from nominally Catholic families, but

received little or no religious instruction when they were young and are now seeking to reconnect with their family's faith tradition. Some have no religious affiliation whatsoever, but are experiencing a longing for meaning, spirituality, community, and a sense of purpose in their lives. Some are already practicing Catholics who, for whatever reason, never received the sacrament of Confirmation and desire to do so now.

If you or someone you know fits any of these descriptions, then the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (formerly Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) may be what you or your friend may be looking for. For more information, contact Fr. Bill Beaudin, O.F.M. (wlbeaudin@gmail.com or 860-756-4034).

Ladies Guild

Annual Scholarship Award Form Available

Apply now for the Annual Rev. Dawson D. Trenchard Scholarship Award. Deadline is Wednesday, September 20, 2023. <u>CLICK Here</u> for more information, to donate to our scholarship fund, and to access the form.

Annual Membership Drive Continues...

Consider joining this dynamic group of women dedicated to serving our parish. You can find out more information by going to <u>https://tinyurl.com/SPSALadiesGuild</u>

Open Hearts Ministry

Monthly Meeting: Join us Sunday, September 10, 2023 at 6:00 PM for our kick off BBQ in the Friary Garden.



Please go to <u>https://spsact.org/contact-form-for-open-hearts-ministry/</u> for more information and a ministry member will connect with you.

Family & Friends Ministry

Our next meeting will take place on **Sunday, September 17**, **2023 at 3:30** PM in the Franciscan Center. Go to <u>https://spsact.org/ministries/open-hearts-lgbtq-ministry/#family-friends</u> for more information and either Tim Curran or Rich Broggini will connect with you.

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 pm

Facilitator: Elaine Wiatr Sponsored by the Women of Hope Ministry

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Meeting dates for September-December, 2023:

Mondays, 7:00 to 8:30 pm: September 11, October 9, November 13 & December 11



Thursdays, 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM - September 28, October 26, November 30 & December 28

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 <u>Register HERE (bit.ly/in-quiet-prayer</u>) to receive the Zoom link.

Co-facilitators: Pat Curtis and Susan Lennon

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 <u>Register HERE (bit.ly/groupspiritualreflectioninperson)</u> for in-person meetings on Mondays.

Please <u>Register HERE (bit.ly/group-spiritual-reflection-on-zoom)</u> to receive the Zoom link for Tuesdays.

Facilitators: Mary Espinosa, Joan Osella, and Elaine Wiatr

Transformational Hospitality and Kindness



Join us as we view and discuss the 30-minute Oscar-nominated documentary entitled "Stranger at

Tuesday, September 12, 7:00 to 8:15pm

the Gate" which was produced by Josh Seftel. Please go to <u>https://</u> <u>bit.ly/41hVuQ8</u> to register ahead of time.

Ongoing Adult Faith Formation Programs

For full program descriptions, Zoom links, and more information, please go to <u>https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-AFF</u>.

Praying With Sacred Scripture: Each month on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, in-person 7:00 to 8:00 PM. Next meeting: September 20.

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

Restoring Women as Ordained Deacons in the Roman Catholic Church

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

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 рм.

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 <u>Click HERE</u> (bit.ly/women-deacons).

A Novel Idea Book Club

Our September book selection is *The Phone Booth at the Edge of the World* by Laura Imai Messina. Join the discussion on **September 21, 2023 at 7:00** PM **via Zoom or join us in person at the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry**. For



more information and a list of upcoming books, please <u>CLICK Here</u>. Contact the office at 860-756-4034 or email <u>info@</u> <u>spsact.org</u> if you need the Zoom Link and we will forward it to you.

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.

St Francis Builds with Fr Mike is headed to Oaxaca

St Francis Builds with Fr Mike is headed to Oaxaca, Mexico this Advent from Dec. 9-16th. We will be building with Friends of Pimpollo - a wonderful organization we built with in August, that builds schools in poor communities. Further information about the organization is found here: www.friendsofpimpollo.org. If you are over 18 years (or under 18 and accompanied by a parent) and interested in this trip, please contact both Terry Sabonis at: ts428@ georgetown.edu and Beth Hood at bhood134@gmail.com or text at 301-578-6150. Se habla espanol. We would especially love to include first-time volunteers and members of diverse language communities! Trip cost is approximately \$1,000, plus airfare; limited scholarships are available.

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Program at Holy Family Retreat Center

Saturday, September 30, 2023: Francis and Clare of Assisi and the Contemplative Franciscan Way of Peace with The Rt. Rev. Br. Mark D'Alessio, Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center, 303 Tunxis Road West Hartford, CT 06107 and via Zoom. For more information and to register, please go to <u>https://www.holyfamilyretreat.</u> <u>org/calendar/cce-enrichment-sept2023</u>

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, September 9, 20234:00 PMGuido & Rosa Rodegher

Sunday, September 10, 2023

8:00 AM Dominick Roto

10:00 AM Joseph & Archangela McDonald

11:45 AM In thanksgiving to St. Valentine 5:00 PM

Monday, September 11, 2023

7:30 AM For our parishioners 12:05 PM John C. Brennan

Tuesday, September 12, 2023

7:30 AM

12:05 PM For the people of St Genevieve

Wednesday, September 13, 2023

7:30 AM Jacquelyn Lilly 12:05 PM Mary Driscoll

Thursday, September 14, 2023 7:30 AM

12:05 PM Alexander Gates

Friday, September 15, 2023 7:30 AM

12:05 PM Intentions for Maria Rosal

Saturday, September 16, 2023

4:00 PM Raymond Fusco

Sunday, September 17, 2023

- 8:00 AM William, Angie & Joann Speziale
- 10:00 AM John N. Ramos, 17th Anniversary
- 11:45 AM Olidy S. de Orozco
- 5:00 PM Jackie Lilly

Please Pray for the Sick

Paula Molitar, Joseph Shertick, Greg Reed, Kathryn Eagers, Tommie Henry, Cecy Mickey, Syl Ciraulo, Mary Ertel, Mary Joyce Castafero, Tim Hindman, John Gannon, Susan Degennaro, Mary Alice Cronin and Deborah Godin.





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.

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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.

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!

Patricia Curtis Pastoral Associate Saint Patrick-Saint Anthony Church pcurtis@spsact.org

Complete program descriptions are available through our parish website at spsact.org/aff-fall-2023/ or by scanning the QR Code.









We cordially invite you to join us!

The St. Patrick – St. Anthony Ladies Guild, founded in 1938, takes the Blessed Virgin Mary as their model of Christian discipleship.

The Ladies Guild serves the parish through a variety of programs and projects (e.g., making baptismal garments for children baptized in the parish; supporting the many Franciscan Center Programs; and awarding annual scholarships to parish students in elementary, middle, and high schools.) These programs and projects are supported by fundraising events.

In addition, the Ladies Guild hosts a variety of spiritual events for its members including May Crowning.



Join us or renew your membership!

Please complete the form and send to: Marianne Midura, President 20 Torwood Street Hartford, CT 06114 midura20@comcast.net

St. Patrick - St. Anthony Ladies Guild Membership Registration or Renewal

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Other:			



21st Annual

Ťне Rev. Dawson D. Ťrenchard Scholarship Award

Sponsored by the Ladies Guild of St. Patrick - St. Anthony Church in memory of the Rev. Dawson D. Trenchard, past Chaplain of the Ladies Guild and a friend of education, scholarships will be presented to deserving parish members entering or attending a Catholic School, grades K-12. Applicants must be actively involved in a St. Patrick-St. Anthony Ministry as well as participating in an extracurricular school activity/sport.

APPLICATION			
Applicant Name:	_		
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Personal Essay: In your own penmanship please include the following information: waward, work ethic in and out of school, school performance, community service, and	•••		
	(continued on reverse side)		
References: Printed Name and Signature of: The St. Patrick-St. Anthony Ministry Team Leader and School Activity Advisor/Coach or Athletic Director: 1			
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Please return application with RECENT PHOTO directly to: St. Patrick-St. Anthony Ladies Guild SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE 285 Church Street, Hartford, CT 06103 (860) 756-4034	IF YOU DROP OFF IN CHURCH OFFICE MAKE SURE THE APPLICATION IS IN AN ENVELOPE. AD- DRESS THE ENVELOPE: LADIES GUILD SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE		
Deadline: Wednesday, September 20, 2023 Scholarship(s) will be awarded at the 10:00 am Mass for the Ladies Guild on October 22, 2023			

(Personal Essay continued from previous side):			

I certify that I have completed this application on my own.

Signed: _____

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 <u>www.spsact.</u> 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* <u>https://spsact.org/wedding-request-form/</u> to begin preparation for Marriage, normally one year in advance and before any other arrangements are made for a reception.

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. <u>https://spsact.org/prayer-network-prayer-request/</u> 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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