

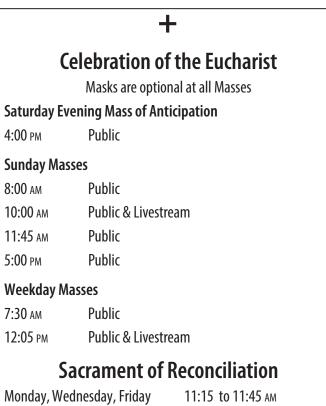
St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church • 285 Church Street • Hartford, Connecticut March 23, 2025 • Third Sunday of Lent

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

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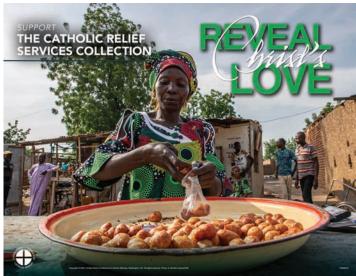


We are a welcoming and dynamic community of Christian disciples. Rooted in the Franciscan experience of the Roman Catholic tradition, we proactively endeavor to extend hospitality both at the Eucharistic Table and as we minister reciprocally and in solidarity among the alienated and the poor, nurturing the mind, body, and spirit in the Greater Hartford Community. All are welcome!



Saturday

3:15 to 3:45 PM



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

This weekend, our parish takes 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. Please give as generously as you can to the collection and reveal Christ's love to those most in need. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.



### **Daily Mass Readings**

Monday, Mar 24: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Lk 4:24-30 Tuesday, Mar 25: Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Heb 10:4-10 Lk 1:26-38 Wednesday, Mar 26: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19 Thursday, Mar 27: Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23 Friday, Mar 28: Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34 Sunday, Mar 30: Jos 5:9a;10-12 Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

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

### 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 aholstgrubbe@spsact.org to register.

The Pastor's Corner

#### March 23, 2025

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

I am delighted to share with you this photo of Pamela Morrison-Wolf, this year's recipient from the parish of St.



Patrick-St. Anthony of the St. Joseph Medal of Appreciation, taken after the ceremony at St. Joseph Cathedral last Sunday, March 16th. Fr. John Leonard and I joined several dozen priests as Archbishop Coyne presented medals to 101 men and women from 75 parishes in the Archdiocese of Hartford.

The medal is given every year to members of the Archdiocese, nominated by every parish, in recognition of their contribu-

tions to their parish by volunteering their time and talents in many meaningful ways. We nominated Pamela for her years of dedicated service as a Lector at weekend and weekday Masses, Pastoral Care Outreach Minister of the Eucharist to the homebound, Spiritual Director, Catechist for multiple units of Servant Leadership formation's year-long courses, Care Minister assisting bereaved families at the time of a funeral, and Adult Faith Formation facilitator. We are most grateful for Pamela's very generous and multifaceted ministry for our faith community and we congratulate her on this honor.

Past honorees have included Marybeth Walsh, Americo Pace, Robert and Maryanne Midura, Sal and Karen Randazzo, Susan Ahearn, Marion Kingsbury, Jack and Helen Martins, Roberta Horton, Christian Heiden, Kim Nardone, Dan and Peg Lareau, Jack and Martha Murtaugh. Congratulations and thanks to all our medal honorees, and for all that you have done (and continue to do) for our parish!

Blessings on your week ahead!

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

Pastor



**Director of Music Ministry, St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church** 285 Church Street, Hartford, CT 06103 (spsact.org)



St. Patrick-St. Anthony Parish is a dynamic and growing community in the Archdiocese of Hartford, served by the Franciscan Friars (O.F.M.), and is known for its outstanding music program. Candidates must be able to incorporate a broad range of choral repertoire, directing three choirs, overseeing

cantors, section leaders, an organ scholar, and the maintenance of the church's two pipe organs. This is a full-time position with health benefits and includes five weekend Masses, three choir rehearsals, and weekly staff meetings. Funerals and weddings provide additional compensation.

Desired background includes a Master's degree in music and/or equivalent experience, strong organ/piano skills, choral conducting expertise, and experience with Roman Catholic liturgy. The salary is negotiable - depending on skills and experience.

Application deadline: April 30, 2025; starting date is August 2025 or earlier.

For a full job description and application instructions, visit <u>https://bit.ly/spsa-dmm-job</u>.



### **Stations of the Cross**

Fridays during Lent: March 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.

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

On Apple:



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

**On Spotify:** 

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

On lheart:



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

### **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 Tuesdays. Next meeting: March 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: March 26, 2025, at 12:40 PM. In Quiet Prayer:

**Every Wednesday. Next meeting: March 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 <u>https://</u> <u>tinyurl.com/SPSA-In-Quiet-Prayer</u> to register.

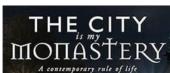
#### **People of Hope:"The Flowing Grace of Now"** Every Wednesday from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM on Zoom. Next meeting: March 26, 2025.

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, April 2 at 7:00 pm at the Franciscan Center. Join us!

### Our Own Nazareth Time

Mondays, March 24, April 7 & 21, May 5 & 19, June 2from 12:45-1:45 PM. The City is My Monastery, A Con-



*temporary 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". 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 <u>https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-Naz-Time</u> to register.

### Compassionate Care for Ourselves and Those We Love

The Parish Nurse Ministry team invites you to attend the last program in our Speaker Series on Monday, March 24, 2025 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. This program, entitled Consumer Preferences Regarding Funerals, will be lead by Michael Klett and Janet D'Esopo Klett of D'Esopo Funeral Home and include Catholics' Interest in Cremations.

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.

Please go to <u>https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-PN-Series</u> 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 <u>https://</u> <u>tinyurl.com/SPSA-AFF-Pay</u> Or Scan the QR Code.



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

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



This Clare Gallery exhibit includes new letters from this year's call for entries — highlighting "Mystery, Mysticism, and Meaning" along with curated letters from the two prior exhibits in 1995 and 2005.

The combination of letters will continue the conversation of self-examination and self-esteem, once again bringing the talent and creativity of the prison population to the community at large. Virtual Panel discussion, Monday, April 28, 7-8:30 PM : Jeffrey Greene, CPA Prison Arts Program Manager, will share insight into his 34+ years working with Prison Arts in various capacities. Panelist and alumni artist, Danny Killion, will share his creative journey ---- from prison to owner and operator of Weather Wood, a Troy, NY

furniture and art store that has specialized in reclaimed wood pieces since 2013. The discussion will be moderated by Nancy Wynn.

Please go to https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-Clare-Ltrs-2025 or scan the QR Code.



Artist's Reception will be held on Sunday, Sunday, May 4, 3-5 рм. The public is welcome to attend.

### Letters from Prison: Continuing the **Conversation**

**Community in Action Partners is** one of the nation's oldest criminal justice organizations and provides restorative justice services to young people and adults, so they can reenter the community and thrive. They deliver impactful services that



unite people, programs and partnerships to empower individuals to change their lives for the better, make communities safer and stronger, and enhance the guality of life across Connecticut. Prison Arts was established in 1978 and is the longest running program of its kind in the U.S. Prison Arts advocates for art, artists, and art-making in CT prisons. It organizes workshops, projects, and correspondence programming, as well as providing exhibition and publication opportunities. CPA Prison Arts artists are challenged to engage with their own creative journeys. The program has had a positive impact on the lives of both the incarcerated and the people they touch with their artwork: families, the general population, and targeted audiences. The goal is to encourage a greater understanding of the incarcerated and to build more empathy and love in the world.

### Offertory 03/09/2025

Total Offertory: \$20,255.73 Weekly Online: \$8,847.73

Weekly Offering: \$11,408.00

### 2025 Archbishop's Annual Appeal

The 2025 Archbishop's Annual Appeal, Trust in the Lord presents each of us with the opportunity to give back to the Lord by helping those in need. Thank you for your support of this year's Appeal and please pray for its success – so many are counting on us! If you have not yet made your 2025 Appeal pledge please join your fellow parishioners and make a gift today by returning the pledge card mailed to you. Please respond as generously as your means allow. To donate please go to https://appeal.archdioceseofhartford.org/donations/ or scan the QR Code.

All funds contributed to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal are used exclusively for the purposes outlined in the Appeal literature, which can be found at https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/ No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements.



### Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, March 22, 2025

4:00 PM James Fahey

### Sunday, March 23, 2025

8:00 AM Albert Brunelle10:00 AM Joseph Patoka, Sr.11:45 AM William Ellis5:00 PM John Sklarz

#### Monday, March 24, 2025

7:30 AM Intentions for our parishioners 12:05 PM Thomas Cacchillo

#### Tuesday, March 25, 2025

7:30 AM Louis Sogar 12:05 PM Madeline Capodanno

#### Wednesday, March 26, 2025

7:30 AM Eilleen Teelan 12:05 PM Jack Gannon

#### Thursday, March 27, 2025

7:30 AM Intentions for the people of St. Genevieve 12:05 PM William R. Johnson, Jr.

#### Friday, March 28, 2025

7:30 AM Felix Pepe Rodriguez 12:05 PM Helen McDermott

Saturday, March 29, 2025 4:00 PM Edward Alexis, 11th Anniversary

#### Sunday, March 30, 2025

8:00 AM Marie Sullivan
10:00 AM Jack O'Neil
11:45 AM Mary & Joseph Lamesa
5:00 PM For the people of Lebanon & Palestine

### 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, Patricia Dressler, Susan Degennaro, and Deborah Godin.









### We are here to serve you...

We are here to serve you. The programs and ministries listed below are just a sampling of our many offerings. Please go to <u>www.spsact.</u> org or call the Parish Office at 860-756-4034 for more information.

**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 <u>https://spsact.org/wedding-request-form/</u> 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. <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:

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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#### MAINTENANCE STAFF

Gilberto Lisboa, Church Custodian





**Seminarians and Priest Studying in Rome Thank Appeal Donors** 

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Story by Shelley Wolf

Three men from the Archdiocese of Hartford, who are studying in Rome, are thanking the donors of the Archbishop's Annual Appeal for sponsoring their priestly education and for providing them with an international formation experience.

Thank you for your gifs," says Nicholas Chapman, "which make it possible for me to pursue the path I believe God is calling me on. This time in Rome has particularly stretched me and blessed me." Brendan Finnegan says, "My prayer is to be able to let these experiences form my heart so that I can be an effective servant of the Gospel to you and your family, for generations to come." ...

... "We are incredibly grateful for the support of the donors," says Father Gancarz. "May this time in the eternal city enrich our faith and priesthoods, to be better ministers and servants to the faithful in the archdiocese and beyond. We pray for you!"

Please go to <a href="https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-aohct-news-Mar-23">https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-aohct-news-Mar-23</a> to read the rest of this artical, the entirity of this week's content and and view various upcoming events happening around the Archdiocese of Hartford.

## **Upcoming Events**



#### 03/24 MONDAY 7PM STRETCH OUT YOUR HAND: AN EVENING OF MUSIC AND REFLECTION FOR LENT

St. Ann Church, 501 Nougatuck Ave, Millord

We are all in need of healing, whether of body, mind, or spirit. This Lent, can we came to God with radically open hearts, with our honds outstretched, willing to let God heal and renew us? Join Amy Eken and the Saint Ann Choir for a Lenten Evening of Music and Reflection on the theme of healing and hope. Be renewed, uplifted, and inspired with music, reflection, and prayer. No registration is required. All are welcome.



03/29 SATURDAY 9AM - 4PM

TENDING TO A GRIEVING HEART. WITH LISA IRISH, M.A., M.ED., B.C.C.

Holy Family Retreat Center, 303 Tunxis Rd, West Hartford

Shore time and socred space with others who are grieving and learn a little more about the Land of Loss. All types of loss invite us into a place of healing and the kindling of hope. It is our "attending to orief " that allows new life to take root, \$75, includes lunch, 860-760-9705.

# 04/5 SATURDAY 7PM

A "DIVINE" COMEDY OF BELLY LAUGHS, **BLESSINGS, BLARNEY AND BINGO** 

St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Parish Center 872, Formington Ave, West Hartford

Join Father Patrick Alaysius Misgivings for this divine presentation of stories and one-liners about growing up Catholic. From minacies and marriage counseding to bazarars and birth control, nothing escapes the good father's razor-sharp hish wit. This hilarious interactive comedy includes a collection, a raffle and even an actual Binga game.

DOORS OPEN: 8:00PM SHOW 700PM

Tickets - \$20 each

**BYOB and Snocks:** 

Purchase Tickets at osvhub.com/stastm/forms/misgivings Michael DeContl at 860-229-8292 Victor Na/eski at 860-559-7160





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