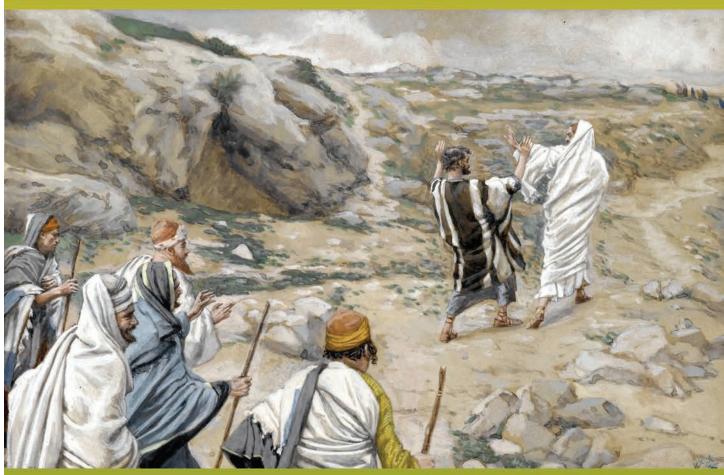
Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."



Get Thee Behild Me, Satan by James Tissot (1836–1902); Brooklyn Museum, New York

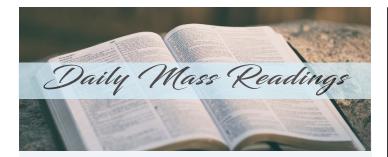
St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church 285 Church Street Hartford, Connecticut September 3, 2023 Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Monday, Sept 4:	1 Thes 4:13-18; Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday, Sept 5:	1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday, Sept 6:	Col 1:1-8; Lk 4:38-44
Thursday, Sept 7:	Col 1:9-14; Lk 5:1-11
Friday, Sept 8:	Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Mt 1:1-16,
	18-23 [18-23]
Sunday, Sept 10:	Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9;
	Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20
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September 4, 2023 In observance of Labor Day we will celebrate one Mass at 9:00 AM. Thre are no confessions and the Parish Offices will be closed for the day.

Monthly Collection September 9-10, 2022



The special monthly collection for September will be taken to defray our Air Conditioning costs this summer. To give now, please <u>CLICK</u> <u>Here</u>. Thank you for your generosity.

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 рм Livestream available

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Masks are required for everyone during Reconciliation

Watch Online:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 11:15 to 11:45 AM Saturday 3:15 to 3:45 PM



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



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The Pastor's Corner

September 3, 2023

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Happy Labor Day Weekend! As the summer season comes to an end I am looking forward to a very busy Fall leading up to Advent and Christmas. But don't me let get ahead of myself. It'll be here before we know it.

First, I want to thank everyone who contributed to our Mission Cooperative Appeal the weekend of August 19-20 when Sister Grace Angelina from Uganda spoke so beautifully about the ministry of the Little Sisters of Mary Immaculate of Gulu. Sister Grace asked me to thank everyone for welcoming her, as she experienced the unique spirit of this parish.

Our Church Street Art & Music Camp held August 21-23 was also a wonderful success, giving about 20 children the opportunity to explore their creativity in painting and making music. The children were very enthusiastic about what they were able to accomplish in just three days, and their parents were delighted to share their enthusiasm. So thanks to everyone involved for making it happen.

As we enter the month of September I would like to highlight some of the events and programs that will take place over the coming months.

On Tuesday, September 12, is a viewing of the documentary film "Stranger at the Gate" about an ex-Marine who fought in Afghanistan and his struggle to deal with his hatred towards Muslims. This powerful 30-minute film will help all of us come to understand better how the kindness and welcome of a mosque community transformed this man's life.

The 20th Anniversary of the Clare Gallery will be celebrated with an exhibition (Sept. 7-Oct. 15) of works by 20 artists who have held prior shows here. They were chosen based on three themes: world religions, interfaith themes, and social justice issues either on a global or local level. Along with the exhibition, we are planning a "20th Year Anniversary Evening of Celebration" on Saturday, September 30. The celebration begins with Mass at 4:00 PM, and at 5 PM, Steve Balkun, master woodcarver, will discuss the sculptures he created for the Church sanctuary. At 6 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.

Clare Gallery's final 20th Anniversary exhibition, "Color and Identity: A Visual Conversation," runs from October 19 to December 3, 2023. It will feature the work of Guyanese artist Stanwyck Cromwell. Be sure to check his website, stancromwell.com. In October we will also have our annual celebration of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi with the beautiful Transitus service on Tuesday, October 3, and feast day Masses on Wednesday, October 4, at 7:30 and 12:05 PM.



"The Basics of LGBTQ+ and Our Common Call to Offer Support" is a response to the Synod listening sessions that were held in our parish over the past few years in which many participants expressed their support for our LGBTQ+ brothers and sisters. But many people have questions about this topic, especially as it relates to the question of inclusion in the Church. So, plan to come for a conversation on Tuesday, October 24, from 6:30 to 7:45 PM to explore this important theme.

On November 2, All Souls Day, we will celebrate our annual Mass of Remembrance for our loved ones who died in the past year. Our choir will sing the Requiem by the great French composer, Maurice Duruflé.

This Fall we will be holding a raffle drawing for two tickets to Andrea Bocelli's December 10 concert at the XL Center. Tickets will go on sale at our Parish Brunch on Sunday, October 1, and the drawing will be held at Community Sunday on November 12. The winner will also receive a gift certificate from Salute Restaurant and free parking for the concert.

At the beginning of Advent I will offer a presentation on "The Art of the Jesse Tree" on Tuesday, December 5, following the 12:05 Mass. My fascination with the Jesse Tree several years ago led me to explore the many ways it has been pictured in stained glass, illuminated manuscripts, painting and sculpture. We will also decorate our own Jesse Tree as part of this Advent Daytime Retreat.

For Christmas this year, I'd like to invite our parishioners to contribute a photo of themselves which will be the ornaments for our parish Christmas tree. I will be writing more about this soon, but I want to spark your interest now! In addition to our traditional Service of Lessons & Carols, we plan to have a special musical treat on Christmas Eve when Salzburg comes to Hartford! It's a tradition at the cathedral in Salzburg, Austria to sing Mozart's "Sparrow Mass" at Midnight Mass, as well as "Stille Nacht" at the end of the Mass in total darkness, accompanied by a guitar. It is a beautiful moment that I've been able to experience twice, and we look forward to sharing it with you this year.

This is just a sampling of the many events and programs we have in store over the next several months, and I hope you will take part in as many as possible!

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

Pastor

Clothing Drive for Ukranian & Haitian Youth Refugees



Can you help us get refugee children ready for school and prepared for the winter chill?

Ukrainian and Haitian refugees in Chicopee, MA are in desperate need of new and gently used fall and winter clothing items for ages 3 months through 10 years old.

Gift cards to Target and Kohl's are requested for teens age 11 through 18 years old.

Donations will be collected before & after all Mass on the weekend of September 9 & 10, 2023. Thank you



For more details about the collection and a complete list of needed items, please click or scan the QR code.

Praying With Sacred Scripture: Each month on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, in-person 7:00 to 8:00 pm. Meetings this month; September 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

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>

Transformational Hospitality and Kindness

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

Join us as we view and discuss the 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 go to https://bit.ly/41hVuQ8 to register ahead of time.

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).

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): Immerse yourself in the delightful melodies of treble voices (soprano and alto range). 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): Elevate your soul journey with the Gallery Choir. If you're inclined towards a mixed ensemble (soprano, alto, tenor, and bass), this choir is perfect for you. Rehearsals convene on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM. The GC sings every Sunday at the 10:00 AM Mass.

Bass Clef Choir (Low Voices): Enrich the depths of choral music with the Bass Clef Choir (tenor and bass range). Join fellow low voices in harmonious resonance during their rehearsals 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): Awaiting young voices to blossom, the Children/Youth choir promises an easy schedule that shall be announced soon. Young singers will enliven liturgies during the cherished Christmas and Easter seasons.

For more details and to embark on this melodious journey, please contact Gabriel Löfvall at 860-756-4034 or email Gabriel at glofvall@spsact.org. Your voice can be a part of something truly special at St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church.

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

Please consider joining us to learn the art of making Prayer Shawls and to help us continue to reach out to others in our community through this ministry of love.

For more information go to <u>tinyurl.com/SPSAPrayerShawlMinistry</u> all meetings are in-person at the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry.

Ongoing Adult Faith Formation Programs

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

Group Spiritual Reflection:

Each Monday, in-person, 12:40 to 1:40 PM; starting September 11 Each Tuesday, on Zoom, 12:30 to1:30 PM; starting September 12

Drumming Circle - try something *new*

Mondays, September 11, 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; starting September 13

Taproot

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

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 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).

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.



Free Yoga, September 9, 2023

Parishioner Michael Leahy (YTT 200) will lead a free yoga class from 9:00 - 10:00 am in Rooms 9 & 10 on the lower level of the Franciscan

Center for Urban Ministry. All levels of experience and ability are welcome!

Please email <u>aholstgrubbe@spsact.org</u> by September 7th to register.

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, 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.

Weekly Offering

8/21/2023 thru 8/27/2023

Weekly Offering:	\$8,446.23	
Online:	\$7,694.00	
Total for Operating Budget:	\$16,140.23	
Mission Co-Op:	\$8,219.00	
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Mass Intentions for the Week

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

Monday, September 4 2023

9:00 AM For our parishioners

Tuesday, September 5, 2023 7:30 AM

12:05 PM

Wednesday, September 6, 2023 7:30 AM

12:05 PM

Thursday, September 7, 2023

7:30 AM

12:05 PM Joseph Kelliher

Friday, September 8, 2023 7:30 AM 12:05 PM

Saturday, September 9, 2023

4:00 PM Guido & Rosa Rodegher

Sunday, September 10, 2023

- 8:00 AM Dominick Roto 10:00 AM Joseph & Archan
- 10:00 AM Joseph & Archangela McDonald

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

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* <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.

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. <u>https://spsact.org/contact-form-for-emmaus-ministry/</u>

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:

<u>https://spsact.org/contact-open-hearts-ministry/</u> For information on Friends and Family contact: <u>https://spsact.org/contact-form-for-friends-family-ministry/</u>

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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