Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?"
The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see."



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

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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!

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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 <a href="https://tinyurl.com/SPS-ACT-Streamspot">https://tinyurl.com/SPS-ACT-Streamspot</a> or scan the QR Code to view.



# **Daily Mass Readings**



Monday, Oct 28: Eph 2:19-22; Lk 6:12-16
Tuesday, Oct 29: EPH 5:21-33; LK 13:18-21
Wednesday, Oct 30: Eph 6:1-9; Lk 13:22-30
Thursday, Oct 31: EPH 6:10-20; LK 13:31-35
Friday, Nov 1: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3

Sunday, Nov 3: Dt 6:2-6; Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51;

Heb 7:23-28; Mk 12:28b-34

Go to <a href="http://www.usccb.org/">http://www.usccb.org/</a> for readings online.



# **Welcome Brunch**

Sunday, November 3, 2024 after the 10:00 am Mass

Please RSVP by October 30, 2024 by scanning the QR Code or emailing Allison at aholstgrubbe@spsact.org



Did you join our parish and not attend a Welcome Brunch? You are invited to our first Welcome Brunch since 2019! **Please join us Sunday, November 3, 2024 following the 10am Mass** in the Franciscan Center to meet other new members, talk with parish leaders, and learn all about SPSA's rich history and current programs. Please RSVP by October 30 by contacting Allison at aholstgrubbe@spsact.org.

# The Paston's Corner

October 27, 2024

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

At our weekly staff meeting this past Tuesday, all of us were somewhat awed by

the number of activities that are taking place here during these autumn months. Not a single week seems to go by without several parish-wide events taking place. First, I'd like to highlight the response to our Ministry Fair which was held after all the Masses last weekend, October 19-20. Many of you not only visited the various exhibits, but also signed up to find out more about getting involved in the ministries of the parish and the outreach programs of the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry. My thanks to Allison Holst-Grubbe and her team for preparing the exhibits and making sure they were staffed.

I'd like to highlight some of the upcoming events, beginning with our annual Mass of Remembrance on the eve of All Souls Day: Friday, November 1st, at 7:00 PM. This is a special time to lovingly remember those parishioners who died during the past year. Memorial candles with the names of the deceased will be placed in the gardens next to the church. I hope you will join us for this beautiful liturgy of remembrance.

Next Sunday, November 3rd, we will host a brunch for new members of our parish to acquaint them with the St. Patrick-St. Anthony community and offer them the opportunity to learn something of our history and make them feel welcome in their spiritual home.

On Sunday, November 10th, our Open Hearts LGBTQ+ and Friends & Family Ministries will host a hybrid in-person & Zoom meeting with four trans women who met Pope Francis at the Vatican. You will find more information about this event in upcoming emails and next week's bulletin.

On Monday, November 18th, we will have a special service after the 12:05 Mass to pray for vocations, both live and on live-stream.

Our annual Turkey Drive will be held on Sunday, November 17th, together with the Thanksgiving Day food preparation taking place on November 28th.

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

**Pastor** 

# News From the Business Office

To view the 7/23 - 6/24 year end report please go to

https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-Financials or scan the QR Code to view.



# Ladies Guild Annual Scholarship Presented October 20, 2024

Each year our Ladies Guild awards scholarships to Parish youth attending Primary and Secondary Catholic Schools. The scholarships are in memory of Rev. Dawson D. Trenchard<sup>†</sup>, past Chaplain of the Ladies Guild and a friend of education.



Rev. Dawson D. Irenchar

This year, The Ladies Guild is proud to annouce that 7 individual scholarships totally \$6,150 were awarded at Community Sunday following the 10:00 AM Mass Sunday, October 20, 2024. Congratulations and Blessings to Luba Eusko, Pierce Eusko, Megan Kasperowski, Autumn Motola, Isabel O'Toole, Jack Sheehan and Skylar Williams.all recepients. Fr. Trenchard† would be so pleased.



## Secular Franciscan Order

Is God calling you to live a life of love, peace, and holiness in the model of St. Francis of Assisi? Join us for our gathering in the lower level of the Urban Ministry Center at St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church on October 27,



2024 at 2:00 to learn more about the Secular Franciscan Order. All are welcome to come and see who we are.

# **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. Please JOIN US! **Our next In-person Meeting: October 31.** 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.

# **Ministry Fair Recap**



It was wonderful to see so many friends at the Ministry Fair last weekend! Thanks to everyone who represented one or multiple ministries, and to all who signed up to volunteer.

Missed the Ministry Fair? You can check out all of our ministries here by going to https://spsact.org/ministries/or scanning the QR Code.

New to volunteering, or unsure where to start? Contact Allison at aholstgrubbe@spsact.org.

# **Baptism**

Sunday, October 27, 2024

#### Ella-Rose Lee

child of Marisa Marquis celebrated by Fr. William Beaudin, O.F.M.

# Offering 10/14/2024 - 10/20/2024

Total Offering: \$20,338.40 Online Giving: \$9,515.23 Weekly Collection: \$10,823.17

# The Holidays and Loss: Finding a Way Through Together

Tuesday, November 12, 6:30 to 7:45 PM.

Loss and grief add painful challenges to the holiday season.

Traditions are influenced by our loved one's absence and our shared sadness. At the same time, these precious days of family gatherings and Christian rituals are a time of great love. This evening program will offer a safe space for complex feelings, as well as suggestions to enter this holy time with tender hope and grateful hearts. Presenter: Lisa Irish, MEd, MA, BCC

Please go to <a href="https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-HL-2024">https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-HL-2024</a> or scan the QR code to register for this program.

Suggested Offering: \$10.00 can be made payable to "St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church" and mailed to 285 Church Street, Hartford, CT 06103, Attn. Pat Curtis OR go to <a href="mailto:tinyurl.com/SPSA-AFF-Pay">tinyurl.com/SPSA-AFF-Pay</a> to give offering conveniently online and note the program name in the Memo.

# **16th Annual Thanksgiving Turkey Drive**

The parish will be having our SIXTEENTH ANNUAL TURKEY DRIVE the morning of Sunday, November 17 between 7:30 am and 12 Noon. If you are able please bring the following items to help us feed the hungry for the holiday:

Frozen Turkeys (no fresh or live turkeys)
Bags/Boxes of Stuffing Mix
Canned Vegetables (large cans)

There will be a collection point situated outside the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry during those four and a half hours only (7:30 am-12 Noon). Please be alerted that due to a lack of storage on site these items will be collected ONLY\* on that morning. Our collection will be gathered with the assistance of our Confirmation candidates, some of their family members and other parish volunteers. Items collected will go to benefit our partner The House of Bread. Our sincere gratitude to you for generously supporting this initiative to feed the hungry.

# The Parish Nurse Ministry

The Parish Nurse Ministry team offers you ..... Compassionate Care for Ourselves and Those we Love: Burden or Blessing; a series of Speakers who will bring their own expertise, experience and personal journeys.

The second part of *Department of Spiritual Care at St. Francis Hospital's* presentation is <u>Thursday, November 14th at 6:30pm</u> in the Church.

This session will be live streamed for those who cannot attend in person; however, we strongly encourage those, who are able, to attend in person to be able to ask questions and interact with our guest speakers. We plan to continue our series with a legal expert followed by a local funeral director at dates to be determined. Stay tuned!

Please go to <a href="https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-PNM-F2024">https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-PNM-F2024</a> or scan the QR code to register or call the Parish Office at (860) 756-4034. Free Will Offering

Please consider joining as we journey to seek answers all the while maintaining our spiritual, ethical and personal choices.

# Clare Gallery's New exhibit: Divine Cosmos

Connecticut artist, Jill Harrington Nichols, will close the Clare Gallery's 2024 season, which was focused on the environment, with Divine Cosmos. The exhibition celebrates the heart, soul, and beauty that connects us all. Lyrical compositions of color and light transcribe the visible and invisible, the unseen, the other, the divine in all things. The artist's painting surfaces of reclaimed metals (aluminum, steel, or copper) forged from the earth's crust combined with her subject matter—clouds, water, and the outer expanses of our universe—speak to balance, unity, and inclusion of the sacred feminine. The Gallery will be hosting an artist talk and reception on Sunday, October 27. The artist talk is 12:30–1:30 p.m., with a reception to follow. The public is welcome to attend. Nichols' work is in international collections including those of a former FBI director, a U.S congressman, Yale Medical, and the Vatican. Her paintings have appeared as scenic design for the CBS news show, "Face the Nation." Archival prints (mounted on copper) of her works, Phi and Juno, are installed in the Vatican Observatory Museum in a gallery dedicated to astronomical art. Clare Gallery's Divine Cosmos exhibition will include both original paintings, Phi and Juno.

# **Ongoing Adult Faith Formation Programs**

For full program descriptions, Zoom links, and more information on other programs, please go to <a href="https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-AFF">https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-AFF</a>.

**Group Spiritual Reflection Zoom Meetings: Tuesday, October 29, 2024 from 12:30 to 1:30 PM.** All are welcome! Please go to <a href="http://tinyurl.com/SPSA-Group-Spirit">http://tinyurl.com/SPSA-Group-Spirit</a> to register and receive the Zoom Link. *Co-facilitators: Elaine Wiatr and Mary Espinosa* 

In Quiet Prayer: Wednesday October 30, from 7:30 to 8:00 AM. Join us on Zoom. Please check the Monday email for Zoom link.

People of Hope: Wednesday October 30, from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM: "The Flowing Grace of Now", with Pat Curtis, to gather with others for weekly inspiration using experiences from our daily lives. Our goal is to keep hope alive and steadfast even as difficult personal and world events press upon us. Join us! https://tinyurl.com/SPSACT-POH-Fall24 to register.

Divine Reading: Next Meeting: November 4, 2024, 7:00 to 8:00 PM in-person at the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry. Sharing is optional, and there is no need to attend every meeting; join us when you can!

A Free Will Offering for any program can be made payable to "St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church" and mailed to 285 Church Street, Hartford, CT 06103, Attn. Pat Curtis or go to <a href="mailto:tinyurl.com/SPSA-AFF-Pay">tinyurl.com/SPSA-AFF-Pay</a> to give offering conveniently ONLINE and note the program name in the Memo.

# **Psalms of Thanksgiving**

Thursdays, November 14, 21; 10:30 to 11:30 AM.

A profitable way to celebrate Thanksgiving in addition to feasting on turkey is to reflect on psalms that concentrate on thank-



ing God for God's many gifts. Among the psalms of Thanksgiving we will discuss are three prominent ones: 39, 34, and 40. These



psalms help us to open our hearts to God's gifts. Presenter: Fr. Francis Soucy, OFM. Free Will Offering

Please go to <a href="https://tinyurl.com/SPS-">https://tinyurl.com/SPS-</a>
 ACT-PSALM-TGIVING or scan the QR Code for registration and to receive the Zoom link.



The Ladies Guild is sponsoring their Annual Craft Sale and Christmas Corner after all Masses on Saturday, November 9 and Sunday, November 10.

New this year will be your opportunity to support our "Bakeless" Bake Sale. Instead of baking, donate what you would have spend on baking supplies to the Ladies Guild.

Your support will assist the Guild in its many ministries, in particular, our scholarship fund. For those "crafty" members of the parish, please share your talent with us. Don't forget to take a chance on the Christmas Corner, once again, offering many exciting prizes.

The prize drawing will be held at the Ladies Guild Christmas Party at Salute Restaurant on Rt. 3 in Rocky Hill, from 12:00 to 3:00 pm on December 8th. (More details to follow)

Come enjoy coffee at Community Sunday and this exciting Ladies Guild Event.

# Meeting Pope Francis...

The Open Hearts and Family & Friends Ministries invite you to a Joint Hybrid (Zoom/In-person) Meeting on Sunday, November 10th



from 3:30 to 4:45 PM in the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry to meet 4 Trans Women and here their story about meeting Pope Francis. They will be joined by the National

Catholic Reporter who interviewed them and accompanied the women to the Vatican on September 18, 2024 and special guest, Michael Sennett, Trans Man, who met with the Pope in a private

audience in mid-October. Learn how this has opened doors for these women.



tinyurl.com/SPSA-Meet-Pope or scan the QR code to register.

# **Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry** Receives \$7,500 in Funding from **Archbishop's Annual Appeal**

Since 1981, the Archbishop's Annual Appeal has assisted countless people – regardless of race, religion, or color – across the Archdiocese of Hartford with health care, education, housing, emergency expenses, and in numerous other areas.

This year, the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry received a check in the amount of \$7,500 from the Archbishop's Annual Appeal.

This grant will be used directly to continue the work for which we are called —to feed the hungry, to offer comfort to the weary, and to serve all who come to our doors seeking nourishment, both of body and spirit. Specifically, this funding will help us feed the hungry who come to our doors for dinner 365 days of the year.

We are in "challenging times when homelessness continues to rise in Hartford for the third consecutive year," says Fr. Mike Johnson, O.F.M., Executive Director of the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry, "the increasing costs of rent, electricity, and food have pushed many into severe food insecurity. Even those who remain housed struggle to meet the basic needs of daily life." The Franciscan Center serves dinner 365 days a year, and has experienced a sharp increase in the number of meals provided, for example, in September 2024, we served over 1,000 more meals than in the same month last year.

\$1,500 of those funds was earmarked for Catherine's Place where we continue to provide transitional housing for men in the Open Hearth Program.

## **About the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry**

The Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry at St. Patrick - St. Anthony Church is the home of the Sandwich Ministry, which serves the hungry of Hartford by serving dinner 365 days of the year. The work of the Franciscan Center is to help a diverse population of the poor, the alienated, and the marginalized - to feed the hungry, to offer comfort to the weary, and to serve all who come to our doors seeking nourishment, both of body and spirit. Volunteers from all over the region give their time and talent to help alleviate food insecurity, housing insecurity, and to work for justice by advocating for a better world.

For more information about the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry and its efforts, visit www.spsact.org/franciscan-center or call 860-756-4056.

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Founded in 2005, St. Francis Builds teams have gone on 48 trips building homes and schools in 11 different countries and rebuilding homes impacted by natural disaster and chronic poverty in 7 different states.

We offer two opportunities to participate with St. Francis Builds this winter!

## Oaxaca, Mexico - January 18-25, 2025

St Francis Builds
(SFB) is headed
to Oaxaca, Mexico
-January 18-25,
2025. The group
will be building
with Friends
of Pimpollo - a
wonderful organization that we have



built with several times. Friends of Pimpollo focuses attention on building schools in poor communities. Further information about the organization is found here: <a href="www.friendsofpimpollo.org">www.friendsofpimpollo.org</a>. Check out our last trip here: <a href="https://youtu.be/oM-ovaGfpkA">https://youtu.be/oM-ovaGfpkA</a>

The cost of this trip is approximately \$1,100, plus airfare.



# Yabucoa, Puerto Rico – February 8 – 15, 2025

A second SFB trip is planned to Yabucoa, Puerto Rico — February 8-15, 2025. This group will work with Proyecto Marcos Sanchez Yabucoa, a non-profit grassroots organization. Residents have been tasked to establish a relief center

to help its residents in the event of a disaster.

The SFB group will work with the community on renovatations to the school buildings they are using for this purpose.

The cost of this is approximately \$900 plus airfare.

Meals and lodging are included within trip fees set for both trips. A limited number of scholarships are available.

Questions or interested in learning more about these trips? Contact Sue O'Donnell at <a href="mailto:sodonnell38@gmail.com">sodonnell38@gmail.com</a>.



Just a reminder: Our heating contract with Hartford Steam begins on November 1st. This means we won't have heat in the church until then. Please re-

member to bundle up. Our church can get cold during October.

# Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, October 26, 2024

4:00 PM Theresa M. Wojculewicz

Sunday, October 27, 2024

8:00 AM Fred & Rose Duby

10:00 AM Deceased members of the Ladies Guild

11:45 AM Hazel Mawson 5:00 PM Sebastiano Latina

Monday, October 28, 2024

7:30 AM Prayer intentions for our parishioners

12:05 PM Francis McGrath

Tuesday, October 29, 2024

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

12:05 PM Mark Badwal

Wednesday, October 30, 2024

7:30 AM

12:05 PM Tom Picone

Thursday, October 31, 2024

7:30 AM

12:05 PM T.J. Midura, 3rd Anniversary

Friday, November 1, 2024

7:30 AM

12:05 PM Jackie Welsh & Jane Wheatall

Saturday, November 2, 2024

4:00 PM Edna Johnson

Sunday, November 3, 2024

8:00 AM William, Angie & Joanne Speziale

10:00 AM Zachary Bassett

11:45 AM Deceased members of St. Valentine's Society

5:00 PM Ted & Lorraine Di Lorenzo

# Please Pray for the Sick

Paula Molitar, Joseph Shertick, Greg Reed, Kathryn Eagers, Tommie Henry, Syl Ciraulo, Joe Cirasuolo, 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 <a href="www.spsact.org">www.spsact.org</a> 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. <a href="https://spsact.org/prayer-network-prayer-request/">https://spsact.org/prayer-network-prayer-request/</a> 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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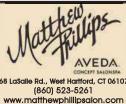
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