



*Lord of all, to you we raise  
This our hymn of thankful praise!*

St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church  
285 Church Street  
Hartford, Connecticut  
November 19, 2023  
Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



## St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church and The Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry

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*Open Hearts  
Open Minds  
Open Doors*

We are a welcoming and dynamic community of Christian disciples. Rooted in the Franciscan experience of the Roman Catholic tradition, we proactively endeavor to extend hospitality both at the Eucharistic Table and as we minister reciprocally and in solidarity among the alienated and the poor, nurturing the mind, body, and spirit in the Greater Hartford Community. All are welcome!

### Celebration of the Eucharist

#### Saturday Evening Mass of Anticipation

4:00 PM Livestream available

#### Sunday Masses

8:00 AM

10:00 AM Livestream available

11:45 AM

5:00 PM

#### Weekday Masses

7:30 AM

12:05 PM Livestream available

The Church is open weekdays from 7:00AM until 1:00 PM

### 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

### *Daily Mass Readings*

Monday, Nov 20:	1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday, Nov 21:	2 Mc 6:18-31; Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday, Nov 22:	Wis 6:1-11; Lk 17:11-19
Thursday, Nov 23:	Wis 7:22b — 8:1; Lk 17:20-25
Friday, Nov 24:	Wis 13:1-9; Lk 17:26-37
Sunday, Nov 26:	Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 128:1-5; 1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30 [14-15, 19-21]

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

### COMMUNICATIONS MINISTRY

Does your ministry have an upcoming event or news to share?

Fill out your Communications Request on our website today! The form on our website sends your request to both Sarah (for the website / emails / social) and Carolyn (for the bulletin).

When we receive your request, we can decide the most effective way and the most effective timeframe in which to promote your ministry's news across all our channels. We have an overall view of the big picture of events that happen around the church and the center and when they occur. We keep this big picture in mind as we plan when events go to publication in the way that best meets the needs of the parish, all of our many ministries, and each specific event.

Please submit your request by going to <https://spsact.org/communications/> and allow us to do the rest!

### Thanksgiving Week Mass and Parish office Schedule

#### Masses

Mon, Tues & Wed (11/20-11/22): 7:30 AM & 12:05 PM

Thanksgiving (11/23): 10:00 AM

Fri (11/24): 9:00 AM

Sat (11/25): 4:00 PM

Sun (11/26): 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 11:45 AM & 5:00 PM

#### Parish Office Hours

Mon, Tues & Wed (11/20-11/22): 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Thurs & Fri (11/23 & 11/24): Office Closed

Normal Business Hours Starting Saturday, 11/25

# The Pastor's Corner

November 19, 2023

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

The raffle drawing for two tickets to the Andrea Bocelli concert in the XL Center on December 9th was held last weekend during our Community Sunday gathering. The winner was Marcella Baczewski, who serves as a Eucharistic Minister and is a very active parishioner of St. Patrick-St. Anthony. As it turned out, Marcella was not at the drawing, but since she was scheduled to be a Eucharistic Minister at the 5:00 Mass later that day, I decided to announce the winner at the end of Mass. What a joyous surprise it was for Marcella when I presented her with the prize envelope!

Thank you to everyone who purchased raffle tickets. Over 400 were purchased and I feel that the effort was worth it. I would also like to thank everyone who helped in planning and preparing for the drawing. Perhaps we might be able to hold another one next year!

On Sunday, November 19th, we will observe the Annual Transgender Day of Remembrance during the 5:00 PM Mass. We will have a reflection by Rosa Klaneski as well as prayers for those transgender and nonbinary individuals who lost their lives due to violence this past year. The Open Hearts LGBTQ+ Ministry and Friends & Family Ministry Invite you to attend the Mass, followed by a wine and cheese reception in the Franciscan Center.

Here is a brief message from the Human Rights Campaign:

"The Human Rights Campaign is both saddened and infuriated by the deaths of at least 25 transgender and gender non-conforming people whose lives have been tragically and inhumanely taken through violent means, including through gun and interpersonal violence, in 2023.

Since 2013, the Human Rights Campaign has tracked incidents of fatal transgender violence – the same year the Federal Bureau of Investigation began reporting on hate crimes motivated by anti-transgender bias – and providing action items that can help end the violence.

These victims, like all of us, are loving partners, parents, family members, friends and community members. They worked, went to school and attended houses of worship. They were real people

– people who did not deserve to have their lives taken from them."



Let us join with our LGBTQ+ brothers and sisters to demonstrate our support and that we stand with all those who struggle to survive in a world that is often far too hostile towards those who are perceived to be a threat to others based merely on their sexual orientation or identity.

Finally, with the season of Advent quickly approaching, I would like to bring your attention to some of the programs we have planned.



First, on Tuesday, December 5th, I will present an Advent Daytime Retreat: The Art of the Jesse Tree, following the 12:05 Mass. The Jesse Tree is my favorite image of the Advent season, and I will take participants through a colorful guided tour of the way artists have depicted the Jesse Tree over the centuries in manuscripts, stained glass windows, painting and sculpture. Afterwards, we will create our own Jesse Tree with specially designed ornaments.

On the remaining Tuesdays in Advent (December 12 and 19), we invite you to participate in "Incarnational Inspiration" after the 12:05 Mass using the stained glass windows in our church. You can find more information about these programs in this bulletin.

Your photos for our Christmas Tree are beginning to make a nice, neat pile in my office. Email me your favorite selfie either as a digital file to [tshreenan@gmail.com](mailto:tshreenan@gmail.com), or you can bring a photo to the parish office which we will scan. We have over 50 submissions so far, but we have room for a lot more; so don't be shy – we would love to have your smiling faces grace our 12-foot tree in the church this Christmas.

Blessings on your week ahead!

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

## Upcoming Bulletin Deadlines

12/10/2023 Bulletin Deadline: 11/29/2023 at Noon  
12/17/2023 Bulletin Deadline: 12/06/2023 at Noon  
12/24/2023 Bulletin Deadline: 12/13/2023 at Noon  
12/31/2023 Bulletin Deadline: 12/22/2023 at Noon  
1/07/2024 Bulletin Deadline: 12/27/2023 at Noon

## Centering Yoga

Join us for Centering Yoga lead by parishioner Michael Leahy (YT200). This FREE one-hour yoga class in the Franciscan Center will start at 9:00 am on the following dates:

Saturdays, November 18, 25 and December 9, 16, 23.

All ability levels are welcome; please bring your own mat.

Email [aholstgrubbe@spsact.org](mailto:aholstgrubbe@spsact.org) to register.



## 2023 Giving Tree

It's almost time! Parishioners may remember that because of COVID-19, we used the concept of a Gift Registry to allow parishioners to choose a gift for an individual from one of the programs that the Local Giving Tree supports. Because of its success, we chose to continue our Gift Registry.

Over the next few weeks, a brief description of each program's support for our neighbors in the Hartford area will be described.

The Gift Registry is available this weekend, November 18 and 19. Access is available by going to [www.spsagivingtree.org](http://www.spsagivingtree.org). Instructions will be provided along with important dates once you enter the Local Giving Tree page.



## Clare Gallery

Join us for Clare Gallery's final 20th Anniversary exhibition panel discussion on **Sunday, November 19, 1-2 PM**. The new exhibit **Color and Identity: A Visual Conversation**, reveals national artist Stanwyck Cromwell's ongoing artistic journey. 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.

## Transgender Day of Remembrance

**4th Annual Transgender Day of Remembrance (TDoR)** will be observed during the 5:00 PM Mass this Sunday, November 19, 2023. This TDoR observance will be led by our Open Hearts and Family and Friends LGBT ministries to remember those Transgender and Non-Conforming gender folks who were victims of violence in the US and around the world in 2023. You are invited to attend a wine and cheese reception following Mass in the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry. All are welcome.

## Ongoing Adult Faith Formation Programs

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

### Group Spiritual Reflection:

Monday, November 20, in-person, 12:40 to 1:40 PM

Tuesday, November 21, on Zoom, 12:30 to 1:30 PM

### In Quiet Prayer:

Wednesday, November 22, 7:30-8:00 AM on Zoom

### Taproot

Wednesday, November 22, 11:00 AM-12:00 PM on Zoom

Royal Psalms: The Anointed One

Thursday, November 30, 10:30 to 11:30 AM on Zoom

### Praying with Sacred Scripture

Next Meetings: December 6 & 20, 7:00-8:00 PM in-person.

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

Join this wonderful and prayerful ministry. Our next meetings:

Thursday, November 30 from 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM in person.

Monday, December 11 from 7:00 to 8:00 PM

Please check Monday's email for the Zoom Link.





## The SFO 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 Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry at St. Patrick-St. Anthony on Sunday, November 19th, to learn more about **The Secular Franciscan Order**. Our meeting starts at 2:00 and we will be celebrating our Memorial Service to remember deceased friends, relatives and members of our fraternity. All are welcome.



## 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 12:30-1:00 PM. The presentation and prayer will take place in the Center from 1:00-4:00 PM.

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.*

\$25.00 includes lunch; please go to <https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-Jesse-Lunch> to register.

\$20.00 for presentation only; please go to <https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-Jesse-NL> to register.

## Sanctuary Lamps week of November 19, 2023

In Loving Memory of  
Concetta Romano by Jo-Ann Formica  
Jo Picone by Mary Joan Picone

## 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

## The Monastery Gallery of Art: Current Exhibit

"Ukrainian Art: Multimedia Across Generations"

Through January 6, 2024

Featuring the work of women living in Ukraine and in the United States in an exhibit entitled 'Ukrainian Art: Multimedia Across Generations', it is a combination of contemporary paintings, traditional textiles of linen and fine embroidery. Beaded jewelry and whimsical crocheted dolls and animals as well as Baba Yaga folk dolls.

The Monastery Gallery of Art is located on the campus of Holy Family Retreat Center, 303 Tunxis Rd, West Hartford, CT. For more information please go to <https://www.monasterygallery.art/>.



## Weekly Offerings

November 13 to 19, 2023

Online: \$10,064.23

Weekly Offering: \$6,500.00

**Total for Operating Budget: \$16,564.23**

## CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT WORKING ON THE MARGINS

Our second collection this week will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. More than 37 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face in bringing permanent and positive change to their communities. Please go to <https://tinyurl.com/SP-SA-CCHD> to donate. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at [www.uscb.org/cchd](http://www.uscb.org/cchd)

## From the Sister Parish Committee

We have heard from many of you that you would be contacting CT's two senators and the member of the House of Representatives who represents you to advocate for actions by the US government to alleviate the terrible conditions which the Haitian people are enduring. We are gratified that many of you are instruments of the hope that Christmas exemplifies. So that we can have some specific information regarding your efforts, we're asking those of you how have contacted the members of Congress to tell us whom you have contacted and whether you have received any response by going to <https://tinyurl.com/Sister-Parish-Info>

Please be assured that your name and email address will NOT be shared publicly.



FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE 2019...

# *The Pancake Breakfast* IS BACK!

**SUNDAY  
DECEMBER 3  
9 - 11:30 AM**

Admission fee:  
\$5 / person (\$20 cap for families) OR  
Adult gloves or Winter Socks

Stop by the Advent Wreath Workshop  
from 9 am - 1 pm!

Sponsored by our  
CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

## 15th Annual Turkey Drive:



Thank you all so much for your generous participation in the 15th Annual Turkey Drive! We collected 215 turkeys and a variety of other food items to use for Thanksgiving dinner for those in need.

## A Message from our Parish Nurses

The Parish Nurses welcome you to join us on Community Sundays for a blood pressure check.

We also remind you to get your flu shot, covid booster and make sure you are up to date on any or all of your vaccines.

Any parishoners who are nurses and would like to help with blood pressures once a month, we would welcome you. Please contact Judee Martz at 860 798 4928.

## Ladies Guild

A heartfelt Thank You to all who participated in our Christmas Corner and Craft event. The Christmas Corner Drawing will be held at our Annual Christmas Party, on Sunday, December 10th, at 12 Noon in the Franciscan Center. Please join us. Please call the office to register to attend. The cost for this event is \$15.00 per person. NOTE: Tea Cup Auction tickets will be available there for your last-minute chances.

# *Advent Wreath Workshop*

**SUNDAY  
DECEMBER 3  
9 AM - 1 PM**

MAKE & TAKE YOUR  
FAMILY'S ADVENT  
WREATH!

Stop by the Pancake Breakfast  
from 9 - 11:30 am!

Sponsored by our  
7th and 8th GRADE PROGRAM

# *Church Street Singers*

Reading age youth through High School Leaders  
Join us to sing for Christmas Eve Mass  
at 5:30 pm (arrive at 5:00 pm)

REHEARSALS ARE SATURDAYS AT 9:00 AM  
DECEMBER 9, 16 AND 23

Sign up by scanning the code or go to  
<https://spsact.org/css-christmas-2023>



# Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry

## *Mass Intentions for the Week*

### Habitat Build: December 9, 2023

Join others from our SPSA and Franciscan Center Community on Saturday, December 9 from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM. We will be working on a house in Hartford. Specific skills not required, but enthusiasm and a willing to learn are welcome!! If interested in signing up or for more info, contact Sue O'Donnell by going to <https://spsact.org/contact-form-for-habitat-for-humanity/> and filling out the contact form.

### St. Francis Builds: Upcoming Mission Trips

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.

#### Oaxaca, Mexico this Advent from December 9 to the 16:

If you are over 18 years (or under 18 and accompanied by a parent) and interested in this trip, please [click here](#) to contact both Terry Sabonis at: [ts428@georgetown.edu](mailto:ts428@georgetown.edu) and Beth Hood at [bhood134@gmail.com](mailto: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>.

#### Puerto Rico January 21-28, 2024:

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! Please email Sue O'Donnell at [sodonnell38@gmail.com](mailto:sodonnell38@gmail.com) for more information.

To view the video from another trip to Puerto Rico <https://tinyurl.com/SFB-PR-Trip-2022>

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

#### Saturday, November 18, 2023

4:00 PM Survivors of Suicide

#### Sunday, November 19, 2023

8:00 AM William Grothaus

10:00 AM August West Linder, 20th Anniversary

11:45 AM Judith Cardoni

5:00 PM Robert Janulevicz

#### Monday, November 20, 2023

7:30 AM Francisco Obregon

12:05 PM James Corless

#### Tuesday, November 21, 2023

7:30 AM For our parishioners

12:05 PM Gary Patrick Medure

#### Wednesday, November 22, 2023

7:30 AM Florence Chelstowski

12:05 PM Peter & Mary Miano

#### Thursday, November 23, 2023

10:00 AM Mary, Joseph, John & Rose Stefano

#### Friday, November 24, 2023

9:00 AM Madeline Capodanno

#### Saturday, November 25, 2023

4:00 PM Argentina Collado & Pascual Gutierrez

#### Sunday, November 26, 2023

8:00 AM William, Angie & Joann Speziale

10:00 AM Josephine Tanasi

11:45 AM Anna Ellis

5:00 PM Mary Ann Citino

### 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, Bobby Lombardo, John Gannon, Rosemarie Perkoski, Susan Degennaro 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](http://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.

**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 Community Engagement; [aholstgrubbe@spsact.org](mailto:aholstgrubbe@spsact.org); 860-756-4034, EXT. 110.*

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