

“Learn a lesson from the fig tree.

When its branch becomes tender and sprouts leaves, you know that summer is near. In the same way, when you see these things happening, know that he is near, at the gates...

*Heaven and earth will pass away,
but my words will not pass away.”*



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November 17, 2024 • Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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

16TH ANNUAL TURKEY DRIVE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2024

7:30 AM TO 12:00 PM ONLY

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE NEEDED

Frozen Turkeys

(no fresh or live turkeys please)

Bags/boxes of stuffing mix

Canned Veggies (Large cans)

PLEASE, NO TARDY
TURKEYS!!
THANK YOU.

DUE TO LIMITED STORAGE, WE
CANNOT ACCEPT ANY TURKEYS
BEFORE OR AFTER SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 17, 2024. THE DRIVE
ENDS AT 12 NOON.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Join this wonderful and prayerful ministry.

Our next meetings:

Thursday November 21 from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

Please check Monday's email for the Zoom Link.



Daily Mass Readings



Monday, Nov 18: RV 1:1-4; 2:1-5; LK 18:35-43

Tuesday, Nov 19: RV 3:1-6, 14-22; LK 19:1-10

Wednesday, Nov 20: Rv 4:1-11; Lk 19:11-28

Thursday, Nov 21: RV 5:1-10; LK 19:41-44

Friday, Nov 22: RV 10:8-11; LK 19:45-48

Sunday, Nov 24: Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5; Rv 1:5-8;
Jn 18:33b-37

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

Upcoming Bulletin Deadlines

11/24/2024 Bulletin Deadline: 11/18/2024 at Noon

12/01/2024 Bulletin Deadline: 11/20/2024 at Noon

12/08/2024 Bulletin Deadline: 11/28/2024 at Noon

12/15/2024 Bulletin Deadline: 12/06/2024 at Noon

12/22/2024 Bulletin Deadline: 12/11/2024 at Noon

12/29/2024 Bulletin Deadline: 12/18/2024 at Noon

1/05/2025 Bulletin Deadline: 12/23/2024 at Noon

1/12/2025 Bulletin Deadline: 1/03/2025 at Noon

The Pastor's Corner

November 17, 2024



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

When I begin to read a novel, sometimes I read the final paragraph first, and then start back at the beginning to see how the author reaches that concluding paragraph.

Someone has said that God created humans because God enjoys a good story. And a compelling story requires genuine human freedom. A novelist creates and develops characters according to an overall plan. While it may be tempting to think that God acts the same way, that is true only in regard to Christ's ultimate victory.

A novelist's characters lack free will; the writer's only constraint, if you will, is whether the characters are credible or believable. Because the people God creates have free will, both Adolf Hitler and Mother Teresa of Calcutta are credible because we know that they existed – even though we also know that they made very different choices in life.

The first reading for Mass this weekend, from the Book of Daniel, is very hope-filled. Although this book is set in the 6th century before Christ, it was finalized for a Jewish audience only in the 2nd century B.C. In second-century Syria, King Antiochus tried to wipe out Judaism. He had already desecrated the temple in Jerusalem by placing a statue of a pagan god there. The king's plans were vigorously opposed by the Maccabee family and their allies.

We realize that the Maccabees prevailed, but the original audience for the Book of Daniel didn't know that. The revolt was still taking place. Today's reading introduces the archangel Michael as God's warrior who will defend the Jewish people. The suffering of good people does not prove that God's ways are weak and ineffective. Rather, reward and punishment are often beyond human reasoning.

Today's Gospel affirms that God ultimately wins. The Gospel of Mark may have been completed after the Romans destroyed Jerusalem and its temple in 70 A.D. Even if the Gospel was completed before that year, it was soon read in light of those catastrophic events. Jesus affirms that the forces of evil will not prevail. God is still in charge and keeps wanting to share life with us. A novelist can guarantee a certain ending. God chooses not to do that, but rather to encourage people to choose ways that are good and life-giving.

Perhaps in the past we have had some doubts about whether God will, in fact, prevail. Perhaps we have similar doubts even now.

God helps us to live freely so that eventually we can share divine life fully. At any given moment, we don't know which people will enter our life's story and whether their influence will ultimately be positive or negative. But we have a significant say about that.

Through the proclamation of God's word and the sharing of Jesus' Body and Blood in the Eucharist, we are constantly reminded that, no matter how difficult things may be, God is always with us and will ultimately prevail. No novel can guarantee that with equal certainty, because God has already written the final chapter.

Blessings on your week ahead!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fr. Tim Shreenan, O.F.M.".

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



CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT
WORKING ON THE MARGINS

This weekend, November 16/17, 2024 our second collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. To donate go to <https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-CCHD> or scan the QR Code.

To learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development go to www.uscb.org/cchd.



TDOR Observance This Weekend



Our Transgender Day of Remembrance observance will be led by our Open Hearts and Family and Friends LGBTQ ministries at the 5:00 pm Mass to remember those Transgender and Non-Conforming gender folks who were victims of violence in the US in 2024. You are invited to attend a wine and cheese reception following Mass in the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry. All are Welcome!

EMMAUS GRIEVING PARENT MINISTRY

Have you suffered the loss of a child?

The next meeting date is November 17 at 3:15 p.m. in the Franciscan Center.

There is no need to register but if you'd like to chat before then, please call the church office (860-756-4034) and we'll get back to you. *Natalie Welsh, Jacky's Mom, facilitator*



Praying for Vocations



Our parish's Vocations Awareness Committee invites you to join us for a brief service of prayer following the 12:05 PM Mass on Monday, November 18, 2024 in the church. It will also be live-streamed. Since its formation earlier this year, our

Vocations Awareness Committee (Pat Curtis, Carole Fay, Ron and Joan Osella, Ryan Ochoa, and Sr. Barbara-Jean Kubik) has given us many opportunities to learn about the various ways in which a vocation may be lived out, whether it be in chosen commitments and employment, the priesthood or diaconate, religious life, marriage, the single life, or as a lay associate of a religious community.

Let us come together and spend a few moments in prayer so that all of us, especially our young people, may be open to the movement of the Holy Spirit, and to serve the church in whatever manner we may be called to do so.

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, November 19, 2024 from 12:30 to 1:30 PM. All are welcome! Please go to <http://tinyurl.com/SPSA-Group-Spirit> to register and receive the Zoom Link.

In Quiet Prayer: Wednesday November 20, from 7:30 to 8:00 AM. Join us on Zoom. Please check the Monday email for Zoom link.

People of Hope: Wednesday, November 20, from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM: Join us! <https://tinyurl.com/SPSACT-POH-Fall24> to register.

Divine Reading: Next Meeting: November 20, 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!

Prayer of Lamentation and Hope

Wednesday, November 20, 2024, at 1:00 PM in the church.

The language of the prophets was often that of a lament: an expression of grief, loss and sorrow. The prophets expressed the desolation and alienation of the people of God throughout their history. At the same time, their proclamations would pass over into an affirmation that God would hear their cry for help and that deliverance would be forthcoming.

This prayer service is based on the concept of lament and includes 4 contemporary laments addressing the suffering in Ukraine, the Middle East, Haiti and Sudan. We, as a Church community, have been praying for the people living in these areas for weeks now as part of our Prayer of the Faithful during weekend Masses. The 4 contemporary laments have been composed by members of this parish.

Please join us in prayer and song in-person or via live-stream.

Reception at the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry immediately following the service.

Sponsored by our Committee for Social Justice, Women of Hope and Sister Parish Ministries. For more information, please call the Parish Office at 860-756-4034.

Psalms of Thanksgiving

Last session, Thursday, November 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 thanking 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 <https://tinyurl.com/SPSACT-PSALM-TGIVING> or scan the QR Code for registration and to receive the Zoom link.



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, November 21 after the 12:05 Mass,
with Sr. Barbara Bozak, CSJ

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 *



The Parish Nurse Ministry

The Parish Nurse Ministry is excited to welcome Atty John "Jay" Kearns III from Kearns & Kearns PC Attorneys at Law on Thursday, November 21st at 6:30PM in the church.

Jay is a Special Needs Trust Lawyer from West Hartford CT who focuses on Elder Law, Estate and Probate Law as well as other Long Term Care issues. Jay is a CT native attending local schools. He has authored and co-authored several articles published in the CT Lawyer and the magazine of the CT Bar Association. He has been quoted in Modern Maturity, Business Week, Money and Kiplinger and has appeared on CNNfn, NBC, CNN Radio and the Wall Street Journal Network for his insight into long-term care issues.

Please join us for what will be an educational and informational session that we can apply to our lives and the lives of our loved ones. We encourage you to join us in person in order to ask questions and interact with Jay; however, a Live Stream option will be made available to those who cannot attend in person. Please go to <https://tinyurl.com/SP-SA-PNM-F2024> 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.

A Novel Idea Book Club

The November book selection is *Everyone in My Family Has Killed Someone*, by Benjamin Stevenson. Join the discussion on November 21, at 7:00 PM. For more information please go to <https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-NBC-Books>.

Anointing Mass And Luncheon Saturday, November 23

Parishioners wishing to receive the Sacrament of the Sick are invited to an Anointing Mass in the church on Saturday, November 23 at 11 am. Parishioners as well as their family members and caregivers are invited. There will be a luncheon held after the Mass in the Franciscan Center next door. If you plan to attend the luncheon please call our parish office at (860) 756-4034 to let us know your contact information, how many will be accompanying you and any dietary restrictions, food allergies, etc. you or they may have. **(Please call our office by Monday, November 18 so that we can be sure we will have enough meals for everyone.)** You do not need to call the office to register if you are only coming to the Mass.

We encourage anyone coping with chronic illness or disease (heart, cancer, respiratory ailments, diabetes, etc.), those with the disease of alcoholism or other addictions, those suffering from any mental health issues, anyone facing surgery or those experiencing aging with its limitations, fears and isolation or any others who are seriously ill to join us together with family members and caregivers that day.

Offertory

11/04/2024 - 11/10/2024

Total Offering: \$15,179.23

Online Giving: \$8,965.23

Weekly Collection: \$6,214.00

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, November 16, 2024

4:00 PM The deceased members of the Perez-Jimenez family and relatives

Sunday, November 17, 2024

8:00 AM Rudy Tardiff

10:00 AM William Curtis

11:45 AM Judith Cardoni, 6th Anniversary

5:00 PM Prayer Intentions for the people of Lebanon & Palestine

Monday, November 18, 2024

7:30 AM Michael McGunnigle

12:05 PM Deceased members of Our Lady of Grace Society

Tuesday, November 19, 2024

7:30 AM Eugene Chelstowski

12:05 PM William B. Grothaus, 10th Anniversary

Wednesday, November 20, 2024

7:30 AM Francisco Obregon

12:05 PM Prayer Intentions for our parishioners

Thursday, November 21, 2024

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

12:05 PM Debbie Budd

Friday, November 22, 2024

7:30 AM

12:05 PM Peter & Mary Miano

Saturday, November 23, 2024

4:00 PM Madeline Capodanno

Sunday, November 24, 2024

8:00 AM Prayer intentions for the people of Lebanon & Palestine

10:00 AM August West Linder, 21st Anniversary

11:45 AM Anna Ellis

5:00 PM Jeanie Grasson Gagnon

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 Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry at St. Patrick-St. Anthony on Sunday, November 24th, to learn more about the Secular Franciscan Order. Our meeting starts at 2:00 and we will be celebrating our Memorial Service to remember deceased friends, relatives and members of our fraternity. All are welcome.



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...

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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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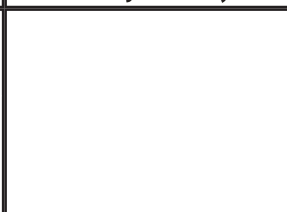


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