

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!

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Celebration of the Eucharist

Masks are optional at all Masses

Saturday Evening Mass of Anticipation

4:00 PM Public & Livestream

Sunday Masses

8:00 AM Public

10:00 AM Public & Livestream

(Special "Mask Only" section available)

11:45 AM Public 5:00 PM Public

Weekday Masses

7:30 AM Public

12:05 PM Public & Livestream

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Masks are required for everyone during Reconciliation

Please see Holy Week schedule for Reconciliation Times

One Mass on Monday, April 1, 2024 at 9:00 AM

Parish and Center Office Hours Holy Week and Easter Week

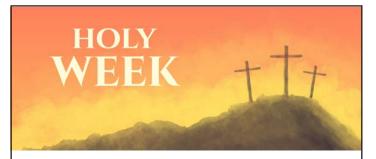
3/25 - 3/27, & 3/30 (Mon-Thurs, & Sat): 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

3/29, 3/31, & 4/1 (Fri, Sun & Mon): Closed

4/2- 4/6 (Tues - Sat): 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

4/7 (Sun): 9:00 - 11:00 AM

Regular Hours (9:00 AM to 4:00 PM) starting on 4/8 (Mon)



Sacrament of Reconciliation During Holy Week

Monday, March 25, 11:15 - 11:45 AM Wednesday, March 27, 11:15 - 11:45 AM

Daily Masses During Holy Week

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday, 7:30 AM & 12:05 PM

Holy Thursday, March 28

No Regular Masses

Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:00 pm, Public & Livestream Special Collection for the Franciscan Center Compline (Night Prayer), 9:00 pm

Good Friday, March 29

No Regular Masses

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion, 3:00 PM, Public & Livestream Special Collection: Pontifical Good Friday Collection in support of the <u>Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land (Click to view)</u>

Holy Saturday, March 30

No Sacrament of Reconciliation Great Vigil of Easter, 8:00 PM, PUBLIC & LIVESTREAM Special Second Collection for Easter

Easter Sunday, March 31

The Resurrection of the Lord

8:00 AM, 10:00 AM (Public & Livestream), 11:45 AM and 5:00 PM Special Second Collection for Easter

The Pastor's Corner

March 24, 2024

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

As we enter Holy Week and the commemoration of the Lord's Passion, Death, and Resurrection, I am pleased to share with you some thoughts by our Pastoral Associate, Patricia Curtis, in which she reflects on the ways in which our parish has been engaged in bringing the Gospel message to life in our various ministries.

Called to Live the Christ-life Abundantly

Someone asked me recently, "What is one of the best things about St. Patrick-St. Anthony?" I answered with the first word that came to my mind — ABUNDANCE! On so many levels, we experience abundance as a community of faith.

I have watched over the years that as people first arrive at St. Patrick-St. Anthony, often at a liturgy, there is sometimes a need to pause, to 'just be' or maybe to heal or find space from dealing with a particular life event. At these times, the abundance of our warm welcome along with impactful preaching and stirring music pours over an individual's being, maybe even touching their spirit or easing the way forward with compassion.

Once a recipient of abundance, folks then have a tendency to desire to be part of the abundance. They step forward, raise a hand, answer a call seeking volunteer assistance with an outreach project or begin to bring in clothing or food when the need is advertised within our community. And, now, they, too, are contributing to the abundance shared. They have stepped out of the pew and into the stream of mercy flowing outward. The rhythm of abundance at St. Patrick-St. Anthony has caught them up in a life-giving stream — like living water springing up and flowing forth.

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water." (John 7:37-38)

This life-giving stream of abundance, this living water, flows straight from our font and has its roots in our own Baptisms. As we consider a renewed sense of the first sacrament we receive, we realize our identity and our dignity are rooted in and flow from Baptism. We are all receivers of the same grace. And, we are all sharers in the mission of the Church, empowered by the Spirit, to help the Church read the signs of the times and take the next life-giving steps toward holiness for all people. Together we reclaim this incredible gift and grace given at Baptism.

Our commitments and contributions in family life, at our workplaces, and here at the parish and in our local communities allow us the privilege of exercising



our priestly, prophetic and royal ministry for building up the Church, the People of God.

The current Synod pilgrimage to which Pope Francis invites us is the opportune time to fully embrace the dignity of our personhood rooted in the Christ-life. On the Synod journey, we named our joys and gave voice to our hurts and challenges within the Church. So, now is the time to embody the vision we hold for the People of God to live life abundantly.

Here at St. Patrick-St. Anthony, we are bound together by an empowering motto, "Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors." Leaning into this motto, we allow it to further inform and define how we as a "faith family" choose to live lives fully watered from the flowing abundance of our Baptismal grace. We stay open to ways women serve, lead, teach, and proclaim messages of faith, hope, and love. We continue to welcome all genders and support the pursuit of belonging fully. We stand ready to embrace the themes discussed at the global Synod in October 2023 while further education and cries for acceptance remain on the agenda.

And now, at the end of Lent and the beginning of the Easter season, we as a parish have been asked by our local Archdiocese to develop 'vocations awareness' among parishioners. Understanding 'vocation' to be rooted in our common Baptism, we can give witness to vocations of generous single lives, loving marriages, devoted religious, and faith-filled children. We pray for those discerning a call to ministerial priesthood while celebrating the universal call to holiness for all People of God.

This Easter we will once again renew our Baptismal promises. And, when the water from the sprinkling rite at Mass touches your head, feel afresh the renewal of your spirit in your vocation, in your journey of discernment at each turn in your life as a follower of Jesus Christ.

-Pat Curtis

Blessings on your week ahead!

Fr. Tim Shreenan, ofm
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Pastor

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.

The Drumming Circle

Join us for our first Monday of the month meeting on April 1st from 6:30-7:30 PM in the church. No experience or drum necessary.



Please contact Elaine Wiatr at elaine.wiatr@yahoo.com for more information or if you need to borrow a drum.

Clare Gallery: Watershed Journeys

March 22-May 16, 2024

During our next exhibit we feature Diana Rogers, a Connecticut-based plein air artist who captures the changes of nature by surrounding herself with it year-round. As her senses are heightened by nature's



influence, Rogers can feel its power and presence while she creates. She believes nature's inherent rhythms connect to our lives, if we embrace its gifts.

The Connecticut River and its surrounding watershed are the subject for Rogers' *Watershed Journeys*.

The River is a vital resource to all living creatures and natural systems. As Rogers states, "During this project, I witnessed the unfolding seasons and the cycle of renewal in nature. Spring and summer sprouted lush greens, and autumn's blazing colors eventually faded into quiet winter hues. The resulting paintings are like candid portraits that reflect the rhythms of life across the ecosystem."

Rogers has a background in the medical and scientific fields, which influence her art-making practice today. She is represented by Gallery One CT, and her work is held in private and public collections across the US.

Artist Reception: Sunday, April 14, 3-4:30 PM
Virtual Panel Discussion: Monday, April 22 (Earth Day), 7-8:30 PM
Panelists include: Artist, Diana Rogers; Environmental Photographer and Artist, Jeffrey Feldmann; and Environmentalist, Editor and Publisher of Estuary Magazine, Richard H. Shriver.

Please goto https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-Clare-PleinAir to register.

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.

Community Day at the Dunkin' Park on June 16 \$17.00 Tickets go on sale after all Masses on April 6-7 in the Franciscan Center Lobby.



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.

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

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Weekly Offerings

March 11 - 17, 2024

Online Giving: \$10,318.00 Weekly Collection: \$8,215.00

Total: \$18,533.00



Anointing Mass and Luncheon

Saturday, April 20, 2024 at 11:00 AM

Parishioners wishing to receive the Sacrament of the Sick are invited to an Anointing Mass in the church on Saturday, April 20, 2024 at 11:00 AM. Parishioners as well as their family members and caregivers are invited.

We encourage anyone coping with chronic illness or disease (heart, cancer, respiratory ailments, diabetes, etc.); those with the disease of alcoholism or other addictions; those suffering from any mental health issues; anyone facing surgery; those experiencing aging with its limitations, fears and isolation; or any others who are seriously ill to join us together with family members and caregivers that day.

There will be a luncheon held after the Mass in the Franciscan Center.

If you plan to attend the luncheon, please RSVP by filling out the form at https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-ANMass, or call our parish office at (860) 756-4034 to let us know how many will be accompanying you and any dietary restriction or allergies. (Please RSVP by Monday, April 15, 2024 so that we can be sure we will have enough meals for everyone.)

Daily Mass Readings

Monday, Mar 25: Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday, Mar 26: Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38 Wednesday, Mar 27: Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25

Thursday, Mar 28: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13,

15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26;

Jn 13:1-15

Friday, Mar 29: Is 52:13—53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13,

15-16, 17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9;

Jn 18:1—19:42

Sunday, Mar 31: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17,

22-23; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9

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

St. Patrick - St. Anthony Ladies Guild

Upcoming Events for our 86th Year:

Crowning of Our Blessed Mother: May 5 at the 10 AM Mass Spring Basket Bazaar: May 4,5,11,& 12 after all Masses Blessed Mother's Birthday: Sep 8 at 10:00 AM Mass

Scholarship Award Announcement: Oct 20 at 10:00 AM Mass **Craft Sale & Christmas Corner**: Nov 9 & 10 after all Masses

Annual Christmas Party: Dec 8, location TBD Join us in celebrating 86 years of service.

For more information please go to https://tinyurl.com/ SPSALadiesGuild



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.

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 25, 2024, on Zoom from 7:00 to 8:00 PM.

Group Spiritual Reflection:

Tuesday: March 26, 2024, on Zoom at 12:30 PM Wednesday: March 27, 2024, in-person at 12:40 PM

In Quiet Prayer: Wednesday, March 27, 2024, 7:30 to 8:00 AM

on Zoom

People of Hope: *The Flowing Grace of Now:* Wednesday, March 27, 2024, on Zoom from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Praying with Sacred Scripture, Wednesday, April 3, 2024, in-person from 7:00 to 8:00 PM



A Franciscan exploration of Gospel Wisdom

Lent offers an opportunity for contemplation and renewal. Michael Johnson, OFM and Greg Fried-

man, 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. Ryan Thornton, OFM brings us session 6 entitled "The commemoration of the Lord's entrance into Jerusalem". To view this session, please click on the link or go to https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q7znzzXd0hk

Memorial Gift Opportunities

We are planning to purchase two new sets of vestments for the church: a rose set for Gaudete and Laetare Sunday, and a summer-weight green vestment. Both of these vestments would make excellent memorial gifts to honor a deceased loved one, or as a gift in thanksgiving. If you would like to consider making a gift, either as an individual or as a family, please contact Fr. Tim Shreenan and he will be happy to give you the details. He can be reached at tshreenan@gmail.com.

2024 Archbishop's Annual Appeal



In just a few short weeks, our parish has raised \$30,620.40 for the 2024 Archbishop's Annual Appeal.

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal supports many important ministries and programs. Gifts are allocated towards religious education programs, youth ministries, local

charities like the **House of Bread and the Fransciscan Center for Urban Ministry**, the education of our seminarians, our retired clergy, our Catholic schools, and the many ministries provided daily by the Archdiocese. If you have not made a gift, please prayerfully consider making a pledge or one-time gift. To donate online, go to

https://tinyurl.com/AOHCT-AAA or scan the QR. Join us, your parish community, and *Do This in Memory of Me*, by sharing your blessings with the less fortunate.



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.

Mass Intentions for the Week

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

Monday, March 25, 2024

7:30 AM Prayer intentions for our parishioners

12:05 PM Louis Sogaro

Tuesday, March 26, 2024

7:30 AM Prayer intentions for the parishioners of St. Genevieve

12:05 PM William McCauley

Wednesday, March 27, 2024

7:30 AM Helen F. Fairweather 12:05 PM Felix Pepe Rodriguez

Thursday, March 28, 2024 (Holy Thursday)

7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, March 29, 2024 (Good Friday)

3:00 PM Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Saturday, March 30, 2024 (Holy Saturday)

8:00 PM Great Vigil of Easter

Sunday, March 31, 2024 (Easter Sunday)

8:00 AM Prayer intentions for our parishioners
10:00 AM Prayer intentions for our parishioners

11:45 AM In thanksgiving to St. Valentine

5:00 PM Prayer intentions for the parishioners of St. Genevieve

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



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 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. 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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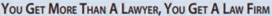
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