



St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church • 285 Church Street • Hartford, Connecticut  
January 14, 2024 • Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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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, Jan 15:	1 Sm 15:16-23; Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday, Jan 16:	1 Sm 16:1-13; Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday, Jan 17:	1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mk 3:1-6
Thursday, Jan 18:	1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Mk 3:7-12
Friday, Jan 19:	1 Sm 24:3-21; Mk 3:13-19
Sunday, Jan 21:	Jon 3:1-5, 10 Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

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

## News from the Parish Office

Did you know? The 2024 Calendar as lots of dates still available for your Mass Intentions? **The 2025 Calendar will be open for intentions on Friday, January 19, 2024.**

**How to request your intentions:** Call the office at 860-756-4034 or email [info@spsact.org](mailto:info@spsact.org) to request your intentions. Please provide a 2nd and 3rd choice when making your request.

**Note:** Kindly submit your suggested offering of \$10 per Mass shortly after making your reservation. This can be done via Online Giving, cash or check. You can place your donation in the Sunday basket in an envelope addressed to the church office or send via USPS to 285 Church St., Hartford, CT 06103. Checks are to be made payable to SPSA.

Please call the church office, 860-756-4034, if you have questions.

## News From the Business Office

We are grateful for all the gifts you have shared with us over the last year, and want to make sure you have all the appropriate tax documentation.

As such, you will need to ask for a Year End Giving Statement.

There are 3 ways to get one:

Call the church office at 860-756-4034;  
Print via Online Giving (ONLINE GIVING PARTICIPANTS ONLY);  
or Email your request to [info@spsact.org](mailto:info@spsact.org)

*Please be sure to indicate if you want it sent via USPS or email.*



We have set up an easy to understand webpage explaining all your options. Just scan/click on the QR Code and it will launch the webpage.



# The Pastor's Corner

January 14, 2024

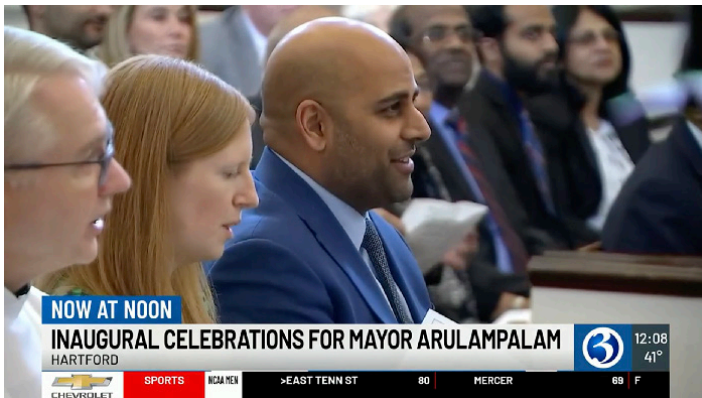
Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Last Sunday's snow storm was, if anything, inconvenient. Here in Hartford we were spared from the higher amounts dumped on areas north of us – 14 inches in Stockbridge, according to someone I know up there. The timing of the storm was what made it so inconvenient, forcing many folks to stay home and watch Mass via livestream. I celebrated the 8:00 AM Mass with just six people in the pews, plus two lectors and two musicians! The other Masses had a few more attendees, and our in-pew collection was not nearly as disastrous as I had expected. So, thank you to the brave souls who managed to get through the nasty weather to worship with us, and for your generous offerings.

Just a few days before Storm Aspen hit, I participated in an inter-faith prayer service at Center Church on Main Street for our newly inaugurated mayor, Arunan Arulampalam. Shortly before the service started, I had a brief conversation with Arunan and wished him well in his service to our city, and especially in view of the impending snow storm. As we all know, political fortunes are often made or destroyed due to snow removal and/or garbage collection!

The prayer service which followed included a large gathering of area clergy. Five members of the clergy, representing the Christian, Muslim and Jewish faiths, were asked to speak on the theme "We Believe in Hartford." For my reflection, I was asked to speak on the topic "We believe in Hartford to create a sense of community."

I began by recounting how the Covid pandemic greatly challenged cities and faith communities to stay connected despite "social



Mayor Arulampalam and his wife Liza, who is Pastor of Center Church in Hartford.



distancing" requirements. I incorporated portions of the 17th chapter of the Gospel of John, in which Jesus prays to his Father on behalf of his disciples. Twice in that prayer, Jesus refers to his disciples as his Father's gift to him.

We, therefore, should think of ourselves as gifts – not only to Jesus, but to one another – and how necessary we are to one another. The struggles for peace in our world and nation only reinforce the need for us to honor the dignity of every person, no matter what their faith, race, gender or sexual orientation might be.

In its noon newscast on Thursday, January 4th, television station WFSB Channel 3, aired a report about the prayer service which included part of my reflection, saying: "The more efforts we make to come together in grass roots ways, the more we will recognize and respect our common humanity, made in the image and likeness of God, and the community we create will be a powerful force for justice and peace in our city, in our nation, and in our world." I ended my reflection with the first part of the Peace Prayer of St.



Francis: "Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy.

May all of us know love, pardon, faith, hope, light and joy this year!

Blessings on your week ahead!

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

## A Message from our Parish Nurses

The Parish Nurses welcome you to join us this Sunday 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.

## A Novel Idea Book Club

Start the new year with a new book. Our January book selection is *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt.

Goodreads.com says, "Remarkably Bright Creatures, an exploration of friendship, reckoning, and hope, tracing a widow's unlikely connection with a giant Pacific octopus."

Consider joining the discussion on **January 18, 2024 at 7:00 PM via Zoom.**

For more information and a list of upcoming books, please [CLICK Here](#). Contact the office at 860-756-4034 or email [info@spsact.org](mailto:info@spsact.org) if you need the Zoom Link.

## Open Hearts Ministry

**Monthly Meeting:** Sunday, January 14, 2024 after the 5:00 PM Mass in the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry. All Are Welcome. Please join us.



**Friends and Family Ministry:** Our next meeting will take place on Sunday, January 21, 2024 at 3:30 PM in the Franciscan Center. Our group provides support and guidance to parents, friends and allies of our LGBTQ+ brothers and sisters. Please contact either Tim Curran ([timothy.curran@trincoll.edu](mailto:timothy.curran@trincoll.edu)) or Rich Broggini ([richardbroggini@gmail.com](mailto:richardbroggini@gmail.com)) for more information.

## People of Hope:

### "The Flowing Grace of Now"

**Every Wednesday, starting January 24, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

"To see requires a deeply contemplative spirit and an open heart. To see requires learning to live awake. When we begin to live awake, we will see teachers everywhere", writes retreat guide and author Sr. Macrina Wiederkehr. Using her book *The Flowing Grace of Now*, we will ponder one essay per week from this year-long companion text that will usher us into the presence of spiritual teachers at work in our lives—inviting us to listen to these teachers, deepen our faith, and learn from their wisdom.

Please join our facilitator, Pat Curtis, each Wednesday 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM, to gather with others for weekly inspiration using experiences from our daily lives. Our goal is to keep hope alive and steadfast even as difficult personal and world events press upon us.

**This "People of Hope" gathering is available to you every Wednesday morning ~ attend when your schedule allows to receive the gifts of spiritual nourishment and growth. Join us!**

Please go to <http://tinyurl.com/SPSA-AFF-Grace> to register and receive the Zoom link.

*Free Will Offering* can be made payable to "St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church" and mailed to 285 Church Street, Hartford, CT 06103, Attn. Pat Curtis

## Sanctuary Lamp

Week of January 14, 2024

In Loving Memory of  
Sr. Elaine Bane, O.S.F.  
requested by Sally Mazzarella  
and

Genowesa Bartkowicz  
requested by Andrea Sidur



## Centering Yoga

Parishioner Michael Leahy (YT200) is offering a FREE one-hour yoga class in the Franciscan Center, the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month through April at 9:00 AM. **The next session is January 27, 2024.**

All ability levels are welcome; please bring your own mat.  
Email [aholstgrubbe@spsact.org](mailto:aholstgrubbe@spsact.org) to register.

## Prayer Shawl Ministry:

**Thursday, January 25 starting at 10:30AM in-person.**

For more information about this fabulous ministry, please go to <http://tinyurl.com/SPSA-Shawl>.

## Psalms: A Never-ending Discovery

Thursdays, February 15, 22, 29 & March 7, 14, 21

10:30 - 11:30 AM.

One finishes the study of the psalms with a sense of inadequacy of not being enough. That is why the psalms continue to enrich and nurture long after a study has run its course. One is aware that the claims of the literature have not been exhausted.

Life experiences enhanced by faith mature richly when they are interpreted through Torah obedience which deepens a relationship with God. Through a rich and steady reflection of the psalms, our appreciation and love for God grow blossoms.

Please go to <http://tinyurl.com/SPSA-Psalm-ND> and the Zoom link will be sent to you.

*Presenter: Fr. Francis Soucy, OFM*

*Free Will Offering*

Checks can be made payable to St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church and mailed to 285 Church Street, Hartford, CT 06103, Attn. Pat Curtis, Or you may go to <http://tinyurl.com/SPSA-AFF-Pay> to give offering conveniently ONLINE and note the program name in the Memo.

## Ignatian Contemplation: Experiencing God Through Our Imagination in Prayer

Thursday, February 22, 2024

from 6:30 to 7:30 PM in the Franciscan Center.

Plan to attend to learn:

*Imaginative Prayer in the Catholic Tradition*

*What is the Ignatian practice of Imaginative Prayer (aka Ignatian Contemplation)*

*How to enter into Gospel scenes through Imaginative Prayer (through guided meditation); and*

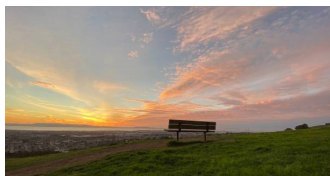
*How to continue the practice of Ignatian Contemplation.*

Please go to <http://tinyurl.com/SPSA-Ignatian> to let us know you plan to attend. If there is inclement weather, the gathering will switch over to a Zoom meeting. Be sure to register so that you receive notification and the link.

*Presenter: Brenda McLaughlin*

*Suggested Offering: \$10.00*

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## 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: January 15, 2024, in-person at 12:40 PM

Tuesday: January 16, 2024, on Zoom at 12:30 PM

**In Quiet Prayer:** Wednesday, January 17, 7:30-8:00 AM on Zoom

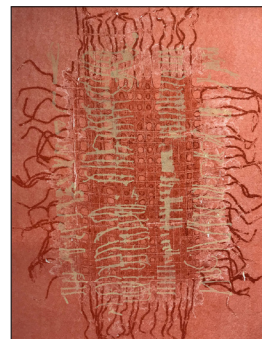
**Praying with Sacred Scripture:** January 17, 7:00 to 8:00 PM

**Drumming:** February 5, in the church at 6:30 PM.

## Clare Gallery's new exhibit: Leave No Trace

January 11–March 15, 2024

Clare Gallery's first 2024 exhibition is *Leave No Trace* by Sariah Park. Park is an interdisciplinary artist of European and Indigenous descent, and is an enrolled member of the Chiricahua Apache Nation. Issues of identity, culture, and the act of making in relation to the future of our climate are examined in her work. During her process, she asks important questions, such as:



*Inner Shaman  
by Sariah Park*

*How does our identity inform what and how we make?*

*How, what, and why do we consume?*

*What are the effects of overconsumption on the environment?*

*Is there beauty and transformation through pain, decay and loss?*

This exhibition features work that repurposes textile stock, up-cycling, and new forms of printing with textile waste. Park states, "This work shows the transformation of material made immaterial, craft as a form of ceremony, and the transfer of energy and spirit into a living process, striving to become in balance with the natural world."

**The Gallery is hosting a virtual artist talk on Thursday, January 25, from 7:00 to 8:00 PM. A closing reception will be held on Thursday, March 14, from 6:00 to 7:30 PM, during which the public will be invited to view the work and join the artist.**

Please goto <http://tinyurl.com/SPSACG-No-Trace> to register and receive the Zoom Link for the January 25th virtual artist talk.



## Thank You for Your Generosity

### Offering

**December 26 - 31, 2023**

Weekly Collection: \$9,280.00

Online Giving: \$9,828.23

**Total: \$ 19,108.23**

**Additional Christmas Donations: 6,210.00**

**January 1 - 7, 2024**

Weekly Collection: \$7,668.00

Online Giving: \$9,562.23

**Total: \$ 17,230.23**

## Mass Intentions for the Week

**Saturday, January 13, 2024**

4:00 PM Olidy S. de Orozco

**Sunday, January 14, 2024**

8:00 AM Margaret Leonard, 6th Anniversary

10:00 AM Anthony Suranna

11:45 AM William Ellis

5:00 PM William, Angie & Joanne Speziale

**Monday, January 15, 2024**

7:30 AM Prayer Intentions for the parishioners of St. Genevieve

12:05 PM Conrad Moore

**Tuesday, January 16, 2024**

7:30 AM Prayer Intentions for our parishioners

12:05 PM Robert F. Midura, 25th Anniversary

**Wednesday, January 17, 2024**

7:30 AM Sr. Elaine Bane, O.S.F.

12:05 PM Anna Cabral

**Thursday, January 18, 2024**

7:30 AM

12:05 PM Denis Geary

**Friday, January 19, 2024**

7:30 AM Elaine D'Amico

12:05 PM Lucy Tarascio

**Saturday, January 20, 2024**

4:00 PM Eric Hennessey Hussey, 25th Anniversary

**Sunday, January 21, 2024**

8:00 AM Fred D'Amico

10:00 AM Richard Crockett

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

5:00 PM Maria Emilia Rodriguez

## 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 more than 2,850 meals in December.**



## No Freeze Shelter Meals

The shelter will once again be located on Washington Street in Hartford and serve approximately 60 individuals with warmth, a cot, a warm meal and perhaps moments of peace. The shelter stays open from 7pm to 7am, with the clients leaving each morning. Each Sunday, through March 31st, our parishioners come together to prepare a Sunday dinner for the Shelter. When we think of Sunday dinner, we think of family and this is a way that we here at St. Patrick St Anthony Church share our gift of family, our gift of love, each week. We are still looking for help each week whether it is help cooking, cleaning, delivering or providing supplies.

Please go to <https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-No-Freeze> for more information.

## Please Pray for the Sick

Paula Molitar, Joseph Shertick, Greg Reed, Kathryn Eagers, Tommie Henry, Syl Ciraulo, Mary Ertel, Mary Joyce Castafero, 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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St. Patrick - St. Anthony and  
The Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry

## Sister Parish Committee Update:

Following is the text of the Op Ed which appeared in The Hartford Courant on Sunday, January 7, 2024:

*For over twenty years St. Patrick St. Anthony Catholic Church in Hartford, CT has had a covenant relationship with the people of St. Genevieve Parish in Zorange Haiti, people who like all Haitians are presently being terrorized by the gangs that are now controlling the country. As one aspect of that covenant, We have supported the parish school mainly with supplying the funds for the teachers' salaries and student lunches.*

*Within the last year, we have become very concerned about the deteriorating conditions in which our brothers and sister in Haiti have been forced to live. The gangs that are terrorizing all Haitians have made it impossible for the members of the St. Genevieve community to worship in the church, send their children to school and even to sleep at night in their own homes because gangs make it a practice to burn houses at night even when there are people sleeping in them. A child was recently killed in one of the attacks.*

*So, we decided to do something about the situation. Our efforts have been joined by representatives of other Catholic parishes in a number of states who have similar relationships with parishes and other agencies in Haiti. Our concerted efforts include the call for action in three areas:*

- *Sanction the people who are funding the gangs. – The US House of Representatives has passed unanimously and by voice vote authorization for the US government to sanction these people. The authorization has received unanimous approval by voice vote from the relevant Senate committee and now awaits action by the full Senate. Approval is expected from the Senate and President Biden is expected to sign the authorization. Then, we will monitor the situation so that the sanctions are actually imposed.*
- *Deploy an international peace keeping force in Haiti – The United Nations Security Council has authorized an international peace keeping force for Haiti. Kenya has agreed to lead the force and a number of other nations have agreed to contribute troops to it. The US will not contribute troops but has agreed to cover the force's costs and provide logistical support for it. It's expected that the force will be deployed in January, 2024.*
- *End the illegal shipment of guns and ammunition from the US to the Haitian gangs. – Americans in 31 states are buying armaments legally and then selling them illegally to smugglers who are in turn selling them to the Haitian gangs. We are asking the US government to enforce the law and stop the selling of armaments to the smugglers.*

*It is important for our Connecticut federal legislators to continue to hear of their constituents' support for stopping the illegal gun sales and for sanctioning the Haitian gangs' sponsors. The more people who contact the legislators with their concerns, the greater the probability that peace, stability and security can be re-established for the people of Haiti.*

*Anita Ellis, Pat Spring, & Joe Cirsuolo – Members of the Sister Parish Committee at St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church, Hartford*

Please go to <http://tinyurl.com/Sister-Parish-Info>, if you would like to find out more about this effort.



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The Catholic High School Collection occurring in all parishes of the Archdiocese the weekend of Jan 20/21, supports the outstanding education offered at our Catholic secondary schools by providing funds for tuition assistance, technology enhancements, curricular improvements, and marketing. All of which are so critical during this ongoing pandemic. Please consider investing in the exceptional academics, solid faith formation, and spirit of service at our high schools by making a gift to this year's Catholic High School Collection on January 20/21, 2024. Please go to <http://tinyurl.com/SPSA-CHC> if you would like to contribute online.

## The Feast of Saint Genevieve

January marks the annual Feast of St. Genevieve, the patron saint of our Sister Parish in Haiti. Please join us as we sing, pray, and celebrate in communion with our Sister Parish at the 10:00 AM Mass on January 28, 2024.

## Save the Date!!!

**SPSA Community Day at the Dunkin' Park!**

**Sunday, June 16, 1:10 PM.**

Let's visualize a warm June afternoon, sitting in the stands, drinking a cold beverage, eating a hot dog and cheering on our beloved Yard Goats against a flock of bobbing rubber duckies. Come support the Yard Goats as they play the Cleveland Guardians' AA-Affiliate, the Akron RubberDucks.

**Tickets go on sale after all Masses on April 6-7 in the Franciscan Center Lobby.**





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