

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 рм	Public & Livestrear	n				
Sunday Masses						
8:00 AM	Public					
10:00 AM	Public & Livestrear	n				
11:45 ам	Public					
5:00 рм	Public					
Weekday Masses						
7:30 ам	Public					
12:05 рм	Public & Livestrear	n				
Sacrament of Reconciliation						
Masks are required for everyone during Reconciliation						
Monday, Wednesday, Friday 11:15 to 11:45 AM						

Monday, Wednesday, Frida Saturday

3:15 to 3:45 pm

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

Parish and Center Office Hours Easter Week

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

 4/2- 4/6 (Tues - Sat):
 9:00 ам to 4:00 рм

 4/7 (Sun):
 9:00 - 11:00 ам

 Regular Hours (9:00 ам to 4:00 рм) starting on 4/8 (Mon)

Daily Mass Readings

Monday, April 1: Tuesday, April 2: Wednesday, April 3: Thursday, April 4: Friday, April 5: Sunday, April 7:

Acts 2:14, 22-33; Mt 28:8-15 Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18 Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35 Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48 Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14 Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

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

Ministry of the Door Volunteer Opportunity

We are actively seeking new team members to join our vital ministry. This position, which covers a portion of every day, is critical to other ministries and expected visitors who meet during hours when the Parish Office is closed.

The position monitors and permits entry access electrionically from inside the Parish Office. You will never be asked to go to the door to physically let someone in. Some positions are weekly, others monthly and shift times vary with an average of 2 hours. We welcome any chance to discuss this opportunity with you. Please contact Susan Thebarge at 860-486-5546 for more information.

A Reminder



As you are aware, our church is heated by steam provided by the Hartford Steam Company.

We have contracted with them for more than

20 years. Our yearly contract runs from November 1 through March 31 each year. This is just a reminder that the steam will been turned off as of April 1. Thank you for your understanding.

The Pastor's Corner March 31, 2024

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Alleluia! The Lord is risen! He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

On behalf of the Franciscan Friars and our lay staff, I wish you all a very happy Easter! This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad! I pray that you and your loved ones will feel the joy and excitement of this singular day in the Church's annual celebration of the Lord's resurrection. Indeed, every Sunday is a celebration of the death and resurrection of Jesus, but Easter is the Sunday of Sundays.

Due to the vicissitudes of bulletin deadlines, I am writing this letter fully ten days before you will read it, and the temperature is hovering in the 30's with a strong, brisk wind blowing. I look across the street from the Franciscan Center and I see the yearly blooms of daffodils bravely holding their own against freezing temperatures, even though we've been enjoying unseasonably mild weather throughout the month of March. Easter being a bit early this year, I just hope we won't have a sudden return to winter.

Nevertheless, the daffodils and forsythia remind us once again of the never-ending cycle of nature. After the cold and snows of winter, there is always the promise of springtime and bursting forth of new life. I am reminded of the words of a lovely anthem by John Rutter which our choir sings on occasion: "Look at the world."

Look at the world, everything all around us: Look at the world, and marvel every day. Look at the world, so many joys and wonders; So many miracles along our way.

Praise to thee, O Lord, for all creation, Give us thankful hearts, that we may see: All the gifts we share, and every blessing; All things come of thee.

Look at the earth bringing forth fruit and flower; Look at the sky, the sunshine and the rain; Look at the hills, look at the trees and mountains, Valley and flowing river, field and plain... As we look around the world, there is so much beauty to behold – natural beauty – that delights us and raises our spirits. On a recent visit to Elizabeth Park I noticed a group of volunteers



getting the tulip garden ready for the time when the blooms open up and practically shout: "Look at me!"

But we must also look around the world and see much that is not beautiful, where death and destruction seem to hold sway. Ukraine. Gaza. Haiti. Wherever there is conflict, violence and war there is no beauty. Except...

Except where there are people who will not allow death and ugliness to overwhelm the earth. People who will not rest until every child can go to sleep in their own bed and their hunger satisfied.

As Christians who profess our faith in the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, we are people of hope who cannot rest until the kingdom of God is made fully manifest. That takes perseverance, hard work and trust in a God who will not allow death to have the final word.

In the meantime, here at the corner of Church and Ann Uccello Streets, there are men and women who share that sentiment. Once again, I express my thanks for all that you do for each other in a spirit of selfless service. You are the presence of the risen Lord to one another, but especially to those whose lives are often filled with despair and desperation.

I am grateful, too, for those who give of your time, talent, and treasure to support the work and upkeep of our parish, especially our liturgical ministers and musicians; our gardeners and hospitality ministers; our sandwich makers and distributors; our knitters and crocheters; our artists and handiworkers; our volunteers of every stripe who help when and wherever they are called upon. All of you make this place a joy-filled place of love and the presence of the Lord who has raised us up with him. As St. Paul says: "Let us celebrate the feast, not with the old yeast of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth."

Blessings on your week ahead!

Fr. Tim Skreenan, Jm

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

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 <u>elaine.wiatr@yahoo.com</u> for

more information or if you need to borrow a drum.

Community Sunday Sunday, April 14, 2024

after the 8 and 10 am Masses



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

can 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 <u>https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-AllWel-Info</u> for more information.

Centering Yoga

Parishioner Michael Leahy (YT200) is offering a FREE one-hour yoga class in the Franciscan Center, the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month through April at 9:00am:

April 13 and 27 May 11 and 25 June 8 and 22



All ability levels are welcome; please bring your own mat. Email aholstgrubbe@spsact.org to register.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Our Next Meeting: Monday, April 8, 2024 at 7:00 рм via 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.

Zoom Link can be found in the Monday Email.

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: April 2, 2024, on Zoom at 12:30 PM Wednesday: April 3, 2024, in-person at 12:40 PM

In Quiet Prayer: Wednesday, April 3, 2024, 7:30 to 8:00 AM on Zoom

People of Hope: *The Flowing Grace of Now:* Wednesday, April 3, 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

Open Hearts Ministry

Monthly Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for April 14, 2024 after the 5:00 PM Mass in the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry. All Are Welcome. Please join us.



Friends and Family Ministry: Our next meeting will take place on Sunday, April 21, 2024 at 3:30 PM in the Franciscan Center. Our group provides support and guidance to parents, friends and allies of our LGBTO+ brothers and sisters. Please contact either Tim Curran (timothy.curran@trincoll.edu) or Rich Broggini (richardbroggini@gmail.com) for more information.

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**

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 the link below, 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.)



Baptism

Easter Sunday at 10:00 am

Lily Jones Needham child of Matthew Needham & Kirby O'Keefe

Fr. Michael Johnson, O.F.M. presiding



Insider's Talk with Gabriel Löfvall

Tuesday, May 7, from 5:30 to 7:45 AM

Join us in the Franciscan Center for a convivial dinner gathering, followed by an engaging talk delving into the historical and cultural tapestry that weaves together our parish's seasonal music selections. This event promises a blend of camaraderie,

Registration Deadline: May 1, 2024



intellectual stimulation, and insights into the wondrous feast of Corpus Christi (Body and Blood of Christ) and its musical interpretations, as our church's choirs prepare to sing a concert on this theme.

Please go to https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-Gabe-2024 or scan the QR Code to register. Presenter: Dr. Gabriel Löfvall Suggested Offering: \$15.00; includes a light supper



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 <u>https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-Clare-PleinAir</u> to register.



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.

Mass Intentions for the Week

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

Monday, April 1, 2024

9:00 AM Prayer intentions for our parishioners

Tuesday, April 2, 2024

7:30 AM Prayer intentions for the parishioners of St. Genevieve 12:05 PM Rose & Frank Sullivan

Wednesday, April 3, 2024

7:30 AM Marie Sullivan 12:05 PM Concetta Gianni

Thursday, April 4, 2024

7:30 AM 12:05 PM William Kenny

Friday, April 5, 2024

7:30 AM Melissa Corning 12:05 PM Prayer intentions for Teresa Muchori

Saturday, April 6, 2024 4:00 PM Joan Henderson

Sunday, April 7, 2024

8:00 AM William, Angie & Joanne Speziale10:00 AM Celeste Eccellente11:45 AM Joseph Kelliher5:00 PM

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.

2024 Easter Flowers

Memorials

Dick & Claire Shea, Nicholas Aleia, Lucie C. Daly and Dawn & Carl LaFleur, by Alan Aleia & Margaret Shea Aleia

Walter & Rosemarie Olender, by Scot & Lisa Anderson

Kathleen & Nicholas Arturo, by Rocco Arturo

Madeline G. Bartholomay and Gary S. Bunting, by George Bartholomay

Thomas Santaro, Anna Pavlick, Joseph Pavlick and Mary Sataro, by Ron & Pat Biederman

Judy Studioso, by Deanna & Robert Bisaillon

Ken & Roxie Boone, Anna Matrazzo, Mary Hunt and the Boone & Nkansah Families, by Michael & Doris Boone

Ed & Eugenia Guzek, Irene Guzek and Francis & Charlotte Bowen, by Patricia Bowen & Stan Guzek

Members of the Brasa & O'Connell Families, by Maeve & Ken Brasa

John C. Brennan, Mary & John Lemega, Robert J. Lemega, Mary & John Ramos, and Mr. & Mrs. Robert Watt, by Alice Brennan

William D. Brown and Mary & John L. Fiorillo, by Amy Brown

Daniel Buckanagave, Fr. Andrew Giardino, OFM, the Buckanavage family and the Gentkowski family, by Pat Buckanavage

Judy Ryiz (Spouse) and Jeanie Grasso Gagnon (Sister), by Natalie Campbell

Judith Cardoni, The DeMarchi Family, The Cardoni Family, and the Cutre Family, by Alex and Jeanette Cardoni

The Marques, Carvalho and Brito Families, by Teresa Carvalho

Rob Casinghino, from his parents Arnold & Joan Casinghino

Thomas. E Claffey, by Barbara Claffey

Peter Papadopoulos, by Claudia Gober

Chelsea Clyburn Morehouse, by the Clyburn Family

Douglas Corr, by Barbara & Richard Corr

Miriam & Darby Costello and Marion Kingsbury, by Darcè Costello

Richard Crockett, Josephine & Salvatore Tanasi, Marjorie & Samuel Crockett, by Connie Crockett

Antonio Pizzoferrato, Stella Pizzoferrato, Agath Pizzoferrato Weilock, Anthony Pizzoferrato, Jr and Daniel & Gaynell Cronin & Farmily, by Anne Cronin

Mary <mark>G. Falve</mark>y and Kathryn F & Paul J. Rizza, by Teresa Curry

Deceased memebrs of the Curtiss and Catalano families, by Paula & Stephen Curtiss

Paul F. Thomas, DMD, Robert F. Czaporowski, and Hal, Mary & Jerry Heap, by Joan Czaporowski

Raymond G. Dalton, by Sharon Dalton

Fred D'Amico, by Fran D'Amico

Frank & Elaine D'Amico, by Fran D'Amico

Don Deasy and Kathleen Gorman, by Pat Deasy

Nicholas DePaola and Robert DePaola, by Bob DePaola

Barton Smith, Lorayne Smith, Jean Corr, Christopher Corr and Maura Corr, by The Ducharme Family

Eileen & Dan Ragnoni, James Mullin, John Sheehy and Ed & Lillian Hussey, by Mary & Victor Eanniello

Koluch & East Families, by Lin and Jeanne East

Michael & Celeste Eccellente, by Norma Eccellente

Caroline Zachmann, Fred & Kath Elmy, Michael Dumond, Mathias & Anna Petsche, George & Elizabeth Zachmann and Joe & Helen Murray, by Eliza & Brian Elmy

Fitol & Fedruk Families, by Richard Fitol

Richard Formica and Gaetano & Concetta Romano, by Jo-Ann Formica

Joe & Della Fotino, by Dora Fotino

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas A. Fax, Miss Mary Ellen Fox, Mr. & Mrs. Bernard J. Fagan and Mr. & Mrs. Michael D. Fox, by Geri Fox

Concetta, Salvatore & Carmen Gianni, and Rose Zoppoli, by Mary Gianni

Kathleen M. Gorman, by Jim Gorman

Carroll F. Tierney, Jean F. Tierney, Horace Gottlieb, Debbie Chase & Cathy Rebai, by Norman & Lois Gottlieb

Sr. Rita Johnson, SSND by James & Allison Healy

John & Margaret Liggio, Dottie & Bill Hilbert, The Liggio, Cassels & Hilb<mark>ert Fam</mark>ilies, by Irene & Bill Hilbert

Th<mark>omas &</mark> Marion Hoey, Dorothy Ryan, and Sr. Susan Carlin, RSM, by Nancy Hoey

Anna & Edward Alexis and Larry Tracey, Jr., by Connie & Bob Houde

Robert & Ann Janulevicz, by Alan Janulevicz

Fran <mark>& Ed Ma</mark>rin, Jerry <mark>Marin, Car</mark>mella & John Karwan and Jack & Pam Karwan, by Pat & Mike Karwan

Denis Geary, by his Family

Charles Golec, by Kathleen Golec

Marie & Ed Mulcahy, Genevieve Zak, and Helen & Anthony Golec, by Kathleen Golec

Rocco & Mary Cacchillo, by Timothy & Jean Kehoe

Joseph Kelliher and The Tremko Family, by Dolores Kelliher

William & Margaret Kramer, Rosalie Latorra and Alice Hill, by Irene Kramer

Alice Kuzia, by Kevin Kuzia

Daniel Laffin, III, by the Laffin Family

Sal & Frances Coco and Dan & Eleanor Laffin, by the Laffin Family

Judith Anne Lanning and Gladys A. Flood, by Gerard Lanning

Ivy John and Victor John, by Cato & Cynthia Laurencin

Jeremiah Dowd and Iroi LeBlanc by the LeBlanc Family

Mary & John Lemega, Mary & John Ramos, Michael J. Digby, John V. Ramos, Barbara V. Dubovik, August W. Linder, Inez Williams, Carole A. Spector, John C. Brennan, Fr. Jim Hynes, OFM, Laura S. Diunizio, Hilda T. Perry, Bob Lemega, & Silvia Digby,

by Joyce & John Lemega

William Leone, by Beverly Leone

Salvatore Lombardo, Sabastiana Lombardo, and Ann Hamm, by Mary Lombardo

Daniel Rodriguez, by Danielle Luna

Delphine & Leo Bricuglio, Sr, deceased victims of domestic violence, and deceased Franciscan Friars, by Marie Poland

Pietro & Angela Maria Fazio and Francis Marquis, by Rosina & Steven Marquis

Thomas, Margaret & William Murray, by Joan Martin

Thomas & Josephine Mazzarella, Carmelina Munzner, Joanne Huxley, Marion Hall, Gilda Bongiovanni, and Sarah Conforto,

by Sally Mazzarella

Efigenia Palomino, Maria A. Obregon, Felipe Obregon, Ernest Burnell, Henry McDermott, Helen McDermott, Mary Jennings McDermott, and Isabel Fairweather,

by Joann McDermott and Maria Obregon Raymond A. Meany, by Barbara Meany

Joe & Teresa Melzen, Melzen, Lukach & Humphrey families and Virginia Reynolds, by Jim Melzen & Mark Humphrey Ann Knell, Daithi Foran and Pamela Larson Bausch, by Marie Mullaney & Anthony Foran Osella and Parker Families, by Joan & Ron Osella

John & Rose Torza and Nicholas Pavia, by Philomena Pappa James W. Penders, Lillian Penders, Sylvester Cholko and Loretta Cholko, by Jim & Joan Penders

Joseph Amato and John Amato, by Shari & Matthew Phillips

Francis Kopcza, Susan Saffery, Jean Grant and Ronnie Amato, by Shari & Matthew Phillips

Michael O'Donnell, by Mary Joan Picone

Robert Danelski, by Joe & Beverly Pierz

Prisloe & Olie Families, by Mark Prisloe

Raymond Ramsey, by Peggy Ramsey

Randazzo & Olevia Families, by Sal & Karen Randazzo

In loving memory of Eleanor Dwyer, by Kevin & Laura Rice

Rosina & Salvatore Rinaldi and Anna Calabrese, by Michael Rinaldi

Christopher Shea, by Thomas Shea

Ryan Ross and Silvio Celadon, by Marc & Sheila Sherer

Kathleen Murray, Joseph & Mary Connell, Joseph & Valeria Shertick, and Cynthia Stanco, by Joesph & Mary Jo Shertick

Stanley Sidur, Genowefa Bartkowicz, Lydia Sidur, Jason Connolly, and Janusz Strumecki, by Andrea Sidur

Nancy Pape, by Delphine Soucie

RoseMarie Barone, by Ann-Marie & Craig Stevenson

Lillian & Frederick Sullivan and Margaret & James Sheehan, by Joe & Susan Sullivan

Rosalie & Bill Swift, by Kathleen Swift

The Tarala-Caruso Family, by Lisa Tarala

Carmelo Testa and Elba Famiglietti, by Nancy & Sebbastiano Testa

Aelred, Rita, Ken, Doreen, & Tom Wagner, Philip Knutson and Anne Ferrucci, by Wilbur Wagner

Virbert Sullivan, Angela Sullivan, Hewley Barker, Roberto Soto, Jr., and Dorothy David, by Maxine Woolford

J. Gregori Montano, Lorraine Nash, John F. O'Connor, Rosemary McCarthy, and Steve Gray, by Ray Woollett

Victor & Lena Yedziniak, by Lorriane Yedziniak

Gianna Young, by Paul & Doreen Young

Honorariums

Sandra & Peter Heap, Roz & Gerry Devine, and Paul & Gail Cousineau, by Joan Czaporowski

Surviving victims of domestic violence, World Peace, the end of war and violence for all countries, the staff and the Franciscan Friars, and all parishioners of St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church,

by Marie Poland

Volunteer Today:



Feeling the need to give back? Consider volunteering for one of our many ministries here at St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church and the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry.

From long standing ministries like our

Ladies Guild to joining one of our House of Bread Meal Teams, there is something for everyone.

Please go to <u>https://spsact.org/current-volunteer-opportunities/</u> to view current offerings.

Have questions? Please contact our Director of Community Engagement, Allison Holst-Grubbe at <u>aholstgrubbe@spsact.org</u> for more info!



Offering Envelopes

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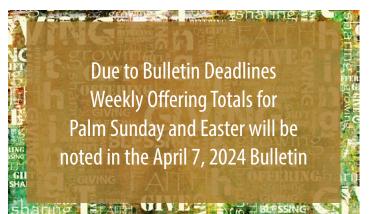
we do not require offering envelopes if you make your donations via online giving.

If you would like to discontinue them, please contact the parish office at 860-756-4034 or info@spsact.org.



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2024 Annual Appeal Thank You



Thank you to the parish families who have made a gift or pledge commitment to the 2024 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not yet had the opportunity, please consider prayerfully supporting the many "Good

Works" of the Archdiocese. Every gift will be gratefully



received and sincerely appreciated. Please go to <u>https://tinyurl.com/AOHCT-AAA</u> or scan the QR Code to

donate online.

Appeal Donations as of 3/20/2024

Parish Goal:	
Nbr Families:	
Total Donated:	
Average Gift:	
Percent of Goal:	

\$115,000.00 89 \$30,620.40 \$344.05 26.63%

St. Anthony's Bread for the Poor

Financial gifts help to support our Weekend Meal Program at the House of Bread and our daily Sandwich Distribution Program.

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Send to: Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry 285 Church Street, Hartford, CT 06103 (checks made payable to FCUM) <u>CLICK TO GIVE ONLINE</u>



Christ is risen!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

At the Last Supper which we commemorated on Holy Thursday, Jesus took bread and wine and instituted the Eucharist, instructing the Apostles to "Do This in Memory of Me." (1 Cor. 11:24)

When we come together for the celebration of Mass, we not only experience our unity as living members of the Body of Christ, but we also receive Him — body and blood, soul and divinity — in the Holy Eucharist. This is so, precisely because He is not to be found among the dead, but among the living, and that is our Easter joy.

During this Easter season, we are called to recognize the greatness of His

sacrifice and the incredible gift of life and salvation that He has won for us. The death and resurrection of Christ are the turning point of history and the foundation of our faith. Through His death, He bore the weight of our sins, offering Himself as the perfect sacrifice to reconcile us with God. His resurrection is the victory of life over death, of light over darkness, of good over evil. In His resurrection, we find hope for our own lives, knowing that through, with and in Him we too can find newness of life and the promise of eternity.

Just as the Apostles, seeing the Risen Christ, were moved from despair to

rejoicing, we too are called to let God's love transform our minds and hearts. My prayer this Easter Season is for all of the members of our Archdiocese to experience the redemptive love of Christ through participation at Sunday Mass. From there we are sent forth to be loving, merciful and charitable toward others, to share the good news of Jesus Christ by joining our voices with those of His first disciples in acclaiming, "The

Lord is risen! He is truly risen!" May the peace of the Risen Christ truly be with you, and may the great joy of Easter fill your hearts and lives in this season and throughout the year. "Alleluia!"

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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Most Reverend Leonard P. Blair Archbishop of Hartford



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:

<u>https://spsact.org/contact-open-hearts-ministry/</u> For information on Friends and Family contact: <u>https://spsact.org/contact-form-for-friends-family-ministry/</u>

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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