

KICKOFF WEEKEND: FEB. 24-25, 2024

2024 Archbishop's Annual Appeal



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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, Feb 26: Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday, Feb 27: Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday, Feb 28: Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday, Feb 29: Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31

Friday, Mar 1: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Sunday, Mar 3: Ex 17:3-7; 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42

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](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.



### Publish Your Ministry's News

We 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 [Ministry News Form \(https://spsact.org/ministries-contribution-form/\)](https://spsact.org/ministries-contribution-form/), and we can work together to let the community know about what you're doing!

# The Pastor's Corner

February 25, 2024

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

As you can see from the cover of this bulletin, this weekend marks the start of the 2024 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. This year's theme is "Do This in Memory of Me," which refers to Jesus' command to his disciples at the Last Supper to celebrate the Eucharist as his Body and Blood was given for them and for the world.



Our annual goal for the appeal is \$115,000. Over the past three years, although we have not met the goal per se, our total pledges have increased. The totals each year have been:

2021: \$88,777.88

2022: \$89,005.00

2023: \$91,520.50

We have increased our total giving over the past three years by \$2,742.62. This is a worthy increase in giving, and I congratulate you on this achievement. However, last year just 254 parishioners participated in the appeal, or 21.82% of our total parish membership. We hope to reach a participation rate this year of at least 25% in order to experience a deeper and wider sense of participation and stewardship in the local church. If you haven't participated in the past, I hope you will reconsider and make a gift to the appeal.

To that end, I encourage you to watch a video which shows in considerable detail how the Archdiocese of Hartford uses the gifts of the yearly appeal. Because the video this year is much more image-oriented (as opposed to an audio presentation), I am including a QR code which will take you directly to the Archdiocese's website where you can watch it at your leisure.

If you haven't received an appeal packet in the mail, packets will be available in the church in a few weeks for you to make your gift or to make a pledge. You can also go directly to the Archdiocese's website: [archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal](https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal) to make a gift online.



Last weekend, on Saturday, February 17, together with our Pastoral Associate, Patricia Curtis, three parishioners, Carole Fay, and Ron and Joan Osella, I attended a day-long workshop on the ministry of vocations at Northwest Catholic High School. Over 100 people from around the Archdiocese gathered to hear presentations on how to form a parish vocation committee. These committees will meet to explore ways to promote vocations in all walks of life: priesthood, diaconate, religious, married and single.

The emphasis, no doubt, was on vocations to the priesthood, given the rather dire need for priests to serve in the parishes of the Hartford Archdiocese – including our own parish! Statistics show that just within a few years there will be far fewer priests available to serve in our parishes. Here at St. Patrick-St. Anthony, our ages range from 63 to 85, which is typical of many parishes these days.

The most important thing to keep in mind is that the Catholic Church is a sacramental church, and we cannot have the Eucharist, Reconciliation or the Anointing of the Sick without priests. Therefore, all of us must do our part in helping our young people discern a potential vocation to the ordained ministry.

I want to conclude with the Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood which we are asked to pray:

*Heavenly Father, you have created us for a definite purpose. Grant us the grace to know the path you have planned for each us in this life, and to respond with a generous "Yes." Make my parish, my home and my heart fruitful for your gift of vocations to the priesthood of Jesus Christ. May our young men respond to your call with courage and zeal. Stir among them a desire and the strength to be good and holy priests. We make our prayer for priestly vocations to you, Father, in the Holy Spirit, through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

May we all come together to ask the Master of the harvest to send out more generous and dedicated laborers for the harvest.

Blessings on your week ahead!

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

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Pastor

## Community Sunday-Evening Edition



Today, February 25, 2024  
after the 5:00 pm Mass

Join us for refreshments and conversation

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

Our Next Meeting: Thursday,  
February 29 at 10:30 AM in-person

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.



## BELIEVE

### *The Gospel of John*

*"We Have Seen His Glory"*

#### INTRODUCTION TO JOHN'S GOSPEL

MONDAYS, STARTING FEBRUARY 19  
7:00 - 8:00 PM, ON ZOOM

Register at [tinyurl.com/SPSA-seen-glory](https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-seen-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

## 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:

Tuesday: February 27, 2024, on Zoom at 12:30 PM

Wednesday: February 28, 2024, in-person at 12:40 PM

**In Quiet Prayer:** Wednesday, February 28, 7:30 to 8:00 AM  
on Zoom

**People of Hope: *The Flowing Grace of Now*:** Wednesday,  
February 28, 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM

**Psalms: A Never-ending Discovery,** February 29, 10:30 to  
11:30 PM

## "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 **Thursday, February 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.

## Lenten Twilight Retreat: "A Heart Renewed: Lent 2024"

Thursday, March 21, 5:30-8:00 PM, includes  
dinner. **Registration Deadline: March 17**

We are delighted to invite Fr. Ken back for  
an evening of presentation, inspiration, and  
reflection in this Lenten season.

**Presenter: Fr. Ken Paulli, OFM**

**Suggested Offering: \$20.00; includes dinner; Please Register**  
at <http://tinyurl.com/SPSA-Paulli-2024>

**Presentation only at 6:45 p.m.: \$15.00; Please Register at**  
<http://tinyurl.com/SPSA-Ken-2024-Pres>.





## Stations of the Cross

Fridays during Lent: March 1, 8, 15, and 22, 2024 at 12:35 PM.

Join us following the 12:05 Mass on Fridays during Lent in praying the Stations of the Cross. for more information, please go to <http://tinyurl.com/SP-SA-Stations-2024>.

### Lent through a Franciscan Lens

#### A Franciscan exploration of Gospel Wisdom

Lent offers an opportunity for contemplation and renewal. Michael Johnson, OFM and Greg Friedman, OFM, have teamed up with friars across the province to create a six-part Gospel series titled, "Lent through a Franciscan Lens".

During each week of Lent a friar will provide a reflection on the Sunday Gospel. Each session will ask, "Who is this 'Good News' for in 2024?"

Guest speaker, Br. Tyler Harris, OFM brings us session 2 entitled "Transfiguration of Jesus". To view this session, please click on the link or go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IQIQtAbHbdo>.

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

### Weekly Offerings

February 5 - 11, 2024

Online Giving: \$8,907.23

Weekly Collection: \$13,820.89

Feb. 11, 2024 Total: \$22,728.12

February 12 - 18, 2024

Online Giving: \$9,503.23

Weekly Collection: \$1,924.00

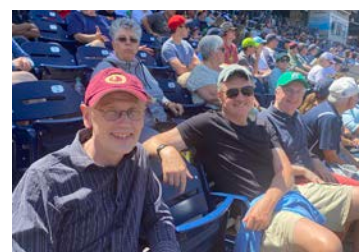
Feb. 11, 2024 Total: \$15,653.23

*"All Are Welcome"*  
**DAY OF REFLECTION**  
at Mercy by the Sea in Madison, CT  
**SATURDAY, APRIL 13**  
**8:30 AM - 4:30 PM**  
**Suggested offering: \$60**  
**CLICK TO REGISTER**

## 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.

## Easter Flower Memorials

We invite you to celebrate the joy in the Resurrection of Christ by remembering or honoring family members and friends with an Easter flower donation. Deadline: Tuesday, March 19, 2024, Give online by going to <https://bit.ly/3TD18tM> 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.

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# Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry

## 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 [aholstgrubbe@spsact.org](mailto:aholstgrubbe@spsact.org) 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 work best for large quantity donations. Thank you so much for your generosity!



## GHIAA Spring 2024 House Meetings

This house meeting campaign is a little different from previous ones in that our house meetings are being co-hosted by teams of congregations and held on-site at various GHIAA institutions. You are encouraged to register via our online form for any date. Which-ever house meeting(s) you attend will be an opportunity to connect with leaders from across our network.

**\*\*St. Patrick - St. Anthony Church & The Franciscan Center, along with the Collaborative Center for Justice, will host an interfaith house meeting here in the Center on Saturday, March 2, from 10-11:30 AM.\*\***

At each meeting, participants will divide into small groups to share stories of the struggles you are facing, forces your loved ones are contending with, injustices faced by your neighbors. This is a critically important step in our organizing process, as the stories shared in these house meetings will shape GHIAA's next slate of issues for action. We need to hear from you!

Please contact Allison Holst-Grubbe at [aholstgrubbe@spsact.org](mailto:aholstgrubbe@spsact.org) with any questions, or if you'd like to help on March 2.

### Watch Online:



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



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



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

## 2024 Palm Sunday "Weekend" Food Drive

Dear St. Patrick-St. Anthony Family,

As we enter the season of Lent, we are asking our parishioners for another act of kindness – contributing to the 2024 Palm Sunday "Weekend" Food Drive on March 23-24. Food insecurity continues to be a challenge for many living in the City of Hartford. Sadly, Hartford is at the top of the statistics list according to CT Food-share. "Hartford has a Food Insecurity Rate of 19.3% - the highest percentage in the State. Higher than New Haven, New London, Waterbury and Bridgeport."

You can support the food drive for needy families served by the House of Bread and Hands on Hartford by donating the following items: peanut butter, rice, dried beans, pasta, pasta sauce, can of tuna and chicken, cereal, granola bars, sugar, ground coffee and canned vegetables.

All the items plus a jar of jelly can be purchased at Aldi's for \$30. If you can provide multiples of some items (cereal, food bars, tuna, pasta), it would be a bonus for a family. Tucking in something "Easterly" would be a nice touch and appreciated by families with children.

*A couple of IFs.* If you cannot donate all the items, consider dropping off any of the protein items – canned tuna/ chicken, jars of peanut butter or coffee. If grocery shopping is not an option for you, monetary donations can also be made with checks payable to "House of Bread". Checks can be dropped off during the curbside collection or placed in the collection basket in an envelope marked for the House of Bread.

If there are any doubts to if participating in this food drive makes a difference? Consider the words of Mother Theresa on hunger, "If you can't feed a hundred people, then just feed one."

We ask that you bring your donation in a durable box or reinforced bag on Saturday, March 23 before the 4:00 PM Mass on Saturday, on Sunday, March 24 between 9:00 AM-Noon, or **just before** the 5:00 PM Mass. Volunteers will be on hand curbside to collect your donation.

"Lent is not about giving up something but instead doing something to put your faith into action. May we start out Holy Week living out our faith by bringing in food items for our brothers and sisters dealing with food insecurity."

- Fr. Mike, O.F.M.

## 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](mailto:mprizio@hobread.org). Come join our community and help make a difference in someone's life!



## 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 <https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-No-Freeze> 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.



## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Saturday, February 24, 2024

4:00 PM Joan Stafstrom

### Sunday, February 25, 2024

8:00 AM William A. Leone

10:00 AM Deceased members of the 100% voter's league

11:45 AM Judith Cardoni

5:00 PM Timothy Hippe

### Monday, February 26, 2024

7:30 AM Lourinda De Jesus & Jose Maria DaCosta

12:05 PM Ambrosio Vanegas

### Tuesday, February 27, 2024

7:30 AM Suzanne Nolan

12:05 PM Thomas Cacchillo

### Wednesday, February 28, 2024

7:30 AM In thanksgiving to Our Lady of Fatima

12:05 PM Michelle Conneighton

### Thursday, February 29, 2024

7:30 AM Frank D'Amico

12:05 PM Thomas Flanagan

### Friday, March 1, 2024

7:30 AM Anthony Labriola

12:05 PM Jean & James Buggle

### Saturday, March 2, 2024

4:00 PM Mary & Joseph Lamesa

### Sunday, March 3, 2024

8:00 AM William A. Leone

10:00 AM Olga Amato

11:45 AM Prayers for the Christians of the Middle East

5:00 PM Carol Palomba



## 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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