St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church • 285 Church Street • Hartford, Connecticut February 11, 2024 • Sixth 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 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 ReconciliationMonday, Wednesday, Friday11:15 to 11:45 AMSaturday3:15 to 3:45 PM

Daily Mass Readings

Monday, Feb 12:	Jas 1:1-11; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday, Feb 13:	Jas 1:12-18; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday, Feb 14:	JI 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14
	and 17; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday, Feb 15:	Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25
Friday, Feb 16:	ls 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15
Sunday, Feb 18:	Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9;
	1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15
Go to http://www.usccb.org/ for readings online.	

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.

On The Cover: *He Healed Many of Diverse Diseases,* by J.Kirk Richards, 2015



Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2024

Daily Masses at 7:30 AM and 12:05 PM

Evening Mass at 7:00 PM

Ashes will be imposed at all services.

The Pastor's Corner

February 11, 2024

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Every time I read or hear the passage from the book of Leviticus in our first reading today, I think back to 1988 when I took part in a tour of Italy with the choir from St. Agnes Cathedral in Rockville Centre, Long Island. The highlight of the tour was the celebration of Sunday Mass at St. Peter's Basilica. I had the honor of being chosen to read the first lesson of the Mass, which was to be read in English that day. When an old Italian monsignor handed me the Lectionary to look over the reading, my excitement quickly turned to disappointment. I thought to myself, "Oh, this is great; here I am about to make my 'debut' in St. Peter's Basilica, and I have to read about scabs, pustules and blotches!"

The Book of Leviticus sets forth laws governing many different aspects of human existence, especially as humans relate to one another — in this case, how a person suffering from leprosy was to be treated by the community. In fact, the person was ex-communicated: "He shall dwell apart, making his abode outside the camp."



In the time when Jesus lived, lepers kept their distance, and healthy people were forbidden to go near them. But Jesus defied the law and did a very daring thing: he touched the leper! Then he told the leper, now cleansed and made whole, not to tell others what happened. Well, how could the man possibly keep that story to himself? He simply had to let everyone know about it. As a result, Jesus could not go anywhere without crowds following him, seeking cures and miracles.

In a sense, the lepers of Jesus' time lived a form of slavery; they were enslaved by their own disease-ridden bodies, disowned by their own community, and destined to live solitary lives in poverty.



Pope Francis's annual message for Lent 2024 focuses on God's call to leave behind the bonds of slavery and embark on a journey toward new life.

"Lent is a season of conversion, a time of freedom" Pope Francis writes. "It is time to act, and in Lent, to act also means to pause. To pause in prayer, in order to receive the word of God, to pause like the Samaritan in the presence of a wounded brother or sister. Love of God and love of neighbor are one love. Not to have other gods is to pause in the presence of God beside the flesh of our neighbor. For this reason, prayer, almsgiving and fasting are not three unrelated acts, but a single movement of openness and self-emptying, in which we cast out the idols that weigh us down, the attachments that imprison us. Then the atrophied and isolated heart will revive. Slow down, then, and pause! The contemplative dimension of life that Lent helps us to rediscover will release new energies. In the presence of God, we become brothers and sisters, more sensitive to one another: in place of threats and enemies, we discover companions and fellow travelers. This is God's dream, the promised land to which we journey once we have left our slavery behind."

Pope Francis invites every Christian community to ask its members to "rethink their lifestyles" and to examine their role in society and the contribution they can make to its betterment. The Church looks for "communitarian decisions" that are "capable of altering the daily lives of individuals and entire neighborhoods, such as the ways we acquire goods, care for creation and strive to include those who go unseen or are looked down upon," he said.

"Let us ask: Do I want a new world? Am I ready to leave behind my compromises with the old?" the pope writes, inviting us to "keep seeking and be ready to take risks."

As we enter the season of Lent this week on Ash Wednesday, let us keep in mind the Pope's message to us and not let us remain enslaved by the many things that keep us from loving God and one another, but always seek to lift up others in mercy and compassion.

Blessings on your week ahead!

Fr. Tim Shreenan, ofm

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



Join us this Sunday, February 11 after the 8:00 and 10:00 am Masses to celebrate Mardi Gras! Special treats will be available to try in addition to our traditional Donuts and Coffee.

Ongoing Adult Faith Formation Programs

For full program descriptions, Zoom links, and more information, please go to <u>https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-AFF</u>.

Group Spiritual Reflection:

Tuesday: February 13, 2024, on Zoom at 12:30 PM Wednesday: February 14, 2024, in-person at 12:40 PM

Come as you are with an open heart. All are welcome! Please go to <u>http://tinyurl.com/SPSA-Group-Spirit</u> to register and receive the Zoom Link for our Tuesday meeting.

Co-facilitators: Elaine Wiatr and Mary Espinosa

In Quiet Prayer: Wednesday, February 14, 7:30 to 8:00 AM on Zoom

People of Hope: *The Flowing Grace of Now:* Wednesday, February 14, 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM

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

Please consider joining us in-person for "lectio divina" (divine reading.) 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



Our Next Meeting: Monday, February 12 at 7:00 PM on Zoom

The Prayer Shawl Ministry at St. Patrick – St. Anthony Parish serves the parish family, and the local and global community by making and giving shawls as a gesture of love in times of sorrow and fear, as well as in times of joy.



Baptism Sunday, February 11, 2024

Vera Alessia

child of Dante and Kelly Ambrogio by Fr. Michael Johnson, O.F.M.

"Longing for Peace" Prayer Services



As war and violence continue in several locations around the globe, we feel the urgent need to pray for peace. Trusting that prayer is one response we can make to these distant devastating circumstances, would you please join us

for three Prayer Services for Peace? We will gather on **Thursdays, February 15, 22 & 29 from 11:30** AM **to 12:00** PM **in the church.** Arrive early for the 12:05 Mass and join us for this important time of reflection. Please come to all or any of these communal prayer times as your schedule allows. These services will also be livestreamed.

A Novel Idea Book Club

Our February 2024 selection is *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus. Please join us on **February 15, 2024 at 7:00** PM **via Zoom.** For more information and a list of upcoming books, please go to <u>http://tinyurl.com/SPSA-NBC-Books</u>. Contact



the office at 860-756-4034 or email <u>info@spsact.org</u> if you need the Zoom Link and we will forward it to you.



Open Hearts Ministry & Family and Friends Ministry



Combined Monthly Meeting: Sunday, February 18, 2024 at 3:30 PM in the

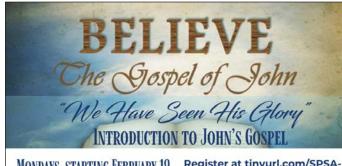
Franciscan Center. We will view part 2 of Chris Ford's presentation. A recap will be offered for those who missed part 1. Join us for fellowship and this wonderful presentation.

News from the Parish Office

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

How to request your intentions: Call the office at 860-756-4034 or email info@sp-sact.org to request your intentions. Please provide a 2nd and 3rd choice when making your request.

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



Mondays, starting February 19 7:00 - 8:00 pm, on Zoom Register at tinyurl.com/SPSAseen-glory Suggested offering: \$50



Woman of Sorrow -Woman of Hope

TUESDAYS, FEBRUARY 20 & 27 AND MARCH 5

FOLLOWING THE 12:05 PM MASS IN PERSON



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Offering

January 29- February 4, 2024 Weekly Collection: \$13,000.00 Online Giving: \$9,103.23 Total: \$22,103.23



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.



Publish Your Ministry's News

St. Patrick – St. Anthony and the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry have so many active and fulfilling ministries that we would love to highlight on the website. If your favorite ministry has photos or information to share, please contact Sarah Christopher, Director of Communications by filling out the <u>Ministry News Form (https://</u> <u>spsact.org/ministries-contribution-form/</u>), and we can work together to let the community know about what you're doing!



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.

Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry

THANK

YOU

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 2,879 meals this January.

No Freeze Shelter Meals - Update

As you know, each Sunday, through March 31st, our parishioners come together to prepare a Sunday dinner for the Shelter. We are still looking for donations for our February 4th and February 11th meals.

Please go to <u>https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-No-Freeze</u> for a full list of what is still needed.

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.

Easter Flower Memorials

We invite you to celebrate the joy in the Resurrection of Christ by remembering or honoring family members and friends with a donation toward Easter flowers and decorations.



The names of those received by Tues-

day, March 19, 2024 will be noted in the Easter Sunday Bulletin.
Anything memorials received after the 19th will be noted in
either the April 7th or April 14th bulletin.

Give online by going to <u>https://bit.ly/3TD18tM</u> or mail a check to the office.

Please indicate loved one's name(s) below, online in the notes or on a separate piece of paper with your check.

Large Quantity Sandwich Donations



If your group or family would like to donate a large quantity of sandwiches, please reach out to Allison Holst-Grubbe at <u>aholst-</u> <u>grubbe@spsact.org</u> so that your donation coordinates with current needs.

In general, it is best to provide us with 48 hours notice so that we can be sure to have the room in the refrigerator for storage and usually peanut butter and jelly sandwiches works best for large quantity donations. Thank you so much for your generosity!

Habitat for Humanity Build Community while building a house. SATURDAYS FEBRUARY 17 & MARCH 16 FROM 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM Register at bit.ly/SPSA-habitat-for-humanity

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, February 10, 2024 4:00 PM Raymond Ramsey

Sunday, February 11, 2024

8:00 AM Carrol F. Tierney, 40th Anniversary10:00 AM Judith-Ann Giansanti11:45 AM In thanksgiving to St. Valentine5:00 PM Raymond Ramsey

Monday, February 12, 2024 7:30 AM Jenna Walker

12:05 PM Jack Leahy

Tuesday, February 13, 2024

7:30 AM Prayer Intentions for the parishioners of St. Genevieve, Haiti
12:05 PM Guy Walker Wolf, III

Wednesday, February 14, 2024

7:30 AM Nicholas Pavia12:05 PM In thanksgiving to St. Valentine7:00 PM Prayer intentions for our parishioners

Thursday, February 15, 2024 7:30 AM

12:05 PM Juan E. Ayala, Jr

Friday, February 16, 2024 7:30 AM Carmen Gianni 12:05 PM

Saturday, February 17, 2024 4:00 PM Stella Rzewnicki

Sunday, February 18, 2024

8:00 AM Denis Geary 10:00 AM Geraldine Davis 11:45 AM 5:00 PM Raymond Fusco

Sanctuary Lamps

Week of February 11, 2024

In Loving Memory of Guy W. Wolf, III by Pamela Morrison-Wolf Stanley Sidur by Andrea Sidur Lydia Sidur by Andrea Sidur

A Prayer Request from Northwest Catholic



Northwest Catholic High School asks the St. Patrick and St. Anthony Parish Community to pray for its students, **Helena H., Jason J., and Quinn P.**, who will be attending Kairos February 13-16.

Kairos is one of the oldest student formation retreats in Catholic High Schools in the United States. Kairos is rooted in the pillars of our spiritual traditions, emphasizing and modeling intentional small Christian community, individual and shared prayer, Eucharist, Reconciliation, spiritual reflection, and Christian leadership. Northwest Catholic students in their junior and senior years are invited to participate in this 4-day, 3-night retreat which allows students to disconnect from the world (no technology!) and develop a deeper understanding of who they are, who God is calling them to be and how to live an authentically Christian life in the world.

Thank you for keeping Helena, Jason, and Quinn and their fellow retreatants in your prayers!

House of Bread Education Center:

Volunteer Opportunity – new "Learning Together" program at House of Bread Education Center!

Are you interested in helping immigrants and refugees learn to speak English? The House of Bread would love for you to join us this spring in our efforts at our Jubilee House location (40 Clifford Street in Hartford) to help adult learners improve their language skills. We are expanding our afternoon program (Monday – Wednesday, 12:30-2:00 PM) where parents attend with their young children. Tutors are needed for the parents as well as babysitters for their children. Our wonderful Jubilee House volunteers are the essential ingredient to creating a friendly and safe learning environment where our students can improve communication skills and work towards their goals. You will work with an individual or lead a small group on one or more days each week. All that is needed is patience and a desire to help. For more information, call Michele at 860-247-3030 x 12 or email at mprizio@hobread.org. Come join our community and help make a difference in someone's life!

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 <u>www.spsact.</u> 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* <u>https://spsact.org/wedding-request-form/</u> to begin preparation for Marriage, normally one year in advance and before any other arrangements are made for a reception.

Pastoral Care Outreach Minstry: 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. <u>https://spsact.org/prayer-network-prayer-request/</u> 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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