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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

2025 & 2026 Calendars OPEN!!! Mass Intention and Sanctuary Lamp Scheduling Email: info@spsact.org with your 1st & 2nd Choices Phone: Call 860-756-4034, please have multiple date choices ready before you call.

Note: Kindly submit your suggested offering of \$10 per Mass shortly after making your reservation. This will guarantee your intention. This can be done via Online Giving, cash or check. You can place your donation in the Sunday basket in an envelope addressed to the church office or send via USPS to 285 Church St., Hartford, CT 06103. Checks are to be made payable to SPSA.

Please call the church office, 860-756-4034, if you have any questions.

Daily Mass Readings

Monday, Jan 27: Hebrews 9:15, 24-28; Mark 3:22-30
Tuesday, Jan 28: Hebrews 10:1-10; Mark 3:31-35
Wednesday, Jan 29: Hebrews 10:11-18; Mark 4:1-20
Thursday, Jan 30: Hebrews 10:19-25; Mark 4:21-25
Friday, Jan 31: Heb10:32-39; Mark 4:26-34

Sunday, Feb 2: Malachi 3:1-4; Psalm 24:7, 8, 9, 10;

Heb 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

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



Please be sure to indicate whether you would like to receive your statement via email or US Mail. You will receive your statement by the end of January, 2025. Thank you for your continued generosity.

The Paston's Corner

January 26, 2025

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

You might have noticed that this space in last week's bulletin was replaced by a series of parish announcements. The reason is that I was in Kansas City all week long, and never had the opportunity to write my usual weekly letter. As I mentioned at Mass last Sunday, I am happy to report that everything is up to date in you-know-where, and I'm also happy to report that the Franciscan Provincial Synod was very successful.

Almost 200 Franciscans, as well as religious and lay guests from around the country gathered at the Westin Crown Center Hotel in Kansas City for the week-long meeting which included liturgies, presentations, and table conversations. These kinds of gatherings are always great opportunities to be able to catch up with friars and the latest news (gossip?). For me, it was a delight to see a Poor Clare sister, Diane Short, who I first met when I was a novice almost 50 years ago. We had a wonderful conversation and brought each other up to date with our respective past five decades.

One of the highlights of the week was an address given by a fellow Franciscan friar, Bishop John Stowe, O.F.M., Conv. from Lexington, Kentucky. Bishop Stowe was present for most of the synod sessions and joined in the table conversations along with everyone else. He gave a moving and inspirational talk that challenged us to plan for the future with hope and confidence, reading the signs of the times with clarity and discernment.



Our parishioner, Marc Sherer, accompanied me to the synod, and he and I had some great conversations in airports, airplanes, and throughout the week in between sessions and at meals. I asked him to write a brief summary of his impressions; this is what he said: "I was honored this past week to represent St. Patrick-St. Anthony at the Franciscan Synod, meeting friars and ministry partners from across the county (and beyond). I was impressed with the diversity of our brotherhood in geography, language and culture, yet all with a similar love of God, Saints Francis and Clare and all with the similar purpose of doing God's work for those in need in our world. I was most proud in recognizing the degree to which our parish represents these values, and through our many ministries in the work we are called to do."

A series of priorities and action items that the friars and partners in ministry felt were important to concentrate on over the next several years were discussed and voted upon, including ministry to, and with, young adults. An insightful panel discussion, pictured below, was held as part of the process:



And just to prove that I was actually there, here is a photo which appeared on our province's website. Even though I look very deep in thought, I was probably wondering what we would be having for lunch that day!



May we continue to be a people of deep hope as we observe a Jubilee Year of Hope. Blessings on your week ahead!

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

Prayer Squares for Peace

Prayer Shawl Ministers often have one response to times of "uncertainty": knit!

Join us for our second session at the February 9th Community Sunday. Ministers will be available to teach how to start knitting

these simple squares. The ministry feels it is the right time to invite parishioners to take and/or to make Prayers Squares for Peace and distribute them throughout Lent. Two different prayers are available to accompany the Prayer Square.



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 the 4th Sunday of each month at 2:00 PM to learn more about the Secular Franciscan Order. Our next meeting is January 26, 2025.

"Got HOPE?"

Back in the early 1990's, an advertising campaign was designed to increase the consumption of milk by using the tagline "Got Milk?". Would a good tagline befitting our current state of affairs be "Got Hope?". Are we at a point in our personal and cultural lives when we need to increase our "consumption of hope"?

You are invited to spend three sessions this winter with facilitators from our Adult Formation Ministry as we consider the message and impact of Hope upon ourselves and our world. We'll look at scripture, writings from civil rights activists, and religious leaders of our time to stimulate our ponderings and conversation.

Please join us in January and February on Zoom on the following: **Tuesday evenings at 7:00** PM: **January 28, February 4 & 11** Why in the evenings? So that all parishioners, those working and those retired, have the opportunity to join in.

Why virtually on Zoom? Because our parishioners travel from over 120 different zip codes... because winter weather might blow in and we'll still be able to keep our scheduled gatherings.

Why these dates? There are no conflicts with UCONN Women's and Men's Basketball Games!

We look forward to spending this time with YOU! Go to https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-AFF-Got-Hope to register for the Zoom link.

Pat Curtis and Adult Faith Formation Facilitators

"Vibrant Voices for Peace" Prayer Service Thursday, January 30th following the 12:05 weekday Mass with Sister Barbara Bozak, CSJ



Our Women of Hope Ministry invites you to join them for prayer to focus on many dimensions of peace. 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. Sr. Barbara Bozak will focus on World Day of Peace, including references to both Gandhi and Martin Luther King, Jr.

Sister Barbara represents more than thirty Congregations of Sisters of Saint Joseph worldwide at the United Nations in New York and Geneva.

Join us for this important prayer time together.

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

Clare Gallery's New Exhibit:

"Colorful Silence", Jan 16 to March 9

Brother Mickey O'Neill McGrath, Oblate of St. Francis de Sales, is a writer, painter, and storyteller. His work features quotes from more modern "mystics" such as Richard Rohr, Dorothy Day, St. Therese, as well as others.



Artist Reception: Sunday, March 2 from 1:00 to 3:00 PM.

Adult Faith Formation

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

Group Spiritual Reflection:

Zoom Meetings: Every Tuedays. Next meeting: January 28, 2025 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-person Meetings at the Franciscan Center: Every Wednesday. Next meeting: January 29, 2025, at 12:40 PM.

Facilitators: Mary Espinosa, Joan Osella & Elaine Wiatr

In Quiet Prayer:

Every Wednesday. Next meeting: January 29, 2025, from 7:30 to 8:00 AM. Thirty minutes of quiet prayer practice every Wednesday morning. Join us on Zoom. Please go to https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-In-Quiet-Prayer to register.

People of Hope:"The Flowing Grace of Now" Every Wednesday from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM on Zoom. Next meeting: January 29, 2025.

Attend when your schedule allows to receive the gifts of spiritual nourishment and growth. Join us: https://tinyurl.com/SPS-ACT-POH-Fall24 to receive Zoom link.

Free Will Offering

Prayer Shawl Ministry

It's called a prayer shawl because it came from the prayers of the shawl maker holding the person receiving the shawl in her or his prayers. .

The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets twice a month:

Evening meetings are the 2nd Monday of the month at 7:00 PM on Zoom: Winter/spring dates are February 10, March 10, April 14, May 12, and June 9

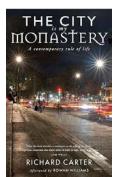
<u>Daytime meetings are the last Thursday of the month at 10:30</u> <u>AM in the Franciscan Center:</u> Winter/spring dates are January 30, February 27, March 27, April 24, May 29, and June 26

For more information, contact Janet Bristow at <u>janetbristow@sbcglobal.net</u>

Upcoming Adult Faith Programs

Our Own Nazareth Time

Mondays, March 10 & 24, April 7 & 21, May 5 & 19, June 2 from 12:45-1:45 PM.



Experience your own "Nazareth Time" during the Lent/Easter Season this year! Jesus spent 90% of his life in Nazareth living with others and sharing their existence; their hopes, fears, delights, griefs, triumphs and disasters. We invite you to join us on a life changing journey through our own Nazareth time.

The City is My Monastery, A Contemporary Rule

of Life, by Richard Carter is an unusual book; more like a guide to life that might become your life-time companion for prayer, peace and well-being. It gives us a practical "rule of life".

There are seven spiritual practices in the book accompanied by many exercises to nurture our faith with each practice. We will read one chapter (one spiritual practice) over a two-week period. After the 12:05 Mass we will meet in the Franciscan Center to experience the exercises proposed. Beverages will be provided. Feel free to bring your lunch.

Please go to https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-Naz-Time to register.

Lenten Twilight Retreat

Tuesday, March 11 from 5:30-8:00 PM.

We are delighted to invite Fr. Ken back for an evening of presentation, inspiration, and reflection in this Lenten season.

Presenter: Fr. Kenneth P. Paulli, OFM, EdD Suggested Offering: \$20.00; includes dinner Presentation only at 6:30 p.m.: \$15.00

Registration Deadline: March 7



Fr. Kenneth P. Paulli, OFM, EdD is a Franciscan priest of the Province of Our Lady of Guadalupe and a Professor of Education at Siena College, Loudonville, NY. Born and raised in Westchester County, NY, he graduated from Siena in 1982 with a B.S. in Marketing/Management. Upon his college graduation, Fr. Ken taught high school and subsequently entered the Franciscan Order. After graduating from the Washington Theological Union in May 1990 with an M.A. in Theology, Fr. Ken was ordained to the priesthood in September of that same year. After serving as a parochial vicar in two parishes, Fr. Ken enrolled in Columbia University's Religion & Education doctoral program. Columbia awarded him a doctorate in May 1999.

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Fr. Ken is an Associate Professor of Education. In addition to teaching, research, and writing, Fr. Ken has given numerous parish missions and retreats.

Please go to https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-KP-Lent-25 to register for dinner and presentation.

Please go to https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-KP-Lent-25-P0 to register for JUST the presentation.

Insider's Talk with Gabriel Löfvall



Tuesday, March 18 from 6:30-7:45 PM.

Join us in the Franciscan Center to share an "insider's talk" with our Director of Music Ministry, Dr. Gabriel Löfvall .

Gabriel grew up listening to the sounds of the

tango in his native Argentina, and is at ease conducting, playing the keyboards, or singing tenor. From a very young age Gabriel sang with the Universidad Nacional de Cuyo Boys' Choir in the city of Mendoza, Argentina, where he also studied piano. He received his Bachelor's Degree in Music from the same university. Gabriel moved to the US in 1997 and got his Master of Music in Piano Performance as well as a Master's Degree in Choral Conducting from the Hartt School of Music at the University of Hartford. Gabriel directs three of our parish choirs: Bass Clef, Trebel Clef and Gallery Choirs and helps in planning all aspects of musical liturgy. Gabriel received his D.M.A. (Doctor of Musical Arts degree) in choral conducting from the Hartt School of Music at the University of Hartford in May 2016.

Please go to https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-Insiders-Gabe-2025 to register.



Baptism

Flizabeth Ann child of Brian & Gena Masi celebrated by Fr. Timothy Shreenan, O.F.M.

Due to space limitations, we are not able to put the Archdiocese of Hartford Newsletter to the bulletin. Please go to https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-aohct-news-Jan-26 to read this week's content and view various upcoming events happening around the Archdiocese of Hartford.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, January 25, 2025

4:00 PM Raymond Dalton, 1st Anniversary

Sunday, January 26, 2025

8:00 AM Christopher Shea, in memory of his 56th birthday

Rosemary Mauriello 10:00 AM

11:45 AM Jim Mullarkey, 1st Anniversary

Beatriz Alcocer Castillo 5:00 PM

Monday, January 27, 2025

Ann Coleman 7:30 AM 12:05 PM Mary Mittica

Tuesday, January 28, 2025

7:30 AM Prayer intentions for our parishioners 12:05 PM Antoinette Smith, 3rd Anniversary

Wednesday, January 29, 2025

Henry McDermott 7:30 AM 12:05 PM Robert C. Piwko

Thursday, January 30, 2025

7:30 AM Jerelyn Fields

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

Friday, January 31, 2025

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

12:05 PM Anthony & Henrietta DiLorenzo

Saturday, February 1, 2025

4:00 PM Richard Formica, 7th Anniversary

Sunday, February 2, 2025

8:00 AM

10:00 AM Vincent Giansanti, Jr.

11:45 AM Gerald & Mary Ellen Baginski

Catherine O'Connor 5:00 PM



For our nation as we strive to live as a united country, seeing and treating one another as sisters and brothers of different origins, races, regions and economic status, as part of one diverse family

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.

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Watch 10:00 AM Mass Online:



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



https://venue.streamspot.com/cdc76f52

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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 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. 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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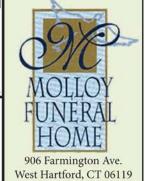
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