



They shall rest and they shall see,
they shall see and they shall love,
they shall love and they shall praise,
in the end that is no end.
— St. Augustine

St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church
285 Church Street
Hartford, Connecticut
November 5, 2023
Thirty-First 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

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

Daily Mass Readings

Monday, Nov 6: Rom 11:29-36; Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday, Nov 7: Rom 12:5-16b; Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday, Nov 8: Rom 13:8-10; Lk 14:25-33

Thursday, Nov 9: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9;
1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22

Friday, Nov 10: Rom 15:14-21; Lk 16:1-8

Sunday, Nov 12: Wis 6:12-16; Ps 63:2-8; 1 Thes 4:13-18
[13-14]; Mt 25:1-13

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

Parish Office Hours

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

Sunday: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Watch Online:



<https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-Facebook>



<https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-YouTube>



<https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-Streamspot>

Our Lady of The Angels Chapel



As Fr. Tim mentioned in his letter on October 29th, the painting of Our Lady has returned. She has been lovingly repaired and is back in her rightful place watching over our chapel.

The chapel is open before and after the Weekend Masses for quiet prayer and reflection.

Please stop by and see Our Lady.

The Pastor's Corner

November 5, 2023

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

A front-page article in the October 30 issue of the Hartford Courant featured an extensive interview with Coadjutor Archbishop Christopher Coyne and what he plans to be his primary focus when he succeeds Archbishop Blair next April.

"My main thrust is going to be just to be a missionary," he told his interviewer. Archbishop Coyne feels that, with many Catholics having fallen away from the Church, he hopes to open the door of welcome to those who have stopped coming – for various reasons.

Part of it, he admits, was the sexual abuse scandal, of which he was the spokesperson in the Archdiocese of Boston under the late Cardinal Law. But the pandemic also took its toll, as we all know. Church teachings and policies have also had a negative impact on many Catholics.

As the article said: "Coyne believes the answer is to be welcoming, to meet people where they are. That's the secret to the mega-churches' success, he believes.

'To try and encourage people to join and be part of a beautiful community like we have is difficult, especially because they feel like they have to pass a test before they can become part of the church too,' Coyne said. 'I simple say, let's just start with where a person is now when they walk through the door.'

That includes LGBTQ people, Coyne said. 'When I left the cathedral parish in Burlington to come here, there were a large number of gay and lesbian men and women, families that were there, folks who felt welcomed, encouraged... You're not perfect, like I'm not perfect... but we walk together, we encourage each other, we find our way.'

I found the Archbishop's words to be very supportive and positive towards a community that has struggled to find acceptance in the Church, but has flourished here at St. Patrick-St. Anthony, thanks to the welcoming atmosphere that was established here over thirty years ago. In addition, ministries such as Open Hearts and Friends and Family have helped many people to find a home here.



I am particularly grateful to Rich Broggini for the presentations he has been making to the parents of children in our religious education program, as well as to the parish in general as he did on Tuesday evening, October 24th. As a middle school teacher, as well as the father of an adult son who is gay, Rich has a wealth of knowledge of the issues involved in being Catholic and gay. He is a wonderful role model of a parent who has had to find answers to difficult questions, and is more than willing to share his experience with those who want to know more. So, I thank him and Tim Curran who serve as the coordinators of our Friends and Family ministry.

In a few weeks, at the 5:00 PM Mass on Sunday, November 19th, we will observe the International Transgender Day of Remembrance for transgender persons who have died as victims of transphobic violence during the past year. This annual event, sponsored by our Open Hearts LGBTQ+ Ministry, is our way of showing our support as a community that welcomes everyone.

Fr. Tim Shreenan, O.F.M.

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Pastor

P.S. Again, I invite you to send me your photo for our Parish Christmas Tree. I have received over 30 photos so far, and I hope to receive many more! Email your hi-res digital file to tshreenan@gmail.com and please include the names of the individuals in the photo. If you prefer, just send a photo and we will scan it.



Win Two Tickets to See Andrea Bocelli in Concert!

A raffle drawing will be held on Sunday, November 12, for two tickets to the Andrea Bocelli concert in the XL Center on Saturday, December 9, at 7:30 PM. The prize also includes dinner for two at Salute on Trumbull Street and free parking.

Raffle tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased after weekend Masses, in the parish office, or on our website, spsact.org.

The Heat is On!!!

Hartford Steam has switched on the heat for us. Things should be nice and toasty in the church for Mass.



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 6, in-person, 12:40 to 1:40 PM

Tuesday, November 7, on Zoom, 12:30 to 1:30 PM

In Quiet Prayer:

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

Taproot

Wednesday, November 8, 11:00 a.m.-12:00 PM on Zoom

Praying with Sacred Scripture

Next Meeting: November 15, 7:00-8:00 PM in-person.

Drumming Circle:

**Mondays, 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



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.

Along with the Advent wreath and Advent calendar, the Jesse Tree is a popular tradition of the season in which we prepare for the birth of Jesus. Dating back to the Middle Ages, the Jesse Tree is a representation of the ancestors of Jesus, taking its name from the prophecy of Isaiah (11:1): "A shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom." 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.



Royal Psalms: The "Anointed One"

**Thursdays on Zoom, November 9, 16, 30 and December 7, 14
10:30-11:30 AM**

"You are my child, today I have become your Father" (Ps 2, verse 2b). While the Christian expectation of the Messiah is fulfilled in Jesus, the reference to the Messiah in the psalms is attached to the "anointed one" of the Davidic line of kings. While YHWH is king of all creation and reigns with divine power from heaven, his "anointed one" rules on earth under YHWH's protection and instruction. In this series, we will discuss the figure of the "anointed one" as he appears in the psalms.

Please register and receive the Zoom link by going to <https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-Royal-Psalms>

Presenter: Fr. Francis Soucy, OFM

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Join this wonderful and prayerful ministry.

Our next meetings:

Monday, November 13 from 7:00 to 8:00 PM

Thursday November 30 from 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM

Please check Monday's email for the Zoom Link.



Clare Gallery's new exhibit!

Clare Gallery's final 20th Anniversary exhibition, **Color and Identity: A Visual Conversation**, reveals national artist Stanwyck Cromwell's ongoing artistic journey. Cromwell is originally from Guyana. His artwork is a visual representation of the nostalgic memories of his Guyanese home, Caribbean influences of the West



Indies (including its spirituality), as well as his experiences living in New England - specifically Hartford, CT. He has a love and respect for the West End community in Hartford and teaching at The Artists Collective and Capital Community College. He immigrated as a young man and states, "I grew up in a time when you worked

hard and your word was your bond." He associated with people from all walks of life. Those unique and varied conversations have made their way into his work. The artworks are rich hybrid abstract expressions of his Guyanese home blended with his American experiences. Cromwell states: "Even though I left home, I never left home."

A panel discussion: Sunday, November 19, 1-2 PM.

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.

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 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.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, November 4, 2023

4:00 PM Tom Theurkauf, Sr, 20th Anniversary

Sunday, November 5, 2023

8:00 AM Thomas Dahlgren, 1st Anniversary

10:00 AM Monaco & Masciulli Families

11:45 AM Deceased members of the St. Valentine Society

5:00 PM Joan L. Humphrey

Monday, November 6, 2023

7:30 AM Intentions for the people of St. Genevieve Parish

12:05 PM Joseph Kelliher

Tuesday, November 7, 2023

7:30 AM Anthony Pizzoferato

12:05 PM Anthony Pizzoferato

Wednesday, November 8, 2023

7:30 AM Jacquelyn Lilly

12:05 PM Prayer intentions for James Boyd Price

Thursday, November 9, 2023

7:30 AM Elaine D'Amico

12:05 PM Orville Russell

Friday, November 10, 2023

7:30 AM For our Parishioners

12:05 PM Joseph A. A. Terek

Saturday, November 11, 2023

4:00 PM Claudette Smith

Sunday, November 12, 2023

8:00 AM Daniel Laffin, III, 2nd Anniversary

10:00 AM William Curtis

11:45 AM Prayer intentions for Christians of the Middle East

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, Bobby Lombardo, John Gannon, Susan Degennaro, Michael Boone and Deborah Godin.





PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE FOR JUSTICE

Most merciful mother, you came to tell us of your compassion through St. Juan Diego, whom you called the littlest and dearest of your sons. Give your strength and protection to all who live in poverty today, especially the young, elderly, and vulnerable. Plead for them to the Father, that they might experience the Divine Love tangibly in their daily lives, and that all who work for justice on behalf of the poor might grow in fortitude and humility. In these ways, manifest your charity and concern in our lives, that the weeping of humanity may be heard, and all our suffering, pain, and misfortune may be filled with divine comfort and healing. May we always know the peace of being in the cradle of your arms, and bring us safely home to your Son, Jesus. Amen.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

www.povertyusa.org

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The Annual Ladies Guild Bake & Craft Sale And Teacup Christmas Corner



The Ladies Guild is sponsoring their Annual Bake & Craft Sale and Tea Cup Christmas Corner after all Masses on Saturday, November 11 and Sunday, November 12.

Your support will assist the Guild in its many ministries, in particular, our scholarship fund. Bring home a delicious cake or pie, bread or cookies. . . and for those “crafty” members of the parish, please share your talent with us. Don’t forget to take a chance on the Christmas Corner, once again, offering many exciting prizes.

Prize drawing will be held at the Ladies Guild December 10th Christmas Party.

Come enjoy coffee at Community Sunday and this exciting Ladies Guild Event.

Anointing Mass and Luncheon

Saturday, November 18, 2023 at 11:00 AM

Parishioners wishing to receive the Sacrament of the Sick are invited to an Anointing Mass in the church on Saturday, November 18, 2023 at 11:00 AM. Parishioners as well as their family members and caregivers are invited.



There will be a luncheon held after the Mass in the Franciscan Center. If you plan to attend the luncheon, please RSVP by scanning or clicking on the QR Code below which will take you to <https://spsact.org/lunch-rsvp-november-2023/>, and filling out the form. You can also call our parish office at (860) 756-4034 to let us know how many will be accompanying you and any dietary restriction or allergies. (Please RSVP by Monday, November 13, 2023 so that we can be sure we to have enough meals for everyone.)

We encourage anyone coping with chronic illness or disease (heart, cancer, respiratory ailments, diabetes, etc.); those with the disease of alcoholism or other addictions; those suffering from any mental health issues; anyone facing surgery; those experiencing aging with its limitations, fears and isolation; or any others who are seriously ill to join us together with family members and caregivers that day.



Order of Christian Initiation 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. (wbeaudin@gmail.com or 860-756-4034).

A Message from the Sister Parish:

Every weekend, we have the opportunity to celebrate Mass in our church without fearing for our safety. Our sister and brother parishioners in St. Genevieve Parish in Haiti don't have that opportunity because gathering in church puts them in too great a danger of being injured, kidnapped or killed by the gangs who are terrorizing that country.

Every school day in CT, we send our children and grandchildren to school where we are comfortable that they are safe. Most of our brother and sister parishioners don't send their young ones to school because it would put them in too great a danger of being kidnapped and held for ransom by the gangs.

If we need to speak with one of the friars who provide us wonderful service, we know where we can find them. Our sister and brother parishioners do not know where their pastor is on any given day because he has to continually change his location to avoid being kidnapped by one of the gangs.

Every night, we retire to our beds where we sleep safely. Our brother and sister parishioners in Haiti sleep outside most nights because too often the gangs burn down houses at night with people in them.

At this point, there is no functioning government in Haiti to which our sisters and brothers can look to address the hellacious conditions in which they are forced to live.

Confronted with this reality and concluding that we could not go on only asking God to somehow intervene in the situation, the members of the Sister Parish Committee initiated an advocacy effort to persuade the US Government to:

- Sanction the wealthy Haitians who are funding the gangs.
- Stop the illegal shipment of guns from the US to the Haitian gangs.
- Support the deployment of an international peace keeping force to Haiti to provide the safety, security and peace that Haitians need to re-establish a functioning government.

We have engaged with representatives of parishes IN TEN STATES all of whom have the same type of relationships with Haitian parishes that we have. Everyone in this group is working as we are with our representatives in Congress for the actions listed above. All of us agree with what President John F. Kennedy said at the very end of his inaugural address. We ask of God His blessing and His help, but knowing that here on earth God's work must truly be our own.

Working with that spirit, we are making progress. We will share that progress in next week's bulletin and parish email. So, watch this space.



15 ANNUAL TURKEY DRIVE

Sunday, November 12, 2023: 7:30 am to 12:00 pm ONLY

The following items are needed:

**Frozen turkeys
(no fresh or live turkeys please)
Bags/boxes of stuffing mix
Canned vegetables (Large cans)**

**Please, NO TARDY
TURKEYS!
Thank you.**

**Items collected will benefit the
House of Bread**

**DUE TO LIMITED STORAGE, WE CANNOT ACCEPT ANY TURKEYS BEFORE OR AFTER
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2022. THE DRIVE ENDS AT 12 NOON.**



Volunteer Opportunities:

Weekend Volunteer Opportunities

Weekends at St. Patrick – St. Anthony don't simply "happen". Many volunteers work together to help us gather as a community during and outside of Mass. Please consider whether these volunteer opportunities might be a way for you to share your gifts with us!

- Sacristan at weekend Masses
- Livestream camera operator at 4:00PM or 10:00AM Masses
- Front desk greeter in the church office before and during 8:00AM Mass on Sundays.
- Front desk greeter in office from 11:00AM to 1:30PM.
- Livestream camera operator at 4:00PM or 10:00AM Masses

For more information, go to www.spsact.org/current-volunteer-opportunities/.



Weekly Offerings

October 23 to October 29, 2023

Online: \$8,120.23

Weekly Offering: \$7,191.00

Total for Operating Budget: \$15,611.23

Corpus Christi School Open House

Could a Catholic school education be the answer to your prayers?

Corpus Christi School of Wethersfield is delighted to be back to fully collaborative learning and school wide events. Students benefit from small class sizes and personalized attention. Come and experience the Corpus Christi School difference firsthand! We are hosting a special Election Day Open House on Tuesday, November 8th from 8:30 – 10:30 AM at Corpus Christi School, 581 Silas Deane Highway. Prospective students and their families are invited to attend while classes are in session. Tours will be available; teachers, students, and parents will be on hand to answer questions. The school encompasses PreK - 8 th grade. To register, please visit our website at <https://corpuschristischoolct.org/> or call 860-529-5487.

Offering Envelopes

Did you know...

we do not require offering envelopes if you make your donations via online giving.

If you would like to discontinue the envelopes, please contact the parish office at 860-756-4034 or info@spsact.org.



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

☐ New member

☐ Renewal

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

☐ Member @ \$10

☐ Junior Member @ \$5

☐ Life Member @ \$100

I can help with (check as many as you want)...

☐ Baking or Crafts

☐ Meetings

☐ Fundraisers

☐ Hem Baptismal Garments

Other: _____

Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry

Thank you so much to the St. Patrick-St. Anthony Faith Community for all your hard work and generosity in funding food purchases, baking, providing treats and loaves of bread, making sandwiches and preparing hot meals, and serving them. Together, as a community, we were able to provide 3,523 meals this October.



St. Anthony Bread for the Poor

We have been serving between 90 and 120 sandwiches per day Monday through Friday and 80 hot meals each week. Our need has increased. Please check out the volunteer opportunities below and go to <https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-Pasta-Bake> if you would like to volunteer.

A Pound of Pasta: We are looking for a pound of pasta for each of the following Tuesday in the form of pasta dinners. There are plenty of opportunities open for folks to drop off a pound of your favorite pasta dish - if you want to drop it off on the weekend before Mass we can pop it in the freezer.

Tuesday Meal Prep/Service: Help prep for the Tuesday meal process starts at 2:00 PM, serving starts at 4:00 PM let us know if you are interested in volunteering for either role!

We are looking to add to the baking teams to meet our increased needs. If you like to bake we have an opportunity for you.

St. Francis Bakers: Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday the sandwich servers distribute home baked goodies with the sandwiches. As mentioned above, we are serving 30 to 60 more people each day. So the need is there, if you would like to help us share the love through baking this is the Ministry for you. You are welcome to take on a particular delivery day and amount but random acts of baking are also greatly appreciated.

Habitat Build:

Join others from our SPSA and Franciscan Center Community on Saturdays, November 18 and 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

Are you looking for a way to help others... gain a sense of community and expand your spirituality? ... Consider a Build Trip!

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:

Join Fr. Mike and others, 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 [click here](#) to contact both Terry Sabonis at: ts428@georgetown.edu and Beth Hood at bhood134@gmail.com or text at 301-578-6150. Se habla español.

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:

Hurricane Maria occurred 6 years ago. Many families in Puerto Rico are still waiting for restoration from this storm. The island has been hit again with devastation from Hurricane Fiona. 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.

Check out this video from another trip to Puerto Rico to view the different activities – work and fun that await! <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.

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 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; 860-756-4034, EXT. 110.*

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