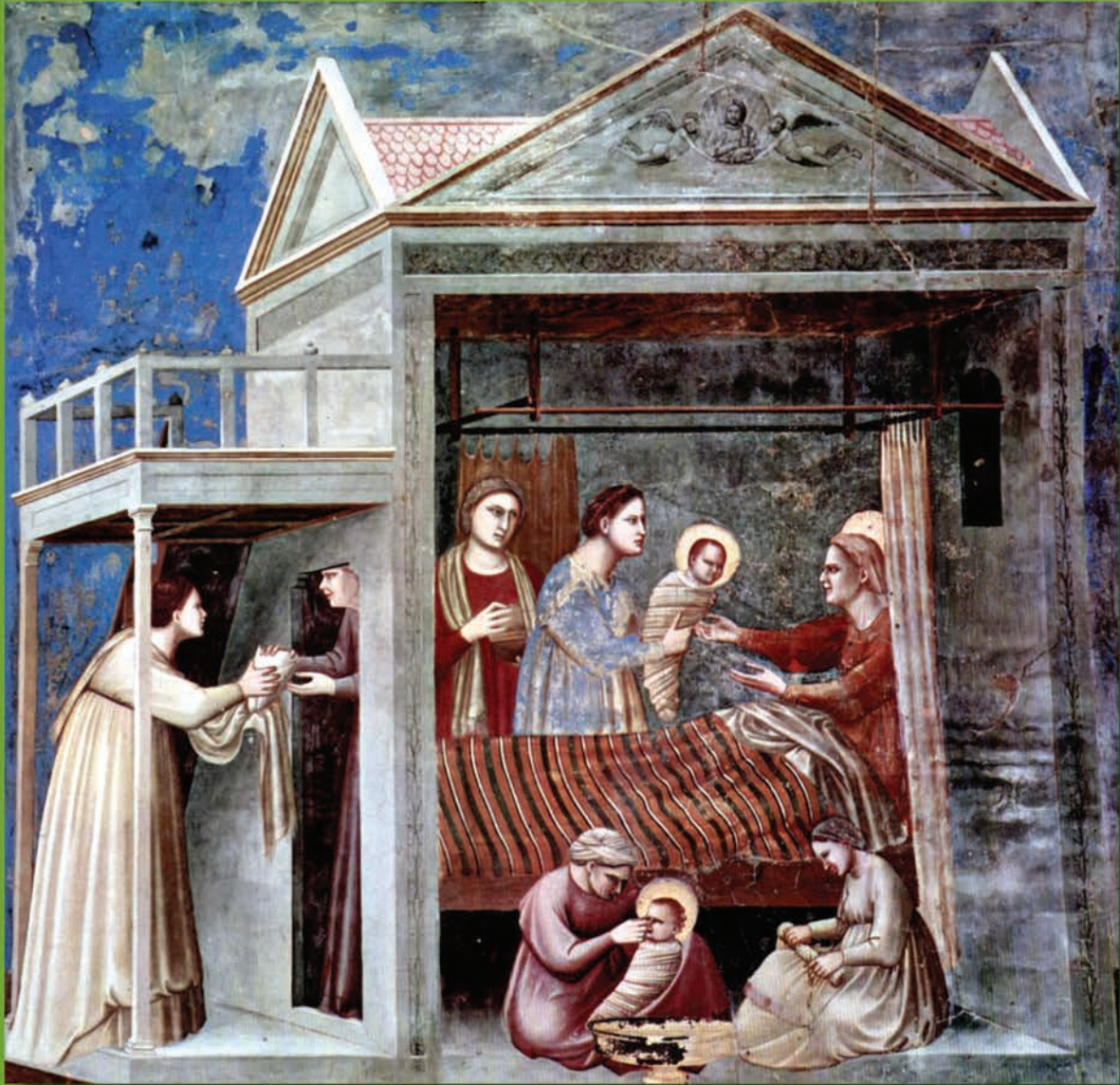


*You are all beautiful, Mary,
and the original stain of sin is not in you.
You are the glory of Jerusalem, you are the joy of Israel,
you give honor to our people.*



The Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary by Giotto; Scrovegni Chapel, Padua, c. 1305

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September 8, 2024 • Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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We are a welcoming and dynamic community of Christian disciples. Rooted in the Franciscan experience of the Roman Catholic tradition, we proactively endeavor to extend hospitality both at the Eucharistic Table and as we minister reciprocally and in solidarity among the alienated and the poor, nurturing the mind, body, and spirit in the Greater Hartford Community. All are welcome!



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

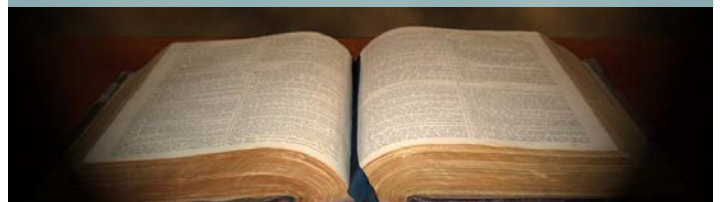
Saturday 3:15 to 3:45 PM

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, Sept 9: 1 COR 5:1-8; Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday, Sept 10: 1 Cor 6:1-11; Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday, Sept 11: 1 Cor 7:25-31; Lk 6:20-26

Thursday, Sept 12: 1 COR 8:1B-7, 11-13; LK 6:27-38

Friday, Sept 13: 1 COR 9:16-19, 22B-27; Lk 6:39-42

Sunday, Sept 15: Is 50:5-9a; Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9;
Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

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



The Pastor's Corner

September 8, 2024

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Well, the day has arrived – the fortieth anniversary of my ordination to the priesthood on September 8, 1984. The Franciscans of the former Holy Name Province never made too much of ordination anniversaries; they put more emphasis on the jubilees of our profession of vows. So stay tuned: the Golden Jubilee of Profession for both Fr. Bill and me will occur in 2027, since we were novitiate classmates.

What makes this particular occasion a bigger deal than otherwise, has to do with my family's custom of getting together for one's 70th birthday. I'm the last of my brothers and sisters to reach that milestone, so five out of the six Shreenan siblings are here this weekend, along with some cousins and other family members. The fact that I was ordained two days before my 30th birthday adds an additional (if not greater) meaning to this celebration.

I remember the details of my ordination quite clearly, since, as you probably know by now, I never leave any detail unnoticed! It took place on a beautiful sunny morning in Silver Spring, Maryland at the chapel of Holy Trinity Mission Seminary, the headquarters of the Washington Theological Union. Sadly, many of the persons and places associated with my ordination are no longer, and I am acutely aware of their absence.

I was ordained by Bishop James P. Lyke, O.F.M., who was then the Auxiliary Bishop of Cleveland. Later he became the Archbishop of Atlanta in 1991, but died of cancer just a year and a half later. His death was a great loss to the Franciscans and the American episcopacy.

One other friar was ordained with me, Fr. Tony Gigliello, who subsequently left the priesthood and also died several years ago.

Many other friars of Holy Name Province, who were present at the ordination, have since died, as have several members of my family; all of whom I remember with gratitude and great fondness on this day.

Now let's move back to the present. Just as it did for my ordination Mass and First Mass (which took place in Buffalo on September 16, 1984, and coincidentally the 40th anniversary of my parents' wedding), music played an important role, and I spent a lot of time and effort to make sure it was as beautiful and meaningful as possible.

Things haven't changed much! So today, at the 10:00 AM Mass, our

choir returns from its summer break, and there are several pieces they will perform that have some personal meaning for me, which I would like explain briefly.



Since September 8 is the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, I wanted to include a Marian choral work in the liturgy; thus I chose "Song of Mary" by Dr. Charles Callahan. This piece was first sung by our choir at our Service of Lessons and Carols in 2022. It is a setting of the Magnificat, and it was composed for the Mass celebrated by Pope John Paul II in Central Park on October 7, 1995. It is also the piece that led me to get to know Dr. Callahan, and who very graciously composed another Marian-themed work for that same Lessons and Carols – "Christmas Antiphon." Sadly, Charlie passed away suddenly last Christmas from Covid, but he is fondly remembered for his wonderful, tuneful compositions, like the one we will hear this Sunday.

Another piece is the beautiful Communion motet, "Draw us in the Spirit's tether" by Harold Friedell, who was the organist and choir director of St. Bartholomew's Church in New York City from 1947 to 1958. Mr. Friedell died suddenly at the age 52, but left us some magnificent music, especially this little gem. I got to know his son, David, who was a sales representative for M. P. Möller Organs at the time when the Möller organ at the Church of St. Francis of Assisi in New York City was installed in the late 1980s.

Many of you have commented on how much you enjoy singing the music I've composed, for which I am very grateful and pleasantly surprised. Some have said, "I didn't know you were a composer," and my response has been, "I didn't know, either!" But a few months ago, Gabriel Löfvall suggested that I try my hand at composing a piece for the choir to sing. The result is today's Call to Worship – a setting of verses from Psalm 96, "O sing to the Lord a new song." I hope you like it. I've enjoyed setting the Mass parts as well as several Responsorial Psalms to music over the past year, but don't expect a symphony any time soon!

Our opening hymn this weekend is the same one I used at my First Mass: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty." It's one of my favorite hymns and, because everybody knows it, I hope you will raise the roof singing it, as we give praise and thanks to God for all that has been and will be. Let us worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!

Blessings on your week ahead!

Fr. Tim Shreenan, OFM
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Pastor

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 Zoom Meetings: Weekly on Tuesdays from 12:30 to 1:30 PM, starting on September 10th.

Our gatherings will reflect upon the Gospel for the upcoming Sunday to guide us on our path of discipleship. As companions on the journey, we listen and share how the Word speaks to our hearts through the Spirit. Join us whenever your schedule allows! No advance preparation is required for the session. Come as you are with an open heart. All are welcome!

Please go to <https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-Grp-Spirit> to register and receive the Zoom Link.

Co-facilitators: Elaine Wiatr and Mary Espinosa

Information on our other "Ongoing Programs" is forthcoming.

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

November 9 & 23

October 12 & 26

December 14 & 28

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/contact-form-for-open-hearts-ministry/> for more information and a ministry member will connect with you.

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Family & Friends Ministry

Our next meeting will take place on **Sunday, September 22, 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 Brogginini will connect with you.

The Drumming Circle

Join us this fall on the 1st Monday of the month from 6:30 to 7:30 PM for our Drumming Circle: September 9th (skipping Labor Day), October 7th, November 4th and December 2nd. No experience or drum necessary. Please contact Pat Curtis at pcurtis@spsact.org for more information or if you need to borrow a drum.



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!

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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 janetbristow@sbcglobal.net 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.

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!

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

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-WOC> 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.

Sponsored by Women of Hope Ministry



Baptism

Lily Marie Ustorf

child of James Hermsen & Katharine Ustorf

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

“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
Registration & payment deadline is September 25, 2024. Suggested Offering: \$60.00

To register, please go to <https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-Fall24-DOF> or scan the QR Code.



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.

Catholic School Scholarship Available 22nd Annual Rev. Dawson D. Trenchard Scholarship

Calling all Catholic School students. It's not too late!!! Apply now for the 2024-2025 school year. **Deadline: Wednesday, September 18th!!!**

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>



Clare Gallery's New Exhibit:

“The Space Between”

September 5 through
October 20, 2024

September 29, 2024, 3:00 to 4:30 pm: Artist Reception

(** SPECIAL 20th Anniversary BOOKS and CARDS will be available for purchase **)

October 8, 2024, 7:00 to 8:00 PM: Virtual Panel Discussion

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 <https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-CG-92024> register for the Virtual Panel Discussion and receive the zoom link.



2024-25 **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT ST. PATRICK - ST. ANTHONY** **REGISTER NOW**

Children ages 3 through Confirmation
Scan the QR code or go to bit.ly/SPSA-re-2024-25

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, September 7, 2024

4:00 PM Thomas, Mary & Rocco Cacchillo

Sunday, September 8, 2024

8:00 AM William, Angie & Joanne Speziali

10:00 AM Prayers for the Blessed Mother's Birthday

11:45 AM In thanksgiving to St. Valentine

5:00 PM Olga Amato

Monday, September 9, 2024

7:30 AM

12:05 PM Joseph Kelliher

Tuesday, Monday, September 10, 2024

7:30 AM Prayer intentions for our parishioners

12:05 PM Prayer intentions for the people of Palestine

Wednesday, September 11, 2024

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

12:05 PM John C. Brennan

Thursday, September 12, 2024

7:30 AM Jane Gallagher

12:05 PM Ann Schwartz-Miller

Friday, September 13, 2024

7:30 AM

12:05 PM Paul Laffin, 25th Anniversary

Saturday, September 14, 2024

4:00 PM Kathleen Chase

Sunday, September 15, 2024

8:00 AM Rita Remillard

10:00 AM Sebastiana Suranna

11:45 AM Anne Marie Ellis

5:00 PM Prayer intentions for Maria and Anthony Rosal

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (O.C.I.A.)



There are many reasons to explore, pursue and deepen one's relationship to the Catholic Church. Some do so because they have fallen in love with a practicing Catholic and they are interested in learning more about their partner's faith. Some come from nominally Catholic

families, but received little or no religious instruction when they were young and are now seeking to reconnect with their family's faith tradition. Some have no religious affiliation whatsoever, but are experiencing a longing for meaning, spirituality, community, and a sense of purpose in their lives. Some are already practicing Catholics who, for whatever reason, never received the sacrament of Confirmation and desire to do so now.

If you or someone you know fits any of these descriptions, then the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (formerly Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) may be what you or your friend may be looking for. For more information, contact Fr. Bill Beaudin, O.F.M. (wbeaudin@gmail.com or 860-756-4034).

HOPES

Help Our Parish Elementary Schools

Second Collection - September 21-22, 2022

Our most vital resource in every Catholic school is our dedicated teachers. Their profession is a vocation. This collection will provide new revenue sources to offer our teachers a just wage, ensuring quality education, enthusiasm and stability. We ask you to join us in supporting our children by supporting their teachers. It is a true search for our children's excellence. HOPES means brighter futures for all our children by enabling us to keep tuition affordable for families. Please go to <https://tinyurl.com/AOHCT-Cath-Ed> for more information.

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, Steve Skaret, 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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