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February 4, 2024 • Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



All the City Was Gathered at His Door by James Tissot (1836-1902); Brooklyn Museum

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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 5:	1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday, Feb 6:	1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday, Feb 7:	1 Kgs 10:1-10; Mk 7:14-23
Thursday, Feb 8:	1 Kgs 11:4-13; Mk 7:24-30
Friday, Feb 9:	1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Mk 7:31-37
Sunday, Feb 11:	Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11; 1 Cor 10:31-11:1 Lk 7:16

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.

February Snack Collection Sunday, February 4, 9:45 to Noon



Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2023

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 4, 2024

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

In just a little over a week's time, the season of Lent will begin with Ash Wednesday on February 14. Yes, Valentine's Day. While some folks may find this a bit ironic, I think it's somewhat appropriate that we "open our hearts" to God's love manifested in Jesus, who loves us and gave his very life for us. But just to let you know: no exemption has been granted from fasting and abstinence on Ash Wednesday; so if you wish to take your sweetheart out for a nice Valentine's dinner, you might have to schedule it for February 13 or 15 instead. Next Sunday, February 11, we will celebrate Mardi Gras at our Community Sunday following the 8:00 and 10:00 AM Masses.

Now that it's official, I am very excited to announce that Coadjutor Archbishop Christopher Coyne will be visiting our parish about a month from now – twice in one weekend, as a matter of fact!

On Friday, March 8, Archbishop Coyne has been invited to celebrate the annual St. Patrick's Parade Mass, which is held on the evening prior to Hartford's St. Patrick's Parade which will be held on Saturday, March 9. Because the actual date of the feast of St. Patrick (March 17) falls on a Sunday in Lent this year, I invite all our parishioners to celebrate the feast of one of our patron saints at the Mass on March 8 with Archbishop Coyne.

As he has been making his rounds of parish visits over the past few months, Archbishop Coyne has requested to celebrate Mass at our parish on Sunday, March 10. Again, I invite everyone to join us at the 10:00 Mass that day, Laetare Sunday, as our next Archbishop leads us in worship. Hopefully, he will be able to join us for our monthly Community Sunday in the Franciscan Center afterwards for an opportunity to meet you personally.

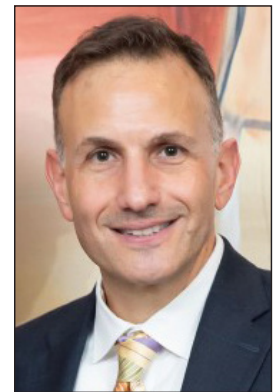
Later that afternoon, the ceremony to award the St. Joseph Medal will be held at 3:00 PM in the Cathedral of St. Joseph. This year, the medal will be given to our parishioners Jack and Martha Murtaugh. Parishioners since 2005, Jack and Martha will be recognized for their years of service as Eucharistic Ministers, Pastoral Care ministry, Prayer Shawl Ministry, House of Bread Team members, and Hospitality Ministry Coordinators. Please join me in congratulating these worthy members of our parish for their dedication and commitment to our faith community!

Looking a bit further ahead, we are planning a special observance of the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ from June 1 to 4. As our part of the U.S. Bishops' program of Eucharistic Renewal, we are offering all of us an opportunity to celebrate the unique gift of the Eucharist.



On Saturday, June 1 at 7:00 PM our music ministry will present a choral concert, "O Sacrum Convivium," with a performance of Eucharistic-themed works including the beautiful "Litaniae de venerabili altaris Sacramento" or "Litany of the venerable Sacrament of the altar" by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, composed for the cathedral of Salzburg.

On Sunday afternoon June 2, as well as on the evenings of Monday and Tuesday, June 3 and 4, we have invited Mr. Joseph Nuzzi, the Director of Evangelization at the Church of St. Francis of Assisi in New York City, to present a series of reflections titled "Source and Summit, Sacrifice and Supper: The Meaning of the Eucharist." Each of the three presentations will address these themes: "What happened at the Last Supper? Origins of the Eucharist"; "What happens at Mass"; and "Living the Eucharist in the Dying and Rising of Christ."



Joe Nuzzi was a colleague of mine at St. Francis in New York, and he has been an instrumental part of their vibrant adult education program and young adult ministry, as well as their Order of Christian initiation. Joe is a talented young man whose adult education courses always attract large numbers of participants. Joe is also a founding member of NOVA Hope for Haiti, Inc., a medical mission that was established to provide health care in Cavaillon, Haiti.

I am confident that his presentations will be a unique opportunity for us to deepen our love for the Eucharist, and to help us grow closer as a faith community. So please mark your calendars for June 1-4 and make plans to be part of this exciting moment in the life of our parish.

Blessings on your week ahead!

Fr. Tim Shreenan, O.F.M.

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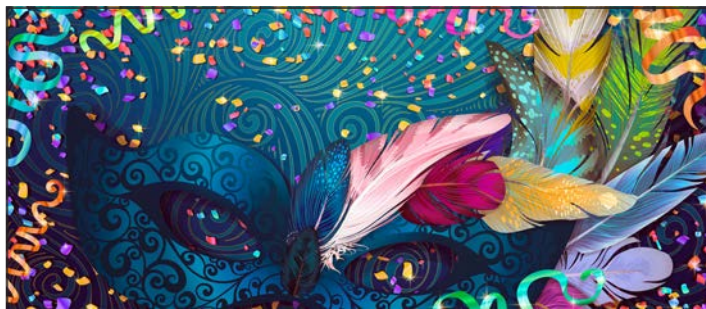
Drumming Circle:

Monday, February 5, 6:30 to 7:30 PM in the church
Drumming is good for the spirit as well as the heart and mind! Please join us each month for an evening of African drumming rhythms. Anyone can learn to drum - no musical experience is needed. If you have a drum, please bring it with you. Let us know if you need a drum by calling the parish office, 860-756-4034. First-time participants, please arrive by 6:15 PM.



Facilitator: Elaine Wiatr

Sponsored by the Women of Hope Ministry



Laissez Le Bon Temps Rouler...

Join us, 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.



Baptism Saturday, February 3, 2024

Colin Albert

child of Justin & Aideen Whittaker
by Fr. Tim Shreenan, O.F.M.

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.

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 6, 2024, on Zoom at 12:30 PM

Wednesday: February 7, 2024, in-person at 12:40 PM

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 for our Tuesday meeting.

Co-facilitators: Elaine Wiatr and Mary Espinosa

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

People of Hope: *The Flowing Grace of Now*: Wednesday, February 7, 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Praying with Sacred Scripture: February 7 & 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



Weddings

Robert Noto and Brittany Bandani
Friday, February 2, 2024
by Fr. Michael Dolan

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.

Psalms: A Never-ending Discovery

**Thursdays, February 15, 22, 29 & March 7, 14, 21,
10:30 to 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.

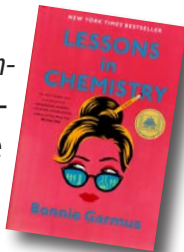
Please go to <http://tinyurl.com/SPSA-Psalm-ND> to receive Zoom link.

Presenter: Fr. Francis Soucy, OFM

Free Will Offering

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 <http://tinyurl.com/SPSA-NBC-Books>. Contact the office at 860-756-4034 or email info@sp-sact.org if you need the Zoom Link and we will forward it to you.



“We Have Seen His Glory”:

An Introduction to John’s Gospel

Mondays of Lent starting on February 19, 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.

Please go to <http://tinyurl.com/SPSA-Seen-Glory> to receive the Zoom link.

Presenter: Fr. Bill Beaudin, O.F.M.

Suggested Offering: \$50.00



Baptism

Sunday, February 4, 2024

Ava Hedvika

child of Michael Griffin & Sarah Tsacoyannis
by Fr. Bill Beaudin, O.F.M.

Woman of Sorrow - Woman of Hope

**Tuesdays, February 20 & 27 and March 4
In Church following 12:05 Mass**

Our stunning stained-glass windows depict scenes from the life of Christ along with rich images of the saints. Set aside meditation time this Lent to contemplate the particular art and scripture which capture the story of Mary, the Mother of God, in her moments of surprise, invitation, expectation, joy, confusion, sorrow, and hope. Take this time to truly appreciate the glorious glasswork which surrounds our worship space while entering into a time of quiet and prayer.



Facilitators: Patricia Curtis and LouAnn Warren

Ignatian Contemplation:

Experiencing God Through Our Imagination in Prayer

Thursday, February 22, 2024, 6:30 - 7:30 PM.

Plan to attend to learn:

- Imaginative Prayer in the Catholic Tradition
- What is the Ignatian practice of Imaginative Prayer (aka Ignatian Contemplation)
- How to enter into Gospel scenes through Imaginative Prayer (through guided meditation); and
- How to continue the practice of Ignatian Contemplation.

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

Presenter: Brenda McLaughlin

Suggested Offering: \$10.00

Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry

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.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR
GENEROSITY!**

Offering

January 22- 28, 2024

Weekly Collection: \$5,469.50

Online Giving: \$8,273.23

Total: \$13,742.73

Watch Online:



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



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



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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.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, February 3, 2024

4:00 PM Richard Formica, 6th Anniversary

Sunday, February 4, 2024

8:00 AM William, Angie & Joanne Speziale

10:00 AM Robert Frost, 4th Anniversary

11:45 AM Judith Lanning

5:00 PM Jeanie Grasso Gagnon

Monday, February 5, 2024

7:30 AM

12:05 PM Tomas Figueroa Badillo

Tuesday, February 6, 2024

7:30 AM Prayer Intentions for our parishioners

12:05 PM Denis Geary

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

7:30 AM Joao da Costa

12:05 PM Joseph Kelliher

Thursday, February 8, 2024

7:30 AM Frank & Eileen Crowley, in memory of their
60th wedding Anniversary

12:05 PM Clare Pillion

Friday, February 9, 2024

7:30 AM

12:05 PM

Saturday, February 10, 2024

4:00 PM Raymond Ramsey

Sunday, February 11, 2024

8:00 AM Carrol F. Tierney, 40th Anniversary

10:00 AM Judith-Ann Giansanti

11:45 AM In thanksgiving to St. Valentine

5:00 PM Raymond Ramsey

Sanctuary Lamp

Week of February 4, 2024

In Loving Memory of

Denis Geary

requested by Sally Mazzarella



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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