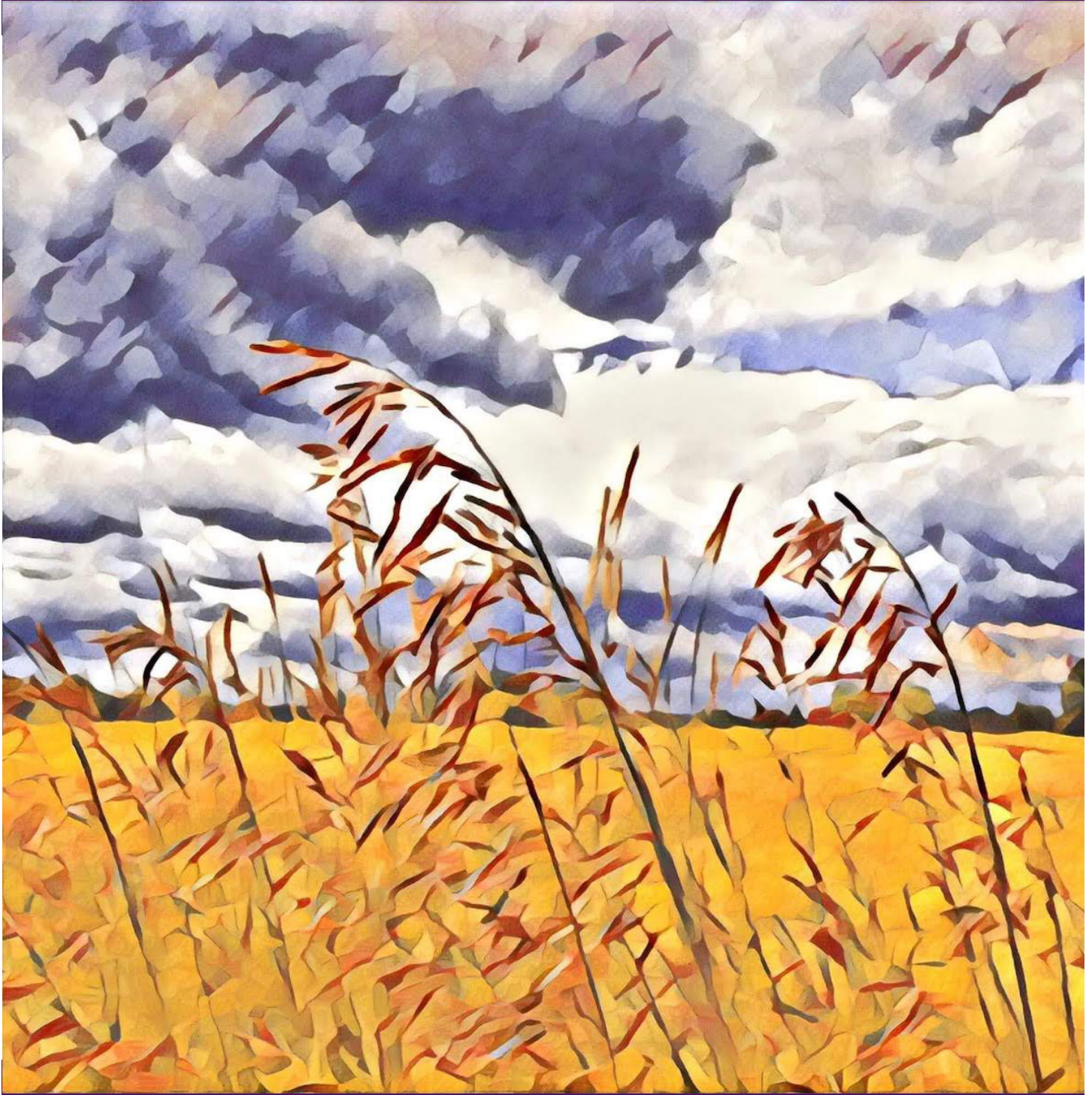


Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.



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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 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, Mar 18:	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62; Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday, Mar 19:	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a
Wednesday, Mar 20:	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42
Thursday, Mar 21:	Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59
Friday, Mar 22:	Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42
Sunday, Mar 24:	Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16; Is 50:4-7; 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6- 11; Mk 14:1—15:47 or Mk 15:1-39

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

Holy Week 2024

Palm Sunday of the Passion

March 23 & 24

Saturday Mass at 4:00 PM

Sunday Masses at 8:00, 10:00, 11:45 AM and 5:00 PM

March 25, 26 & 27

Masses at 7:30 AM & 12:05 PM

March 25 & 27

Confessions from 11:15 to 11:45 AM

Holy Thursday, March 28

No regular Masses

Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:00 PM

Good Friday, March 29

No regular Masses

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion, 3:00 PM

Holy Saturday, March 30

Great Vigil of Easter, 8:00 PM

Easter Sunday, March 31

Masses at 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 11:45 AM and 5:00 PM

Upcoming Bulletin Deadlines

EASTER BULLETIN DEADLINE

Wednesday, March 20 at noon

The Pastor's Corner

March 17, 2024

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

I realize that this might sound a bit anticlimactic, but Happy St. Patrick's Day! Because the feast of our patron saint falls on a Sunday this year, we decided to include it as part of the St. Patrick's Parade Mass which Archbishop Coyne celebrated on Friday, March 8th.

Archbishop Coyne's visits to us on Friday, March 8th, and Sunday, March 10th, were joyous opportunities for both us and him to start getting to know one another. At Sunday's 10 AM Mass, he got to see (and hear) how beautiful our weekly celebration of the Eucharist is, and how much our community loves to interact during our social hours. I hope that everyone who had a chance to speak with him enjoyed his low-key and relaxed style.

Thank you to everyone for making Archbishop Coyne feel welcome and at home here at St. Patrick-St. Anthony. Here are two photos taken by Carolyn Abramo during the 10 AM Mass.



As I mentioned in my letter last week, after every Mass this weekend we are asking you to sign a petition to encourage the U.S. Senate to pass a bill that would sanction those who are funding the gangs who have been terrorizing the people of Haiti, especially in the area of its capital, Port-au-Prince, which includes Zorange, where our Sister Parish of Ste.-Geneviève is located. We don't hold any illusions that the current crisis in Haiti will be quickly and easily settled. But we can bring some measure of hope and accountability to a people who have suffered for many years under the influence of corruption, manipulation, and natural disasters.

With just one more week before Palm Sunday and the start of Holy Week, I pray that our parish will once again come together to celebrate the Paschal Mystery of the Lord: his passion, death, and resurrection. The beauty and drama of the sacred days that lie ahead are powerful moments in the life of our parish.

Blessings on your week ahead!

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

The 2024 Archbishop's Annual Appeal

The 2024 Archbishop's Annual Appeal is now underway in our parish. Your support of this year's Appeal ensures that essential charitable, educational, and pastoral ministries of the Archdiocese of Hartford will be carried forward.



Since 1997, Archbishop's Annual Appeal Vicariate Outreach Program has been able to provide over \$21 million in funding to community-based local charities throughout Hartford, New Haven and Litchfield Counties to assist them in their important work of serving the needs of God's people. In 2023, we were able to provide nearly \$900,000 to over 150 various organizations, nominated by pastors, across the Archdiocese.

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.**

Family & Friends Ministry

Next meeting: **Sunday, March 17, 2024 at 3:30 PM**
in the Franciscan Center. Franciscan Center. Go to

<https://spsact.org/ministries/open-hearts-lgbtq-ministry/#-family-friends> for more info.



Ongoing Adult Faith Formation Programs

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

We Have Seen His Glory: Intro to St. John's Gospel:

Monday: March 18, 2024, on Zoom from 7:00 to 8:00 PM.

Group Spiritual Reflection:

Tuesday: March 19, 2024, on Zoom at 12:30 PM

Wednesday: March 20, 2024, in-person at 12:40 PM

In Quiet Prayer: Wednesday, March 20, 2024, 7:30 to 8:00 AM
on Zoom

People of Hope: *The Flowing Grace of Now*: Wednesday,
March 20, 2024, on Zoom from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Praying with Sacred Scripture, Wednesday, March 20, 2024,
on Zoom from 7:00 to 8:00 PM

Psalms: A Never-ending Discovery, Thursday, March 21, 2024,
on Zoom from 10:30 to 11:30 PM

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/](http://tinyurl.com/SPSA-Paulli-2024)

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

A Call to Action for Haiti



The Sister Parish Committee continues to advocate for the passage of legislation that authorizes sanctions on those who fund the gangs that terrorize all Haitians, including our brothers and sisters in our sister parish. We now ask for your help.

After Masses on 3/16/24 and 3/17/24, please consider signing a petition that will be presented to Senators Blumenthal and Murphy that urges them to work to bring a vote before the US Senate.

This bill would authorize sanctions on those who fund the gangs and has been approved by the House of Representatives and the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Unfortunately, the bill has been before the full Senate for months with no action. Please consider signing the petition so that you can help move the bill to a Senate vote.



Stations of the Cross

Fridays during Lent: March 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/SPSA-Stations-2024>.

Trust Your Grieving Heart

Sunday, March 24; 11:15 AM - 1:00 PM

Losses weave their way throughout our lives, influencing the next path we take. Grief is our built-in response to loss, our ally in traveling the confusing, painful and transformative Land of Loss. This program gently supports those with recent loss, offers a lens for long-ago losses and provides a template for the losses yet to be. Care will be offered around non-death losses, as well. Tangible ideas will be shared to help navigate through this time with key reminders about our path toward healing. Current bereavement teaching and spiritual wisdom are shared, affirming that grief is, indeed, a sacred journey. Please go to <https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-TGH> to register.

Presenter: Lisa Irish, MEd, MA, BCC

Lisa's two books and several CareNotes will be for sale at the program.
Suggested Offering: \$10.00

A Novel Idea Book Club

Our March 2024 selection is *Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver. Please join us on **March 21, 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@spsact.org if you need the Zoom Link and we will forward it to you.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Our Next Meeting: Thursday, March 28 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.

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*".

Guest speaker, Br. Roger Lopez, OFM brings us session 5 entitled "*Jesus contemplates His passion*". To view this session, please click on the link or go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TpsyA7WIKXc>



Walk Against Hunger May 4, 2024

Join our team to support the House of Bread

Why is the Walk Against Hunger on Saturday, May 4, 2024 so important? Monies raised from the walk will allow The House of Bread to keep feeding nearly 200 homeless people daily. To register or to donate for the walk, please click or go to <https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-WAH-2024>.

All Are Welcome: Day of Reflection

Francis and the Language of Praise:

Praying with the Saint of Assisi

Retreat Day Leader: Fr. Bill Beaudin, OFM

Saturday, April 13, 2024; 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM. at

Mercy by the Sea Retreat Center



All men and women are invited to consider this Day of Reflection in the Easter Season to set aside time for one's relationship with God. We will have the opportunity to learn more

about the spirituality of St. Francis and enter into the spirit of his prayer in order to enrich our own life with God.

Here's a chance to step away for one day from the ordinary schedule of life and devote this time to your spiritual growth. And, if you have never experienced Mercy by the Sea in Madison CT before, please join us! Mercy by the Sea offers beautiful, simple, and peaceful spaces that enable reflection, open the heart to prayer, and facilitate opportunities for conversation.

Go to <https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-AllWel-Info> for more information.



We are hearing people are receiving TEXTS and/or emails that appear to be from friars or parish staff asking for money or gift cards. Please know we will never personally ask you

for anything. These emails and text messages are phishing attempts and not a valid request from any of us.

Do not ever click on any link from these emails or texts. Do not respond to the texts. You can report these as SPAM or delete them through your email provider, or block the number that sent it to you.

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 Rubber-Ducks.

Tickets go on sale after all Masses on April 6-7 in the Franciscan Center Lobby.

Sanctuary Lamps

Week of March 17, 2024

In Loving Memory of

Daniel Buckanavage

by Pat Buckanavage

Mass Intentions and Sanctuary Lamps: Masses and 7-day Sanctuary Lamps may be scheduled for loved ones, living or deceased. Contact the parish office to schedule a Mass. Suggested donation: \$10.

Easter Flower Memorials

Deadline: March 19, 2024

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.

To provide names:

Email: Info@spsact.org

Call the Office: 860-756-4034

Donate online by going to <https://bit.ly/3TD18tM> or mail a check to the office or drop a check in the basket marked Easter Flowers.

The Secular Franciscan Order Meeting

Is God calling you to live a life of love, peace, and holiness in the model of St. Francis of Assisi? Join us for our gathering in the lower level of the Urban Ministry Center at St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church on **March 24 at 2:00** to learn more about the Secular Franciscan Order.

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!

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR
GENEROSITY!**

Weekly Offerings

March 4 - 10, 2024

Online Giving: \$8,958.23

Weekly Collection: \$10,127.86

Total: \$19,086.09

2024 Annual Appeal Update:

This year's Goal: \$115,000

Current Pledges: \$24,520.40

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Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry

Mass Intentions for the Week

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. 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.

Saturday, March 16, 2024

4:00 PM James Fahey

Sunday, March 17, 2024

8:00 AM Marty Kenny

10:00 AM Frank Perrone

11:45 AM Rashid & Yesmin Ellis

5:00 PM

Monday, March 18, 2024

7:30 AM Clotilde Fermina & Jose Batista Pereira

12:05 PM George Overton

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

7:30 AM Prayer Intentions for the people of St. Genevieve

12:05 PM Daniel Rodriguez, 10 Anniversary

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

7:30 AM Maria A. Obregon

12:05 PM Salvatore Lombardo

Thursday, March 21, 2024

7:30 AM Elizabeth Tracy

12:05 PM Madeline Capodanno

Friday, March 22, 2024

7:30 AM For Our Parishioners

12:05 PM Jose Morales

Saturday, March 23, 2024

4:00 PM Joseph Melzen

Sunday, March 24, 2024

8:00 AM Albert Brunelle

10:00 AM Joseph Patoka, Sr.

11:45 AM Dora & Harold Adams

5:00 PM Peter Penta

Wine and Seeds Party

Friday, March 22, 2024 at 6:00 PM

Come join Fr. Mike, folks from our partner Levo International and other volunteers at the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry on Friday March 22, at 6:00PM for a wine and seeds party.

We will be planting seeds for their urban farming program in Hartford and need your help. Have an impact on local food insecurity by joining us at the Franciscan Center for drinks and planting. It's a wonderful way to relax, serve, have fun and meet new people.



Palm Sunday Food Drive

Drop off is this Saturday and Sunday at the Franciscan Center. Help support and feed the families served by the House of Bread and Hands on Hartford. The food collected will be shared with families so they can have food in their cupboards during Holy Week and on Easter.

Some of the items needed: Peanut Butter, Rice, Dried Beans, Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Tuna, Canned Chicken, Cereal, Granola Bars, Ground Coffee, Sugar and 2 Canned Vegetables. Please go to <https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-PS-FD-2024> for a complete grocery list and other information about our Food Drive.



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...

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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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