

St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church • 285 Church Street • Hartford, Connecticut March 16, 2025 • Second Sunday of Lent

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

Daily Mass Readings

Monday, Mar 17: Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday, Mar 18: Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday, Mar 19: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5,

27 and 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22;

Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Thursday, Mar 20: Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31

Friday, Mar 21: Gen 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a;

Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Sunday, Mar 23: Ex 3:1-8a; 13-15 Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8,

11; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

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



2nd Collection, March 22/23:Catholic Relief Services

March 22/23, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and reveal Christ's love to those most in need. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catho-lic-relief.



All Level Restorative Yoga (At Night)

Come join us on **Thursday, March 27, 2025 from 6:30 to 8:00** PM in the Franciscan Center. Join us for a special candlelit evening of gentle movement and introspection where we will interweave yoga poses with prayer and meditation. Email ahol-stgrubbe@spsact.org to register.

The Pastor's Corner

March 16, 2025

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Last weekend's farewell to our Director of Music Ministry, Gabriel Löfvall, was a mix of

emotion and overwhelming gratitude for the more than 15 years

he gave to our parish. This weekend he begins his tenure at St. Joseph Cathedral, for which we offer our prayers and best wishes for his success.

As I mentioned in my letter a month ago when I announced Gabe's impending departure, we have formed a search committee to find his replacement. The committee consists of Zachary Gilbert and Allison



Holst-Grubbe, both choir members and cantors; Beverly Boyle and Joanne Huelsman, also members of the Gallery Choir; Marc Sherer, a parish trustee; and myself.

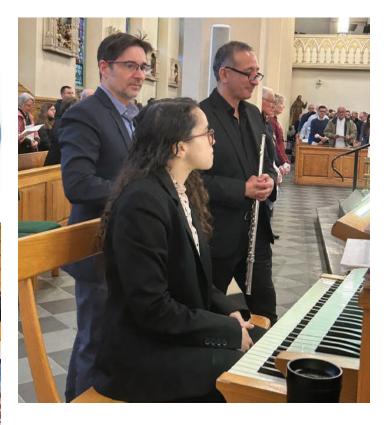
The search committee has held two meetings so far, and we have finalized a job description and an advertisement which will be placed in various professional music websites such as the American Guild of Organists and the National Association of Pastoral Musicians, as well as various other publications. The deadline for submission of applications will be April 30, and auditions will take place some time in June before the end of the choir season.

During this interim period, the Gallery Choir will be directed by Meredith Neumann; the Treble Clef Choir will be under the direction of Benjamin Rauch; and the Bass Clef Choir will be led by Michelle Horsley; our organists will include Madison Thompson, Martin Smith and Ezequiel Menendez. I hope that our excellent music ministry will continue without undue interruption during this period of transition.

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: March 18, **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: March 19, 2025, at 12:40 PM. **In Quiet Prayer:**

Every Wednesday. Next meeting: March 19, 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: March 19, 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 19 at 7:00 pm at the Franciscan Center. Join us!



Stations of the Cross

Fridays during Lent: March 21, 28, April 4, & 11, 2025 at 12:35 PM.

Join us following the 12:05 Mass on Fridays during Lent in praying the Stations of the Cross.

Open Hearts Ministry

Friends and Family Ministry: Our next meeting will take place on Sunday, March 16, 2025 at 3:30 PM in the Franciscan Center.

Monthly Open Hearts Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for April 13, 2025 after the 5:00 PM Mass in the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry. All Are Welcome. Please join us.

Our Own Nazareth Time

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

The City is My Monastery, A Contemporary Rule of Life, by Richard Carter is an unusual book; more like a quide to life that might become your life-time companion for prayer, peace and well-being. It gives us a practical "rule of life". Please purchase a book if needed.

Please attend as your schedule allows! Follow along and then join us for an in-person experience of spiritual practices which will inspire far beyond the end of the Easter Season.

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.

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. .

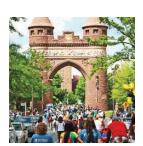


The Next Prayer Shawl Meeting: March 27, 2024 at 10:30 AM at the

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

2025 Walk Against Hunger

Mark your calendar and save the date for the 2025 Walk Against Hunger on Saturday, April 26th at the Dunkin Park, Hartford. Regis-



tration begins at 8:00 AM, and the Walk starts at 10:00 AM. 100 % of the proceeds raised from our Parish will go



directly toward The House of Bread. To register or to donate for the walk, please scan the QR code or click on https://donate. ctfoodshare.org/team/643754.

New Podcast from Fr. Mike: From Ashes to Alleluia: A Franciscan Lenten Journey



Lent isn't about giving up coffee or skipping dessert. It's about waking up. It's about shaking off fear, stepping out of hesitation, and letting God's grace break through the walls

we didn't even realize we built.

Join Mike Johnson, OFM, for From Ashes to Alleluia, a daily Lenten podcast that meets us in the raw, messy, beautiful reality of life. Through Scripture, the wisdom of St. Francis and St. Clare, and the honest struggles we all face, this journey isn't about surviving Lent—it's about letting it transform us. It's about moving from ashes to alleluia, from holding back to stepping fully into the life God dreams for us.

Are we ready to take that step? Listen daily: On Apple:

https://tinyurl.com/MJ-Lent-PC-Apple



On Spotify:

https://tinyurl.com/MJ-Lent-PC-Spot



On Iheart:

https://tinyurl.com/MJ-Lent-PC-lheart



Descend

Compassionate Care for Ourselves and Those We Love



The Parish Nurse Ministry team will be hosting a Speaker Series to educate, enlighten and empower ourselves while deciphering the many decisions as we age. Whether it be the medical, legal or

spiritual realm, things are changing constantly which can be as confusing as it is difficult to keep up! *Do you have as many questions as we do?* If so, please join us!

We offer you Compassionate Care for Ourselves and Those We Love; a series of Speakers who will bring their own expertise, experience and personal journeys:

Wednesday, March 19, 6:30-8:00 PM - Church Funeral Planning with Deirdre Gilbert, Care Minister, and Fr. John Leonard, O.F.M.

Monday, March 24, 6:30-8:00 PM — Consumer Preferences Regarding Funerals including Catholics' Interest in Cremations with Michael Klett and Janet D'Esopo Klett of D'Esopo Funeral Home.

Please join us for what will be an educational and informational session that we can apply to our lives and the lives of our loved ones. We encourage you to join us on Zoom each evening.

Please go to https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-PN-Series to register and receive the Zoom link.

Free Will Offering can be made payable to "St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church" and mailed to 285 Church Street, Hartford, CT 06103, go to https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-AFF-Pay Or Scan the QR Code.



A Novel Idea Book Club

Our March book selection is *Let Us Descend* by Jesmyn Ward.

Goodreads.com says, "Let Us Descend is Jesmyn Ward's most magnificent novel yet, a masterwork for the ages."



For more information and a list of upcoming books, please <u>CLICK</u> <u>Here</u>. Contact the office at 860-756-4034 or email <u>info@spsact.</u> org if you need the Zoom Link.





EMMAUS GRIEVING PARENT MINISTRY

Join us at the Franciscan Center at 3:30 PM on the third Sunday of the month: March 16, May 16, & June 15, 2025. (There will be no meeting on Easter Sunday, April 20.)"

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.





Sandwich Ministry:

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



In February 2025 we served 16% fewer sandwiches and 8% fewer hot meals than February 2024. Here are the numbers:

Numbers for February 2025:

Sandwiches: 1855 Hot Meals: 633

Numbers for February 2024:

Sandwiches: 2208 Hot Meals: 690

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, March 15, 2025

4:00 PM Katherine & Rose Ann Murphy

Sunday, March 16, 2025

8:00 AM William, Angie & Joanne Speziale

10:00 AM Frank Perrone

11:45 AM Dora & Harold Adams

5:00 PM Angela Padilla

Monday, March 17, 2025

7:30 AM Intentions for our parishioners

12:05 PM Robert Linhardt

Tuesday, March 18, 2025

7:30 AM Clotilde Fermina & Jose Batista Pereira

12:05 PM Joseph Suranna

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

7:30 AM Sofia Van Houten

12:05 PM Maria Obregon

Thursday, March 20, 2025

7:30 AM Intentions for the people of St. Genevieve

12:05 PM Salvatore Lombardo

Friday, March 21, 2025

7:30 AM Intentions for the people of Lebanon & Palestine

12:05 PM Daniel Rodriguez, 11th Anniversary

Saturday, March 22, 2025

4:00 PM James Fahey

Sunday, March 23, 2025

8:00 AM Albert Brunelle

10:00 AM Joseph Patoka, Sr.

11:45 AM William Ellis

5:00 PM John Sklarz

Please Pray for the Sick

Paula Molitar, Joseph Shertick, Greg Reed, Kathryn Eagers, Tommie Henry, Syl Ciraulo, Mary Ertel, Mary Joyce Castafero, Bobby Lombardo, Rosemarie Perkoski, Anna Ramirez, Susan Degennaro, and Deborah Godin.

We are here to serve you...

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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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NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD



Branches on the Vine

MARCH 15 - 21, 2025



The new Knights of Columbus Sacred Heart traveling pilgrim icon was on display for veneration before the Jan. 3 Mass at St. Mary Church, part of Blessed Michael McGivney Parish. Photo by Paul Haring

A reproduction image of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus is making its way around the world and may be viewed in parishes in the Archdiocese of Hartford this year.

This reproduction is one of more than 300 icons, each bearing the Apostolic Blessing of Pope Francis. It is the most recent addition to the Knights of Columbus traveling pilgrim icon program. The icons are currently traveling around the world as part of the Knights of Columbus Pilgrim icon program.

The Sacred Heart of Jesus pilgrim icon program was launched by the Knights of Columbus on Jan. 3 at St. Mary Church, part of Blessed Michael McGivney Parish in New Haven. During that prayer service, an icon depicting the most famous image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus -- painted by Pompeo Batoni in 1767 and now venerated in the Church of the Gesù in Rome -- was displayed for veneration. It bears the blessing of Pope Francis through the Papal Almoner.

The Sacred Heart of Jesus pilgrim icon program also coincides with the 350th anniversary of the visions of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque,

NEW PILGRIM ICON DEPICTS IMAGE OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

- Story by Karen A. Avitabile

a French Catholic nun who gave the Church the Twelve Promises of the Sacred Heart and the First Friday devotions.

In one of the apparitions, Jesus Christ told Alacoque: "Behold this Heart which has so loved men that it has spared nothing, even to exhausting and consuming itself, in order to testify its love." This quote is central to the Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic devotion. The heart refers to Jesus' physical heart and his boundless love for mankind.

Pope Clement XIII officially recognized and approved the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in 1765, some 75 years after St. Alacoque's death. In 1920, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque was canonized by Pope Benedict XV. Today, she is recognized as the patron saint of people who suffer from polio, the loss of a parent and those who devote themselves to the Sacred Heart.

The publication of the fourth encyclical of Pope Francis, Dilexit Nos (He Loved Us), is devoted to the Sacred Heart. "In many ways, Dilexit Nos can serve as a mission statement for the Knights of Columbus in today's world," Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly says.

"The pope observes that we live in a fragmented and divided society, but the heart of Christ is a unifying center. It is the source of truth and goodness that we all need."

Archdiocese of Hartford priest and Knights' founder Blessed Michael J. McGivney was deeply devotion to the Sacred Heart. His family displayed an ornate devotional plaque of the Sacred Heart in their Waterbury home. The plaque is still in the Knights' possession and is on display in the Blessed Michael McGivney Pilgrimage Center in New Haven.

The Sacred Heart of Jesus is the 20th traveling pilgrim icon venerated through the Knights' program since its formation in 1979. Our Lady of Guadalupe was the first pilgrim icon. Since then, the program has enabled more than 23 million people to honor Our Lord, Our Lady and the saints.

Parishes in the Archdiocese of Hartford should contact their local Knights of Columbus council to host the icon for veneration and schedule a Sacred Heart holy hour. For more information about the Knights of Columbus pilgrim icon program, visit kofc.org/sacredheart.



Upcoming Events



03/21 - 03/23 WEEKEND RETREAT WOMEN'S WEEKEND RETREAT: "IN MY LOVE, ABIDE"

Holy Family Retreat Center, 303 Tunxis Rd, West Hartford

Come quiet your mind and nourish your spirit as you learn ways to maintain the sacred connection to God through Christ. Dynamic teaching, home-cooked meals, and uplifting music. \$350. 860-760-9705.



03/24 - 04/14 MONDAYS 1PM **SOULCORE**

Church of Saint Ann, Fr. Bennett Hall, 289 Arch Rd, Avon

Join SoulCore Leader Diana, to nourish body, mind & soul with SoulCore - a prayer experince that combines the prayers of the Rosary with core strengthing, stretching and functional movement. No fitness level or experince required. All are welcome! Visit www.soulcore.com for more information.

For planning purposes, please email: familyministrystann@gmail.com if you are planning to attend! NO COST but a free will offering is welcome for those who are ablke.



03/23 SUNDAY 6PM

DANIEL OBERREUTER - LENT PARISH MISSION CONCERT

St. Joseph Church, 33 Queen St,

Daniel Oberreuter, the lead singer of the Catholic band **The Thirsting**, will be offering a **Come Hold My Son Parish Mission Concert**. He will share his personal testimony and a powerful message on the Rosary, the Eucharist, and Confession.

Daniel has performed at World Youth Day 2016 and at hundreds of churches across the nation. Bring your family and friends to experience this opportunity for evangelization within your community. For more info, visit come



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03/24 MONDAY 6PM 24 HOURS EUCHARISTIC

ADORATION

Most Holy Trinity Church, 68 N.
Colony St, Wallingford

Join Most Holy Trinity Parish in Wallingford for 24 hours of Eucharist Adoration this Lent. Adoration will begin at 6pm on Monday, March 24th and conclude at 6pm on Tuesday, March 25th. Confessions will be heard from 6-7pm on Monday, March 24th and Holy Mass will be celebrated at 8:30am on Tuesday, March 25th for the Solemnity of the Annunciation. All will take place at Most Holy Trinity Church (68 N. Colony St., Wallingford, CT, 06492). For more information, call the Parish Center at 203-269-8791 or visit www.mhtwallingford.org

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