



St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church • 285 Church Street • Hartford, Connecticut  
July 7, 2024 • Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Guadalupe* by Kevin Hamzik, O.F.M.

# St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church and The Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry

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### Saturday Evening Mass of Anticipation

4:00 PM Public

### 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

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 8: Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22; Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday, July 9: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday, July 10: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Mt 10:1-7

Thursday, July 11: Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9; Mt 10:7-15

Friday, July 12: HOS 14:2-10; MT 10:16-23

Sunday July 14: Am 7:12-15; Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14; Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10; Mk 6:7-13

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



- July 9 Group Spiritual Reflection (Zoom) - 12:30 PM
- July 12 Levo "Sip & Seed" party, 696 Cottage Grove Rd., Bloomfield. Register: <https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-Levo>
- July 14 Community Sunday w/Lemonade & Cookies - After the 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM Mass

### Summer Happenings:

- July 16 Paint & Sip with Br. Kevin Hamzik, O.F.M. - TBD
- July 28 All Are Welcome Choir - 9:00 AM  
Family Picnic (Families with children 16 and under)
- 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)

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# The Pastor's Corner

July 7, 2024

Dear Parishioners and Friends,



This week we continue our presentations on vocations, and I have invited Br. Kevin Hamzik, our summer intern, to introduce himself and tell you about his vocation journey in his own words:

"My vocation has been one of growth from the beginning and continues to grow today. I have never wanted to be a priest, and in the beginning, I thought that I would never enter religious life because of this. I never really thought I would be any kind of religious growing up.

I grew up in Cleveland, Ohio. There I attended Padua Franciscan High School, which at the time was staffed by friars from the Sacred Heart Province. There I first met friars and began to learn about Francis and Clare. While there I went on my first mission trip to the Dominican Republic. It was there that I realized that I wanted to serve others, but also to pursue art. A lay man living in the community we served was an artist and a man of faith. I spent a lot of time with him, and seeing how he lived his life and how his art made him and others, inspired me to do the same.

I attended St. Bonaventure University to study studio art. My original plan was to be a car designer. I also began to meet more friars and see their way of life and their spirituality. It wasn't until I went on a pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi that the life and spirituality became very real to me, and I gave up my dream of designing cars to create religious and spiritual art.

I entered the friars through what was Holy Name Province, now part of the new Province of Our Lady of Guadalupe. I still don't feel called to be a priest and am very happy as a brother. It has allowed me to do many different things, including serving migrants at the U.S./Mexico border. It allows me to keep myself and my heart open to the needs of others. My journey has taught me that staying open will bring me exactly what I need, even if it wasn't what I thought it would be."

Blessings on your week ahead!

*Fr. Tim Shreenan, OFM*  
Fr. Tim Shreenan, O.F.M.

Pastor



It has been noted that education is the only valid passport out of poverty. For over twenty years, parishioners of St. Patrick St. Anthony Church, by providing funds for teacher salaries and daily



lunches, have issued the education passport to the children who are our brothers and sisters in St. Genevieve Parish in Haiti. As a result, a very high percentage of those children have been empowered to begin their escape from poverty and to reach back and help others to escape as well.

We have a covenant relationship with these children. This means that they are as important to us as our own children. So, just as we would not stand idly by if our own children were not educated, we have kept in existence the means by which our Haitian children are being educated.



Christmas in July is our yearly opportunity to continue supporting our covenant relationship. Without this annual effort, education and therefore, the road out of poverty for our Haitian children will be closed.

We ask again, therefore, for your generous support so that we can continue to provide for our Haitian children what we are providing for our own children here in the US. Each of them has a right to the educational passport that will enable them to work out of poverty driven snares and pursue lives of personal happiness and service to others.

*Joe Cirusuolo, St. Patrick-St. Anthony Sister Parish Committee*

## 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 9, 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?*

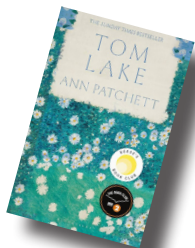
Detailed information about all programming offered through Women of Hope Ministry will be forthcoming in parish-wide emails and bulletins. Be sure to look for it and register. Feel free to bring neighbors, friends, family members or colleagues.

**All are Welcome!**

## A Novel Idea Book Club

Our July book selection is *Tom Lake* by Ann Patchett.

Join the discussion on **July 20 at 7:00 PM** in-person at the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry and on Zoom.



For more information please go to <https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-NBC-Books> or scan the QR code.

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

# Chair

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](mailto:glofvall@spsact.org) or 860-756-4034 (ex. 164).

**ALL AGES WELCOME**

## Summer Community Sundays

with Lemonade & cookies

July 14 & August 11  
after 8 & 10 am Masses

SPSA SUMMER SOCIALS

## Family Picnic

FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN 16 AND UNDER

Sunday, July 28  
after the 10:00 am Mass

JOIN US FOR GRINDERS  
ICE CREAM SUNDAYS

Learn more and let us know you're coming  
[bit.ly/SPSA-family-picnic-2024](https://bit.ly/SPSA-family-picnic-2024)

## "PAINT & SIP" NIGHT FOR ADULTS

with Brother Kevin

Tuesday, July 16 from 7-9 pm  
\$25 per person

Scan the code or register at:  
[spsact.org/paint-sip-night-july-16](https://spsact.org/paint-sip-night-july-16)

Join us in the Friary Garden (weather permitting) for an evening of painting and sipping. Br. Kevin Hamzik, O.F.M. will be our host for the evening event. Br. Kevin, after graduating from St. Bonaventure University with a degree in studio art, entered formation with the Franciscan Order of the Roman Catholic church. Kevin began to use his missionary experiences as a friar to inspire his artwork and to bring to light different social issues. In his fourth year of temporary religious vows, Kevin is pursuing his Master of Fine Arts degree at Columbia College Chicago. is here for the summer from Chicago where he is finishing his MFA. Come, enjoy and get to know our Br. Kevin.

## Summer Social Events

SAVE THE DATE FOR A FUN NIGHT OUT FOR ADULTS

August 24:  
"Music Under the Stars"  
more info and registration link to come

## 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](mailto:cabramo@spsact.org) for more information

## Prayer for Vocations

Heavenly Father, you have created us for a definite purpose. Grant us the grace to know the path you have planned for each of us in this life, and to respond with a generous 'Yes.' Make our parish, our homes and our hearts fruitful ground for your gift of vocations. May we respond to your call with courage and zeal. Stir among us a desire and the strength to live good and holy lives in service to others. We make our prayer to you, Father, in the Holy Spirit, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Blessings and Congratulations

### Stephan Fitzgerald and Jennifer Dorn

Married, Saturday, July 6, 2024  
Fr. Timothy Shreenan, O.F.M. Celebrating



### Baptism

#### Sam Michael

child of Ryan & Elizabeth Matthews  
Fr. John Leonard, O.F.M., celebrating

**Weekly Offerings**  
**Thank you for your**  
**generosity!**

**June 24 - 30, 2024**

Collection information will be  
published in the July 14 bulletin

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### 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

### Monday, July 8, 2024

7:30 AM Orville Russell, 1st Anniversary

12:05 PM Joseph Kelliher

### Tuesday, July 9, 2024

7:30 AM Melissa Corning

12:05 PM Alfred Ceppetelli

### Wednesday, July 10, 2024

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

12:05 PM Mark Foss

### Thursday, July 11, 2024

7:30 AM

12:05 PM Nigel Scott

### Friday, July 12, 2024

7:30 AM

12:05 PM Salvatore Bramante

### Saturday, July 13, 2024

4:00 PM Mary O'Connell Cacchillo

### Sunday, July 14, 2024

8:00 AM John Lilly

10:00 AM Eleanor R. Kelley

11:45 AM Albert & Jeannine Remillard

5:00 PM

## Sanctuary Lamps

for the week of July 7, 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](http://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 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](mailto:aholstgrubbe@spsact.org); 860-756-4034, EXT. 110.*

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