

“Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself.”



Behold my hands and feet by Harry Anderson

St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church • 285 Church Street • Hartford, Connecticut
April 14, 2024 • Third Sunday of Easter

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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

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

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 11:15 to 11:45 AM

Saturday 3:15 to 3:45 PM



Community Sunday

Sunday, April 14, 2024
after the 8 and 10 am Masses

A Message from our Parish Nurses

The Parish Nurses welcome you to join us on Community Sundays for a blood pressure check.

We also remind you to get your flu shot, covid booster and make sure you are up to date on any or all of your vaccines.

Any parishioner who is a nurse and would like to help with blood pressures once a month, we would welcome you. Please call the office at 860-756-4034 if interested.

Daily Mass Readings

- Monday, April 15; Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29
- Tuesday, April 16; Acts 7:51—8:1a; Jn 6:30-35
- Wednesday, April 17: Acts 8:1b-8; Jn 6:35-40
- Thursday, April 18: Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51
- Friday, April 19: Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59
- Sunday April 21: Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

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

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 be turned off as of April 1. Thank you for your understanding.

The Pastor's Corner

April 14, 2024

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

A senator's visit, a basketball championship, a solar eclipse: three very different events that have impacted us in the past two weeks.

On the morning of Tuesday, April 2nd, Senator Richard Blumenthal paid a brief visit to the Franciscan Center to receive the petition which was signed during the weekend of March 16-17 by many parishioners asking that the U.S. Senate pass a bill which would prohibit the export of guns from the United States to Haiti.

During his visit, Senator Blumenthal spoke of the urgency to pass the bill, notwithstanding the political differences which have prevented its passage thus far. He promised that he and Senator Chris Murphy would continue to fight for the bill in Washington until it is finally brought up for a vote. He also spoke warmly about his previous visits to St. Patrick-St. Anthony, noting how deeply impressed he has been by our parish and our commitment to social concerns and needs. We are grateful that he took the time from his busy schedule to come here and join us in our efforts to bring some measure of peace and stability to our Haitian brothers and sisters.



Fr. Tim and Joe Cirusuolo, chairperson of the Sister Parish Advocacy Subcommittee, present the petition to Senator Blumenthal.

Congratulations to the UConn Huskies for winning the NCAA Men's Basketball Championship on Monday evening, April 8th in Phoenix, AZ! Their win over Perdue marks the second year in a row that they have captured the national championship, their sixth in all. I know that many parishioners are huge fans of UConn's men's and women's basketball teams, so here is yet another opportunity to savor the sweetness of victory, and to take pride in our home team.



The solar eclipse which occurred last Monday afternoon, was a moment that brought the entire nation to a standstill.

The *New York Times* columnist, Elizabeth Diaz, had this to say about the eclipse: *"As the moon crossed over the sun yesterday, millions of people from Mazatlán to Maine stopped to gaze upward in a profound experience of awe. The solar eclipse tapped into a primal emotion. It evoked for many a mystical moment, as awareness of the celestial encompassed the earth. It revealed the close dance between spirituality and science."*

For a nation pulled apart by every manner of division, the eclipse also offered a moment of unity, however brief. It was a reminder to everyone, on the same day and at the same time, that life can be magical. That being alive is a collective experience. That there is something astonishing about being part of the greater story of things."

The eclipse was certainly a sight to behold as Brother Sun and Sister Moon danced together in the heavens above. During this season in which we celebrate the Resurrection, we are reminded once again of God's limitless power to lift us out of our sometimes cynical dispiritedness with a few moments of awe and mystery. These celestial phenomena don't happen frequently, but when they do, they remind me of the words of Psalm 8:3 – "When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?"



Saint Francis of Assisi surely was in awe of God's creation, and he found intimate companionship with everything he laid his eyes upon. Brother Sun, Sister Moon and Stars, Brother Wind and Brother Fire, Sister Water and Mother Earth. All of these tell us of God's goodness and care for us. May we always honor and glorify God and all of creation with gratitude and joy in our hearts.

Blessings on your week ahead!

Fr. Tim Shreenan, OFM

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Pastor

Time to Purchase Your Tickets!



April 14, today, is another opportunity to buy \$17.00 tickets to the Parish Community Day at the Yard Goats. Tickets will be on sale in the Franciscan Center lobby after all Sunday Masses.

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.

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 LGBTQ+ brothers and sisters. Please contact either Tim Curran (timothy.curran@trincoll.edu) or Rich Broggini (richardbroggini@gmail.com) for more information.

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: April 16, 2024, on Zoom at 12:30 PM

Wednesday: April 17, 2024, in-person at 12:40 PM

In Quiet Prayer: Wednesday, April 17, 2024, 7:30 to 8:00 AM on Zoom

People of Hope: *The Flowing Grace of Now*: Wednesday, April 17, 2024, on Zoom from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Praying with Sacred Scripture, Wednesday, April 17, 2024, in-person from 7:00 to 8:00 PM

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 electronically 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 Theborge at 860-485-5546 for more information.

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.)



Walk Against Hunger
May 4, 2024

Join our team to support the House of Bread

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 June at 9:00am:

April 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.

Secular Franciscan's Celebrate Earth Day



In celebration of Earth Day, the Secular Franciscans will be distributing Milkweed plants after all the Masses on April 20-21 to express Care for God's creation. This is the plant famous for its "silky seeds" in fall, when you see the drying cone-shaped seedpods crack open and their snow-white shiny fluff flying around the meadow. You will love it in your wildflower garden.

It's a beautiful and dependably perennial, and the No. 1 plant visited by Monarch butterflies on their famous migration south every summer and fall. In fact, during late summer, it's somewhat rare to see a milkweed plant without a monarch perched upon the flowers.

Insider's Talk with Gabriel Löfvall

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

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, 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

Registration Deadline: May 1, 2024



A Novel Idea Book Club

Our April book selection is *Save What's Left* by Elizabeth Castellano. Join the discussion on **April 18, 2024 at 7:00 PM** in-person at the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry and on Zoom.

Upcoming books:

May 16: *The Marriage Portrait* by Maggie O'Farrell

June 20: *The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride

July 18: *Tom Lake* by Ann Patchett

August 15: *The Covenant of Water* by Abraham Verghese

Contact the office at 860-756-4034 or email info@spsact.org for more information.

Clare Gallery: Watershed Journeys

March 22–May 28, 2024

The Connecticut River and its surrounding watershed are the subject for our current exhibit, *Watershed Journeys*, by Diana Rogers. She is 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.

Artist Reception: Today, 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 go to <https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-Clare-PleinAir> to register.



Marriage Blessings

John O'Sullivan and Elizabeth Brasa

Married April 6, 2024

Fr. William Beaudin, O.F.M., celebrating



Baptism, Sunday, April 14, 2024

Elowen Nora

child of

Nathan & Jessica Gottier

Fr. Timothy Shreenan, O.F.M., celebrating

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Weekly Offerings

March 25 - 31, 2024 (Easter)

Online Giving: \$8,759.23

Weekly Collection: \$10,657.00

Easter: \$13,924.00

Total: \$33,340.23

April 1 - 7, 2024

Online Giving: \$10,174.23

Weekly Collection: \$8,198.21

Total: \$18,371.44

Archbishop's Annual Appeal Donations as of 4/5/2024

Parish Goal:	\$115,000.00
Nbr Families:	124
Total Donated:	\$49,097.40
Average Gift:	\$395.95
Percent of Goal:	42.69%

Offering Envelopes

Did you know...

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.



Watch Online:



<https://www.facebook.com/St-Patrick-St-Anthony-Church-109359789104825/>



<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8Vhk8-hhlyAJenBxueHySQ>

StreamSpot

<https://venue.streamspot.com/cdc76f52>

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, April 13, 2024

4:00 PM Edward Alexis, 10th Anniversary

Sunday, April 14, 2024

8:00 AM

10:00 AM Jack Langton, 2nd Anniversary

11:45 AM Jennifer Schimmel

5:00 PM

Monday, April 15, 2024

7:30 AM Prayer intentions for our parishioners

12:05 PM Alice & Joe Barry

Tuesday, April 16, 2024

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

12:05 PM Deceased members of the Monaco & Masciulli Families

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

7:30 AM Paul Curtis

12:05 PM Deceased member of the Baio & Spirito Families

Thursday, April 18, 2024

7:30 AM Vincent McCarthy

12:05 PM Anne Marie Sparmer

Friday, April 19, 2024

7:30 AM

12:05 PM Brian Secord

Saturday, April 20, 2024

4:00 PM Patti Corcoran

Sunday, April 21, 2024

8:00 AM Cheryl, Jacqueline & Ernie Lareau

10:00 AM Patrick & Margaret Malloy

11:45 AM Manuel Almagro

5:00 PM



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 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

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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