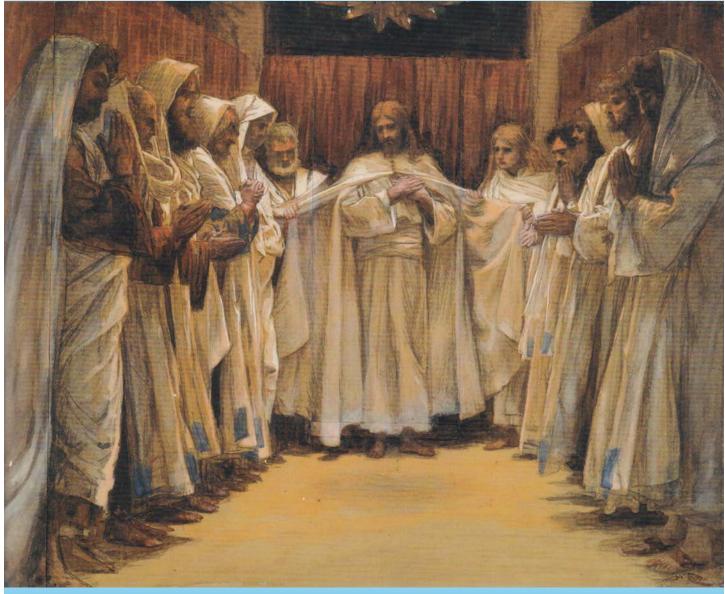
"Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me... I consecrate myself for them, so that they also may be consecrated in truth."



The Last Sermon of Our Lord by James Tissot (1836-1902) Brooklyn Museu

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Celebration of the Eucharist		
	Masks are optional at all Masses	
Saturday Evening Mass of Anticipation		
4:00 рм	Public & Livestream	
Sunday Masses		
8:00 am	Public	
10:00 AM	Public & Livestream	
11:45 ам	Public	
5:00 рм	Public	
Weekday Masses		
7:30 ам	Public	
12:05 рм	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 рм



Spring Basket Bazaar May 11/12 before and after all Masses

Daily Mass Readings

Monday, May 13:	Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday, May 14:	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17
Wednesday, May 15:	Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:17b, 17a
Thursday, May 16:	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26
Friday, May 17:	Acts 25:13b-21; Jn 21:15-19
Sunday May 19:	Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31,
	34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23
Go to http://w	www.uscch.org/for readings online

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Confirmation



Our Confirmation Class journeyed to the Cathedral of St. Joseph the morning of May 4, 2024 for their Confirmation. The newly appointed Archbishop Christopher J. Coyne sealed our young adults with the Holy Spirit in a beautiful and meaningful ceremony. Congratulations to all.

Jacob Adames Aidan Arcila Ethan Bisaillon Charles Carson lan Daigle Lucinda Gwiazdoski Nora Lewandowski Mallory Mori Jonathan Price Sophia Scheinberg Cole Smith Caeli Sullivan

Sophia Adelman Aedan Baginski Lucas Branco Joseph Christopher Sofia Garza Sophia LaPorta Louisa McDonagh Gavin Potts **Chase Quigley Margaret Schwab** Eliza Stevenson

The Pastor's Corner

May 12, 2024

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

In last week's letter I wrote about the Walk

Against Hunger which took place on Saturday morning, May 4th. Coincidentally, just several blocks away, another event was taking place at the Cathedral of St. Joseph. Over 140 young people from ten parishes, together with their sponsors and families, celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation with Archbishop Christopher Coyne – his first Confirmation ceremony as Archbishop of Hartford. I have to admit to feeling a bit like a proud papa as I presented our candidates to be Confirmed.

I hope that the young men and women who were Confirmed found the Archbishop's words meaningful and inspirational as they enter a new stage of their Christian vocation. By completing their initiation into the Christian faith, they are called to be mature and authentic witnesses to Jesus Christ. The words Jesus speaks to us in today's Gospel are very appropriate to our newly Confirmed parishioners, as Jesus prays to his Father: "Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world. And I consecrate myself for them, so that they also may be consecrated in truth" (John 17:17-19).

This weekend, our children will receive their First Eucharist at the 4:00 and 10:00 Masses. I join their parents, families, and all our parishioners in offering my prayerful good wishes as they share in the Body and Blood of the Lord for the first time, and enter a new stage in their Christian life as well. The Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation) are steps that every Catholic person takes as they enter more deeply at each moment into the life of Christ and as a member of the Body of Christ, the Church.

The Eucharist, by its very nature, is the focal point around which our lives as Catholics revolve. Baptism and Confirmation are celebrated just once in a person's life, but Eucharist is a weekly experience of Christ's self-giving sacrificial love for us. May we never go hungry!

Blessings on your week ahead!

Fr. Tim Shreenan, Ffm_

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



EUCHARIST FEAST OF JOY & REMEMBRANCE

Free Concert Saturday, June 1 at 7:00 PM St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church 285 Church Street, Hartford

O Sacrum Convivium! ('O Sacred Banquet') Choral Meditations on the Eucharist

Works by Palestrina, Mozart, Bruckner, Howells and others



"Source and Summit, Sacrifice and Supper: The Meaning of the Eucharist"

Sunday, June 2, 3:00-4:30 PM Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry "What happened at the Last Supper? Origins of the Eucharist"

Monday, June 3, 7:00-8:30 PM Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry **"What Happens at Mass?"**

Tuesday, June 4, 7:00-8:30 PM Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry "Living the Eucharist in the Dying and Rising of Christ"

Presented by Joseph Nuzzi, a pastoral associate at St. Francis of Assisi Church in New York City where he works in the areas of Evangelization and Adult Faith Formation.



Open Hearts Ministry

Monthly Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for May 12, 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, May 19, 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 <u>https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-AFF</u>.

Group Spiritual Reflection:

Tuesday: May 14, 2024, on Zoom at 12:30 PM Wednesday: May 15, 2024, in-person at 12:40 PM

In Quiet Prayer: Wednesday, May 15, 2024, 7:30 to 8:00 AM on Zoom

People of Hope: *The Flowing Grace of Now:* Wednesday, May 15, 2024, on Zoom from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM

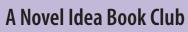
Praying with Sacred Scripture, Wednesday, May 15, 2024, in-person from 7:00 to 8:00 PM

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Our Next Meeting: Monday, May 13, 2024 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.

Zoom Link can be found in the Monday Email.



Our April book selection is *The Marriage Portrait* by Maggie O'Farrell. Join the discussion on **May 16, 2024 at 7:00** PM in-person at the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry and on Zoom. Upcoming books:

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 <u>info@spsact.org</u> for more information.



Traffic Alert: Please expect delays when traveling to Church this weekend. University of Hartford will hold two Graduation Ceremonies at 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM, Sunday, May 12 at the XL Center. Both Church and Ann Uccello Streets will be very busy. The parking will be reserved for parishioners.



Walk Against Hunger

"THANK YOU," THANK YOU' for being a part of the WALK AGAINST HUNGER by being an enthusiastic walker and/or making a generous donation. The exact amount of funds has not been calculated from FoodShare but SPSA raised over \$10,000! 100% of the funds raised will go to the House of Bread. The Committee for Social Justice is grateful for your kindness!

Clare Gallery's 20th Anniversary Celebration Continues!

We are so pleased to announce the much-anticipated publication of **Graceful Partners**, **Art and Spirituality**. This book documents the twenty-year history of the Clare Gallery ministry at the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry by sharing essays, exhibition con-



tent, and community impact statements. The exhibitions are within the categories of spirituality, world religions and interfaith themes, and social justice themes. **Clare Gallery Book Launch, Author Talk and Book Signing will take place on Thursday, May 23, 6:00-7:30** PM.

Please go to <u>https://tinyurl.com/Clare-Author-1</u> to let us know you plan to attend.

A virtual author talk on Zoom will be available at 6:30 PM.

Please go to <u>https://tinyurl.com/Clare-Author-2</u> to receive the Zoom link if you cannot join us in person.

Author Nancy Wynn is an award-winning designer, artist, writer, and educator with over 30 years of experience as a professional creative practitioner. Since 2003, Ms. Wynn has managed and served as Chair of the Clare Gallery.

She is an Associate Professor of Graphic Design and Chair of the Department of Visual and Performing Arts at Merrimack College in Massachusetts. Ms. Wynn received her MFA from the University of Hartford, Hartford Art School, and her BFA from the University of Connecticut.

Proceeds from the sale of books sold at this event will go to the Clare Gallery.

2nd Collection May 12, 2024: Catholic Communication Campaign

Through websites, social networks, television, radio, and print, the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC) helps the Church spread the Gospel message through the media locally and nationally. Half of all donations to the CCC collected in your diocese stay in your

diocese to support your local communications needs, such as radio and television programming and diocesan publications. Please go to <u>https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-CCC</u> or scan the QR Code to donate.





Baptism, Sunday, May 12, 2024

Róisín Kathleen child of Joseph Hodecker and Erin Mulcahy Fr. Timothy Shreenan, O.F.M., celebrating

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Weekly Offerings

April 29 - May 5, 2024

Online Giving: \$10,533.23 Weekly Collection: \$8,416.00

Total: \$18,949.23

Archbishop's Annual Appeal Donations as of 5/3/2024

Parish Goal:	\$115,000.00
Nbr Families:	191
Total Donated:	\$67,490.60
Average Gift:	\$353.34
Percent of Goal:	58.69%

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 <u>https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/</u>. No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements.



In loving memory of Brenda Heap and for the intentions of Tom Heap by Joan Czaporawski



Sign-On Letter from US Catholics on Israel-Palestine

The ongoing humanitarian crisis in Gaza has tragically resulted in nearly 35,000 deaths, mostly among women and children, and another 78,000 wounded, emphasizing the severe challenges the region faces. In response, Franciscan and Catholic leaders, driven by a commitment to the Gospel and human rights, have endorsed a call for an immediate ceasefire, the release of hostages, and urgent humanitarian aid.

As Franciscans living the Gospel, we cannot stay silent while such overwhelming suffering unfolds. We call on our brothers and sisters to raise their voices with us, inspired by the words we pray so often, "Lord, make me an instrument of your peace."

Several weeks ago we held a prayer vigil for peace here at SPSA. Now we ask you to raise your voices and join us in this critical peace initiative by the **Franciscan Action Network**. Your support is vital in advocating for justice, peace, and a lasting political solution for both Israeli and Palestinian peoples.

Signatures are being collected until May 19, with the final letter to be presented to the White House on the Feast of Pentecost. Join here to make a difference.

To read the letter and consider adding your name, please go to <u>https://spsact.org/us-catholics-israel-palestine/</u> or scan the QR Code below.





Sister Parish Update

The situation in Haiti remains unstable, violent and lawless, especially in and around the capital city, Port-au-Prince. Our Sister Parish, St. Genevieve and its school are located in Z'Orange, 16 miles north of the city.

But hopeful events are still happening amid this seeming chaos. The St. Genevieve School is open, and the students are taking



their examinations. We're going to share the results with you when Fr. Gaby is able to send them. The principal, teachers and staff remain faithful to their

teaching mission, and have sent appreciation of the increased salaries our generous community support has provided them.

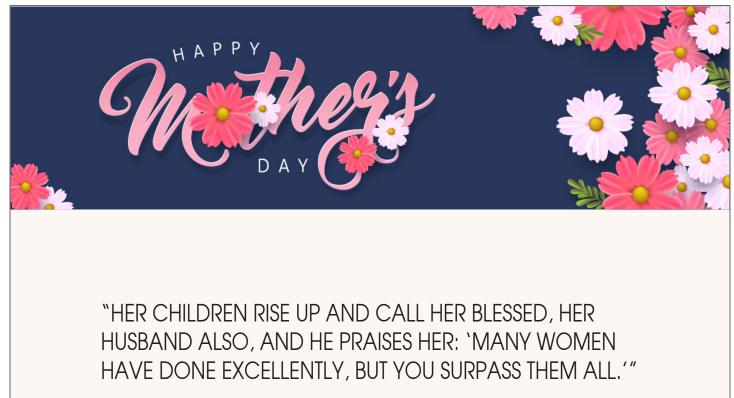
Also, our parish's steadfast support is providing students a hot

meal and allowing them to keep up with their education in a safe space to learn and study, even in this environment of dramatic food inflation and lack of availability.



Fr. Gaby reports that he is still a target of gang violence and so is unfortunately still unable to return to live with his parishioners.

The Sister Parish committee members are grateful for your continued prayers and donations for our Sister Parish as we all pray for the success of plans to establish an interim governing body that might lend stability, and bring an end to the gang violence in this beleaguered country.



-PROVERBS 31:28-31





Tickets still Available

Don't miss out on this fun Community Event.

Have you purchased your tickets yet for our SPSA Community Day at the Yard Goats Game on June 16, 2024?

Please call the Parish Office, 860-756-4034, to reserve your tickets this week.



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, May 11, 2024 4:00 PM Concetta Romano, 19th Anniversary

Sunday, May 12, 2024

- 8:00 AMLucy, Jenny & Andrea Scacca10:00 AMCarmela & Guido Coletto11:45 AMAnthony Pizzoferrato
- 5:00 PM Rose Torza

Monday, May 13, 2024

7:30 AM	Diane Fallon
12:05 PM	Jim Mullarkey

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

7:30 AM Prayer intentions for the parishioners of St. Genevieve 12:05 PM John Pizzanello

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

7:30 AM Prayer intentions for our parishioners

12:05 PM Alan Dirr

Thursday, May 16, 2024

7:30 AM

12:05 PM Prayer intentions for Laura Trowbridge

Friday, May 17, 2024

7:30 AM

12:05 PM George Holst-Grubbe

Saturday, May 18, 2024

4:00 PM Anna Alexis, 12th Anniversary

Sunday, May 19, 2024

- 8:00 AM Mastronardi Family
- 10:00 AM Judith-Ann Giansanti
- 11:45 AM In thanksgiving to St. Boniface
- 5:00 PM Ruben Espinosa, 1st Anniversary

Sandwich Ministry:

Thank you to everyone who has supported our Sandwich Ministry during the months of March and

April. Here are the numbers (nbr of people served) at a glance:

March: 2023: 2,131 2024: 2,828 April: 2023: 2,206 2024: 3,171

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We are in dire need of snacks for our friends. Our numbers are up because the Hartford warming centers were closed as of March 31.

Snacks can also be dropped off anytime the office is open. During the week and on Saturday we are open from 9 to 4. We are open on Sunday mornings as well. Please consider donating.

Volunteer Opportunity:

Monthly PB&J Stockup for the House of Bread

Volunteer to help stock up PB&J Sandwiches - volunteers make 50 sandwiches and deliver them to the House of Bread. We have 5 openings on this team. Click below or scan the QR code to learn more and to sign up!



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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