

"Little girl, I say to you, arise!"

Mark 5:41



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June 30, 2024 • Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Christ Raising the Daughter of Jairus by Greg K. Olsen

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5:00 PM Public

Weekday Masses

7:30 AM Public

12:05 PM Public & Livestream

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Saturday 3:15 to 3:45 PM

Updated Livestreaming Information

All Masses are available on Streamspot. Please go to <https://tinyurl.com/SPSACT-Streamspot> or scan the QR Code to view.



Daily Mass Readings

Monday, July 1: Am 2:6-10, 13-16; Mt 8:18-22
 Tuesday, July 2: AM 3:1-8; 4:11-12; MT 8:23-27
 Wednesday, July 3: EPH 2:19-22; JN 20:24-29
 Thursday, July 4: Am 7:10-17; Mt 9:1-8
 Friday, July 5: Am 8:4-6, 9-12; Mt 9:9-13
 Sunday July 7: Ez 2:2-5; Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4;
 2 Cor 12:7-10; Mk 6:1-6

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



- July 2 Group Spiritual Reflection (Zoom) - 12:30 PM
- July 4 Office Closed for Independence Day.
One Mass at 9:00 AM
- July 5 Levo "Sip & Seed" party, 696 Cottage Grove Rd., Bloomfield. Register: <https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-Levo>
- July 7 Monthly Snack Drop Off - 9:45 am to 12:00 PM

Summer Happenings:

- July 14 Community Sunday w/Lemonade & Cookies - After the 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM Mass
- July 16 Paint & Sip with Br. Kevin Hamzik, O.F.M. - TBD
- July 28 All Are Welcome Choir - 9:00 AM
- Aug 5 Monday Night Jazz in Bushnell Park (Rain Date: Aug 12)
- Aug 11 Community Sunday w/Lemonade & Cookies - After the 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM Mass
- Aug 24 Music Under the Star (Adult Social)

Happy Independence Day

Mass at 9:00 AM
(No 7:30 or 12:05 Mass)
Parish Office Closed



The Pastor's Corner

June 30, 2024

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

"God, what do you want me to do with my life?"



Do you find this question crossing your mind or lingering in your heart periodically? Well, you're in good company! As baptized believers trying to follow the Gospel and live the Christian life in our homes, neighborhoods, workplaces, and communities, we are invited to discern the answers to this question in an ongoing way.

Yes, "answers!" All of us can contemplate this question multiple times throughout our journeys of faith. And it is the question which underpins the broad definition of "vocations" that we are invited to explore. The word "vocation" can engage *all individuals* as we assess and determine our respective paths in life with the grace of the Holy Spirit.

What is your understanding of vocation? It is how God calls you to serve the world. God calls you through Baptism and Confirmation to serve in a specific way of life. A "vocational" call is a strong feeling that you are especially suited to fulfill a particular role. It fills you with a higher purpose typically related to helping others or contributing to a greater societal good.

A vocation is a purpose or a passion that gives meaning to one's life. And, if a person's occupation aligns with their vocation, they are likely to find fulfillment, satisfaction, and purpose in their work.

As a faith community, we have the opportunity, as well as the responsibility, to support one another as we discern our "vocations." We should encourage and accompany each other through these times of thoughtful, prayerful discernment.

Our Parish Vocations Awareness Committee has designed informational and inspirational opportunities this summer and fall to explore the broad definition of vocations. We invite you to look at our emails and bulletins for stories from a variety of women and men who explore the question: *"How is my vocation revealing itself in my life?"*

Blessings on your week ahead!

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



Dear St. Patrick St. Anthony Parishioners,

Every year for more than 20 years the St. Patrick-St. Anthony Parish has helped support the school in our Sister Parish of St. Genevieve in Zoranje, Haiti. Despite the difficulties and tragic events that have gripped Haiti over the last few years, the St. Genevieve school has continued to serve their students providing education and lunches.

We (The Parishioners of St. Patrick-St. Anthony) have supported the salaries of teachers, the school lunch program, text books and school operations over these many years. We also recognize that our school support transfers into support for the broader community in need, including the elderly, through salaries and providing a safe place for the students to learn and be nourished. Your generous support of Christmas in July helps not only the St. Genevieve school and Parish, but also the communities that St. Genevieve serves and lives within. Your support goes a long way.

Thank you so much,

Dave Bjerklie, St. Patrick-St. Anthony Sister Parish Committee

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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: July 2, 2024, on Zoom at 12:30 PM

Wednesday: In-person will resume in September.

We invite all to join the following programs in September:

In Quiet Prayer, People of Hope, Praying with Sacred Scripture.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Have a great summer knitting and crocheting.

See you all in September!

Upcoming Adult Faith Formation Programs

Is our Church Still Relevant Today?

Perhaps you have heard the question circulating among Catholics, *"Is our Church still relevant in our society today?"*

We propose this answer: The Church as the People of God, enlivened through our Baptism, is called to vibrant, relevant living based on Gospel values which speak words of hope and comfort to those afflicted, and words of truth and integrity to those who serve and lead.

Please join us this summer for three reflection sessions immediately following the 12:05 Mass on Wednesdays in the church:

July 24: "Anointed for Mission"

July 31: "Discipleship": Enriching Relationships and Growing in Holiness

August 7: "Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors": Living into our Motto

Together we will explore anew and reclaim this incredible gift and grace given at Baptism.

Presenters: Patricia Curtis and LouAnn Warren

Women of Hope Ministry



It has been an interesting few weeks of news from the Vatican regarding two particular groups

of people at the center of our parish Synod report, the national reports, and even the universal Synod report presented to Pope Francis in 2022-23. Statements about women and the LGBTQ+ community from Pope Francis have caused confusion and consternation. Perhaps you have felt it, too.

Our **Women of Hope Ministry** spent time last week discussing the Pope's emphatic 'no' when asked if women could be ordained deacons. *Wasn't this topic under serious consideration in the Synod gathering in October 2023 because it had been raised in Synod listening sessions around the globe? Weren't we all encouraged to spend the year continuing to study the historical evidence of women serving faith communities as ordained deacons in the early church? If so, then why today's 'no'?*

We are still in the Synod process and Synod delegates will gather again this October. *If the answer has already been decided, why allow hope to build that change could be on the horizon? Why not hold true to the synodal spirit of deep listening while walking together and allow for the unfolding of dialogue and making room for the Holy Spirit to inspire and guide us?*

As Women of Hope, we have decided to move forward with our Summer/Fall/Advent plans and invite all to stand with us and join in gatherings of discussion, prayer and reflection. The grace of Baptism fills us - all of us - with dignity and gifts to be shared for the good of all.

We will commence Evenings of Prayer this summer around topics such as building a culture of peace, cultural diversity in friendship, and non-violence.

Then, please save the date of Saturday, September 28 from 12:30 to 4:00 PM to welcome Christine Schenk, CSJ for an afternoon of presentation, prayer and discussion. *Her focus will be: What Does the Countercultural Witness of Early "Mothers of the Church" Call Us to Today?*

Detailed information about all programming offered through Women of Hope Ministry will be forthcoming in parish-wide emails and bulletins. Be sure to look for it and register. Feel free to bring neighbors, friends, family members or colleagues.

All are Welcome!

Vocation Reflection

I remember distinctly saying “No” to the question posed to me by our Mother Superior when I was in 7th grade if I thought I had a vocation to religious life. I knew there was something other than that for my life, though at the time, I didn’t know what. Back then, vocation was thought of mainly as priesthood or religious life. It was looked at as something you decided to say “yes” to, and then you followed that for the rest of your life. For many people, that has been true. However, I would venture to say, that even those who have chosen a vowed life, learned that there are many moments of discernment throughout the years in how that commitment is lived out.

What I have found in my life is that I have been led each step of the way by something greater than my own desires. From my first “vocation” of wife and mother, which I embraced whole-heartedly, to that of teacher, marriage-prep team, RCIA team, theology student, Adult Faith planner and presenter, to social justice advocate and activist, I have seen the grace of God working in my life to help me share my God-given gifts.

There have been many times when I felt lost or unsure of what I should be doing with my life, but I believe the graces of Baptism and Confirmation enable us to find our calling at any particular moment. If we keep that question before us, *“What does God want me to be doing with my life?”*, and keep a listening ear and open heart, God will speak to us and show us the way, usually by placing people in our lives who show us the face of God. I remember hearing at a retreat, someone reading a quote that said, *“a vocation is where our passion meets the needs of the world.”* I have always found this to be true. If we are prepared to answer the call, we will see the opportunities placed before us without any questions about whether this is right.

Vocation is not a static state that we live in, but a dynamic “yes” to the many ways God calls us throughout the ever-changing circumstances of our lives to reach out and serve others.

If we nurture our prayer life, and have a desire to always be ready to serve, the discernment will be clearer. We can help one another as we all journey to use our gifts, and St. Patrick-St. Anthony has always provided opportunities to learn, to pray, and to reach out. All of us have a vocation, and some in a clearly defined profession, but others lived in ways to meet the needs of a changing world around us.

-Submitted by Patty Panetta



St. Patrick-St. Anthony Marriage Preparation Program

Join us Saturday, September 28, 2024

ALL ARE WELCOME!!
Please scan the QR Code or email
cabramo@spsact.org for more
information



SAVE THE DATE FOR SOCIAL EVENTS FOR ADULTS

July 16: “Paint and Sip”
with Brother Kevin, MFA

August 24: “Music Under the Stars”

More info to come!

Summer Community Sundays

July 14 & August 11
after 8 & 10 am
Masses

with Lemonade & cookies

SPSA SUMMER SOCIALS

ALL ARE WELCOME

Choir

Sunday July 28, 2024

Rehearse at 9:00 am,
Sing at 10:00 am Mass

Join us wearing your bold summer colors.

Questions? Contact Director of Music Ministry, Gabriel Löfvall at glofvall@spsact.org or 860-756-4034 (ex. 164).

ALL AGES WELCOME

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, June 29, 2024

4:00 PM Francis Marquis

Sunday, June 30, 2024

8:00 AM Patsy Mennona

10:00 AM Carol Morano

11:45 AM In thanksgiving to Our Lady of Grace

5:00 PM Judy Ryiz, 4th Anniversary

Monday, July 1, 2024

7:30 AM

12:05 PM Departed members of the McCarthy Family

Tuesday, July 2, 2024

7:30 AM Prayer intentions for our parishioners

12:05 PM Mary Jo Schmiedeler

Wednesday, July 3, 2024

7:30 AM Maureen Mulcahy

12:05 PM Concetta Gianni

Thursday, July 4, 2024

9:00 AM Prayer intentions for the parishioners of St. Genevieve

Friday, July 5, 2024

7:30 AM

12:05 PM Sal Gianni

Saturday, July 6, 2024

4:00 PM Lina Brunelle

Sunday, July 7, 2024

8:00 AM William, Angie & Joanne Speziale

10:00 AM Maria Monaco

11:45 AM Guy W. Wolf, III

5:00 PM Orazio Romano

Weekly Offerings Thank you for your generosity!

June 17 - 23, 2024

Online Giving: \$9,616.23

Weekly Collection: \$8,808.41

Total: \$17,934.64

Peter's Pence Collection: This Weekend

Please consider giving generously to this collection on June 30 as a sign of mercy to those who suffer around the globe and of your support for the ongoing work of the Holy See.

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Archbishop's Annual Appeal Donations as of 6/14/2024

Parish Goal: \$115,000.00

Total Donated: \$76,160.60



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Please go to <https://tinyurl.com/AOHCT-AAA> or scan the qr code to make your donation.

Appeal literature can be found at <https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/>. No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements.

Sanctuary Lamps

for the week of June 30, 2024

In Loving Memory of Richard Formica
In Loving Memory of Judy Ryiz

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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