



*In those days...  
I will raise up for David  
a just shoot; he shall do  
what is right and  
just in the land.*

St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church • 285 Church Street • Hartford, Connecticut  
December 1, 2024 • First Sunday of Advent

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

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Open Minds  
Open Doors*

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

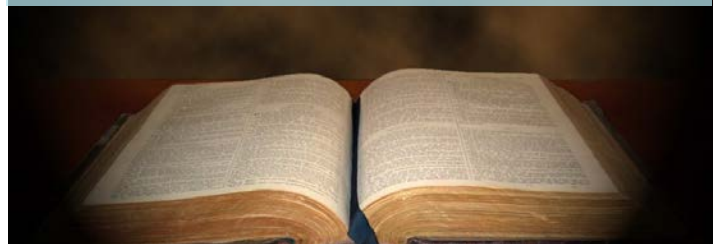
12:05 PM Public & Livestream

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 11:15 to 11:45 AM

Saturday 3:15 to 3:45 PM

## Daily Mass Readings



Monday, Dec 2: Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11  
 Tuesday, Dec 3: Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24  
 Wednesday, Dec 4: Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37  
 Thursday, Dec 5: Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27  
 Friday, Dec 6: Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31  
 Sunday, Dec 8: Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6;  
 Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

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



## Watch 10:00 AM Mass Online:



<https://www.facebook.com/St-Patrick-St-Anthony-Church-109359789104825/>



<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8Vhk8-hhlyAJenBxueHySQ>



<https://venue.streamspot.com/cdc76f52>

## Upcoming Bulletin Deadlines

12/15/2024 Bulletin Deadline: 12/4//2024 at Noon  
 12/22/2024 Bulletin Deadline: 12/11/2024 at Noon  
 12/29/2024 Bulletin Deadline: 12/18/2024 at Noon  
 1/05/2024 Bulletin Deadline: 12/23/2024 at Noon  
 1/12/2025 Bulletin Deadline: 1/03/2025 at Noon

# The Pastor's Corner

December 1, 2024



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

It seems that, for the past several years, Advent has begun under a strange set of circumstances. In 2020 we were still dealing with uncertainties of the pandemic with churches still under rather strict protocols for safe distancing, etc. Last year Advent began under the cloud of war in the Middle East. This year, we begin Advent with the country preparing for a new Presidential administration. Each of these circumstances have instilled a certain amount of uncertainty in all of us.

The Scriptural readings for this first Sunday of Advent offer a mix of dread and hope. In the Gospel from Luke we hear Jesus telling his disciples: "Nations will be in dismay, perplexed by the roaring of the sea. . . People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world. . . Pray that you may have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent. . ." But in the reading from the prophet Jeremiah, we hear these words: "In those days Judah shall be safe and Jerusalem shall dwell secure." Finally, St. Paul tells the Thessalonians: ". . . Conduct yourselves to please God — and as you are conducting yourselves — you do so even more." In other words, even in the midst of turmoil, doubt, uncertainty and fear, we are called to continue living in trust and faith that God is with us and we are to support one another at all times.

That being said, I pray that your observance of Advent will be a time blessed with hope and renewed faith. I would also like to mention that the universal Church will shortly begin a Jubilee Year for 2025. Pope Francis announced the Jubilee with a "Bull of Indiction" titled "Spes non confundit" ("Hope does not disappoint").

Taking a cue from the Holy Father's message, we are planning a special prayer service, "Advent Hope for a Weary World" on Tuesday, December 17 at 7:00 PM in the church. I'd like to invite everyone to come together to pray for peace in our world and our nation, and to lift up to God all our hopes for the new year that lies ahead.

Blessings on your week ahead!

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

## Christmas Flower Memorials




The beautiful poinsettias and greenery that adorn our altar and sanctuary are a special part of our celebration of Advent and Christmas at St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church.

We invite all to share in the experience through a Christmas Flower Memorial. The names of your loved ones will be published in the Christmas Weekend Bulletin which will be available on line and in the Church. The deadline for memorial submissions to be included in the Christmas bulletin is December 20, 2024.

There are three ways to submit a Christmas Flower Memorial: Utilize the Christmas Flowers Envelope you received with your bi-monthly envelopes; Use the form below, drop in the offering basket or mail to the church office or Click/Scan the QR Code to submit your memorial and offering online.

**Christmas Flower Memorials**

Please remember:



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at Masses throughout the Advent and Christmas Season

Requested by: \_\_\_\_\_

Offering \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed



### Send us your photo!

Once again we will decorate our parish Christmas tree with photos of you and your family. If you participated last year but would like to send a new photo, you can. Just make sure the resolution is high enough to print clearly. Email the photo to [tshreenan@gmail.com](mailto:tshreenan@gmail.com).

## 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, December 3 after the 12:05 Mass,**  
with Sr. Eileen Dooling, RSM

*\* All services will be held in the church and available on live stream \**



## Drumming Circle

Monday, December 2, 2024 at 6:30 PM in the Center. No experience or drum necessary. Please contact Elaine Wiatr at [elaine.wiatr@yahoo.com](mailto:elaine.wiatr@yahoo.com) for more information or if you need to borrow a drum.



## Connecting Psalms with the Book of Proverbs



Thursdays, December 5, 12 & 19  
from 10:30 to 11:30 AM on Zoom

In our study of the psalms we have noted the relationship of themes that pop up in other books of the Bible. Proverbs and psalms are often related in their content. In addition to praise and thanksgiving, the psalms carry practical advice that is similar in purpose to Proverbs, a book that is designed in many ways to help readers live practical lives by following certain guides. We will look at this relationship more prominent in some psalms than in others.

*Presenter: Fr. Francis Soucy, OFM*

## COMMUNITY SUNDAY

December 8, 2024, after the 8 & 10 Masses



## Advent Time: "Be Still and Know"

Tuesday, December 10 following the 12:05 Mass

We invite you to take some time to "be" in this busy season of "doing". Step away from the shopping and decorating to dwell in the "gifts" of this season of waiting. Are you longing for those few moments of reflection to connect with the inspiring Advent messages? Join us for an opportunity in Church to be still and come to know once again the true spirit of Advent.

*Presenter: Patricia Curtis*

## Annual Ladies Guild Christmas Party

A heartfelt Thank You to all who have participated in our Christmas Corner and Craft event. Did you know tickets are still available? You can purchase them in the church office through December 6th.

The Christmas Corner Drawing will be held at the beginning of our Annual Christmas Party, on Sunday, December 8th, from 12:00 to 2:30 PM. Tea Cup Auction tickets will be available there for your last-minute chances. You do not need to be present to win, **BUT...**



**YOU ARE cordially invited to join us for this year's party. We will gather at Salute on Rt. 3 in Rocky Hill.** The price

per person is \$25.00 and will include dinner, desserts, coffee and tea. Our selections will include salad, pasta, chicken, cod, and roasted vegetable.

Please call the church office to RSVP by December 2nd. Checks should be made payable to SPSA Ladies Guild.

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

Join this wonderful and prayerful ministry. Our next meetings:

Monday, December 9 from 7:00 to 8:00 PM on Zoom.

Thursday, December 19 from 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM in person.

Please check Monday's email for the Zoom Link.



## Gobble, Gobble

Thank you to everyone who made our Turkey Drive such a success. In addition to all the fixings for Thanksgiving, we collected 270 turkeys for the House of Bread and our Sandwich Ministry. We couldn't do this without you!!!



LAST DAY DECEMBER 8

SHARE YOUR GIFTS WITH OTHERS

FULFILL CHRISTMAS WISHES FOR LOCAL PEOPLE IN NEED

*Local Giving Tree*

Gift deadline is Sunday, December 8

VISIT THE VIRTUAL GIVING TREE

FULFILL A CHRISTMAS WISH

HELP OTHERS THIS SEASON

FULFILL A CHRISTMAS WISH

<https://spsagivingtree.org>

## Ongoing Adult Faith Formation Programs

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

**Group Spiritual Reflection Zoom Meetings:** Tuesday, December 3, 2024 from 12:30 to 1:30 PM. All are welcome! Please go to <https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-Tues-Spirit-Grp> to register and receive the Zoom Link.

**In Quiet Prayer:** Wednesday, December 4, from 7:30 to 8:00 AM. Join us on Zoom. Please check the Monday email for Zoom link.

**People of Hope:** Wednesday, December 4, from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM: Join us! <https://tinyurl.com/SPSACT-POH-Fall24> to register.

**Divine Reading:** Wednesday, December 4, from 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!

ST. PATRICK - ST. ANTHONY'S

CHURCH STREET *Singers*

Reading age youth through High School Leaders

Join us to sing for Christmas Eve Mass at 5:30 pm (arrive at 5:00 pm)

REHEARSALS ARE SATURDAYS AT 9:00 AM DECEMBER 7, 14 AND 21

Sign up by scanning the code or go to <https://spsact.org/css-christmas-2024>

## Open Hearts Ministry

Monthly Meeting: Join us Sunday, December 8, 2024 at 6:00 PM.

Please go to <https://spsact.org/contact-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, December 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.

## Advent Hope for a Weary World



Be sure to save Tuesday, December 17, 2024 for an Advent Prayer Service for Hope. Join fellow parishioners for this moving service starting at 7:00 pm in the Church.

More information will follow in upcoming e-mails and bulletins.

## Emmaus Grieving Parents Ministry

3rd Sunday of each month starting this Sunday, December 15, from 3:30 to 4:30 PM.

Natalie Welsh, Jacky's Mom, facilitator

Have you suffered the loss of a child?

SPSA is resuming the Emmaus Grieving Parent Ministry with monthly gatherings for parents whose life journey includes the loss of a child (at any time). There is no cost to participate and free parking across the street. Please call the church office (860-756-4034) with your phone number and email address if you have questions and would like to talk in advance of the gathering. We look forward to walking with you on this journey.



## From the Sister Parish Committee



Hopeful news from St. Genevieve's - the school is open and over 400 students are receiving education and a hot lunch! Despite the dire situation in Haiti, the strength and faith of Fr. Gaby, the principal and teachers and parents is a testament to the presence of good amidst the violence. And we know our funds are secure and are reaching Fr. Gaby safely.

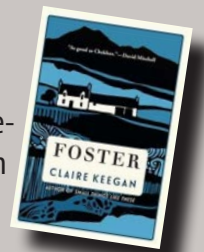
In this season of thanks - we sincerely thank everyone for their continued spiritual and financial support for our Sister Parish parishioners.

Sad news close to home, we mourn the passing of our beloved committee member, Joe Cirusuolo, Co-Chair of our Haiti Advocacy committee. He leaves behind a large and strong national group, which he helped form and led, that will continue to advocate for solutions to end the violence and arms trafficking in Haiti.

Mesi!

## A Novel Idea Book Club

The December book selection is *Foster*, by *Claire Keegan*. Kirkus Reviews ([www.kirkusreviews.com](http://www.kirkusreviews.com)) called Keegan's novella "A modern Irish classic" and "A heartbreaking but deeply humane story about parents and children".



Mallika from Literary Potpourri (<https://potpourri2015.wordpress.com/>) says, "I'm so glad I finally read this beautiful, heart-warming yet also poignant story of family, home and the bonds that truly connect people, which need not necessarily be those of blood".

Join the discussion on December 19, at 7:00 PM. For more information please go to <https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-NBC-Books>.

## Second Collection on December 8/9, 2024

CHRISTMAS AT ST. PATRICK - ST. ANTHONY

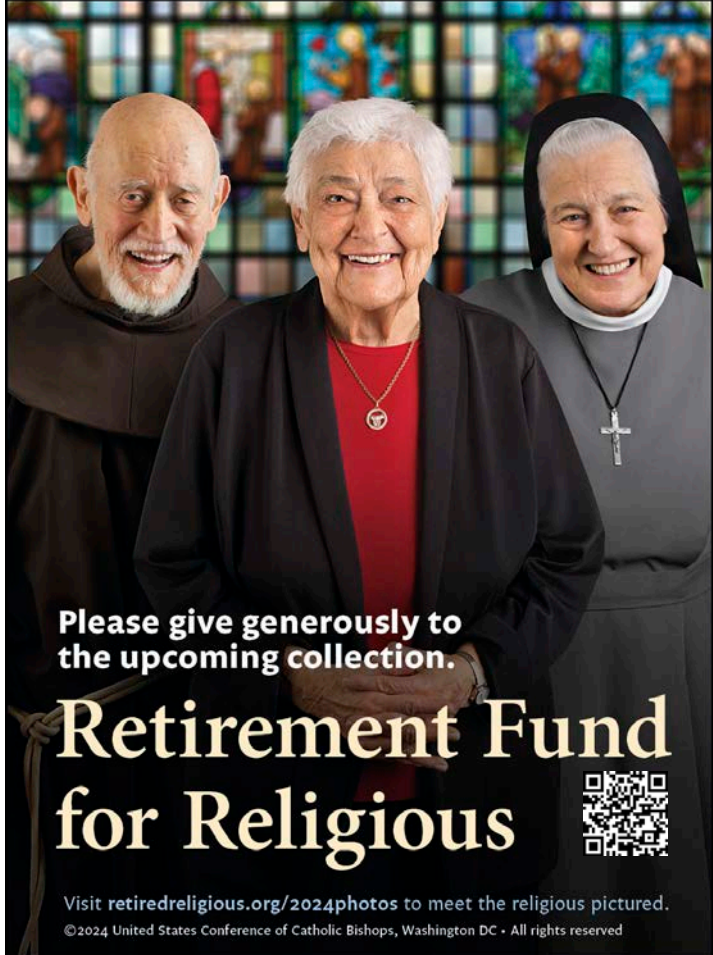

# Liturgical Dance

with Griffith Academy of Dance  
Young dancers through High School Leaders

Join us to sing for Christmas Eve Mass  
at 4:00 pm (arrive at 2:00 pm)


**REHEARSALS ARE SUNDAYS AT 1:00 PM DECEMBER 8, 15  
AND MONDAY, DECEMBER 23 AT 10:00 AM**

Check out [spsact.org/liturgical-dance-2024](https://spsact.org/liturgical-dance-2024)  
to sign up and for all the details



**Please give generously to  
the upcoming collection.**

# Retirement Fund for Religious



Visit [retiredreligious.org/2024photos](https://retiredreligious.org/2024photos) to meet the religious pictured.  
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Please go to <https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-Retirement-Fund-REL> or scan the QR code to donate.

## Volunteer Today:

Feeling the need to give back? Consider volunteering for **The Ministry of the Door**. Shifts in need are during the evenings and Sunday mornings. Duties include answering the door and phone and light office work when needed.

Please go to <https://spsact.org/current-volunteer-opportunities/> to view current offerings.

Have questions? Please contact our Director of Community Engagement, Allison Holst-Grubbe at [aholstgrubbe@spsact.org](mailto:aholstgrubbe@spsact.org) for more info!



## Please Beware!



During this Holiday Season, please be aware that people will try to scam you. As a reminder, neither the parish staff nor your fellow parishioners would ever ask for you to purchase anything via

email or text. These emails and text messages are phishing attempts and not a valid request from any parishioner or staff member.

Please delete 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.

## News From the Business Office

To view all things financial, please go to <https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-Financials> or scan the QR Code to view.



## Mass Intentions for the Week

### St. Francis Builds

#### Rebuilding homes, Restoring lives, Renewing hope

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: [www.friendsofpimpollo.org](http://www.friendsofpimpollo.org). Check out our last trip here: <https://youtu.be/oM-ovaGfpkA>

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 renovations 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 [sodonnell38@gmail.com](mailto:sodonnell38@gmail.com).

#### Saturday, November 30, 2024

4:00 PM Peter Mittica

#### Sunday, December 1, 2024

8:00 AM James Howard, 2nd Anniversary

10:00 AM Josephine Tanasi

11:45 AM Frank & Rose Sullivan

5:00 PM Maureen Dowd

#### Monday, December 2, 2024

7:30 AM Prayer intentions for our Parishioners

12:05 PM Frederico Favela, 1st Anniversary

#### Tuesday, December 3, 2024

7:30 AM Concetta Gianni

12:05 PM Dr. John Calogero

#### Wednesday, December 4, 2024

7:30 AM Barbara Derwicki

12:05 PM Prayer intentions for the people of Lebanon & Palistine

#### Thursday, December 5, 2024

7:30 AM Prayer intentions for St. Genevieve Parish

12:05 PM Sammy Alejandro (GHTBY)

#### Friday, December 6, 2024

7:30 AM Michael Gannon

12:05 PM Frank Brennan & John Marut

#### Saturday, December 7, 2024

4:00 PM Antonio & Stella Pizzoferrato

#### Sunday, December 8, 2024

8:00 AM William, Angie & Joanne Speziale

10:00 AM Rose & Angelo Perrone

11:45 AM In thanksgiving to St. Lucy

5:00 PM Carl Tinti

### 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, Anna Ramirez, 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](http://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 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](mailto:aholstgrubbe@spsact.org); 860-756-4034, EXT. 110.*

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Keep Up with News from St. Patrick - St. Anthony  
and The Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry  
Go to <https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-news>  
or scan the QR code





**Branches on the Vine News**  
from the Archdiocese of Hartford 11/30 - 12/6/2024

**Taking a Prayer Walk in Rocky Hill**

*Story and Photos by Karen A. Avitabile*

Before her passing at age 91 this past July, Jeannine Laraia watched her nephew, Father George Couturier, celebrate Mass at one of two churches in Rocky Hill that make up St. Josephine Bakhita Parish.



Father George Couturier stands beside a tree planted for his aunt at St. Elizabeth Seton Church campus, part of St. Josephine Bakhita Parish in Rocky Hill.

Laraia, a Port Charlotte, Fla., resident, watched a livestream of the Mass on her computer by visiting the parish website, [saintjosephinebakhita.org](http://saintjosephinebakhita.org).

“She would usually watch Mass every Sunday at St. Elizabeth Seton Church,” Father Couturier says of his aunt. After her passing, he celebrated her funeral Mass at the church.

As a gift to the priest in memory of his aunt, the parish staff planted a crepe myrtle tree on the campus of St. Elizabeth Seton Church, part of St. Josephine Bakhita Parish.

The fast-growing tree, which can withstand cold temperatures, blooms with bright colors in the warmer weather and produces fall foliage in the cooler temperatures.

Planted this past August, the tree is the newest addition to the grounds of St. Elizabeth Seton Church, which offers several outdoor places for group or private prayer in addition to beautiful trees, shrubs, perennials and flowers.

“There are always people planting on the campuses,” says Father Couturier. “People often drive by and say a prayer.” The campus was a popular walking spot during the coronavirus pandemic, the priest adds.

On the grounds of St. Elizabeth Seton Church, a garden devoted to Mary is a good spot for prayer. A sheltered gazebo sits in a shaded spot opposite the rectory. Benches on the church porch also offer a quiet place for reflection. A Marian meditation prayer garden was dedicated in September 2020.

St. James Church, also part of the parish, offers several outdoor Spots of its own along a prayer path constructed for meditative walking and prayer. They include a labyrinth next to the parish center as well as benches between two buildings on the property.

Another prayerful area on the St. James campus is a statue of Jesus

Christ situated behind the parish center. Last year, a shrine to St. Anthony of Padua was rebuilt and graces a corner on the backside of the property.

In addition to the outdoor places for prayer and walking, books are available to read on church properties or to take home.

Check out the selections in the Little Free Libraries located on both church campuses. St. James Church is located at 767 Elm St., Rocky Hill. A few miles away, St. Elizabeth Seton Church is located at 280 Brook St., also in Rocky Hill. The grounds of both churches are open to the public daily for walking and prayer.

**Upcoming Events around the Archdiocese**

HOSTED BY FR. ANTHONY FEDERICO

**YOUNG MEN'S RETREAT**

**The Masculinity of Jesus**

MEN AGES 18 - 39 | DECEMBER 14TH AT 10 AM TO THE 15TH AT 1 PM | \$100 PER PERSON

On this transformational retreat, we will encounter the masculine heart of Jesus and learn to be men like him.

**Call to register: (860) 761 - 7456**  
**Registration Deadline: December 5th**

**Married, Single & Discerning Men Invited**



**Saturday, January 11 at 5:30 PM**

*St. John Bosco Parish Country Dance at  
St. Therese Hall, Branford*

Fried chicken, corn bread, beverages, potluck.  
Tickets \$10 indiv., \$35 family max.

**Thursday, January 23 - Friday, January 24**

*Pilgrimage for Life - Washington, DC*

Mark your calendars for the annual pilgrimage to Washington, D.C. to March for Life with thousands from across the country. More details to come!

**Saturday, February 15 at 4:00 PM**

*Archdiocese of Hartford Wedding Anniversary Mass*

Cathedral of St. Joseph, Hartford

On Saturday, February 15, 2025, The Most Reverend Christopher J. Coyne, Archbishop of Hartford, will be honoring couples celebrating milestone marriage anniversaries: first and five-year increments from 5 to 60 years, and every year beyond 60 years during 2024 – 2025.

The Marriage Anniversary Mass will be at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph in Hartford at 4:00 p.m. Registration closes January 28.

Register at: [catholicedaohct.org/anniversary-mass](https://catholicedaohct.org/anniversary-mass)

For more events, please visit: [archdioceseofhartford.org/events](https://archdioceseofhartford.org/events)

To submit an event for consideration, please email: [communications@aohct.org](mailto:communications@aohct.org)



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**Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to Rome**



Join Father Emmanuel Ihemedu, pastor of St. John Paul the Great Parish of Torrington, in autumn of 2025 for a 13-day Shrine Tour to Rome and other locations in Italy, including Venice, Padua, Florence, Siena, Pisa, Assisi, Loreto, Macerata, San Giovanni, and Rotondo.

Cost is only \$4,490 per person from New York. Early registration is highly encouraged and is on a first come, first served basis. For more information go to <https://tinyurl.com/Jubilee-Tour-JPG-Torrington>.

## 2024 Archbishop's Annual Appeal



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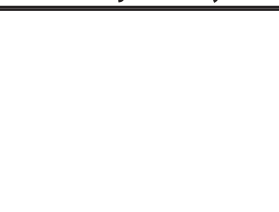


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