

# 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!



## **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

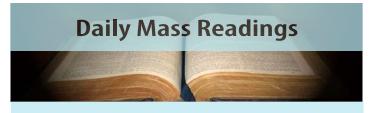
## **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 11:15 to 11:45 AM Saturday 3:15 to 3:45 PM



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

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).



Monday, Nov 4: Phil 2:1-4; Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday, Nov 5: PHIL 2:5-11; LK 14:15-24
Wednesday, Nov 6: PHIL 2:12-18; LK 14:25-33
Thursday, Nov 7: PHIL 3:3-8A; LK 15:1-10
PHIL 3:17—4:1; LK 16:1-8

Sunday, Nov 10: 1 Kgs 17:10-16; Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10;

Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

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

## **Baptism**

Saturday, November 2, 2024

### **Abigail Jewell Stewart**

child of Charles & Michelle Stewart celebrated by Fr. William Beaudin, O.F.M.

# The Paston's Corner

November 3, 2024

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

In a closing gesture of the Synod in Rome, on October 24, Pope Francis issused a new encyclical letter, his fourth, titled *Dilexit Nos* ("He loved us"). In this document, Pope Francis reminds us of how devotion to the Sacred Heart is a profound expression of faith, and an encounter with the unending love of God. I wish to share some comments about the encyclical published online by the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development.

The document is part of ongoing celebrations marking the 350th anniversary of the first apparition of the Sacred Heart of Jesus to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque. The celebrations began on 27 December 2023, the anniversary, and are scheduled to end on the feast of the Sacred Heart, 27 June 2025.

The Sacred Heart represents the love of Jesus as both fully human and fully divine. Although it has Biblical and early Christian roots, it became a widespread and popular devotion after 1673, due to the visions of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque. Christ appeared to the French nun four times, showing her his heart and affirming his love for all people.

Pope Francis believes that devotion to the Sacred Heart has the power to "illuminate the path of ecclesial renewal, but also to say something significant to a world that seems to have lost its heart."

Pope Francis has frequently talked about the importance of encounter. In *Dilexit Nos*, he explains how our lifestyle today, with its frenetic pace and its emphasis on consumerism, means that we are not paying enough attention to the heart. He returns to his theme of the dangers of individualism, telling us that this stops us from having a true encounter with our neighbor. This leads to the realization that an authentic personal relationship to Christ, strengthened by devotion to the Sacred Heart, cannot be separated from loving our neighbor.

Pope Francis particularly mentions the need for us to work for unity and peace in our world — a unity and peace that can only be brought about by love. He condemns the complicity, tolerance or indifference of other countries during the outbreak of new wars and speaks powerfully of the effect of conflict on the human person,

evoking the image of elderly women who have lost their homes and are forced to mourn for their children and grandchildren.

Pope Francis also reiterates his call for us to care for our common home, saying: "For it is by drinking of [Christ's] love that we become capable of forging bonds of fraternity, of recognizing the dignity of each human being and, of working together to care for our common home." (#217)

We are reminded that God's love for us is never-ending and that, filled with this love, we are also called to share it with others, when he says: "We need once more to take up the word of God and to realize, in doing so, that our best response to the love of Christ's heart is to love our brothers and sisters." (#167)

Pope Francis' new letter speaks to our hearts, reminding us that it is in Christ's heart that "we truly come at last to know ourselves and we learn to love" (#30). As we approach the 2025 Jubilee Year, we can find renewed hope that "amid the devastation wrought by evil, the heart of Christ desires that we cooperate with him in restoring goodness and beauty to our world." (#182)

The pope previously expressed his hope that the document will "illuminate the path of ecclesial renewal" and speaks here of the Church needing the "gratuitous love of God that liberates, enlivens, brings joy to the heart and builds communities" (#219).

In the light of this encyclical's invitation to respond to the love of Christ's heart by loving our brothers and sisters, we can make manifest the love of Jesus in the world.

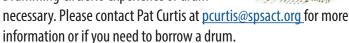
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Pastor



# The Drumming Circle

Join us Monday, November 4th from 6:30 to 7:30 PM in the Franciscan Center for our Drumming CircleNo experience or drum



# **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

Our experienced ministers are skilled teachers as well. Please JOIN US!



Virtual Meetings: 2nd Monday of the Month:

November 11, December 9

In-person Meetings: last Thursday of the Month:

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.

# The Holidays and Loss: Finding a Way **Through Together**

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

We will need a minimum of 20 participants for this program to move forward. Please register by November 10th if you plan to attend.



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 tinyurl.com/SPSA-AFF-Pay to give offering conveniently online and note the program name in the Memo.

# 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 Thursday, November 14th at 6:30pm 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 quest speakers. Please go to https://tinyurl.com/

SPSA-PNM-F2024 or scan the QR code to register or call the Parish Office at (860) 756-4034. Free Will

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

# **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 hear 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 Michael Sennett, Trans Man, who met with the Pope in a private audience in mid-October. Learn how this



has opened doors for these people.



Please goto https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-Meet-Pope or scan the QR code to register.

# **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

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# Offering 10/21/2024 - 10/27/2024

Total Offering: \$14,679.70
Online Giving: \$8,424.73
Weekly Collection: \$6,255.97

# **16th Annual Thanksgiving Turkey Drive**

PLEASE, No Tardy Turkeys! Thank you

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.

# **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>.

Divine Reading: Next Meeting: November 6, 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!

Group Spiritual Reflection Zoom Meetings: Tuesday, November 5, 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.

In Quiet Prayer: Wednesday November 6, from 7:30 to 8:00 AM. Join us on Zoom. Please check the Monday email for Zoom link.

People of Hope: Wednesday, November 6, 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.

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.

## Clare Gallery's New exhibit: Divine Cosmos

Connecticut artist, Jill Harrington Nichols closes the Clare Gallery's 2024 season, focusing 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. 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.

# **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.

# Anointing Mass And Luncheon on 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.

# Mass Intentions for the Week

#### 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

#### Monday, November 4, 2024

7:30 AM Prayer intentions for our parishioners

12:05 PM Concetta Gianni

#### Tuesday, November 5, 2024

7:30 AM Prayer intentions for the people of St. Genevieve 12:05 PM

#### Wednesday, November 6, 2024

7:30 AM

12:05 PM Deceased members of St. Joseph Fraternity, SFO

#### Thursday, November 7, 2024

7:30 AM Anthony Pizzoferrato, 4th Anniversary

12:05 PM Edward Garrone

#### Friday, November 8, 2024

7:30 AM Elaine D'Amico 12:05 PM Joseph Kelliher

#### Saturday, November 9, 2024

4:00 PM Maria Moreira

#### Sunday, November 10, 2024

8:00 AM David Rosa

10:00 AM Carmella Patoka

11:45 AM Monaco & Mascuilli Families

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5:00 PM Deceased family and friends of Maria Rosal

# 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.

# **Reducing Plastic**

"It is good for people to realize that purchasing is always a moral—and not simply economic—act. Hence the consumer has a specific social responsibility..."

-Caritas In Veritate (66) - Pope Benedict XVI

Being stewards of God's creation.

We are called to be stewards of God's creation. Have you noticed



that things are not as they should be? Materials that were considered "wonder products" are now being found to cause us direct harm. Plastic has been found to be one of these culprits. Shouldn't we do something to protect ourselves and our families? Let's start with single use plastic.

Right now you can start reducing your dependency on single use plastic items. Some of the following items have readily available substitutes:

Disposable plastic water bottles
Disposable plastic coffee and tea cups and lids
Disposable plastic food containers
Disposable plastic food utensils

We have been lead to believe that disposable plastic items can be easily recycled, but this is not the case. Only about 9% of recyclable plastic is actually recycled. The rest end up in landfills and oceans around the world. We all just need to make an effort to find and choose substitutes.

Come to the Creation Care table at the Community Sunday event on November 10 to share ideas.

# 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.

# A Thank you from Fr. Mike

Thank you to so many of you for your quiet acts of kindness this weekend, especially for donating basic clothing—what we've affectionately called "underoos"—to aid the unhoused in Hartford. A special thanks to Anna and Roger Eddy, whose initiative and hard work made it all possible. Their leadership inspired this collection of essentials.

Your generosity resulted in eight boxes of socks, seven boxes of T-shirts, and four boxes of briefs, shared between the Franciscan Center and the House of Bread. These simple gifts beautifully reflect our Franciscan commitment to care for those in need. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who registered for more information about our ministries. You will be hearing from our coordinators soon. We are also deeply grateful to those who manned the tables, sharing your passion for ministry with inquirers. Your dedication helped inspire others and continues to make our community thrive.

As Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "To know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded." Through each small gesture, we become the hands of something greater.

Gratefully, Mike ,ofm

# 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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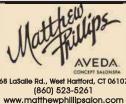
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