

*They opened their treasures
and offered him gifts of
gold, frankincense,
and myrrh.*

St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church • 285 Church Street • Hartford, Connecticut
January 5, 2025 • Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

The Adoration of the Magi by James Tissot (1836-1902); Brooklyn Museum

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

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*Open Hearts
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

News from the Parish Office

Did you know? The 2025 Calendar has lots of dates still available for your Mass Intentions? **The 2026 Calendar will be open for intentions on Friday, January 24, 2025.**

How to request your intentions: Call the office at 860-756-4034 or email info@spsact.org to request your intentions.

Please provide a 2nd and 3rd choice when making your request.

Note: Kindly submit your suggested offering of \$10 per Mass shortly after making your reservation. 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 questions.

Daily Mass Readings

Monday, Jan 6: 1 Jn 3:22; 4:6; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday, Jan 7: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday, Jan 8: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52
Thursday, Jan 9: 1 Jn 4:19; 5:4; Lk 4:14-22
Friday, Jan 10: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16
Sunday, Jan 11: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 104:1b-2,3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30; Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7 Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

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



The Pastor's Corner

January 5, 2025

Dear Parishioners and Friends,



Brussels, Belgium is the home of Tintin, the cartoon character created by Georges Prosper Remi, who went by the pen name Hergé. While I was in Brussels about a month ago, I visited the Tintin Boutique and purchased a tiny volume called *Tintin: Little Book of Peril*. This is one of the cartoons, with the caption "Life can be full of surprises!"



Indeed, life can be full of surprises, like when you test positive for Covid on Christmas evening, as I did. As I write this letter a few days after Christmas, I've been dealing with cold symptoms since my trip to Europe, and barely managed to make my way through the final days leading up to Christmas, and its liturgical celebrations. So, if you haven't seen much of me lately, it was because of life's little surprises.

I do wish to express my thanks and great appreciation to everyone who contributed to making the celebration of Christmas here at SPSA so beautiful – liturgically, visually and musically. Needless to say, it takes many hours of practice and preparation each year to make our festival celebrations as impactful as possible, so I appreciate more than I can say the time and talent needed to do it all with such grace, dignity and reverence.

I also want to say thanks for the many cards and gifts given to me and the friars. If I haven't been able to thank you personally, please know how much we appreciate your thoughtfulness. One man from Norwich who I've gotten to know, brings his family to Christmas Mass every year. He was feeling a bit out of sorts this year, and this is what he wrote to me: "As the musical prelude began, I just totally snapped out of the funk and was myself again. The words of the angel 'Do not be afraid' really meant something to me that night." May we enter 2025 without fear, but with sure and fervent hope!

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

The Drumming Circle - try something 'new'

Mondays: January 6, February 3, March 3, April 7, May 5, June 2

6:30-7:30 pm in the Franciscan Center

Drumming is good for the spirit as well as the heart and mind! Please join us for an evening of African drumming rhythms once a month. Anyone can learn to drum. If you have a drum, please bring it with you. Let us know if you need a drum by calling the parish office, 860-756-4034. First-time participants, please arrive by 6:15 pm.

Facilitator: Elaine Wiatr

Sponsored by the Women of Hope Ministry

Baptism Celebrations Weekend of January 4 and 5, 2025

Drew Joseph Dennis

child of William and Julia Dennis

celebrated by Fr. Timothy Shreenan, O.F.M.

Avery Elise Dillon

child of Brandon Dillon and Yoldalis Gutierrez

and

Adonis Vasilis Halidis

child of Andreas and Anna Halidis

celebrated by Fr. John Leonard, O.F.M.

Sanctuary Lamps

Week of January 5, 2025

In prayer for

Securing humanitarian
aid in war-torn countries

COMMUNITY SUNDAY

January 12, 2025
after the
8 am & 10 am Masses



Adult Faith Formation

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

Group Spiritual Reflection:

Our gathering will reflect upon the Gospel for the upcoming Sunday to guide us on our path of discipleship. As companions on the journey, we listen, reflect and share how the Word speaks to our hearts through the Spirit. There is no need to do any advance preparation for the session. Come as you are with an open heart.

Zoom Meetings: Every Tuesdays. Next meeting: January 7, 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 8, 2025, at 12:40 PM. Please go to <https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-Grp-Sprt-In-Person> to register.

Facilitators: Mary Espinosa, Joan Osella & Elaine Wiatr

Divine Reading:

Each month on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, in-person in the Franciscan Center from 7:00 to 8:00 PM.

Upcoming dates: January 15; February 5 & 19; March 5 & 19, April 2 & 16; May 7 & 21; June 4 & 18

Please consider joining us for "lectio divina" (divine reading.) It is a prayerful reading of a bible passage in order to discern its message for each of us today. We have found that meeting in person gives the experience greater intimacy and impact. If you haven't tried it yet, please do! The process is simple and will be explained each time, and sharing is welcome, but optional.

Co-facilitators: Sheila Denion and John Lemega

In Quiet Prayer:

Every Wednesday. Next meeting: January 8, 2025, from 7:30 to 8:00 AM. Thirty minutes of quiet prayer practice every Wednesday morning. We begin with a brief ritual of offering compassion for the needs of our world and ourselves. A prayer or reading is offered, and is followed by 20 minutes of silence for personal intentions, through prayer, reflection, meditation or contemplation. 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 8, 2025.

"To see requires a deeply contemplative spirit and an open heart. To see requires learning to live awake. When we begin to live awake, we will see teachers everywhere", writes retreat guide and author Sr. Macrina Wiederkehr. Using her book, *The Flowing Grace of Now*, we will ponder one essay per week which will usher us into the presence of spiritual teachers at work in our lives—inviting us to listen to these teachers, deepen our faith, and learn from their wisdom. Please join our facilitator, Pat Curtis, each Wednesday 11:00 am to 12:00 pm, 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. This "People of Hope" gathering is available to you every Wednesday morning ~ attend when your schedule allows to receive the gifts of spiritual nourishment and growth. Join us: <https://tinyurl.com/SPSACT-POH-Fall24> to receive Zoom link.

Facilitator: Pat Curtis

Free Will Offering

"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

Prayer Squares for Peace

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



At the height of the Covid pandemic, over 3,000 Prayer Squares were created by our ministers and offered to first-responders, those in hospitals, nursing homes, soup kitchens, etc. with a reassuring prayer for God’s accompaniment and support from our faith community.

Now, at the beginning of 2025, they will once again step forward. **At the January 12th and February 9th Community Sundays, 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:

*May God walk before you and guide you
Beside you to give you courage
Behind you to keep you safe
Beneath you to give you strength
Above you for blessing and
Within you to give you peace.
Amen.*

and

*Go forth into the world in peace;
be of good courage;
hold fast to that which is good;
render to no one evil for evil;
strengthen the faint-hearted;
support the weak;
help the afflicted; honor everyone;
love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
come down upon you,
and remain with you always.
Amen.*

Religious Education . . . Registration is always on our website!

The religious education programs at St. Patrick – St. Anthony Church are designed to allow parents to choose not only the best schedule for their young children but also the best learning format for those children. We firmly believe that the parents (and families) are the original and primary educators of their children, and we are honored to support you in nurturing your child’s faith. Our classes begin at age three.

For this reason, religious education for children through sixth grade can occur at St. Patrick – St. Anthony Church within a traditional format, a hands-on (Montessori) format (Catechesis of the Good Shepherd) or a family format (Whole Community Catechesis).

Our middle and high schoolers are very involved in social justice and community service. They host parish wide service projects (i.e. Advent Wreath Workshop and Easter Cookie Delivery), build connections with the homebound of our parish, and volunteer regularly helping set up and working in the hydroponic gardens with LEVO International. Service continues as students enter high school including regular service with House of Bread, No-Freeze Shelter, Franciscan Center Sandwich Ministry and other opportunities with our community partners, and an open invitation to participate in the life of our parish by joining any of our ministries such as the singing in the choir, lectoring, Altar Serving, etc.

All programs take place within the traditional school year (September through May). Check out the website www.spsact.org/faith-formation/youth-faith-formation for more information or contact Deborah Pelletier at dpelletier@spsact.org.

Clare Gallery: Upcoming 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 will feature quotes from more modern “mystics” such as Richard Rohr, Dorothy Day, St. Therese, as well as others.



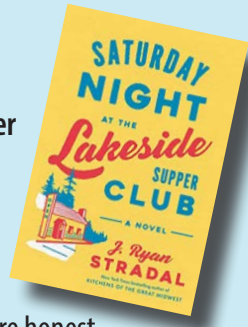
Virtual Artist’s Talk: Thursday, January 23 from 7:00 to 8:00

PM. Artist’s Talk registration: <https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-Clare-Colorful-Silence>

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

A Novel Idea Book Club

The January 2025 book selection is **Saturday Night at the Lakeside Supper Club**, by **J. Ryan Stradal**. Goodreads.com says, "In this colorful, vanishing world of relish trays and brandy Old Fashioneds, J. Ryan Stradal has once again given us a story full of his signature honest, lovable yet fallible Midwestern characters as they grapple with love, loss, and marriage; what we hold onto and what we leave behind; and what our legacy will be when we are gone." Join the discussion on January 16, 2025, at 7:00 PM. For more information please go to <https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-NBC-Books>.



EMMAUS GRIEVING PARENT MINISTRY

Have you suffered the loss of a child? The next meeting date is January 19, 2025 at 3:30 PM 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*

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.



Offertory

12/09/2024 - 12/15/2024

Total Offering: \$17,028.52

Online Giving: \$10,299.23

Weekly Collection: \$6,729.29

Centering Yoga

Come join Centering Yoga. This FREE one-hour yoga class is offered in the Franciscan Center at 9:00am on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month. All ability levels are welcome; please bring your own mat. Email aholstgrubbe@spsact.org to register. Our January sessions: January 11 and January 25.

Open Hearts Ministry

Monthly Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for January 12, 2025 after the 5:00 PM Mass in the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry. All Are Welcome. Please join us.

Friends and Family Ministry: Our next meeting will take place on Sunday, January 19, 2025 at 3:30 PM in the Franciscan Center. Our group provides support and guidance to parents, friends and allies of our LGBTQ+ brothers and sisters. Please contact either Tim Curran (timothy.curran@trincoll.edu) or Rich Broggini (richardbroggini@gmail.com) for more information.



Request your
2024 Tax Statement



or go to
<https://spsa.org/2024-giving-statement>

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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 for more info!

Prayer Shawl Ministry

At the start of the 25th Anniversary of the Prayer Shawl Ministry, co-founder Janet Bristow wrote:

Prayer shawls are tangible expressions of the shawl maker's prayers. The intention of making a prayer shawl starts with the shawl maker. That intention goes from the act of selecting the yarn at the store or from one's personal yarn stash, to blessing that yarn and needles or hook, to casting on or chaining the initial row, throughout the knitting or crocheting, to the binding off and finishing touches, and the final blessing. 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 shawl is to be used as prayer and for prayer by the recipient. Many have said that they can feel the energy of those prayers in the shawl as they wear it. It can be a sheltering place, a comfort amid illness or sorrow, or even a celebratory space for a special time in someone's life.

From simple gestures to bigger outreaches, through the years, shawl makers from across the country and around the world have rallied to the call for shawls in extraordinary circumstances. Their wish is to bring some comfort to others involved with tragedies; be it the mass shootings in Sandy Hook or the families who have lost loved ones in wars in far-off lands. And, more than 3,000 prayer squares were delivered to patients and nurses at Hartford Hospital during the pandemic.

This ministry has been passed on from hand to hand, and heart to heart, guided by the Spirit for 25 years, blessing everyone it touches. May it continue to be an inspiration to those who want to bring comfort and solace to the world.

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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 January 13, February 10, March 10, April 14, May 12, and June 9

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

Please consider joining us at any time this year to learn the art of making Prayer Shawls and to help us continue to reach out to others in our community through this ministry of love.

For more information, contact Janet Bristow at janetbristow@sbcglobal.net

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.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, January 4, 2025

4:00 PM Marjorie Dunn

Sunday, January 5, 2025

8:00 AM Catherine O'Connor

10:00 AM Millie Intino

11:45 AM Prayer intentions for the people of Lebanon and Palestine

5:00 PM Prayer intentions for Maria & Anthony Rosal

Monday, January 6, 2025

7:30 AM Arlete Alves & Jose Thomaz

12:05 PM Regan Martins

Tuesday, January 7, 2025

7:30 AM Prayer intentions for our Parishioners

12:05 PM Salvatore Gianni

Wednesday, January 8, 2025

7:30 AM Prayer intentions for St. Genevieve Parishioners

12:05 PM Joseph Kelliher

Thursday, January 9, 2025

7:30 AM Prayer intentions for Carlos & Ceneida Gutierrez Costa

12:05 PM Norita Callahan

Friday, January 10, 2025

7:30 AM Catherine Witt

12:05 PM In thanksgiving to St. Anthony of Padua

Saturday, January 11, 2025

4:00 PM Jose Maria & Laurinda De Jesus Costa

Sunday, January 12, 2025

8:00 AM William, Angie & Joanne Speziale

10:00 AM Anthony Suranna

11:45 AM In thanksgiving to St. Cristina

5:00 PM Joseph Pasek, 25th Anniversary

Sister Parish Committee: In-person Meeting

Starting this January 27, 2025 from 12:50 to 2:00 PM, our Sister Parish Committee will have their monthly meetings in-person at the Franciscan Center. Consider joining the dynamic group working to support the teachers and students at the St. Genevieve Parish school in Zoranje, Haiti. Please go to <https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-St-Genevieve>.



Christmas Flowers have been given in memory and in honor of ...

- ❖ Joseph Mazzafera, Nicholas & Kathleen Arturo, Bill & Barbara Moody and Leo Andreolio, by Rocco Arturo
- ❖ Madeline Bartholomay and Gary S. Bunting, by George Bartholomay
- ❖ Ron Biederman, Joseph Pavlick, Thomas Sataro, and Anna Pavlick, by Pat Biederman
- ❖ John Bonee, Sr. and Elaine Seridan Bonee, by John & Jeanette Bonee
- ❖ Charlotte & Francis Bowen, Ed & Eugenia Guzek and Irene Guzek, by Trish Bowen & Stan Guzek
- ❖ Megan O'Connell Albright, Barbara & Thomas O'Connell, by Maeve & Ken Brasa
- ❖ William D. Brown, John & Mary Fiorillo and Mr. & Mrs. Bryan Brown, by Amy Brown
- ❖ Daniel Buckanavage, Gentkowski Family, Buckanavage Family, Fr. Andrew Giardino, O.F.M., Denis Geary and Bob & Lucy Bezila, by Pat Buckanavage
- ❖ Anne Callaghan by Daniel & Veronica Callaghan
- ❖ Judy Ryiz and Jeanie Grasso Gagnon by Natalie Campbell
- ❖ Judith Cardoni, Angela & Armand DeMarchi, Amy & Dominic Cutre and Joseph Cutre, by Alex & Jeanette Cardoni
- ❖ Mr. & Mrs. Diamantino Marques, Mr. & Mrs. Elias Carvalho and Maria Isabel Brito, by Maria Teresa Carvalho
- ❖ Peter & Margaret Ciotto, by Peter Ciotto
- ❖ Thomas E. Claffey and Thomas C. Burgess, by Barbara Claffey
- ❖ Roy Coelho, by Suzette Coelho
- ❖ Mary & Arthur Corey, Bridget & Thomas Mohan, Baby Mohan and John Kettle, by Arthur & Annette Corey
- ❖ Miriam & Darby Costello, by Darce' Costello
- ❖ Richard Crockett, Josephine & Salvatore Tanasi, and Marjorie & Samuel Crockett, by Connie Crockett
- ❖ Antonio & Stella Pizzoferrato, Anthony Pizzoferrato Jr, Daniel Cronin & Family and Agatha Pizzoferrato-Weilock by Anne Cronin
- ❖ Joanne Moran, Sheila Vitali, and Stephen Curran, by Catherine & Tim Curran
- ❖ Paul & Kathryn Rizza and Mary G. Falvey, by Teresa Curry
- ❖ In loving memory of the Curtiss and Catalano family, by Paula Curtiss
- ❖ Raymond Dalton, by Sharon Dalton
- ❖ Frank & Elaine D'Amico and Fred D'Amico, by Fran D'Amico
- ❖ Don Deasy and Kathleen Gorman, by Pat Deasy
- ❖ In loving memory of our beautiful Regan, by her family
- ❖ Bruce M. Dominick, Genevieve & Edwin Dominick, Stephen & Neva Aufmuth and the Grafe, Pretzer & Oliviera Families, by Jeremy & Melissa Dominick
- ❖ Michael Doody, by Melissa Doody
- ❖ Laurence & Timothy Maher, by Sheila Dworkin
- ❖ Daniel Ragnoni, Eileen Ragnoni, John Sheehy and James Mullin, by Victor & Mary Eanniello, II
- ❖ Kathy & Fred Elmy, Caroline Zachmann, Mathias & Anna Petsche, Helen & Joe Murray and George & Elizabeth Zachmann, by Brian & Eliza Elmy
- ❖ The deceased members of the East and Koluch Families
- ❖ Lorine-Charles St. Jules, Kent Polius and Bryan Daniel, by Salvadora & Miguel Etienne
- ❖ Beulah DeCuyper and Ailene Jacobson, by Ken & Florence Filosa
- ❖ The Fitol and Fedoruk Families, by Richard Fitol
- ❖ John B. Fitzpatrick, Jr and Gerard & Yolanda Petrosino, by Paul Fitzpatrick
- ❖ Richard F. Mullaney, Mary B. Mullaney and Fr. Bob Butler, by Marie Mullaney & Anthony Foran
- ❖ Joseph G. Foran, Sr., by June Foran
- ❖ Richard Formica, Gaetano & Concetta Romano and Orazio & Linda Romano, by Joanne Formica
- ❖ Joe & Della Fotino, by Dora Fotino
- ❖ Mr. & Mrs. Thomas A. Fox, Mr. & Mrs. Bernard J. Fagan, Mr. & Mrs. Michael D. Fox and Miss Mary Ellen Fox, by Geri Fox
- ❖ The Gannon Family, by John & Mary Gannon
- ❖ Jerelyn Fields, "The love of my life", by Maria Elena Garcia
- ❖ Concetta Gianni, Salvatore Gianni, Rose Zoppoli and Carmen Gianni, by Mary Gianni
- ❖ Peter Papadopoulos, by Claudia Gober
- ❖ Charles Golec, Edward & Marie Mulcahy, Anthony & Helen Golec and Genevieve Zak, by Kathleen Golec
- ❖ Kathleen M. Gorman, by James Gorman
- ❖ In loving memory of Carroll Tierney, Jean Tierney, Hy Gottlieb, Debbie Chase and Cathy Rebai, by Norman & Lois Gottlieb
- ❖ Rosa Rodriguez, Oswaldo Rodriguez and Oswaldo Rodriguez Roque, by James & Allison Healy
- ❖ Thomas & Marion Hoey, Dorothy Ryan, and Sister Susan Carlin, RSM, by Nancy Hoey
- ❖ In honor of people trying to conceive, by Thomas & Andrea Hoisl
- ❖ Guy Carducci and John Gagliotti, by Thomas & Andrea Hoisl
- ❖ In loving memory of Anna & Edward Alexis and Larry Tracey, Jr, by Connie & Bob Houde
- ❖ Paul & Kevin Sweeney, Love Sheila Hummel
- ❖ Joe & Teresa Melzen, Ginny Reynolds and the Melzen, Lukach, and Humphrey families, by Jim Melzen & Mark Humphrey
- ❖ Edward & Lillian Hussey, Doc & Ruth Biggers, and Wendy Biggers, by Stephen Hussey
- ❖ Magdalena Anderko and Sally Doyle, by David & Nicole Inyangetor
- ❖ Merry Christmas Naomi & David, by Nicole Inyangetor
- ❖ Makardy & Elizabeth Kania, by Brian Kania
- ❖ Fran & Ed Marin, Jerry Marin, Carmella & John Karwan and Jack Karwan, by Pat & Mike Karwan
- ❖ Mary O'Connell Cacchillo, by Timothy & Jean Kehoe
- ❖ The Tremko Family, by Dolores Kelliher
- ❖ In loving memory of Janice Kisiel, by Richard Kisiel

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- ❖ William & Margaret Kramer, Alice Hill, Rosalie Latorra and Marjorie Dunn, by Irene Kramer
- ❖ Alice Kuzia, by Kevin Kuzia
- ❖ Sal & Frances Coco and Dan and Eleanor Laffin, and Daniel Laffin, III, by Dan & Maryann Laffin
- ❖ Judith A. Lanning, Hannah & Richard Flood, deceased member of the O'Brien, Lanning, Flood and Devaney families, by Gerard Lanning
- ❖ Victor Augustus John and Ivy John, by Cato & Cynthia Laurencin
- ❖ Hank, Laura, Mary, Harold & Beatrice Cleary, by Prudence LeGeyt-Cleary
- ❖ Mary & John Lemega, Mary & John Ramos, Michael J. Digby, John V. Ramos, Barbara A. Dubovik, August W. Linder, Inez Williams, Carole A. Spector, John C. Brennan, Fr. Jim Hynes, OFM, Laura S. Diunizio, Hilda T. Perry, Bob Lemega and Sylvia Digby, by Joyce & John Lemega
- ❖ Bill Leone and Larry Frazier, by Beverly Leone
- ❖ My beloved son, Benjamin Linn, by Joanne Linn
- ❖ Salvatore Lombardo, Sebastiana Lombardo and Ann Hamm, by Mary Lombardo
- ❖ Daniel Pulito and Ann Pulito, by John & Ann-Marie Lonski
- ❖ Haydee Grenet, Freya Shoffner, and Jack Lopez, by Cristina Lopez
- ❖ Charity Mackie, by Adam Mackie
- ❖ Pietro & Angela Fazio and Francis Marquis, by Rosina Marquis
- ❖ "For Regan Martins. You are always in our hearts. We miss you every minute of every day. Love you forever.
Love Mommy, Daddy, Morgan, Peyton, Brooklyn and Declan"
- ❖ The deceased members of the Martins, Lucente, Sullivan, Francomano, Willmott, Lewis and Grotti families, by Jack & Helen Martins
- ❖ Deceased members of the Abramo and McHugh Families
- ❖ Fr. Andrew Giardino, O.F.M., Paul Sansone, Joanne Huxley, Marion Hall and Carmey Munzer, by Sally Mazzarella
- ❖ Nana and Pop-Pop McCarthy, by Shannon McCarthy
- ❖ Rosemary & Dennis McCarthy, by Stephen & Renee McCarthy
- ❖ Katherine & Francis McGrath, by Katherine McCormack
- ❖ Helen & Henry McDermott, Isabel Fairweather, and Mary McDermott, by Joann McDermott
- ❖ Fred Dauser, by Kathleen McLaughlin
- ❖ Al and Lucy Gualtieri, Granma, Cattie, Alice and Margaret, from the McNally family
- ❖ William & Ruth Moran, Bruce & Anita DeNeve and William J. Moran, Jr, by Barry & Louise Moran
- ❖ Joanne Moran, by Anne Moran
- ❖ In loving memory of Guy W. Wolf, III, by Pamela Morrison-Wolf
- ❖ Edward & Joanne Schempp, by Cynthia Morse
- ❖ James Mullarkey, by Patricia Mullarkey
- ❖ Nora & Francis Mullen and Helen & John Felice, by Paul & Rosemary Mullen
- ❖ Felipe Obregon, Maria Obregon, Efigenia Palomino, Francisco Obregon, by Marie Obregon
- ❖ Marie & Edward Mulcahy and Rosemarie & Richard Olson, by Patricia Olson
- ❖ In honor and remembrance of Mr. & Mrs. John Torza and Nicholas Pavia, by Philomena Pappa
- ❖ Sylvester & Loretta Cholko, James & Lillian Penders and Katherine von der Lieth, by James & Joan Penders
- ❖ Lucy Davidson, Marino Kain, the Perody family and the Koury family, by Lise Perody and Robert Koury
- ❖ The Kopeza Family and the Saffery Family, by Shari & Matthew Phillips
- ❖ Michael O'Donnell, by Mary Joan Picone
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- ❖ Delphine & Leo Bricuglio, Sr, Veterans of War, hostages, Sandra Augello and Shirley Johnson, by Marie Poland
- ❖ The Olie and Prisloe Families, by Mark Prisloe
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- ❖ Mary Infante, by Maryrose & Sam Ricciardi
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- ❖ The deceased members of the Blackburn-Senia Family, by Guy & Susan Senia
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- ❖ Theresa & Robert E. Sliney and Susan Sliney Ohrenberger, by Thomas Sliney
- ❖ In memory of Jean Mango, by Martin Smith
- ❖ In thanksgiving for the Franciscan community, by Martin Smith
- ❖ In loving memory of Margaret Stephen, by Siobhan Stephen
- ❖ The Sullivan Family and the Sheehan Family, by Joseph & Susan Sullivan
- ❖ James & Isabel Watt, by Christine Watt Sullivan
- ❖ Lucy Ciotto, Biagio Ciotto, Maksmillian Szmeiter and Alexandria Szmeiter, by Richard & Roseann Szmeiter
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- ❖ Paul & Judy Thibeault, by Brian & Anne Thibeault
- ❖ Aelred, Rita, Ken, Doren, & Tom Wagner, Philip Knutson and Anne Ferrucci, by Wil Wagner
- ❖ To honor our Family Members in Heaven, Lisa & Nelson
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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:

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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.*

Watch 10:00 AM Mass Online:



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



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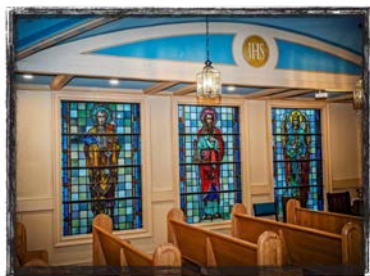
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In The Real Presence of Jesus Christ



Blessed Sacrament Chapel, located in St. Matthew Church in Forestville, was dedicated in November.

“WHAT WE REALLY WANTED WAS A PLACE FOR PEOPLE TO COME AND HAVE AN INTIMATE SPACE WITH THE LORD.”

– Father John Dietrich

A meeting room on the backside of St. Matthew Church in Forestville has been trans-

formed into a new chapel, the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, that was completed and dedicated in November by Archbishop Christopher J. Coyne.

Father John Dietrich, pastor of St. Matthew-St. Gregory the Great Parish, began planning for the establishment of the chapel since his arrival here in 2018.

The stained-glass windows that Father Dietrich speaks fondly of graced the original church building constructed in 1917. The new church was rebuilt on the property in 1987, with many artistic and historical components from the old church incorporated into the current one. These windows surround Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

The new chapel, which seats about 30 people, will be used for weekly adoration, a devotional practice of adoring and praying in the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist that is displayed in a monstrance. Occasionally, Mass will be celebrated in the chapel as well, Father Dietrich says.

... St. Matthew Church, at 120 Church Ave., Forestville, offers one-hour exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every Wednesday after the 7:30 a.m. Mass. Monthly adoration is held on Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., which includes holy hour from 6 to 7 p.m.

St. Matthew Church is part of St. Matthew-St. Gregory the Great Parish, which includes St. Gregory the Great Church, located at 235 Maltby St., Bristol. Adoration at St. Gregory Church takes place on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. The public is invited and encouraged to take part in adoration at both churches.

The above contain excerpts from the story written by Karen A. Avitabile. To read the entire story as written, please go to <https://archdioceseofhartford.org/in-the-real-presence-of-jesus-christ/>

Upcoming Events Around the Archdiocese

New Day Bereavement Workshop

Tuesday, January 28 at 10:30 AM

St. Luke Parish, 99 Bristol Street, Southington, CT

St. Luke Parish in Southington will be offering a ten-week in-person bereavement program on Tuesday mornings at the St. Luke Parish office at 99 Bristol Street, Southington.

The program is offered at no cost to participants, and anyone who has been grieving the loss of a loved one for four months or more is encouraged to enroll. We will begin on Tuesday, January 28, 2025 at 10:30 AM.

To register (**required**), or for more information, contact Sister Ellen Coates by telephone at 860-628-4713 or by email at sr.ellen@stlukect.org.

2024 Archbishop’s Annual Appeal



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Due to space limitations, we are not able to add this week’s Archdiocese Newsletter to the bulletin. Please go to www.archdioceseof-hartford.org/events to read this week’s contact and view various upcoming events happening around the Archdiocese of Hartford.

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