



St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church • 285 Church Street • Hartford, Connecticut
January 7, 2024 • Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

The Adoration of the Magi, 1470-1480; Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York City

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

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*Open Hearts
Open Minds
Open Doors*

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

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday Evening Mass of Anticipation

4:00 PM Livestream available

Sunday Masses

8:00 AM

10:00 AM Livestream available

11:45 AM

5:00 PM

Weekday Masses

7:30 AM

12:05 PM Livestream available

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Masks are required for everyone during Reconciliation

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 11:15 to 11:45 AM

Saturday 3:15 to 3:45 PM

Daily Mass Readings

Monday, Jan 8:	Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11
Tuesday, Jan 9:	1 Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday, Jan 10:	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday, Jan 11:	1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45
Friday, Jan 12:	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mk 2:1-12
Sunday, Jan 13:	1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

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 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;

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 web-page explaining all your options. Just scan/ click on the QR Code and it will launch the webpage.

The Pastor's Corner

January 7, 2024

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

I have a bit of a dilemma. A friend of mine gave me a set of home-made ornaments for the little Christmas tree I keep in my sitting room. You can see it through the left-most window on the second floor of the friary. The ornaments are a dozen cookies of the characters from the Peanuts comic strip, all with a Christmas theme, as you can see in these photos.



My dilemma is whether or not to eat them! God knows, I've eaten my share of all kinds of Christmas goodies this year – thanks to many of you who gave us all kinds of wonderful things to nibble on! My quandary is that I know these little pieces of art won't last forever, but I hate to have them end up in my stomach. Why does life have to be so complicated? Maybe Linus or Snoopy will help me decide. After all, they were the "wisdom figures" of the Peanuts gang.

Speaking of wisdom figures, today's celebration of the Epiphany of the Lord reminds us of the three wise men who traveled long distances just to see and adore the newborn king. They have been given various titles over the centuries: from magi, to kings, to astrologers, to wise men. The Gospel of Matthew refers to them as magi, who were priests in Zoroastrianism and the ancient religions of the western Iranians.

I prefer the term "wise men" because their gifts signify deep, spiritual references to the future life of the baby they had spent so

much time and effort searching out. Gold, frankincense and myrrh related to Jesus in very particular ways: gold for a king, incense for his divinity, and myrrh for his anointing at death.



But even more than the gifts and what they represent, the wise men were seekers; seekers of truth. And they found it in the One who called himself the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

Wise persons will always seek after the truth, especially in the midst of falsehoods and confusion. As Christians, we believe that Jesus Christ is the source of all truth, even when it is uncomfortable to hear or grasp. And this year will surely be a time when we must strive very hard to know the truth, and to make wise choices.

As we come to a rather abrupt close to the Christmas season (the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord comes even earlier this year, being on Monday, January 8), I wish to offer many heartfelt thanks to so many of you who made our celebration of the Nativity of the Lord so beautiful and memorable.

Our liturgical celebrations on December 24-25 were well attended and full of joy. Our liturgical dancers, Church Street Singers, and the musical forces at our Mass during the Night on Christmas Eve left me in awe. From Mozart's Sparrow Mass to Handel's Hallelujah Chorus, it was a night to remember!

Thank you to those who helped decorate the church, and I'm particularly grateful to everyone who sent in photos for our parish Christmas tree. I received many comments about what a wonderful opportunity it was for parishioners to be able to contribute to the festivity of the tree. I have a few ideas for the next couple of years, so please stay tuned. We might need to get a bigger tree!

In the meantime, life goes on, and before you know it, Ash Wednesday will be here – on Valentine's Day, February 14. That's only five and a half weeks away!

Blessings on your week (and year) ahead!

Fr. Tim Shreenan, O.F.M.

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Pastor

A Message from our Parish Nurses

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

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

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

January Snack Drop Off



*This Sunday, January 7, 2024
from 9:45 am to 12:00 pm*

Drop off individually wrapped snacks to be combined into "Snack Packs" and handed out daily with sandwiches.

January Community Sunday Dates



Donuts, Coffee, Juice & BP Check
January 14, 2024

After the 8:00 & 10:00 am Masses

Wine and Cheese
January 28, 2023

After the 5:00 pm 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: January 8, 2024, in-person at 12:40 PM

Tuesday: January 9, 2024, on Zoom at 12:40 PM

In Quiet Prayer: Wednesday, January 10, 7:30-8:00 AM on Zoom

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

Drumming: January 8, in the church at 6:30 PM.



Baptism Celebrations Sunday, January 7, 2024

Gabriel Gerard

and

Carter Patrick

children of Brian & Kathryn Jordan

by Fr. Michael Johnson, O.F.M.

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 9:00am:

January 13 and 27

February 10 and 24

March 9 and 23

April 13 and 27



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

Open Hearts Ministry

Monthly Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for January 14, 2024 after the 5:00 PM Mass in the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry. All Are Welcome. Please join us.



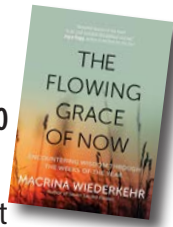
Friends and Family Ministry: Our next meeting will take place on Sunday, January 21, 2024 at 3:30 PM in the Franciscan Center. Our group provides support and guidance to parents, friends and allies of our LGBTQ+ brothers and sisters. Please contact either Tim Curran (timothy.curran@trincoll.edu) or Rich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

Consider shifting your lunch hour earlier so that you can be part of this inspiring and supportive group experience.

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

The Basics of LGBTQ+ and Our Common Call to Offer Support

Coming at the end of January. Check upcoming parish-wide emails for date and time.

Rich Broggini will once again present his program on the basics of LGBTQ+ and our call to offer support.

- What does science tell us about being LGBTQ+?
- What are the two aspects of the Church's teaching on LGBTQ+?
- How is the way we welcome or do not welcome an LGBTQ+ person, a Life Issue?
- As allies, what can we do to support life – support our LGBTQ+ sisters, brothers, youth, and loved ones?

Through conducting more than 35 Synod listening sessions, we have witnessed that there are many women, men and youth of our parish who are concerned about the welcome and inclusion of members of the LGBTQ+ community in our Catholic Church today.



Many people affirmed our Open Hearts LGBTQ+ Ministry and Friends & Family Support Ministry. And, over the past six months with the release of the national and global Synod reports, we have learned of the expressed "desire for radical inclusion – no one is excluded" in the Catholic Church world-wide. Pope Francis' Synod affords us the potential to transform our hearts through an experience of discipleship steeped in the radical ministry of Jesus. To stay open to this call, we are invited to deepen our knowledge about the Synod topics and desired changes for our Church.

We would like to further empower allies of the LGBTQ+ community through opportunities to dialogue about "gender issues" in our culture today and increase our understanding from scientific and spiritual perspectives.

We have designed one session to start this conversation and invite you to join us. We encourage you to "bring a friend" with you as together we explore the above questions.

This important parish gathering is open to all. Please feel free to invite a relative, neighbor, colleague, classmate, etc. Please go to <http://tinyurl.com/Basics-with-Rich> to let us know you are attending.

Presenter: Rich Broggini

Suggested Offering: \$10.00

2023 Archbishop's Annual Appeal: Thank You



The 2023 Archbishop's Annual Appeal changes lives through service. In addition to assisting the underserved of our communities, your gift helps those

discerning a vocation to the priesthood. Your gift to the Appeal is an investment in the future of our Church and our faith.

Parish Goal: \$115,000 Current Donations: \$91,520.50

Thank you to the parish families who have made a gift or pledge to the 2023 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not yet participated, please prayerfully consider a gift today. All funds contributed to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal are used exclusively for the purposes outlined in the Appeal literature, which can be found at <https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/>. No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements.

Prayer Shawl Ministry: A Long Standing Tradition

We congratulate Janet Bristow and the Prayer Shawl Ministers of SPSA on this 25th Anniversary of compassionate presence to all who would be wrapped by one of their creations. We invite you to read the story of the ministry in Janet's reflection:

"Twenty-five years ago, Janet Bristow and Vicky Galo, graduated from the first Women's Leadership Institute at The Hartford Seminary where women explore their spirituality. We were ready to see what we could do with all that we had learned. Vicky and I wanted to reach out and validate women in the common, ordinary things. So, we started knitting shawls as a symbol of God's comforting, motherly love that wraps around us, holding us close in good times as well as difficult ones.

From simple gestures to bigger outreaches, through the years, shawl makers from across the country and around the world have rallied to the call for shawls in extraordinary circumstances. Their wish is to bring some comfort to others involved with tragedies; be it the mass shootings in Sandy Hook or the families who have lost loved ones in wars in far-off lands. And, more than 3,000 prayer squares were delivered to patients and nurses at Hartford Hospital during the pandemic.



This ministry has been passed on from hand to hand, and heart to heart, guided by the Spirit for 25 years, blessing everyone it touches. May it continue to be an inspiration to those who want to bring comfort and solace to the world."

For more information about this fabulous ministry and to read the entire article about the 25th Anniversary, please go to <http://tinyurl.com/SPSA-Shawl>.

Meeting Dates thru June 2024:

Mondays starting at 7:00PM on Zoom:

Jan 8, Feb 12, Mar 11, Apr 8, May 13 and Jun 10.

Thursdays starting at 10:30AM in-person.

Jan 25, Feb 29, Mar 28, Apr 25, May 30 and Jun 27.

Please check Monday's email for the Zoom Link.



Christmas Flowers In Honor and Memoriam

- ❖ Robert Moriarty and William Murray, by Joan Martin
- ❖ Guy W. Wolf, by Pamela Morrison-Wolf
- ❖ Richard Crockett, Josephine & Salvatore Tanasi, Samuel & Marjorie Crockett, by Connie Crockett
- ❖ William & Margaret Kramer, Alice Hill, and Rosalie Latorra, by Irene Kramer
- ❖ Sylvester Cholko, Loretta Cholko, Lillian Penders, and James W. Penders, by Jim & Joan Penders
- ❖ Judith Lanning, the Flood & Lanning Families, and the Doyle & O'Brien Families, by Gerry Lanning
- ❖ Kathleen & Nicholas Arturo, Joseph Mazzafera, Barbara & Bill Moody, and Leo Andreoli, by Rocco Arturo
- ❖ Francis & Barbara Pierz and Arthur & Jean Field, by Beverly & Joe Pierz
- ❖ William Leone, by Beverly Leone
- ❖ Vincent & Judith-Ann Giansanti, Anthony & Anne Suranna, and Vincent & Teresa Giansanti, by Brian Giansanti
- ❖ Pietro & Angela Fazio and Francis Marquis, by Rosina & Steven Marquis
- ❖ Ronald C. Roy, by Barbara Roy
- ❖ Kathleen M. Gorman, by Jim Gorman
- ❖ Ed & Eugenia Guzek, Fran & Charlotte Bowen, and Irene Guzek, by Trish Bowen & Stan Guzek
- ❖ The Carvalho, Marques, and Brito Family, by Teresa Carvalho
- ❖ Tom & Lois Donnelly, and Olivia, Michael, and Thomas Keavney, by Katie & Thomas Frewen
- ❖ Chelsea Clyburn Morehouse, by The Clyburn Family
- ❖ Lillian & Frederick Sullivan, Margaret & James Sheehan, and Peter Mason, by Joe & Susan Sullivan
- ❖ Thomas & Josephin Mazzarella, Joanne Huxley, and Carmellina Moersch, by Sally Mazzarella
- ❖ Robert & Ann Janulevicz, by Alan Janulevicz & Chris Tuohey
- ❖ Fran & Ed Marin, Jerry Marin, Carmella & John Karwan, and Pam & Jack Karwan, by Pat & Mike Karwan
- ❖ In loving memory of my spouse, Judy Ryiz and my sister, Jeanie Grasso Gagnon, by Natalie Campbell
- ❖ Rose & Stefan Wawzyniecki and Mary & Bill Sowerbutts, by Patti & Stefan Wawzyniecki
- ❖ Anna & Edward Alexis, by Connie & Bob Houde
- ❖ Eleanor Dwyer, by Laura & Kevin Rice
- ❖ Salvatore Lombardo, Sebastiana Lombardo, and Ann Hamm, by Mary Lombardo
- ❖ Patti Corcoran, by Michele Jordan
- ❖ Thomas & Marion Hoey, Dorothy Ryan, and Sr. Susan Carlin, RSM,

- by Nancy Hoey
- ❖ The deceased members of the Randazzo & Olevia Families, by Karen & Sal Randazzo
- ❖ Michael Grigaitis & Helen Zilinsky, by Pat Dressler
- ❖ Antonio & Stella Pizzoferrato, Anthony Pizzoferrato Jr, Daniel Gagnell Cronin, Robert & Cheryl Cronin, and Barbara Dotson, by Anne Cronin
- ❖ Rosario & Sadie Ciraulo, Kenneth Roche, and Josephine & James Dagata, by Janice & Anthony Ciraulo
- ❖ Concetta Gianni, Salvatore Gianni, Carmen Gianni, and Rose Zoppoli, by Mary Gianni
- ❖ Eleanor & Dan Laffin and Sal & Frances Coco, and Daniel Laffin, III, by The Laffin Family
- ❖ The Gannon and Carroll Families by Mary & Jack Gannon
- ❖ William Webb and Lora Cushman by Natalie Webb
- ❖ Francis & Katherine McGrath by Katherine McCormack
- ❖ Fitol & Fedoruk Families by Richard Fitol
- ❖ Prisloe & Olie Families by Mark Prisloe
- ❖ Joe & Teresa Melzen and the Melzen, Lukach, and Humphrey Families, by Jim Melzen and Mark Humphrey
- ❖ Kevin Sweeney by Sheila Hummel
- ❖ Mary O'Connell Cacchillo & Francis Cacchillo by Timothy & Jean Kehoe
- ❖ Mary McNally, Catherine Gibbons, Margaret & Alice Reilly, and Al & Lucy Gualtieri, by Daniel McNally
- ❖ The deceased members of the Curtiss and Catalano Families, by Paula Curtiss
- ❖ Miriam & Darby Costello and Marion Kingsbury, by Darcé Costello
- ❖ Judy Studioso and Janice Scharfenberger, by Deanna and Robert Bisailon
- ❖ Madeline Bartholomay and Gary S. Bunting, by George Bartholomay
- ❖ Judith Baker Cardoni, and deceased members of the DeMarchi, Cardoni, and Baker Families, by Alex & Jeanette Cardoni
- ❖ Teresa Mielczarek, Daniel Mielczarek, Ted Mielczarek, Stan Mielczarek, and Steven Mielczarek, by Jane Tinti
- ❖ Michael O'Donnell, by Mary Joan Picone
- ❖ Rosalie & Bill Swift, by Kathleen Swift
- ❖ Angela & Virbert Sullivan, Hewley Barker, Robert Soto, Jr, and Dorothy David, by Maxine Woolford
- ❖ Sr. Rita Johnson, SSND, by James & Allison Healy
- ❖ In Honor of Bobby Lombardo by Gloria Lombardo
- ❖ William Brown and John & Mary Fiorillo by Amy Brown
- ❖ Daniel Buckanavage, Fr. Andrew Giardino, ofm, and deceased members of the Genkowski and Buckanavage families, by Pat Buckanavage
- ❖ Ivy John, by Cynthia & Cato Laurencin
- ❖ Richard Formica and Gaetano & Concetta Romano, by Jo-Ann Formica
- ❖ Stanely Sidur, Lydia Sidur, Janusz Stamecki, Genowefa Bartkowicz, and Jason Connolly, by Andrea Sidur
- ❖ Ryan Ross and Silvio Celadon, by Marc & Sheila Sherer
- ❖ Salvatore Maranelli, by the Prizio Family
- ❖ Paul Tomasso, Joe Panfile, and Jim Tomasso, by Nancy Tomasso
- ❖ Jim Ahearn, Bill Ahern, Lil Ahern, by Mary Ahern Michaud
- ❖ The deceased members of the Saffrey-Phillips Family, by Shari & Matthew Phillips
- ❖ Rose and Ross Magnano, by Louann & Jim Warren
- ❖ Hank Cleary, Harold & Mary Cleary, and Beatrice Gavin, by Prudence Cleary
- ❖ James & Isabel Watt, by Christine Sullivan
- ❖ Jeremiah Down, Iroi LeBlanc, Tom & Betty Griffin, and Rev. William E. McGrath, by The LeBlanc Family
- ❖ The deceased members of the O'Boyle and Pepin Families, by Maureen & Ron Pepin
- ❖ Kathryn & Paul Rizza and Mary G. Falvey, by Teresa Curry
- ❖ Anthony & Ann Amaio and Charles & Mary Kauke, by Don & Nancy Kauke
- ❖ Joanne & Edward Schempp by Cindy Morse
- ❖ Charles Golec by Kathleen Golec
- ❖ Edward & Marie Mulcahy and Genevieve Zak, by Kathleen Golec
- ❖ Carroll Tierney, Jean Tierney, Hy Gottlieb, Debbie Chase, and Cathy Rebai by Norman & Lois Gottlieb
- ❖ William & Ruth Moran, William Moran, Jr, and Bruce & Anita DeNeve, by Barry & Louise Moran
- ❖ Robert F. Czaporowski, Dave Walker, Kevin Lunardini, and Paul Franceshini, by Joan Czaporowski
- ❖ In memory of Delephine & Leo Bricuglio, Sr, in honor of the Friars, Staff & Associates at SPSA, for All victims of domestic violence and of war, by Marie Poland, and in prayer for World Peace, by Marie Poland
- ❖ Rob Casinghino, by his parents Arnold & Joan Casinghino
- ❖ Thomas & Estelle Flanagan and John & Mary Casey, by Joseph & Carol-Lynne Casey
- ❖ Rosemary & Dennis McCarthy, by Stephen & Renee McCarthy
- ❖ Joseph Kelliher, by Dolores Kelliher
- ❖ Olidy S. deOrozco, Patrick J. Keenan, Sr and Olidy Shokoh-Alai, by Juan Delgadillo
- ❖ Kristen Bing Clarke and Mary DeBona, by Karen & George Bing
- ❖ Mr & Mrs John Torza, Nicholas Pavia and Matthew Catania, by Philomena Pappa
- ❖ Nicholas DePaola by Bob DePaola
- ❖ The McQuillan family, by Dale Kraus
- ❖ The Przybysz & Michalowski Families, by Kenneth Przybysz
- ❖ Stanley W. & Josephine Wentland, Stanley J. Wentland and Stanley F. & Dorothy Wentland, by Jack Wentland
- ❖ Joseph G. Foran, Sr., by June Foran
- ❖ Bruce M. Dominick, Gene & Ed Dominick, Stephen & Neva Aufmuth, by Jeremy Dominick
- ❖ Thomas E. Claffey by Barbara Claffey
- ❖ Ed & Marie Mulcahy and Richard & Rosemarie Olson, by Patricia Olson
- ❖ Cynthia Stanco, Kathleen Murray, Joseph & Mary Connell, Joseph & Valeria Shertick, and Paul Shertick, by Joseph & Mary Jo Shertick

- ❖ Merry Christmas Naomi & David, from Nicole Inyangeto
- ❖ Aelred, Rita, Ken, Doreen, & Tom Wagner, Philip Knutson and Anne Ferrucci, by Wilbur F. Wagner
- ❖ Donald J Deasy and Kathleen Gorman, by Patricia Deasy
- ❖ In honor of Kathy Klemanski by Ed Klemanski
- ❖ Timothy Maher and Laurence Maher, by Sheila Dworkin
- ❖ In prayer for all those suffering in Gaza, Israel & Ukraine
- ❖ Richard Aviccoli by Michael Aviccoli and Family
- ❖ Thomas E. Claffey by Barbara Claffey
- ❖ Mary & John Lemega, Mary & John Ramos, Michael J. Digby, John V. Ramos, Barbara A. Dubovik, August W. Linder, Inez Williams, Carole A. Spector, John C. Brennan, Fr. Jim Hynes, OFM, Laura S. Diunizio, Hilda T. Perry, Bob Lemega, and Sylvia Digby, by Joyce & John Lemega
- ❖ Efigenia Palomino, Maria Obregon, Felipe Obregon, Helen McDermott, and Henry McDermott, by Maria Obregon & Joann McDermott
- ❖ Mr & Mrs Thomas A. Fox, Miss Mary Ellen Fox, Mr & Mrs Bernard J. Fagan and Dr & Mrs Michael D Fox, by Geri Fox



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 19, 2023 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 if you need the Zoom Link.

Did You Know...

- You can drop off snack donations at any time the office is open. Just ring the bell and bring in your donation of individually wrapped snacks that we will use to combine with other snacks into a "Snack Pack" baggie to be handed out with sandwiches daily. Thank you for your generosity!
- We have a connection with the Newman Center at Trinity College. Fr. Bill is currently celebrating Mass at Trinity once per month for the students. We have also invited the students to attend Mass here and are looking at more ways to invite involvement with the parish community.



FRANCISCAN FRIARS
Province of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Safeguarding God's people

Although we are unable to undo the past, the Franciscan Friars of the Province of Our Lady of Guadalupe know of the profound suffering and harm that incidents of sexual abuse of minors and sexual misconduct by some members of religious orders have caused innocent people and the Church community at large.

The Province of Our Lady of Guadalupe does not tolerate or excuse the sexual abuse of a minor or sexual exploitation of a person receiving pastoral care by a friar of the province. Consistent with our Franciscan heritage, the province is committed to listening attentively to any allegation made by a person who believes that he or she has been harmed. The province is committed to full compliance with its policies regarding sexual abuse and sexual exploitation of an adult. Sexual abuse of a minor and sexual exploitation is contrary to our vowed life and our profession to live the Gospel. Reporting abuse is difficult and painful. Rest assured, this process is safe, confidential, and compassionate.

We encourage anyone who has been abused by a friar from this province to contact us through one of the ways provided below. Whatever means you choose to reach out, it is our genuine hope to help support you in your healing.

We are committed to listening openly to anyone making a complaint against a friar. The Province of Our Lady of Guadalupe proactively enforces its policies with an active Provincial Review Board composed of laypeople and friars. The board addresses complaints with the utmost respect and compassion.

How to report misconduct & view allegations:

If you have information about alleged sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult by a friar, employee, or volunteer of the Province of Our Lady of Guadalupe, report it by calling National Survivor/Victim Assistance Coordinator Angelica Jochim, MFT, at 1-800-770-8013 or emailing angelica.jochim@gmail.com. She will return your message within one business day.

Allegations of sexual abuse will be reported to civil authorities regardless of whether the accused friar is living or dead, or whether he is a current or former member of the province.

Please go to <https://friars.us/protecting-gods-children> for more information.



Archdiocese of Hartford
Office of Safe Environment
467 Bloomfield Ave.
Bloomfield, CT 06002



HOW TO REPORT AN INCIDENT OF SEXUAL ABUSE TO THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD

If you have knowledge or suspect that a minor or vulnerable adult (an adult with an intellectual disability) has been sexually abused, in any manner, by personnel of the Archdiocese of Hartford, you are urged to report this information to:

Faith Vos Winkel, MSW
Victim Assistance Coordinator
860-541-6475
faith.voswinkel@aohct.org

In addition, you will be asked to follow up in writing with a detailed description of the facts involved in the incident. Specifics of this written report can be found in the Policies and Procedures of the Archdiocese of Hartford Relating to Allegations of Sexual Misconduct Involving Minors and Vulnerable Adults. This document is also available online at www.archdioceseofhartford.org. The Archdiocese of Hartford will report any and all incidents to the proper civil authorities.

Mandated reporters in the State of Connecticut are required by law to report any incident of sexual abuse involving a minor or vulnerable adult. We encourage any Non-Mandated persons to report such incidents to the proper authorities as well. We support your right to do so.

Incidents involving sexual abuse of minors (persons under the age of 18) should be reported to:
State Department of Children and Families Care-line
1-800-842-2288

Incidents involving sexual abuse of vulnerable adults aged 18 – 59 should be reported to the:
Connecticut Department of Developmental Services – AID Division
for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities
1-844-878-8923

Incidents involving sexual abuse of vulnerable adults aged 60 and over should be reported to:
Department of Social Services for the Elderly
1-888-385-4225

Once a written report of an incident of sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult has been received, an investigation will be undertaken by, or on behalf of, the Archdiocese of Hartford.

Thank You for Your Generosity

Offering

December 11 - 17, 2022

Weekly Collection: \$12,019.62

Online Giving: \$9,729.23

Total: \$ 21,748.85

Collection for Retired Religious: \$2,609.00

December 18 - 24, 2022

Weekly Collection: \$4,964.00

Online Giving: \$9,312.23

Total: \$ 14,276.23

Christmas Collection: \$23,811.00

2nd Collection for Music Ministry: \$9,170.00

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, January 6, 2024

4:00 PM Arleta Alves & Jose Thomaz

Sunday, January 7, 2024

8:00 AM Sal Gianni, Anniversary Mass

10:00 AM Millie Intino

11:45 AM In thanksgiving to St. Cristina

5:00 PM Raymond Ramsey

Monday, January 8, 2024

7:30 AM Prayer Intentions for Theresa Carter

12:05 PM Joseph Kelliher

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

7:30 AM Prayer Intentions for Carlos & Ceneida Gutierrez-Costa

12:05 PM Kathi Lee

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

7:30 AM For our parishioners

12:05 PM Diane Baio

Thursday, January 11, 2024

7:30 AM Nino Nolasco

12:05 PM Laurinda De Jesus & Jose Maria Da Costa

Friday, January 12, 2024

7:30 AM For St. Genevieve Parish

12:05 PM Prayer Intentions for Deborah Ann Sacramo

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

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 this 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.



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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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