



St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church • 285 Church Street • Hartford, Connecticut
January 21, 2024 • Third 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!

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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, Jan 22: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday, Jan 23: 2 Sm 6:12b-15; Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday, Jan 24: 2 Sm 7:4-17; Mk 4:1-20

Thursday, Jan 25: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22;
Mk 16:15-18

Friday, Jan 26: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Mk 4:26-34

Sunday, Jan 28: Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 1;
Cor 7:32-35 Mk 1:21-28

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

News from the Parish Office

Did you know? The 2024 Calendar has lots of dates still available for your Mass Intentions? **The 2025 Calendar is now open for intentions.**

How to request your intentions: Call the office at 860-756-4034 or email 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 (for those exclusively using Online Giving); or Email your request to 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 21, 2024

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

It has been said that anything which happens two years in a row becomes a tradition. If that is the case, then three or four years in a row is like being cast in stone! The annual observance of the Sunday of the Word of God, which is celebrated this weekend, is something which I have come to eagerly anticipate because it is an opportunity for me to display various types of Bibles in front of the ambo. In the past few years I have displayed a medieval Bible moralisée, the modern St. John's Bible, and the Renaissance era Bible of Borso d'Este. They are magnificent examples of the beauty of God's Word.

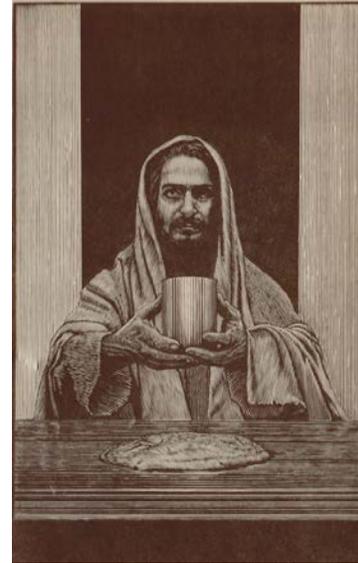
For this year's observance I have chosen a Bible which is significant for its unusual images – the Pennyroyal Caxton Bible designed and illustrated by Barry Moser, an American visual artist and educator, known as a printmaker specializing in wood engravings, and an illustrator of numerous works of literature.



Born in 1940, Moser published this edition of the Bible in 1999. It is a reading version of the King James Bible, with no verse numbers. Moser produced over 200 illustrations for the Bible, two of which are pictured here. The cover of today's bulletin is his illustration of Jonah (the subject of today's first reading) who was sent by God as a prophet to the ancient city of Nineveh, the capital of the Assyrian empire, in what is today northern Iraq. The illustration humorously shows Jonah submerged in water after being spewed out of the belly of a large fish, usually depicted as a whale.

At St. Patrick-St. Anthony there is a wealth of opportunities to study and reflect on the Word of God through the programs and classes offered by our Adult Faith Formation ministry. As the foundation of our Christian faith, the Bible is God's divine revelation to us told in words. We hear those words proclaimed to us throughout the course of the liturgical year. Even though we hear those words

again and again, if we are open in mind and heart, they offer us something new each time we hear them.



As I mentioned back in 2021, the yearly observance of the Sunday of the Word of God is meant to help us "reawaken an awareness of the importance of Sacred Scripture for our lives as believers, beginning with its resonance in the liturgy which places us in living and permanent dialogue with God," according to a note from the Dicastery for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments. The note also said that

"through the proclaimed biblical readings in the liturgy, God speaks to his people and Christ himself proclaims his Gospel."

In today's Gospel, from the first chapter of Mark, we hear Jesus utter a simple sentence to the two fishermen, Peter and Andrew: "Come after me and I will make you fishers of men." A few moments later, he called two additional brothers, James and John, and they too dropped their fishing nets and followed after Jesus. How compelling he must have been, not just in his words, but by his very presence. We can only imagine what their father Zebedee and the other hired men must have been thinking as they watched the sets of brothers fall in line behind this mysterious stranger.

As we follow along behind Jesus, we know that he continues to walk alongside of us. We may not always know where he is leading us, but we trust that he will never leave us, so long as we have faith in him and continue to listen to him as he speaks to us.

Blessings on your week ahead!

Fr. Tim Shreenan, O.F.M.

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Pastor

Above left: "The Annunciation"; above right: "This is my Blood of the New Testament" by Barry Moser.

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 22, 2024, in-person at 12:40 PM

Tuesday: January 23, 2024, on Zoom at 12:30 PM

Our gatherings will reflect upon the Gospel for the upcoming Sunday to guide us on our path of discipleship. As companions on the journey, we listen and share how the Word speaks to our hearts through the Spirit. There is no advance preparation for the session required. Come as you are with an open heart. All are welcome! Please go to <http://tinyurl.com/SPSA-Group-Spirit> to register and receive the Zoom Link.

Co-facilitators: Elaine Wiatr and Mary Espinosa

In Quiet Prayer: Wednesday, January 24, 7:30-8:00 AM on Zoom

Praying with Sacred Scripture: February 7 & 21, 7:00 to 8:00 PM

Please consider joining us in-person for "lectio divina" (divine reading.) It is a prayerful reading of a bible passage in order to discern its message for each of us today. We have found that meeting in person gives the experience greater intimacy and impact. If you haven't tried it yet, please do! The process is simple and will be explained each time, and sharing is welcome, but optional.

Co-facilitators: Sheila Denion and John Lemega

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>.

Centering Yoga

Join parishioner Michael Leahy (YT200) for a one hour yoga class at 9:00 AM in the Franciscan Center, the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month through April.

The next session is January 27, 2024.

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

Email aholstgrubbe@spsact.org to register.

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

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.

“We Have Seen His Glory”:

An Introduction to John’s Gospel

Mondays of Lent; February 19, 26 and March 4, 11, 18 & 25
7:00-8:00 PM.

During Holy Week and throughout the Easter season, the Church for the most part puts aside the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, and focuses our attention on the Gospel according to St. John. He is our primary guide into the mystery of Christ’s saving death and resurrection during these most sacred days of the liturgical year. In this six-week course, we will do a close reading of John’s gospel, explore its theological perspective, survey its major themes, and study the literary and dramatic techniques that powerfully and effectively serve John’s purpose in writing his account: “so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name” [John 20:31]. Please go to <http://tinyurl.com/SPSA-Seen-Glory> to register and receive the Zoom meeting link.

Presenter: Fr. Bill Beaudin, OFM
Suggested Offering: \$50.00

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Happy New Year from The Ladies Guild

Happy New Year!!

Congratulations to all the winners of our Christmas Tea Cup Auction. We appreciate your support. The winners were selected at our Annual Christmas Luncheon in December. Keep an eye out for information on our Spring Basket Bazaar.

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.



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.

Sanctuary Lamp

Week of January 21, 2024

In Loving Memory of
Richard Crockett
requested by Connie Crockett



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:

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 go to <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

January 8 - 14, 2024
Weekly Collection: \$5,538.38
Online Giving: \$9,492.23
Total: \$15,030.61



Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry

In honor of Judy Ryiz

Natalie Campbell has honored the memory of her partner, Judy Ryiz again this year with her annual donation to the Sandwich Ministry. Judy was a champion of helping people on the margins. She worked to feed the homeless and those in need at various churches in the surrounding area for many years. She exemplified the mission of the Franciscan Center.

Thank you, Natalie, for your kind donation and continuing Judy's legacy.

No Freeze Shelter Meals

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.

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.

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

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, January 20, 2024

4:00 PM Erin Hennessey Hussey, 25th Anniversary and
Anne Hennessey

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

Monday, January 22, 2024

7:30 AM Prayer Intentions for the parishioners of St. Genevieve
12:05 PM Karen Murphy

Tuesday, January 23, 2024

7:30 AM Prayer Intentions for our parishioners
12:05 PM Madeline Capodanno

Wednesday, January 24, 2024

7:30 AM Manuel Da Costa Roxo & Mabilia da Costa,
Maria & Adriano da Costa (Roxo)
12:05 PM William McCauley

Thursday, January 25, 2024

7:30 AM Cecy Mickey
12:05 PM Tony P. Castagna

Friday, January 26, 2024

7:30 AM
12:05 PM Christopher Shea, In memory of his 55th Birthday

Saturday, January 27, 2024

4:00 PM Mary Mittica

Sunday, January 28, 2024

8:00 AM Barbara Dotson
10:00 AM Sylvia Digby
11:45 AM Antoinette Smith, 2nd Anniversary
5:00 PM Albert M. Penta, In memory of his 96th Birthday

Watch Online:



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



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



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

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

Sister Parish Committe 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 Cirusuolo – 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.



Annual Catholic High School Collection



The Catholic High School Collection occurring in all parishes of the Archdiocese this weekend, 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 weekend collection.

Please go to <http://tinyurl.com/SPSA-CHC> if you would like to contribute online.

The Feast of Saint Genevieve

Sunday, January 28, 2024 at the 10:00 AM Mass.

January marks the annual Feast of Ste. Geneviève, the patron saint of our Sister Parish in Haiti. Our Covenant with Ste. Geneviève Parish furthers our Christian mission by reaching out to other places in the world. This relationship deepens our understanding of what it means to live in a global Church and to foster justice, human dignity, and respect for people from different cultures.

On January 28th we will celebrate this almost 20 year mutual relationship with our Haitian sisters and brothers. Please join us as we sing, pray, and celebrate the Feast of Ste. Geneviève at the 10:00 AM Mass in communion with our sister parish in Haiti.



The New England Catholic Biblical School (NECBS) Open House

The New England Catholic Biblical School (NECBS) invites you to come visit an in-person or virtual class to see how studying all 73 books of the Bible can change your life!

Visit: www.NewEnglandCatholicBiblicalSchool.com or call 860-242-5573.

Sr. Elaine Bane, O.S.F.+

April 5, 1924 - December 10, 2023

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Sr. Elaine Bane, O.S.F.+

Sr. Elaine was part of the Pastoral Staff here at St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church from 1998 to 2001. Her ministries included pastoral care, spiritual direction and ministry to the bereaved.

She also met monthly with nurses from the parish to explore a "parish nurse concept", which turned into our Parish Nurse Ministry of today.

Sr. Elaine was a peace-filled, dynamic woman with a deep love of St. Francis and a sincere commitment to share that love with others. Her ministries in the St. Patrick-St. Anthony community were a source of compassion and much joy.

We remember Sr. Elaine with every fondness and are grateful for her long lasting contributions to our parish life.

May she rest in peace.



Ste. Geneviève(c. 422-512)

Ste. Geneviève is the patron saint of Paris. She assisted bishops and kings in France by her courage and willingness to help wherever she was needed. When Attila and his army of Huns came upon Paris, the Parisian Christians were prepared to run, but Geneviève spoke to them and convinced them to stay within their homes, fast and pray to the Lord.

She assured them they would have the protection of God. Her prediction came true as Attila suddenly changed his path and turned away from Paris.

Through the intercession of Ste. Geneviève, we pray for the people of Haiti, and especially for our brothers and sisters in the parish of Ste. Geneviève in Zorange, that they may be protected from the violence that has threatened their safety, and that peace and stability may come to their nation.

Artwork: Ste. Geneviève - 1821 by Louise Elisabeth Vigée Le Brun(1755-1842)



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