

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



Our traditional pancake breakfast has been moved to a new season!

Join us in the Franciscan Center after the 8:00 and 10:00 AM Masses for pancakes cooked and served by the 9th and 10th grade Focus 4:12 teens in the Confirmation program. Proceeds will go to the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry.

\$5 per person, ages 5 and under are free, \$20 cap for families.

Daily Mass Readings

Monday, Feb 24:Sir 1:1-10; 5 Mk 9:14-29Tuesday, Feb 25:Sir 2:1-11; Mk 9:30-37Wednesday, Feb 26:Sir 4:11-19; Mk 9:38-40Thursday, Feb 27:Sir 5:1-8; Mk 9:41-50Friday, Feb 28:Sir 6:5-17; Mk 10:1-12

Sunday, Mar 2: Sir 27:4-7; Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16;

1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45

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









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The Paston's Corner

February 23, 2025

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Back in 1961, when subscribers to the Saturday Evening Post received their April 1st issue, the image that greeted them on the front cover was, as usual, a painting by Norman Rockwell, who created over 300 covers for the Post during a career that stretched for nearly five decades. This particular painting, however, departed from Rockwell's usual humorous take on life in America, especially since he had painted several "April Fools" covers in the 1940's. This cover took on a more sober tone. He titled it "Golden Rule" — in which he assembled a montage of about 30 people representing various nationalities, races, and religions from around the world with an inscription taken from today's Gospel: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." The cover of today's bulletin is a photo of the painting I took during a visit to the Norman Rockwell Museum in Stockbridge, Massachusetts.



Today's Gospel is a difficult one; a tough Gospel, especially as we attempt to cope with immigration policies and other critical issues facing our nation, especially with a presidential administration determined to upend so many of our national institutions.

Luke's Gospel puts the Christian ethic front and center with two rather distinctive characteristics. The first is that the Christian ethic is positive. It doesn't consist in not doing things, but in doing them.

In the Golden Rule, Jesus commands us to do to others as we would have them do to us. This concept exists in many other religions

as well, but in a negative form which says that "What is hateful to you, do not do to another." Or "What you do not wish to be done to yourself, do not do to others." Fair enough, but it's not very difficult to avoid doing to someone else what you wouldn't want them to do to you. Rather, we must actively seek to do positive good for others, especially when they might not expect it.

This brings up the second characteristic of the Christian ethic: the extra thing. Jesus described several common ways of conduct and then dismissed them with the question, "What credit is that to you? Even sinners do the same." The question here is, "How much better are we than others?"

Amidst all the bad news we hear day in and day out, whether it's about the latest events in Washington or a video of some airline passenger on a drunken racist rant, there is good news, too. Lots of it, right here in downtown Hartford. It doesn't require a lot of effort on our part to show God's love to others; it simply requires the will to do so.

The past few weekends have been very dicey weather wise, and many of you have been forced to stay home. We've had to cancel Community Sunday twice, as well as other events because of stormy conditions. Hopefully, we will be able to go forward with some upcoming parish-wide events, such as Pancake Breakfast next Sunday, March 2nd, after the 8:00 and 10:00 Masses in the Franciscan Center. This event will be sponsored by the students in our religious education program from grades 7 through 10. The donation will be \$5.00 per person; children 5 and under are free, \$20 maximum for families.

The first weekend in March is also the kick-off weekend of the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. You will be receiving materials in the mail inviting you to participate in the appeal.

Blessings on your week ahead!

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

Pastor

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: February 25, 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: February 26, 2025, at 12:40 PM.

Facilitators: Mary Espinosa, Joan Osella & Elaine Wiatr

In Quiet Prayer:

Every Wednesday. Next meeting: February 26, 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: February 26, 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

Divine Reading: Wednesday, March 5 at 7:00 pm at Srs. of St. Joseph, 27 Park Rd, West Hartford from 7:00 to 8:00 PM. Join us!

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 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 February 27, March 27, April 24, May 29, and June 26

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

Open Hearts Ministry

Monthly Open Hearts Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for March 9, 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, March 16, 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.

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.

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 February 23, 2025.

The Emmaus Grieving Parent Ministry



We meet at the Franciscan Center at 3:30 on the third Sunday of the month. Next meeting is March 16, 2025. (There will be no meeting on Easter Sunday, April 20.)

2025 Archbishop's Annual Appeal

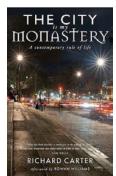
The 2025 Archbishop's Annual Appeal is just around the corner. Kick off weekend is March 1 and 2, 2025. For more info go to https://archdioceseofhartford.org



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: A Journey Inward in Love so that We Move Outward in Greater Love.

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

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-PO to register for JUST the presentation.



Holy Week & Easter - A Time for Healing Thursday, April 10 from 6:30-8:00 pm.

Jesus was a remarkable healer. For much of his public ministry, he was surrounded by human need. Crowds followed him wherever he went, pressing in on him, asking for healing. We too seek out this healer from Nazareth and long to encounter him. Join us for an Evening of Reflection on the cusp of Holy Week as together we reflect on how Jesus is still very much with us, healing and transforming us through his compassionate life, his saving death, and his glorious resurrection.

Presenter: Amy Ekeh Suggested Offering: \$15.00



Amy Ekeh is a Scripture instructor, retreat director and Associate Editor at Little Rock Scripture Study. Amy's work has been published in a variety of Catholic publications, including *St. Anthony Messenger, Catechist*

Magazine, The Bible Today and Magnificat. Her latest book is Stretch Out Your Hand: Reflections on the Healing Ministry of Jesus. Amy is also the author of Come to Me, All of You: Stations of the Cross in the Voice of Christ, a 2024 Association of Catholic Publishers award-winner.

Please go to https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-HolyWk-Pgm-2025 to register.

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2024 Franciscan Center Annual Report

Thank you for all your support during 2024. To review the 2024 Annual Report, Please go to https://tinyurl.com/FC-AR204 or scan the QR code.



Sandwich Ministry:

Thank you to everyone who has supported our Sandwich Ministry. Our numbers continue to be high.



In January 2025 we served 7% fewer sandwiches and 4% fewer hot meals than January 2024. Here are the numbers:

Numbers for January 2025:

Sandwiches: 2055 Hot Meals: 691

Numbers for January 2024:

Sandwiches: 2,234 Hot Meals: 720

Watch 10:00 AM Mass Online:



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



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



https://venue.streamspot.com/cdc76f52

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, February 22, 2025

4:00 PM Marjorie Dunn

Sunday, February 23, 2025

8:00 AM Susan Senerth, 1st Anniversary

10:00 AM Geraldine Davis

11:45 AM Antonio & Analia Alves

5:00 PM Maria Burgos

Monday, February 24, 2025

7:30 AM William O'Connell 12:05 PM Madeline Capodanno

Tuesday, February 25, 2025

7:30 AM William Leone 12:05 PM Kiyoshi Nakamura

Wednesday, February 26, 2025

7:30 AM Laurinda De Jesus & Jose Maria Da Costa

12:05 PM Ambrosio Vanegas

Thursday, February 27, 2025

7:30 AM Frank D'Amico 12:05 PM Ann Marie Masselli

Friday, February 28, 2025

7:30 AM In thanksgiving to Our Lady of Fatima

12:05 PM Martin & Mary Ellen Mitchell

Saturday, March 1, 2025

4:00 PM Amalio & Florence DiLorenzo

Sunday, March 2, 2025

8:00 AM Anthony Labriola

10:00 AM Rose & Angelo Perrone

11:45 AM Debra Darly

5:00 PM Florencia Rosal, 10th Anniversary

Sanctuary Lamps Week of February 23, 2025

-In loving memory of John Zyskowski

-For our elected leaders in all three branches of government, that they may be guided by the Word of God to promote just laws and compassionate policies.

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.





Lenten Date Night

Thursday, March 13, 2025 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Parish Center at Saint Thomas 872 Farmington Avenue, West Hartford

Join us for a **Lenten Date Night** where we will look at different ways to enrich your marriage. Lent is a time to grow closer to Christ and focus on the needs of others. During this date night, we will talk about how you can make small changes and sacrifices to deepen your relationship to Christ and love for your spouse.

Presentation by Valerie St. Jean, Associate Director for Adult and Family Life Ministries at the Archdiocese of Hartford and her husband Rob.

A light Lenten supper will be served and childcare will be available. Let us know you are attending by using the QR code.

For additional information email Deacon Paul Travers: DeaconPaul@stastm.org

ALPHA PROGRAM LEADS OTHERS ENCOUNTER CHRIST

Story by Joe Pisani

When she was a student at St. John the Evangelist School in Long Island, N.Y., Diane Dinehart knew her Catechism inside out. But it took some time for her to develop a personal relationship with Jesus.

Today, as pastoral associate of St. Paul VI Parish in Hamden, she is working to help people have an encounter with Jesus through a program called Alpha, designed for those who are "looking for something more" on their spiritual journey.

"We're trying to help people have a deeper relationship with Jesus that's personal, which is what I was missing when I was growing up," says Dinehart, coordinator of the program. "I didn't understand that part, and I think Catholics in general don't understand it."

Please go to https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-aohct-news-Feb-23 to read the entire story.

Upcoming Events

03/6 - 04/17 THURSDAYS 6:30PM LENTEN SCRIPTURE SERIES

SS. Isidore and Maria Parish, St. Augustine Church, 55 Hopewell Rd, South Glastonbury

03/9 SUNDAY 3PM SIGNS OF HOPE LENTEN SERVICE

Church of the Incarnation, 544 Prospect St, Wethersfield

03/7 - 04/4 FRIDAYS 5:30PM FRIDAY FISH FRY

Our Lady of the Assumption, Church Hall, 81 Center Rd, Woodbridge

03/19 WEDNESDAY 10:30AM MASS FOR THE CT MARCH FOR LIFE

Cathedral of Saint Joseph, 140 Farmington Ave, Hartford







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