

“Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven.”



The Gathering of the Manna by James Tissot (1836-1902), The Jewish Museum, New York

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August 4, 2024 • Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Celebration of the Eucharist

Masks are optional at all Masses

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, Aug 5: Jer 28:1-17; Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday, Aug 6: DN 7:9-10, 13-14; PS 97:1-2, 5-6, 9;
2 PT 1:16-19; Mk 9:2-10

Wednesday, Aug 7: JER 31:1-7; MT 15:21-28

Thursday, Aug 8: Jer 31:31-34; Mt 16:13-23

Friday, Aug 9: NA 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; MT 16:24-28

Sunday Aug 11: 1 Kgs 19:4-8; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9;
Eph 4:30—5:2; Jn 6:41-51

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

Join us on Saturday, August 24, 2024 from 7:00 to 10:00 PM for an adult night out. The Friary garden will be alive with Music Under the Stars.

Gather with friends, enjoy dinner catered by Salute, and jazz music provided by trumpeter, Ken Tedesch and his band "Evening Serenade" featuring Noah Baerman on piano, Jim Andrews playing the bass, John Tedeschi on drums, and Nigel Regan playing the alto sax. Beer, wine and soft drinks available.

Limited tickets are available, so get yours today!!!

Note: If we have rain, the event will be inside the Franciscan Center.

The Pastor's Corner

August 4, 2024

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

We are pleased to welcome Fr. Sam John as our guest preacher this weekend. Fr. Sam is in residence at St. Thomas & St. Timothy parish in West Hartford, and represents the Diocese of Pathanamthitta in southern India. As this new diocese continues to establish its ministries, please be generous in your financial support, especially in the promotion of new vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Speaking of vocations to the priesthood, August 4 is also the feast of St. John Vianney, the patron saint of parish priests. Known as the Curé of Ars, John spent 42 years in that French town, serving the people with zeal and dedication.

It is appropriate that we include a reflection this week on vocations from Fr. John Leonard, who has served at St. Patrick-St. Anthony since 2010, and who embodies in many ways the ministerial dedication of St. John Vianney. I hope you will find inspiration from *our* Fr. John!

"I had thought about a vocation to the priesthood or religious life at times earlier in my life but by the time I entered college any serious thought about such a vocation had more or less faded. After college I struggled in the midst of a difficult economy and wasn't sure which career path to pursue. It felt so important in that period to 'find' myself. Finding myself was, in hindsight, personally crucial in terms of heightening my self-esteem and in furthering my sense of coming into my own as an adult.



There was a Franciscan church near where I worked for a time in the financial district of Boston known as St. Anthony's Shrine. It's still there today. Sometimes I would try to catch a weekday Mass there on my lunch hour before returning to work. After going to one such Mass while praying for a few minutes afterward, I felt a tap on my shoulder from behind. It was one of the friars and he asked to speak with me in a side parlor. He introduced himself as Father Alexander Wyse. He had been 'watching' me for a while, he said, and wished to know if I had ever considered a religious vocation.

Fr. Alexander's tap on my shoulder rekindled an interest I realized still lay within me. In the following years I discerned the possibility of a religious vocation while keeping in contact with Fr. Alexander. In this same period, I also made a move professionally into the promising

fields of computer programming and eventually consulting.



Things improved for me financially, but driving to work one day I came to the conclusion that a nicer paycheck, a new car and other trappings of success I was enjoying were all in the end just for me. Was there perhaps something more to life? Was there a greater purpose or meaning that might be experienced by traveling another path? I realized then that I wanted to apply to the Franciscans. I wasn't sure if I'd be accepted. I wasn't sure that, if accepted, I would feel that that life was right for me or if those overseeing my training would feel I was a good fit for the friars. One thing I did know as I drove to work that morning was that I didn't want to end up asking myself ten years later: What if I had tried applying to the Franciscans? How might life be different?

Vocations come in many forms and have a dynamic, rather than static, quality involving not just one but potentially many moments of discerning the Spirit's call. May the Lord help you discover which path or paths may be for you."

Last Sunday we blessed and dedicated our new Atlas Cedar to the memory of Orville Russell after the 5:00 Mass. About 50 parishioners joined us for the brief ceremony and some light refreshments afterwards. We now have a quiet sitting area that you can enjoy when the gardens are open to visitors.

Please try to register for "Music Under the Stars" as soon as possible so that we can finalize our plan for food and beverages. "Music Under the Stars" will be on Saturday, August 24th, which will include an evening of entertainment by the "Evening Serenade" Jazz Band, delicious dinner from Salut  and drinks, special lighting, 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!

With less than a month left to the "official" summer season, I hope we will have good weather for all of us to enjoy whatever seasonal activities we enjoy the most. For me, a relaxing drive to Litchfield for lunch on my day off (followed by a quick side trip to Bantam for Arethusa mint chip ice cream) is all I need to make my day happy!

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 ~ 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 **

All are Welcome!

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.

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 for our last reflection session immediately following the 12:05 Mass on:

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

If you are planning to attend, 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

"All Are Welcome" Day of Reflection

"Behold, the Humility of God": The Eucharist in the Writings of St. Francis

Retreat Day Leader: Fr. Bill Beaudin, O.F.M.

Saturday, October 12, 2024; 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Mercy by the Sea Retreat Center

All men and women are invited to consider this Day of Reflection in the Fall to set aside time for one's relationship with God.

The Eucharist, the source and summit of our Catholic faith, featured prominently in the life and writings of St. Francis of Assisi. In the month when we celebrate his feast day and during this time of Eucharistic renewal in our parish, we will spend a day of prayer together, reflecting on and celebrating the supreme gift of Christ to us in this blessed sacrament with the insights of St. Francis to guide us.

Here's a chance to step away for one day from the ordinary schedule of life and devote this time to your spiritual growth. **And, if you have never experienced Mercy by the Sea in Madison CT before, please join us!** Mercy by the Sea offers beautiful, simple, and peaceful spaces that enable reflection, open the heart to prayer, and facilitate opportunities for conversation.

** Register Early ** to reserve a spot for you and a friend.

Suggested Offering: \$60.00

Don't miss this opportunity open to all!

Registration & payment deadline is
September 25, 2024

To register, please go to <https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-ADR-10-2024> or scan the QR Code.



Please note: You must register using either the link above, QR Code or call the parish office to attend the program.

Checks can be made payable to St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church and mailed to 285 Church Street, Hartford, CT 06103, Attn. Pat Curtis

To give your program offering conveniently online, go to <https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-AFF-Pay> and note the program name in the notes.

Ongoing Adult Faith Formation Programs

For full program descriptions, Zoom links, and more information, please go to <https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-AFF>.

Many of our programs are taking a hiatus for the month of August. Enjoy your break and we will see you all in September.

What Does the Countercultural Witness of Early “Mothers of the Church” Call Us to Today?

Saturday, September 28, from 12:30 to 4:00 PM

On February 14, 2007, Pope Benedict XVI made the rather remarkable statement that “The history of Christianity would have turned out very differently without the contribution of women . . . the female presence was anything but secondary.”[1] Because of their belief in a countercultural Jesus, women founded and led house churches, prophesied, taught male evangelists, served the poor and functioned as apostles, benefactors, founders of monasteries, and envoys. This program focuses on the witness of early “mothers of the church” such as Euodia, Syntyche, Lydia, Prisca, Phoebe, Junia, Grapte, Thecla, Marcella, Macrina, Egeria, Olympias, Proba and many other women only known to us via the archaeological evidence from 3rd -5th century sarcophagi and catacomb frescos.

Presenter: Sr. Christine Schenk, CSJ

Please go to <https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-Mom-of-Church> or scan the QR Code to register.



Please note: You must register using either the link above, QR Code or call the parish office to attend the program.

Suggested Offering: \$25.00 can be made payable to “St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church” and mailed to 285 Church Street, Hartford, CT 06103, Attn. Pat Curtis OR give your program offering conveniently online, go to <https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-AFF-Pay> and note the program name in the notes.

About Christine Schenk, CSJ



In her critically acclaimed book Crispina and Her Sisters: Women and Authority in Early Christianity, author Christine Schenk, C.S.J. explores the archaeological and literary evidence for women’s leadership in

early Christianity. Schenk’s original research into visual imagery found on burial artifacts demonstrates that women were far more influential in the ancient world than has been commonly recognized. Join us for a fascinating visual journey and consider what it may mean for today.

Christine Schenk, CSJ has worked as a nurse midwife to low-income families, a community organizer, an award-winning writer-researcher, and the founding director of an international

church reform organization, FutureChurch. Her most recent work, To Speak the Truth in Love: A Biography of Sr. Theresa Kane RSM (OrbisBooks 2019) received first place awards from The Association of Catholic Publishers and the Catholic Press Association. Schenk’s forthcoming book: Bending Toward Justice: Sr. Kate Kuenstler and the Struggle for Parish Rights documents Kuenstler’s courageous advocacy and that of hundreds of ordinary Catholics whose persistence charted a new course in canon law that allowed their vibrant churches and parishes to remain open. It will be published by Sheed and Ward in December 2024.

[1] As found on Asia News: <http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Pope:-History-of-Christianity-would-be-very-different-without-women-8487.html>

Sponsored by Women of Hope Ministry

St. Patrick - St. Anthony Ladies Guild 22nd Annual Rev. Dawson D. Trenchard Scholarship

Do you have a child or children in grades K through 12 entering or attending Catholic School this year? Download the form and apply now for the 2024-2025 school year.

The Ladies Guild has awarded \$81,175 in scholarships to the children of the parish since 2003.

For more information and to download, please scan the QR Code or go to <https://tinyurl.com/SPSALadiesGuild>



Weekly Offerings
Thank you for your
generosity!

July 22 - 28, 2024

Online Giving: \$9,038.23

Weekly: \$5,605.00

Total: \$14,643.23

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 7/28/2024

Parish Goal: \$115,000.00

Total Donated: \$86,949.35



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, 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

Monday, August 5, 2024

7:30 AM Prayer intentions for a woman's family in England

12:05 PM Richard Crockett

Tuesday, August 6, 2024

7:30 AM Prayer intentions for our parishioners

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

Wednesday, August 7, 2024

7:30 AM Efigenia Palomino

12:05 PM James & Sadie Baio

Thursday, August 8, 2024

7:30 AM Deidre Tarala, 1st Anniversary

12:05 PM Joseph Kelliher

Friday, August 9, 2024

7:30 AM Frank & Maria Pizzonia

12:05 PM Thomas & Carole Durie

Saturday, August 10, 2024

4:00 PM Teresa Hanlon

Sunday, August 11, 2024

8:00 AM William, Angie & Joanne Speziale

10:00 AM Millie Intino

11:45 AM Hilda Megaw

5:00 PM Tim McAdam

Sanctuary Lamps

for the week of July 28, 2024

In prayer for World Peace

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...

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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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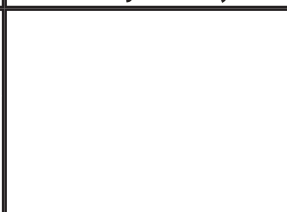


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