

Take what is yours and go.
What if I wish to give this last one the same as you?
Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money?
Are you envious because I am generous?
Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last."



Les ouvriers dans la vigne (The workers in the vineyard) by Eugène Delacroix, 1850-1921

St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church
285 Church Street
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September 24, 2023
Twenty-Fifth 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

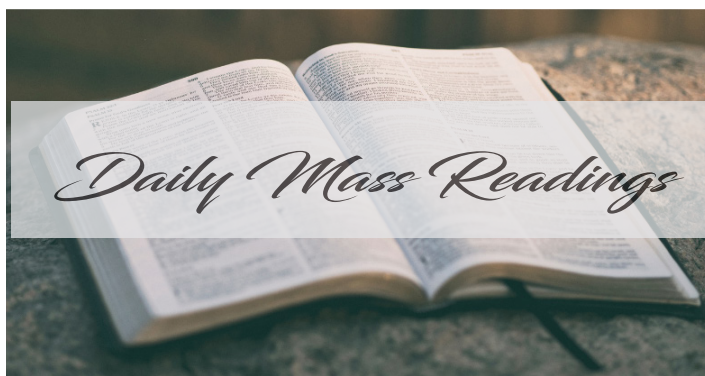
12:05 PM Livestream available

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, Sept 25: Ezr 1:1-6; Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday, Sept 26: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday, Sept 27: Ezr 9:5-9; Lk 9:1-6

Thursday, Sept 28: Hg 1:1-8; Lk 9:7-9

Friday, Sept 29: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a;
Jn 1:47-51

Sunday, Oct 1: Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-9; Phil 2:1-11
[1-5]; Mt 21:28-32

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Monday - Saturday: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

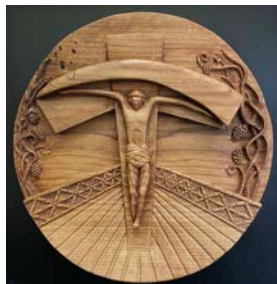
Sunday: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

The Pastor's Corner

September 24, 2023

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

It is just one week from our celebration of the 20th Anniversary of the Clare Gallery in the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry. We will be having a wonderful tour of the liturgical art in the church created by our own



Steve Balkun right after the 4:00 Mass on Saturday, September 30th, followed by a concert provided by Gabe Löfvall and our Music Ministers in the Franciscan Center. There will also be the raffle drawing of original small works of art created by 22 artists from over the past

20 years. I hope you will join us for this wonderful opportunity to celebrate our community's artistic legacy.

I would like to bring you up to date on our parish's financial picture. We have been trying very hard to lower our operating expenses while increasing our operating income. This has been a slow process, but I hope that over time it will yield more positive results. Still, we continue to run annual budget deficits, and the special second collections for heating, air conditioning and other needs were instituted to help fill the gap. For all the financial numbers, please go to our website, spsact.org, and look under the tab "Our Parish" and "Financial Accountability."

Thus, we decided to hold a raffle drawing for dinner and two tickets to the Andrea Bocelli concert at the XL Center on December 9th. Tickets will go on sale starting October 1st and the drawing will be held on Sunday, November 12th. Tickets will be \$10 each, and you will be able to purchase them at the door of the church on weekends, in the parish office, or online. I know that many of you are fans of Mr. Bocelli, so I hope you will either purchase on your own or take tickets to sell to your friends and neighbors! It's all for a good cause – keeping St. Patrick-St. Anthony Parish alive and well!

Blessings on your week ahead!

Fr. Tim Shreenan, OFM

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Pastor



The Secular Franciscan Order Meeting



Is God calling you to live a life of love, peace, and holiness in the model of St. Francis of Assisi?

Join us for our gathering in the lower level of the Urban Ministry Center at St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church on September 24th at 2:00 PM to learn more about the Secular Franciscan Order.

Ongoing Adult Faith Formation Programs

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

Praying With Sacred Scripture

Each month on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, in-person, 7:00 to 8:00 pm; October 4 & 18, November 1 & 15, December 6 & 20

Group Spiritual Reflection:

Each Monday, in-person, 12:40 to 1:40 PM

Each Tuesday, on Zoom, 12:30 to 1:30 PM

Drumming Circle - try something *new*

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

In Quiet Prayer

Each Wednesday, on Zoom, 7:30 to 8:00 AM

Taproot

Every Wednesday, on Zoom, 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Restoring Women as Ordained Deacons in the Roman Catholic Church

Our Women of Hope Ministry invites you 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 this session in the church and through livestream.

"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.

Please [Click HERE \(bit.ly/women-deacons\)](https://bit.ly/women-deacons) to register for this wonderful program.



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 <https://tinyurl.com/ClareGallery20> 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.

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



Ladies Guild

Annual Membership Drive Continues...

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

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

Tuesday, October 24; 6:30-7:45 PM.

- * What does science tell us about being LGBTQ+?
- * What are the two aspects of the Church's teaching on LGBTQ+?
- * How is the way we welcome or do not welcome an LGBTQ+ person, 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 go to <https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-Basics> to let us know you are attending.

Presenter: Rich Broggini. Suggested Offering: \$10.00

Building Right Relationships

October 26, 6:00 to 8:00 PM

Come enjoy an evening focusing on building right relationships.

We welcome guest speaker, Chris Doucot of the Hartford Catholic Worker. Chris will incorporate aspects of his book *No Innocent Bystanders: Becoming an ally in the struggle for justice* centering on *Shalom*, ie right relationships: what makes a relationship right/wrong?, how to make right relationships, and the need to center right relationships with persecuted, oppressed, impoverished, and/or otherwise "othered" people in our faith lives as a fundamental expression of our Catholic faith.

Join us for this informative and motivational evening. No pre-registration needed. All are welcome.

Suggested Free-will offering: \$15

Sponsored by Open Hearts, Family and Friends and the Committee for Social Justice.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Join this wonderful and prayerful ministry.

Our next meetings:

Thursday, September 28, 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM

Monday, October 9, 7:00 to 8:30 PM



Oaxaca, Mexico - December 9 to 16, 2023

St. Francis Builds is headed to Oaxaca, Mexico this Advent from Dec. 9 to 16 and Fr. Mike would like you to join him. The group, along with members of the non profit, Friends of Pimpollo, will help to build a school in Oaxaca. 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.

To view the video from the July 2023 trip, please go to <https://tinyurl.com/4yzmr2e8>.

Baptism

Cassiana Zaniyah

Child of
Casjeem Brooks & Florencia Edward
Sunday, September 24, 2023 at 10:00 AM
by Fr. Timothy Shreenan, O.F.M.

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 please go to <https://tinyurl.com/ssmutc2a>.

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2023 HOPES Collection, September 23/24 Help Our Parish Educators & Students



The second collection this weekend is the HOPES (Help Our Parish Educators & Students) Collection. This annual fundraiser provides vital support to our Catholic elementary schools in the Archdiocese of Hartford.

Our most vital resource in every Catholic school is our dedicated teachers. Their profession is a vocation.

Balancing the cost of a Catholic school education requires creativity and innovation. This collection will provide new revenue sources to offer our teachers a just wage, ensuring quality education, enthusiasm and stability. We ask you to join us in supporting our children by supporting their teachers. To make an online donation, please scan or click the QR Code to go to <https://tinyurl.com/SP-SA-Hopes>. For more information on the H.O.P.E.S. Collect, please go to <https://tinyurl.com/AOHCT-HOPES-COLLECTION>



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, September 23, 2023

4:00 PM Madeline Capodanno

Sunday, September 24, 2023

8:00 AM Ronald James McNamee

10:00 AM Mary Lemega, 18th Anniversary

11:45 AM Vincent Giansanti, Jr.

5:00 PM Donato Monaco

Monday, September 25, 2023

7:30 AM For our parishioners

12:05 PM Michael Fusco, Jr.

Tuesday, September 26, 2023

7:30 AM For the people of St. Genevieve

12:05 PM

Wednesday, September 27, 2023

7:30 AM Stephen Rzewnicki

12:05 PM

Thursday, September 28, 2023

7:30 AM Fred D'Amico

12:05 PM Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Fatima

Friday, September 29, 2023

7:30 AM Rebecca Riegler

12:05 PM Michael O'Donnell

Saturday, September 30, 2023

4:00 PM Kathleen M. Gorman

Sunday, October 1, 2023

8:00 AM

10:00 AM Ted & Camille Tyskiewicz & Teresa masaro

11:45 AM Rose & Angelo Perrone

5:00 PM Dan Marzano

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.



We are here to serve you...

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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.

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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