"Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch." ...When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him.



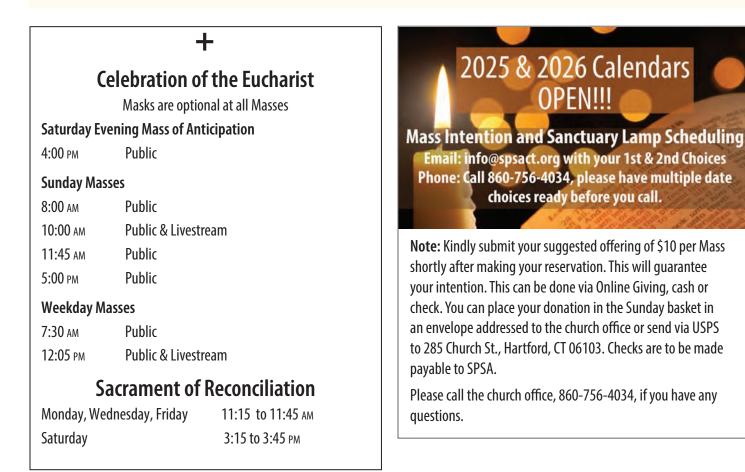
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Daily Mass Readings

Monday, Feb 10:	Gen 1:1-19;Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday, Feb 11:	Gen 1:20—2:4a;Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday, Feb 12:	Gen 2:4b-9, 15-17; Mk 7:14-23
Thursday, Feb 13:	Gen 2:18-25; Mk 7:24-30
Friday, Feb 14:	Gen 3:1-8; Mk 7:31-37
Sunday, Feb 16:	Jer 17:5-8; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6 1;
	Cor 15:12, 16-20 Lk 6:17, 20-26
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Go to <u>http://www.usccb.org/</u> 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 within 2 to 3 days. Thank you for your continued generosity.

The Pastor's Corner

February 9, 2025

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Time for another art history lesson! Recently I

had the opportunity to get down to New York City just days before the close of an exhibit at the Metropolitan Museum of Art which I had been eager to see: "Siena: The Rise of Painting, 1300-1350."

It was a beautiful exhibit with lots to see, along with lots of fellow museum patrons! However, the catalog had arrived a few days before my trip, so I had time to acquaint myself with some of the many objects, including small panel paintings, carvings, large altar pieces, devotional objects, liturgical items, manuscripts (!), and textiles. I'd like to share with you some of my favorite items.

Duccio di Buoninsegna (1278-1319) created a mammoth altar piece in 1308 for the Duomo, or Cathedral, in Siena called the Maestà. It consists of many paintings which illustrate the life of both the Blessed Mother and



Jesus Christ. Beginning in the late 1700's, the Maestà was gradually taken apart with various pieces being sold to museums around the world. Several paintings which formed the *praedella*, or bottom row of images, were in the exhibition, including the one pictured here:



Jesus Calling the Disciples Peter and Andrew, which is featured on the cover of today's songsheet. Each of the panels are about 2-feet square, and they were mounted on both the front and back of the *Maestà*. I can only imagine the impression this great work must have made when it was first created.

One of the lovely small devotional works in the exhibit was one painted by Lippo Memmi (1317-1350), titled The Virgin and Child

with Saints and Angels. Standing approximately 2-feet tall, this work is notable for the inclusion of several Franciscan saints. The figure of the Blessed Virgin Mary is flanked by small images of St. John the Baptist and St. Francis of Assisi. Across the bottom are images of several more saints, including St. Clare of Assisi and the Franciscan bishop, St. Louis of Toulouse.

One final piece, near the end of the exhibit, caught my attention by Jesus's somewhat insolent pose in Simone Martini's Christ discovered in the Temple. Martini (c. 1284-1344) was a Sienese native. This work, however, was painted in Avignon in France, where the papal court was in exile from Rome.





While I was viewing this particular painting, I mentioned to a lady who was standing next to me, "Hm, typical teenager with his arms crossed and a look of defiance on his face." She responded, "But he has a halo!" I didn't say anything in response, but the look of anger on Joseph's face will tell you all you need to know: even the Holy Family had its moments.

I hope you enjoyed this little retrospective of "Siena: The Rise of Painting." It was a blessing to engage with some of the great artistic achievements of the Middle Ages. Blessings on your week ahead!

Fr. Tim Shreenan, ofm 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.

"Got HOPE?"

We still have one session available for you to join us 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.

Tuesday evening, February 11 at 7:00 PM

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 <u>https://</u> <u>tinyurl.com/SPSA-AFF-Got-Hope</u> to register for the Zoom link.

Pat Curtis and Adult Faith Formation Facilitators

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

Daytime meetings are the last Thursday of the month at 10:30 <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@</u> <u>sbcglobal.net</u>

Open Hearts Ministry

Monthly Open Hearts Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for February 9, 2025 from 3:00



to 4:30 PM 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, February 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.

Adult Faith Formation

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

Group Spiritual Reflection:

Zoom Meetings: Every Tuedays. Next meeting: February 11, 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 12, 2025, at 12:40 PM.

Facilitators: Mary Espinosa, Joan Osella & Elaine Wiatr

In Quiet Prayer:

Every Wednesday. Next meeting: February 12, 2025, from 7:30 to 8:00 AM. Thirty minutes of quiet prayer practice every Wednesday morning. Join us on Zoom. Please go to <u>https://</u> <u>tinyurl.com/SPSA-In-Quiet-Prayer</u> 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 12, 2025.

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

Free Will Offering

Divine Reading: Wednesday, February 19, 2025, from 7:00 to 8:00 PM in-person, in the Franciscan Center. Join us when you can!

Sister Parish Committee: In-person Meeting



Date change: Starting this February 10, 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

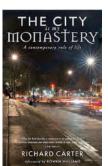
working to support the teachers and students at the St. Genevieve Parish school in Zoranje, Haiti. Please go to <u>https://tinyurl.com/</u><u>SPSA-St-Genevieve.</u>

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! *JThe 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".



Join us 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.

Sign up and then join as often as your schedule allows.

Please go to <u>https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-Naz-Time</u> 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. We will draw upon Pope Francis' recent encyclical, *Dilexit Nos ("He Loved Us")*, to help us, this Lent, enter more deeply into the heart of Christ and the heart of the Gospel.



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 <u>https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-KP-Lent-25-PO</u> 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*.

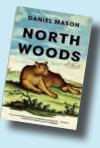
Her latest book is <u>Stretch Out Your Hand: Reflections on the Healing</u> <u>Ministry of Jesus</u>. Amy is also the author of <u>Come to Me, All of You:</u> <u>Stations of the Cross in the Voice of Christ</u>, a 2024 Association of Catholic Publishers award-winner.

Amy has a B.A. in Theology from the University of Dallas and a M.A. in Theology from The Catholic University of America. She lives in Connecticut with her husband and four children.

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

A Novel Idea Book Club

The February 2025 book selection is a NY Times Book Review, Top 10 Best Book of 2023 called **North Woods**, *by Daniel Mason*. Join the discussion on February 20, 2025, **at 7:00** PM. For more information please go to <u>https://tinyurl.</u> <u>com/SPSA-NBC-Books</u>.



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 Total Offering:
 \$17,731.42

 Online Giving:
 \$9,316.73

 Weekly Collection:
 \$8,414.69

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Baptism: Patricia Curtis, Pastoral Associate; 860-756-4034, EXT. 113.

Matrimony: *Carolyn Abramo, Wedding Manager; 860-756-4034, EXT. 111 or <u>https://spsact.org/wedding-request-form/</u>*

Pastoral Care Outreach Minstry: 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. <u>https://spsact.org/prayer-network-prayer-request/</u> 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:

<u>https://spsact.org/contact-open-hearts-ministry/</u> For information on Friends and Family contact: <u>https://spsact.org/contact-form-for-friends-family-ministry/</u>

Volunteering and Outreach Ministry Information:

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, February 8, 2025 4:00 PM Joseph Kelliher

Sunday, February 9, 2025

8:00 AM William, Angie & Joanne Speziale

- 10:00 AM Prayers for the living and deceased members of the Mt. St. Joseph Alumni.
- 11:45 AM Maureen Durkin
- 5:00 PM Raymond Ramsey

Monday, February 10, 2025

7:30 AM Charity Mackie, 4th Anniversary

12:05 PM Alan Rosen

Tuesday, February 11, 2025

7:30 AM Regina Acampora

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

Wednesday, February 12, 2025

- 7:30 AM J. Gregori Montano
- 12:05 PM Mike Mowell, Sr.

Thursday, February 13, 2025

7:30 AM Prayer intentions for our parishioners 12:05 PM Guy W. Wolf, III

Friday, February 14, 2025

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

Saturday, February 15, 2025

4:00 PM Marian Rotolo & Richard DiLorenzo

Sunday, February 16, 2025

- 8:00 AM For the people of Lebanon & Syria
- 10:00 AM Judith Cardoni, 7th Anniversary
- 11:45 AM In thanksgiving to St. Valentine
- 5:00 PM Anne Kan

Sanctuary Lamps

Week of February 9, 2025

-In loving memory of Guy W. Wolf , III -In loving memory of Patrick Wall

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.



Due to space limitations, we are unable to put the entire Archdiocese of Hartford Newsletter in the bulletin. An excerpt from the newsletter is below, Please go to <u>https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-</u>

<u>aohct-news-Feb-9 or</u> click on the QR code to read the rest of the main article and to_view various upcoming events happening around the Archdiocese of Hartford.



PRAYERS FOR PRIESTS AND DECONS

Monthly Calendar helps people develop ongoing prayers for men who answer God's call.

Story by Karen A. Avitabile

Anna Maria Dias calls herself a "prayer warrior" and welcomes thers to join her.

For the past 10 years, she has designed prayer calendars which includes the names of priests of the Archdiocese of Hartford. In addition, she designs a separate calendar each month for the deacons of the archdiocese. The calendars are distributed through email.

"I never heard of anyone saying they pray for priests," Dias says. "be thought of praying for priests was foreign to me."

The goal of the calendars, she says, is to keep the ministry of the priesthood and diaconate in everyone's heart and mind.

They see the struggles and everything the people deal with every day," Dias says. "It's a lot of burden to carry."

To be placed on the distribution list for the monthly prayer calendars for priests and deacons, email Dias at faithfirst@1791.com. "Doing the calendar gives me peace to know I'm trying to help the priests with prayers," she says. "It keeps my mind focused." Download the February calendars at <u>www.archdioceseofhartford.</u> org/catholictranscript.

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Upcoming Events

02/09 Sunday 7рм Young Adult Mass W/Archbishop Coyne

St. Thomas Aquinas Church, 46 Eagleville Rd, Storr. All young adults, ages 18-39 are invited to attend the 7th annual Mass and reception.

02/12 Wednesday 9am: Prayer Shawl & Baby Blanket Ministry St. Mary, Church Hall, 731 Main St, Branford. Prayer Shawl and Baby Blanket Ministry will resume meeting on the second Wednesday of every month from 9AM to noon. For more information, call Maria Batick at 203-488-7426. **02/13 Thursday 7PM: "What do Catholics Believe & Why? Study Group**, Our Lady of the Assumption, Church Hall, 81 Center Rd, Woodbridge. Fr. Glen will lead a 6 week session covering the basic understanding of our faith. Join these one hour sessions to dive deeper into your faith! (Ends March 3rd)

02/12 - 3/19 Wednesdays 10_{AM}: **Spiritual Book Study**, "The Signature of Jesus" by Brennan Manning. Sacred Heart on the Lake Retreat Center, 194 Candlewood Hill Rd, Higganum. (Six Sessions, Wednesdays 10-11:30 AM) To register either call Sr. Patricia at 203-606-4830 or Email: cigrandpatricia@gmail.com or online at- www.sacredheartonthelake.org. Suggested donation for each session \$10.00.



11:00 am at St. Jerome Church Hall or contact Ivo Jaquez at ivo@stfranciscatholic.org

BL. MICHAEL MCGIVNEY PARISH

PAULINE BIBLE STUDY

Study the Letters of St. Paul with Fr. Joe MacNeill

WEDNESDAYS AT 1PM St. Joseph Hall

OR LIVE-STREAM ON FACEBOOK WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/NEWHAVENCATHOLIC



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