



St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church • 285 Church Street • Hartford, Connecticut
November 26, 2023 • Solemnity of Christ the King

**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!

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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 27: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Lk 21:1-4
- Tuesday, Nov 28: Dn 2:31-45; Lk 21:5-11
- Wednesday, Nov 29: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28;
Lk 21:12-19
- Thursday, Nov 30: Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22
- Friday, Dec 1: Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22
- Sunday, Dec 3: IS 63:16B-17, 19B; 64:2-7;
PS 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 COR 1:3-9;
MK 13:33-37

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

**COMMUNICATIONS
MINISTRY**



Have 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!

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

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.

The Pastor's Corner

November 26, 2023

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

I hope you had a great Thanksgiving Day! I'm sure that there are many people in Hartford who are thankful for the meals provided by the House of Bread as well as our own Sandwich Ministry, which provides a gift bag of delicious food and treats for those who come to our door. Thanks to everyone who donated a turkey or other meal items, those who helped collect and transport the items, and those who prepared the food for everyone to eat. Well done, good and faithful servants!

Ever since the surprise invasion of Hamas from Gaza into Israel on October 7th, all of us have experienced a mix of emotions: anger, sorrow, anxiety, fear, hopelessness, etc. We have been praying for an end to the conflict, but it just seems to get worse with each passing day. Parishioners have inquired as to whether we might be able to come together not only in prayer for the people of the Middle East, but also for Ukraine, Haiti and other parts of the world torn by strife and conflict.



I took all of your requests and suggestions seriously, and I truly wanted to create an opportunity for all of us to gather as a community to pray and reflect. Finding an appropriate time to do so, with a full schedule of programs already in place, was difficult. However, it was decided to reserve Thursday evening, **December 7th at 7:15 PM**, for an **Advent Evening of Prayer for Peace**, two months from the start of the Palestinian-Israeli conflict.

We are inviting members of the Jewish and Muslim communities to join us to offer readings and prayers. Three of the world's major religions – the monotheist traditions of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam – were all born in the Middle East and are all inextricably linked to one another. Christianity was born from within the Jewish tradition, and Islam developed from both Christianity and Judaism.



I hope you will be able to join us for this moment during a time in which we Christians are especially attuned to the prophetic promises of peace and justice that embody the spirit of the Advent season.

On Wednesday of the coming week, November 29th, I will be meeting with our Coadjutor Archbishop, Christopher Coyne, for a private one-on-one conversation. Archbishop Coyne has asked to meet with each of the pastors in the Archdiocese in order to get to know us better personally, but also to learn more about the parishes that make up our local church.

I am looking forward to this meeting because it will offer me an opportunity to help Archbishop Coyne to know more about the many wonderful aspects that make up this unique parish: its colorful history, as well as the many ways in which we serve the people of Hartford and the surrounding areas. I will be sure to greet him in the name of all of you and to assure him of our prayers and support as he prepares to assume the office of Archbishop next year.

As I mentioned in last week's letter, we have some interesting programs lined up for the season of Advent. We will begin on Sunday, December 3rd, the First Sunday of Advent, with our annual Advent Wreath workshop and Pancake Breakfast. On Tuesday, December 5th, I will present an *Advent Daytime Retreat: The Art of the Jesse Tree*, following the 12:05 Mass. On the remaining Tuesdays in Advent (December 12 and 19), we invite you to participate in "Incarnational Inspiration" with Pat Curtis and LouAnn Warren after the 12:05 Mass, using the stained glass windows in our church. You can find more information about these programs in this bulletin.

Continue sending your photos for our Christmas Tree. Email a digital file to tshreenan@gmail.com, or you can bring a photo to the parish office which we will scan.

Blessings on your week ahead!

Fr. Tim Shreenan, O.F.M.
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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

Parishioner Michael Leahy (YT200) is offering a FREE one-hour yoga class in the Franciscan Center on the following dates:
 Saturdays December 9, 16, 23 at 9AM.



All ability levels are welcome; please bring your own mat.
 Email aholstgrubbe@spsact.org to register.

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 CONTINUATION PROGRAM

Christmas Flower Memorials

The beautiful poinsettias and greenery that adorn our altar and sanctuary are a special part of our celebration of Advent and Christmas at St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church. We invite all to share in the experience through a Christmas Flower Memorial. The names of your loved ones will be published in the Christmas Weekend Bulletin which will be available on line and in the Church. The deadline for memorial submissions to be included in the Christmas bulletin is December 13, 2023.

There are three ways to submit a Christmas Flower Memorial: Utilize the Christmas Flowers Envelope you received with your bi-monthly envelopes; Use the form below, drop in the offering basket or mail to the church office or Click/Scan the QR Code to submit your memorial and offering online.



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

Christmas Flower Memorials

Please remember:

at Masses throughout the Advent and Christmas Season

Requested by: _____

Offering \$ _____ Enclosed



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.

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 on Zoom.
Please check Monday's email for the Zoom Link.

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 27, in-person, 12:40 to 1:40 PM
Tuesday, November 28, on Zoom, 12:30 to 1:30 PM

In Quiet Prayer:

Wednesday, November 29, 7:30-8:00 AM on Zoom

Taproot

Wednesday, November 29, 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.

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 stain 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



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>

Retirement Fund for Religious

Please give to those who have given a lifetime.



Our Second Collection on December 9/10, 2023 is for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

Elderly religious need your help. Nearly 25,000 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have devoted their lives to prayer and ministry—educating the young, tending the sick, aiding the needy, and more. Yet years of serving for little or no pay have left a profound shortage in retirement savings. Your support of the Retirement Fund for Religious helps furnish care, medicine, and other necessities. For more information please go to <https://retiredreligious.org/>.

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 willingness 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.

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 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.



LAST DAY DECEMBER 10!

FULFILL CHRISTMAS WISHES FOR LOCAL PEOPLE IN NEED

Local Giving Tree

Gift deadline is Sunday, December 10

VISIT THE VIRTUAL GIVING TREE



FULFILL A CHRISTMAS WISH

HELP OTHERS THIS SEASON

<https://spsagivingtree.org>

SHARE YOUR GIFTS WITH OTHERS

FULFILL A CHRISTMAS WISH

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

Monday, November 27, 2023

7:30 AM Joseph Perkoski, Sr

12:05 PM Robert McHenry Fields

Tuesday, November 28, 2023

7:30 AM James Howard, 1st Anniversary

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Wednesday, November 29, 2023

7:30 AM George Invelito

12:05 PM William McCauley

Thursday, November 30, 2023

7:30 AM Luis Gutierrez

12:05 PM Peter Mittica

Friday, December 1, 2023

7:30 AM Ida Invelito

12:05 PM Special Prayer Intentions for James Geraci

Saturday, December 2, 2023

4:00 PM Ronald Gina, Sr., 12th Anniversary

Sunday, December 3, 2023

8:00 AM Concetta Gianni

10:00 AM Tony Intino

11:45 AM Rose & Angelo Perrone

5:00 PM Manuel Almagro

Please Pray for the Sick

Paula Molitar, Joseph Shertick, Greg Reed, Kathryn Eagers, Tommie Henry, 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...

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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 Community Engagement; aholstgrubbe@spsact.org; 860-756-4034, EXT. 110.*

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