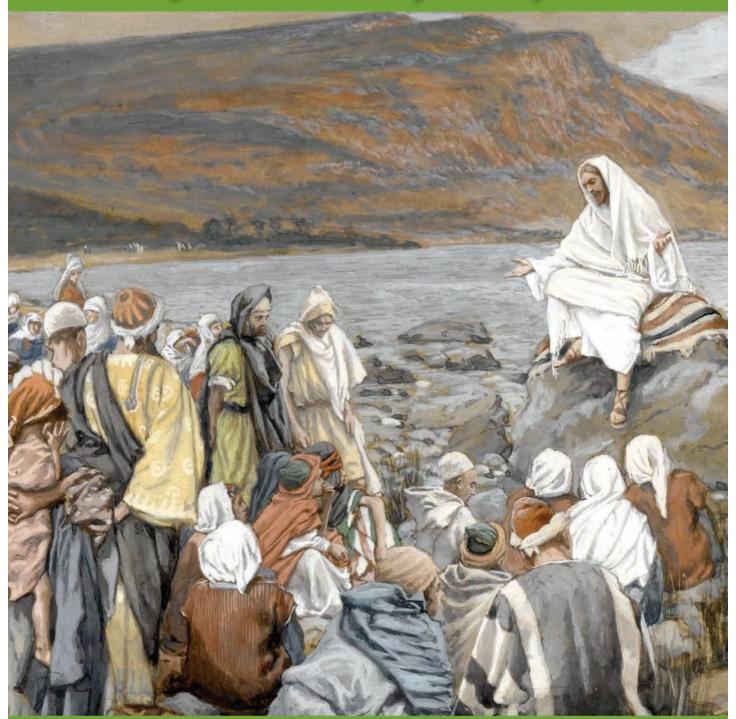
"Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."



Jesus Teaches the People by the Sea by James Tissot (1836-1902) Brooklyn Museum

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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.



Daily Mass Readings



Monday, Aug 26: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday, Aug 27: 2 THES 2:1-3A, 14-17; MT 23:23-26

Wednesday, Aug 28: 2 THES 3:6-10, 16-18; MT 23:27-32

Thursday, Aug 29: 1 Cor 1:1-9; Mk 6:17-29

Friday, Aug 30: 1 Cor 1:17-25; Mt 25:1-13

Sunday, Sept 1: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5;

Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8,

14-15, 21-23

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



The Paston's Corner

August 25, 2024

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

In the late 1970's I bought the debut recording of music by the priest-composer Fr. Michael Joncas, titled "On Eagles' Wings." The title song became, as we all know, one of the most popular Catholic hymns ever written. However, that same recording contained several other songs that I came to love, including the one entitled "Lord, To Whom Shall We Go?" The song's refrain comes from this weekend's Gospel: "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."

Whereas the Synoptic Gospels contain the story of Jesus asking the disciples who they say he is, with Peter's response, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God," John's Gospel uses the lengthy "Bread of Life" discourse, which we have been hearing for the past several Sundays, as Peter's profession of faith: "You are the Holy One of God."

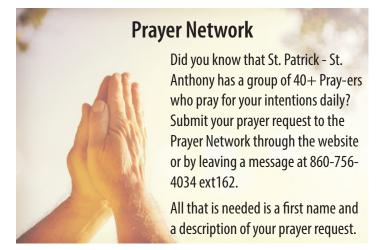
Isn't it ironic how Peter, whose profession of faith in all four Gospels places him at the head of the Apostolic band, is also the one who later denies even knowing Jesus? These contradictory statements, so bold in their declaration, remind us of how utterly human Peter was. In today's conclusion of chapter six of the Gospel of John, we can imagine Peter, mostly likely confused and bewildered by Jesus talking about eating his flesh and drinking his blood, watches as the crowd disappears right before their eyes.

But Peter, at least for now, can't walk away. "Master, to whom shall we go?" He has no choice but to cling to the One who had called him and loved him unconditionally. No one else, perhaps, had ever placed as much hope and confidence in him as Jesus did. Peter and the others still had no idea where all of this would lead, but they just knew in their heart of hearts that they needed to stay and continue to walk wherever he would lead them. Just so, you and I must continue our journey with the Holy One of God wherever he may lead us; but trusting that he will never leave our side, nor withold his love from us.

Blessings on your week ahead!

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

Pastor



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.

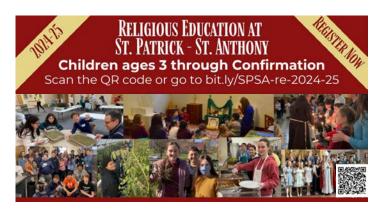


St. Patrick - St. Anthony Ladies Guild 22nd Annual Rev. Dawson D. Trenchard Scholarship

Do you have a child or children in grades K through 12 entering or attending Catholic School this year? Fill out the form found later in this bulletin or download the form to 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 down load, please scan the QR Code or go to https://tinyurl.com/SPSALadiesGuild



Open Hearts Ministry

Monthly Meeting: Join us Sunday, September 8, 2024 at 6:00 PM for our kick off BBQ in the Friary Garden.

Please go to https://spsact.org/con-tact-form-for-open-hearts-ministry/ for more information and a ministry member will connect with you.

Family & Friends Ministry

Our next meeting will take place on **Sunday, September 15, 2024 at 3:30** PM in the Franciscan Center. Go to https://spsact.org/ministries/open-hearts-lgbtq-ministry/#family-friends for more information and either Tim Curran or Rich Broggini will connect with you.



Prayer Shawl Ministry



Calling all who knit or crochet and those who would like to learn these art forms. You are invited to contribute your time and talent to the Prayer Shawl Ministry at St. Patrick - St. Anthony Church. We are in need of new people to join us in this prayerful and rewarding ministry.

For the past 12 months, the Prayer Shawl Ministers have been gathering both virtually and in-person for our bi-monthly meetings! And, yes, you can * learn * how to knit or crochet through Zoom. Our experienced ministers are skilled teachers as well. Please JOIN US!

Virtual Meetings: 2nd Monday of the Month:

September 9, October 14, November 11, December 9

In-person Meetings: last Thursday of the Month:

September 26, October 31, November 21, December 19

For more information and the Zoom meeting link, contact Janet Bristow at <u>janetbristow@sbcglobal.net</u> or you may also call the parish office at 860-756-4034, x.113 and leave your contact information. Pat Curtis will get back to you with information.

Centering Yoga

Centering Yoga is back this fall, come join this FREE one-hour yoga class here in the Franciscan Center at 9:00am on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month. All ability levels are welcome; please bring your own mat. Email aholstgrubbe@spsact.org to register.

Fall Dates:

September 14 & 28 October 12 & 26 November 9 & 23 December 14 & 28

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."[I] 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.

Clare Gallery's New Exhibit: "The Space Between"

September 5 through October 20, 2024 Artist Reception, Sunday, September 29, 3:00 to 4:30 pm, Virtual Panel Discussion, Tuesday, October 8, 7:00 to 8:00 PM



Connecticut artist, Jill Vaughn, will open the Clare Gallery's fall season with **The Space Between**, a mixed media exhibition focused on visualizing the environmental impact of human activity.

We may all feel daily anxiety and wrestle with our complicity when thinking about climate change, or when witnessing immense natural disasters that seem to be happening more frequently. To expand the conversation, and in conjunction with this exhibition, the Clare Gallery will host a virtual panel discussion on Tuesday, October 8, 7:00 to 8 pm. Panelists will include: Jill Vaughn, artist, and Rebecca Weston, LCSW and JD, practicing clinician and Co-President of the Climate Psychology Alliance of North America. The panel will be moderated by Nancy Wynn, Chair of Clare Gallery. The conversation will examine various climate related themes: witnessing trauma and its processes; redefining activism; giving voice; construction and deconstruction; and creating spaciousness for love and healing. Please go to to https://tinyurl.com/ **SPSA-CG-92024** register for the Virtual Panel Discussion and receive the zoom link.

Vaughn works with varied materials, collaging them together in exquisite, active compositions. She always knew she wanted to be an artist, and her life's journey viewing nature has translated her "seeing" into colorful, textured, contrasting visual metaphors constructed from diverse materials. Vaughn states: "Metaphor and symbolism connected me spiritually to the environment, and collage pasted it all together." In this exhibition, viewers are drawn to her work for its engaging beauty. Once there, the works reveal sensitivity, destruction, frustration, and questions."

Jill Vaughn has exhibited her work throughout Connecticut and Rhode Island, as well as in Wyoming. She worked as a curator, an educator, has been past president of the Essex Art Association, and was the project manager for the design and construction of the Eagle Sculpture (at the head of Main Street in Essex, CT) for the CT Audubon Society.

Rebecca Weston, LCSW and JD, lives in the metro-New York area. In her capacity as Co-president of the Climate Psychology Alliance of North America, Weston organizes and provides support for climate aware mental health clinicians who seek to address climate related emotions and expand emotional capacity for climate action.

"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.

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



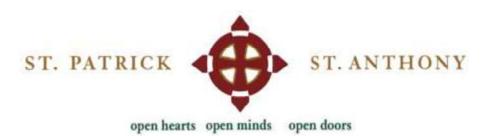
Don't miss this opportunity open to all!

Registration & payment deadline is September 25, 2024
To register, please go to https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-Fall24-DOF or scan the OR 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://ti-nyurl.com/SPSA-AFF-Pay and note the program name in the notes.



22nd Annual The Rev. Dawson D. Trenchard Scholarship Award

Sponsored by the Ladies Guild of St. Patrick - St. Anthony Church in memory of the Rev. Dawson D. Trenchard, past Chaplain of the Ladies Guild and a friend of education, scholarships will be presented to deserving parish members entering or attending a Catholic School, grades K-12. **Applicants must be actively involved in a St. Patrick-St. Anthony Ministry as well as participating in an extracurricular school activity/sport.**

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Deadline: Wednesday, September 18, 2024
Scholarship(s) will be awarded at the 10:00 am Mass for the Ladies Guild on October 20, 2024.
Your presence at Mass to receive award requested but not required.

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The St. Patrick - St. Anthony Ladies Guild, founded in 1938, takes the Blessed Virgin Mary as their model of Christian discipleship.

The Ladies Guild serves the parish through a variety of programs and projects (e.g., making baptismal garments for children baptized in the parish; supporting the many Franciscan Center Programs; and awarding annual scholarships to parish students in elementary, middle, and high schools.) These programs and projects are supported by fundraising events.

In addition, the Ladies Guild hosts a variety of spiritual events for its members including May Crowning.



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Join us or renew your membership!

Please complete the form and send to:

Marianne Midura, President 20 Torwood Street Hartford, CT 06114 midura20@comcast.net

| St. Patrick - St | . Anthony Ladies Guild Membership Registration or Re | enewal |
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Sandwich Ministry:

Thank you to everyone who has supported our Sandwich Ministry. Our numbers continue to be high.



July Statistics:

2024 2023 % Change

Sandwiches 3,278 2,590 25% Hot Meals 894 320 179%

Totals: 4,172 2,910 43% over all increase

Feeding the Hungry: Pasta Tuesdays and Warm Dinner Thursdays

A growing need: We started out serving 30-40 meals each night, and over the past several weeks that number has remained in the high 80s. It would be nice to say that word of our talented cooks is bringing folks in, but the reality is the need has grown.

Plan for Late Summer and into the Fall Months: We will continue to serve pasta on Tuesdays, and Thursday meals consist of donated leftover corporate meals that are supplemented by our team.

Please go to https://spsact.org/tuesdays-thursdays-meal-sig-nup/ if you would like to learn more about our hot meals programs.

Snacks: Let's not forget about snacks. Snacks are handed out with sandwiches at our door every single day of the year.

Packaged Snacks and home-baked goods can be dropped off this weekend and anytime the office is open. (Monday through Saturday from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM and Sunday from 9:00 to 11:00 AM).





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HOW TO REPORT AN INCIDENT OF SEXUAL ABUSE TO THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD

If you have knowledge or suspect that a minor or vulnerable adult (an adult with an intellectual disability) has been sexually abused, in any manner, by personnel of the Archdiocese of Hartford, you are urged to report this information to:

Faith Vos Winkel, MSW, Victim Assistance Coordinator 860-541-6475, faith.voswinkel@aohct.org

In addition, you will be asked to follow up in writing with a detailed description of the facts involved in the incident. Specifics of this written report can be found in the Policies and Procedures of the Archdiocese of Hartford Relating to Allegations of Sexual Misconduct Involving Minors and Vulnerable Adults. This document is also available online at www.archdioceseofhartford.org. The Archdiocese of Hartford will report any and all incidents to the proper civil authorities.

Mandated reporters in the State of Connecticut are required by law to report any incident of sexual abuse involving a minor or vulnerable adult. We encourage any Non-Mandated persons to report such incidents to the proper authorities as well. We support your right to do so.

Incidents involving sexual abuse of minors (persons under the age of 18) should be reported to:

State Department of Children and Families Care-line: 1-800-842-2288

Incidents involving sexual abuse of vulnerable adults aged 18 – 59 should be reported to the:

Connecticut Department of Developmental Services – AID Division for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities

1-844-878-8923

Incidents involving sexual abuse of vulnerable adults aged 60 and over should be reported to:

Department of Social Services for the Elderly: 1-888-385-4225

Once a written report of an incident of sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult has been received, an investigation will be undertaken by, or on behalf of, the Archdiocese of Hartford.



Weekly Offerings Thank you for your generosity!

August 12-18, 2024

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Parish Goal: \$115,000.00 Total Donated: \$87,590.85

Please go to https://tinyurl.com/AOHCT-AAA to make your donation. Appeal literature can be found at https://archdioceseofhart-ford.org/appeal/. No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements.

Mass Intentions and Sanctuary Lamps: Masses and

7-day Sanctuary Lamps may be scheduled for loved ones, living or deceased. Contact the parish office to schedule a Mass. Suggested Donation: \$10

Mass Intentions for the Week

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

Monday, August 26, 2024

7:30 AM Prayer intentions for our parishioners

12:05 PM Paul Sansone

Tuesday, August 27, 2024

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

12:05 PM Encarnacion Nieves

Wednesday, August 28, 2024

7:30 AM

12:05 PM James Burke

Thursday, August 29, 2024

7:30 AM

12:05 PM Regan Martins

Friday, August 30, 2024

7:30 AM

12:05 PM Robert McHenry Fields

Saturday, August 31, 2024

4:00 PM Robert McMakin

Sunday, September 1, 2024

8:00 AM Frank D'Amico

10:00 AM Sylvia Ann Digby, 1st Anniversary

11:45 AM Blanche Gregoire

5:00 PM

Sanctuary Lamps

for the week of August 25, 2024

In loving Memory of Paul Sansone

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...

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:

<u>https://spsact.org/contact-open-hearts-ministry/</u> 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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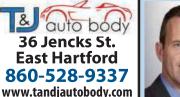
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