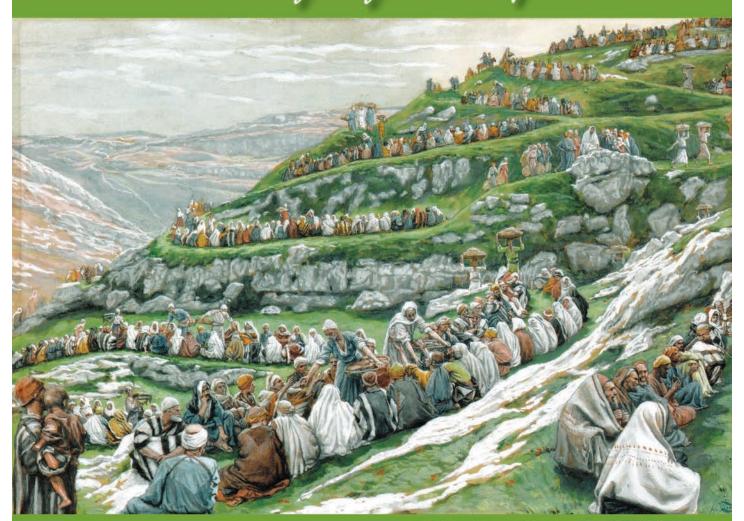
Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted.



The Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes by James Tissot (1836-1902), Brooklyn Museum

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10:00 AM Public & Livestream

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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 29: SGS 3:1-4B; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Tuesday, July 30: MI 7:14-15, 18-20; MT 12:46-50

Wednesday, July 31: Jer 1:1, 4-10; Mt 13:1-9

Thursday, Aug 1: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 20:20-28

Friday, Aug 2: JER 3:14-17; MT 13:18-23

Sunday Aug 4: 2 Kgs 4:42-44; Ps 145:10-11, 15-16,

17-18; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15

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

Vocation Awareness Series

Living Our Vocation

"The will of God is the will that carries my will. God's freedom allows me to be free. To find the will of God, do not look "out there"; drill down to the deepest depths of your own will, and there you will discover the will of God." (Michael J. Himes, <u>Doing</u> the Truth in Love)

Powerful words! So, it begins, our discerning process many years ago, and it still goes on!

It all started back in the seventies, when our lives were turned upside down by what we believed to be a call from God. A call to sell our home, build a house with another family and live in community sharing all our belongings and working with the poor. A decision we were not making lightly, but knew we could not ignore what we were feeling. With a few friends, two priests, and two sons, we prayed, journaled and met often.

The desire consumed us. We prayed and discerned for one year. At the end of that year we knew we had to act; we just knew

Vocation Awareness Continued...

somehow it was right. Our pastor blessed us and our Bishop, Daniel Reilly, came for dinner and blessed our new home and prayed with us. He also sent a wonderful priest to be a spiritual quide for us.

So, it was that our journey began, our Exodus story, our exile. We were selling our home, packing up and leaving all that was familiar, safe and comfortable to us. We were about to embrace what we believed was our vocation, our calling... sharing our time, talent and treasure in a simple life of service.

We were scared, we were excited, we had moments of real fear! Some of our family members were sure we had lost our minds (maybe we had!) We lost some friends that just could not understand that we had a desire to live the Gospel. We explained how we believed in Acts 2:42, a life in community ,where we would share our belongings as we tried to live the Gospel and reach out to those on the margins. To be a witness. And as Catherine de Hueck Doherty says in her book The Gospel without Compromise, "To be a witness means simply to live in such a way that one's life would not make sense if God did not exist."

Time moved on; we loved our church and stayed close. We were introduced to the secular Franciscans, third order. Once again, we felt our Lord was speaking to us. St. Francis had always been a part of us so we listened. After two years of formation we made our solemn promise before our Lord and our Church to live simply and follow the Rule of St. Francis; to serve and always work to rebuild our Church, together with our Fraternity.

The Rule of St. Francis for Seculars strengthens us to live the life we had been called to live. It gives us a place in the Church we love. There is a real joy in the depth of my heart. This is not to say there has not been a share of doubt, struggle, grief, betrayal... and questions at times. Some people, especially in our Church, were not always welcoming.

But again, I will say, the joy, the hope of knowing in our hearts we were trying to live out our vocation was enough. And, of course, our Lord always sent others to stand with us.

"You will know your vocation by the joy that it brings you. You will know. You will know when it is right." (Dorothy Day)

- Marilyn & Tony Pinto



The Pastor's Corner

July 28, 2024

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

It's been a busy summer at St. Patrick-St. Anthony, with several repair projects taking place all at once. These include ongoing work on the air conditioning systems in the church and

Franciscan Center, repaving the alley behind the church, and creating a new garden area where our venerable Golden Rain Tree once stood. In its place, we now



have an Atlas Cedar which we will bless and dedicate this Sunday after the 5:00 PM Mass in memory of our late Director of Mainenance, Orville



Russell, who died a little over one year ago. Orville would have turned 67 on Sunday.



As you can see from the photo, the new garden area incorporates the large metal cross which has moved closer to the stair wall, creating a welcoming space with a bench and a small statue of St. Anthony. The whole area has been laid with sod. Hopefully, the tree will grow strong and tall over the coming years.

Don't forget to register for "Music Under the Stars" on Saturday, August 24th — an evening of entertainment by the "Evening Serenade" Jazz Band, delicious food and drinks, and a time for us to enjoy the summer's breezes in the Friary Gardens. It promises to be a relaxing evening with good friends! Please plan to join us, so register as soon as possible.

Blessings on your week ahead!

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

Pastor

Vibrant Voices for Peace

Our Women of Hope Ministry invites you to join them for prayer to focus on many dimensions of peace \sim building a culture of peace, cultural diversity in friendship and the theme of justice, for example.

We launch this important time to 'be' together.

Please join with other parishioners to hear the voices of women lead our communal prayers and reflect upon the peace sought after and celebrated at this moment in history.

Tuesday, August 13 at 7:00 PM, with Fatma Antar & Carole Fay Thursday, September 19 at 7:00 PM, with Patty Panetta

* All services will be held in the church and available on live stream *

Then, please save the date of Saturday, September 28 from 12:30-4 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?

All are Welcome!

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 reflection sessions immediately following the 12:05 Mass on Wednesdays in the church:

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

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

If you are planning to attend one of our sessions, please consider accessing the Pre-reading Material. This can be found on our website at https://spsact.org/anointed-for-mission-2024/.

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

Presenters: Patricia Curtis, LouAnn Warren and Elaine Wiatr

Vocation Reflection

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

This question was almost a daily thought for me from around the age of sixteen and definitely through my college years. I grew up going to Catholic elementary and middle school, was an altar server, and stayed active in the Church through college, participating in the campus Newman Club and teaching First Reconciliation and First Communion preparation at a local parish. I attended a business school, but realized quickly that God was calling me somewhere else. I was not passionate about accounting, or marketing, or even my computer information system classes which was my major. I found myself being called to activities that worked with children. I became a part of the Service Learning Center and started serving in local elementary schools, building computer labs with old computers donated from my college. I was able to work with teachers and students, leading classes and formed a technology-focused tutoring enrichment program.

This led me to join a two-year faith-based service program, the Inner City Teaching Corps, after graduation. I began teaching sixth grade at St. Pius V school in the Pilsen neighborhood on the south side of Chicago and knew that I was in the right place. God helped me start down a path that has led me to work as teacher, administrator and now school leadership coach in Chicago, New Haven, right here in Hartford, and Springfield for over twenty years.

Along the way, I believe God was influential in leading me to interact with the Connecticut Department of Children and Families and encountering many children who were in their care. When the time came to expand our family, my husband, Tee, and I decided to explore adoption through DCF. In June of 2015, a social worker dropped Lucan off at our home and we embarked on what I believe is our most important vocation - being a father. Lucan's arrival changed my life in a number of ways - I was now responsible for the health and wellbeing of another human. It felt much different than the responsibility I felt for my students over the years. When his little sister, Bella, joined us a few months later, at first temporarily due to an emergency placement, our world was upended again. Amidst the chaos, though, it all felt right. God was leading me to form the family I was supposed to have, maybe not in the way I originally thought, but in a way that has been fulfilling, instructive, and enriching.

I now know the answer to that question I asked myself long ago... "God, what do you want me to do with my life?" "Be a dad, teach, help children." - Dominic Basile-Vaughan

To view all of our vocation reflections, please go to https://spsact.org/vocations-series/.

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 30, 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.



Baptism

Gabriel Gerard & Carter Patrick children of Brian & Kathryn Jordan

Fr. John Leonard, O.F.M., celebrating



Weekly Offerings
Thank you for your
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July 15 - 21, 2024

Online Giving: \$9,890.23 Weekly: \$6,552.00

Total:\$16,442.23



Through our 20-year relationship with our Sister Parish of St. Genevieve, SPSA has been blessed to build friendships with the pastors, teachers and parishioners, and learn more about their personal, parish and school lives. The generosity and hard work of parishioners, friars and staff have enabled this successful covenant.

At present, our donations provide:

- Education for over 200 students in Pre-school through Grade 9;
- 19 Teacher salaries for 12 months/year;
- 5 Staff salaries (cooks and admin personnel;)
- Food and fuel for school lunches:
- School supplies;
- · Repair desks & chairs;
- Food for several impoverished elderly, from Pastor Gaby.

Our donations and their disbursement remain secure, through our long-standing association with an established, international financial institution, with offices in Haiti and the USA. If you would like more information, please see a member of the Sister Parish committee.

In the future, we:

- Will consider providing some basic health supplies, since we are in discussions now with Pastor Gaby about this need at St. Genevieve:
- Potentially revive our yearly celebration, the "Taste of Haiti" with food, fun and fellowship;
- Publish periodic updates in the bulletin and on-line;
- Renew our covenant with SPSA's continued love, prayers and financial contributions.

Everyone is invited to "listen-in" to one of our monthly Sister Parish Zoom meetings; a link will be provided in our next message.

Mesi! — Thank You! Richard Kisiel & Patti Wawzyniecki, Christmas in July Co-Chairs



Archdiocese Mission Co-Op Collection August 3/4

The second collection on August 3 & 4 will be for the Mission co-op.

This year we are partnering with The Catholic diocese of Pathanamthitta in southern India. You can donate by going to https://tinyurl.com/missioncoopSPSA or scanning the QR code.



Catholic Diocese of Pathanamthitta Appeal

The Catholic Diocese of Pathanamthitta was established in March 2010 and is one of the newest dioceses in the church. It lies at the southernmost part of India. As we are in the initial stage, we are making every effort to build this diocese up both spiritually and temporally. We try to give the gospel of our Lord to the 45,000 faithful of the diocese and 1,500,000 inhabitants of the county of Pathanamthitta. The diocese currently has one hundred parish/mission stations and 120 priests.

Our ministries: The care and well-being of the marginalized of society by providing homes run by the diocese for the mentally and physically challenged; providing help with food insecurities and social services; and working to provide housing for everyone living within the territory of the diocese by providing funds for new construction, renovation or the purchase of land and for new construction on that land.

One of the most urgent needs of the diocese is to promote vocations to priesthood and religious life which will in turn contribute to the overall development of the region. The diocese has to meet all the expenses of seminarians during their formation as most of their families are not in a position to do so.

We envision the return of the mission preaching, to be used for supporting the seminary formation of our candidates for priesthood and for helping the poor people in our area. Whatever financial support you could extend to this cause will be deeply appreciated.

Archbishop's Annual Appeal Donations as of 7/23/2024

Parish Goal: \$115,000.00 Total Donated: \$\$86,049.35



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.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, July 27, 2024 4:00 PM Dan Nolan

Sunday, July 28, 2024

8:00 AM Julio Cesar Lemes

10:00 AM Fr. Jim Hynes, O.F.M., in memory of his 73rd Birthday

11:45 AM John Lemega, 55th Anniversary

5:00 PM Orville Russell

Monday, July 29, 2024

7:30 AM Prayer intentions for our parishioners

12:05 PM Prayer intentions for the people of Syria, Lebanon &

Palestine

Tuesday, July 30, 2024

7:30 AM

12:05 PM James Hamilton

Wednesday, July 31, 2024

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

12:05 PM Cathy Drouin

Thursday, August 1, 2024

7:30 AM Norman Mawson 12:05 PM James Mittica

Friday, August 2, 2024

7:30 AM

12:05 PM Concetta Gianni

Saturday, August 3, 2024

4:00 PM Kathleen Gorman

Sunday, August 4, 2024

8:00 AM Joseph Suranna 10:00 AM Carol & James Curtis

11:45 AM John Brennan, 16th Anniversary

5:00 PM Patricia Mullane

Sanctuary Lamps

for the week of July 28, 2024

In Loving Memory of Orville Russell

Please Pray for the Sick

Paula Molitar, Joseph Shertick, Greg Reed, Kathryn Eagers, Tommie Henry, Syl Ciraulo, Mary Ertel, Gary Winn, Mary Joyce Castafero, Bobby Lombardo, John Gannon, Rosemarie Perkoski, Susan Degennaro, and Deborah Godin.

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 www.spsact.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 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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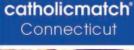
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