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August 18, 2024 • Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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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/SPS-ACT-Streamspot> or scan the QR Code to view.



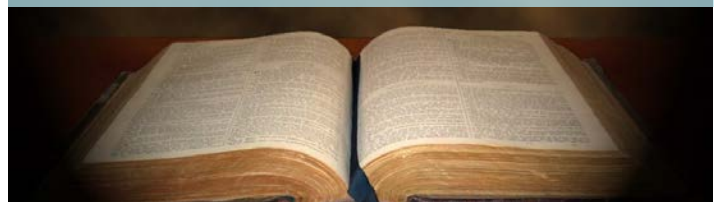
News From the Business Office

Did you know...

All of our financial statements are available for viewing on the website? Please go to <https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-Financials> or scan the QR Code to view.



Daily Mass Readings



Monday, Aug 19: EZ 24:15-23; MT 19:16-22

Tuesday, Aug 20: Ez 28:1-10; Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday, Aug 21: Ez 34:1-11; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday, Aug 22: Ez 36:23-28; Mt 22:1-14

Friday, Aug 23: Ez 37:1-14; Mt 22:34-40

Sunday Aug 25: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32; Jn 6:60-69

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

Please Beware!



The Scammers are at it again.

We are hearing people are receiving TEXTS and/or emails that appear to be from friars or parish staff asking for money or gift cards. Please know we will never personally ask you for anything. These emails and text messages are phishing attempts and not a valid request from any of us.

Do not ever click on any link from these emails or texts. Do not respond to the texts. You can report these as SPAM or delete them through your email provider, or block the number that sent it to you.

The Pastor's Corner

August 18, 2024



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

I hope you are getting excited about our "Music Under the Stars" evening of entertainment that is just days away! Next Saturday, August 24, is the date, and I ask that if you plan to attend, please make your reservation by Monday, August 19. We need to know how many will be attending in order to finalize the arrangements with our caterer, Salute Restaurant of Hartford. Tickets are \$40 per person or \$70 per couple, and that includes live music; wine, beer or soda; appetizers and a delicious buffet dinner. The evening will unfold in the gardens next to the church and behind the friary. In the event of rain, we will use the Franciscan Center – so please plan to join your fellow parishioners for a evening of good music, good food, and good fellowship!

Several events this summer have drawn large crowds, from Taylor Swift concerts, to the Paris Olympic Games, to the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis. While one of these is not the same as others, as the saying goes, all of them held deep meaning for the participants. Let's face it: you will never meet a fan more diehard than a Swiftie, nor an athlete more earnest than an Olympian hopeful. But could the same be said for Catholics who might be tepid at best when it comes to Mass and receiving the Eucharist?

This is something that's been on my mind lately, especially in light of the gathering in Indianapolis and the past few years of our national Eucharistic Revival. The pandemic certainly had a big impact on Catholics' understanding of the Eucharist, leading some to think of it as an option in the practice of our faith. Next Sunday, when we conclude the "Bread of Life" discourse in the Gospel of John, Jesus will express frustration and disappointment with those who simply gave up and left him. Belief in the Eucharist as the Lord's own Body and Blood is not easy; it requires faith, but also commitment and dedication to keep believing, keep celebrating. But, as Peter responded to Jesus who asked him if he would also leave: "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

Blessings on your week ahead!

Fr. Tim Shreenan, OFM

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

MUSIC UNDER THE STARS
evening out for adults

August 24 from 7-10 pm:
\$40 per person / \$70 per couple

Scan the code or register at:
spsact.org/music-under-stars-2024

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SUMMER SOULS

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.

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>



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Children ages 3 through Confirmation
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2024-25 REGISTER NOW

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.



"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-Fall24-DOF> 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.

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.

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.

To view all Vocation Reflections please go to <https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-Vocation> or scan the qr code.



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 at 860-756-4034 to attend the program.

Suggested Offering: \$20.00 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

Weekly Offerings Thank you for your generosity!

August 4 - 11, 2024

Online Giving: \$9,096.23

Weekly: \$5,902.50

Total: \$14,998.73

Archbishop’s Annual Appeal Donations as of 8/13/2024

Parish Goal: \$115,000.00 Total Donated: \$87,439.35

Please go to <https://tinyurl.com/AOHCT-AAA> 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 17, 2024

4:00 PM Catherine Litwin Belenger

Sunday, August 18, 2024

8:00 AM Eleanor Laffin

10:00 AM Mary V. Ramos, 17th Anniversary

11:45 AM Deceased members of the Neiname Family

5:00 PM Valentino & Philomena Raimondi & Family

Monday, August 19, 2024

7:30 AM Prayer intentions for our parishioners

12:05 PM Judith Schiffert

Tuesday, August 20, 2024

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

12:05 PM

Wednesday, August 21, 2024

7:30 AM Prayer intentions for Janice Cordilico

12:05 PM

Thursday, August 22, 2024

7:30 AM Madeline Capodanno

12:05 PM Encarnacion Nieves & Florencia Rosal

Friday, August 23, 2024

7:30 AM

12:05 PM George Holst-Grubbe

Saturday, August 24, 2024

4:00 PM Donald Deasy

Sunday, August 25, 2024

8:00 AM Susan Sliney

10:00 AM Mary Marut

11:45 AM Diane Ashe, 9th Anniversary

5:00 PM Isolina Martinez

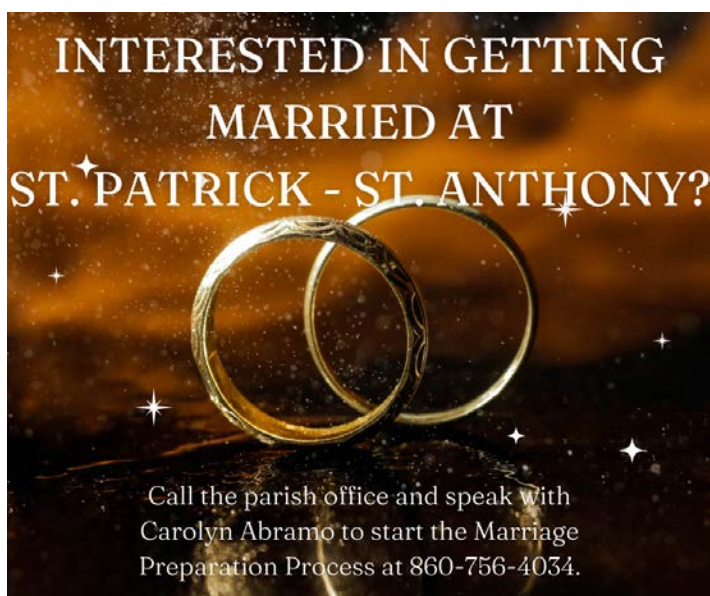


Church Street Art & Music Camp
for 3rd - 8th Graders
August 19, 20 & 21, 2024


Art from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM
"Painting the Garden"

Music from 12:30 to 3:00 PM
"Exploration of Global Music"

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**INTERESTED IN GETTING
MARRIED AT
ST. PATRICK - ST. ANTHONY?**



Call the parish office and speak with
Carolyn Abramo to start the Marriage
Preparation Process at 860-756-4034.



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OF THE COMMITTEE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

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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