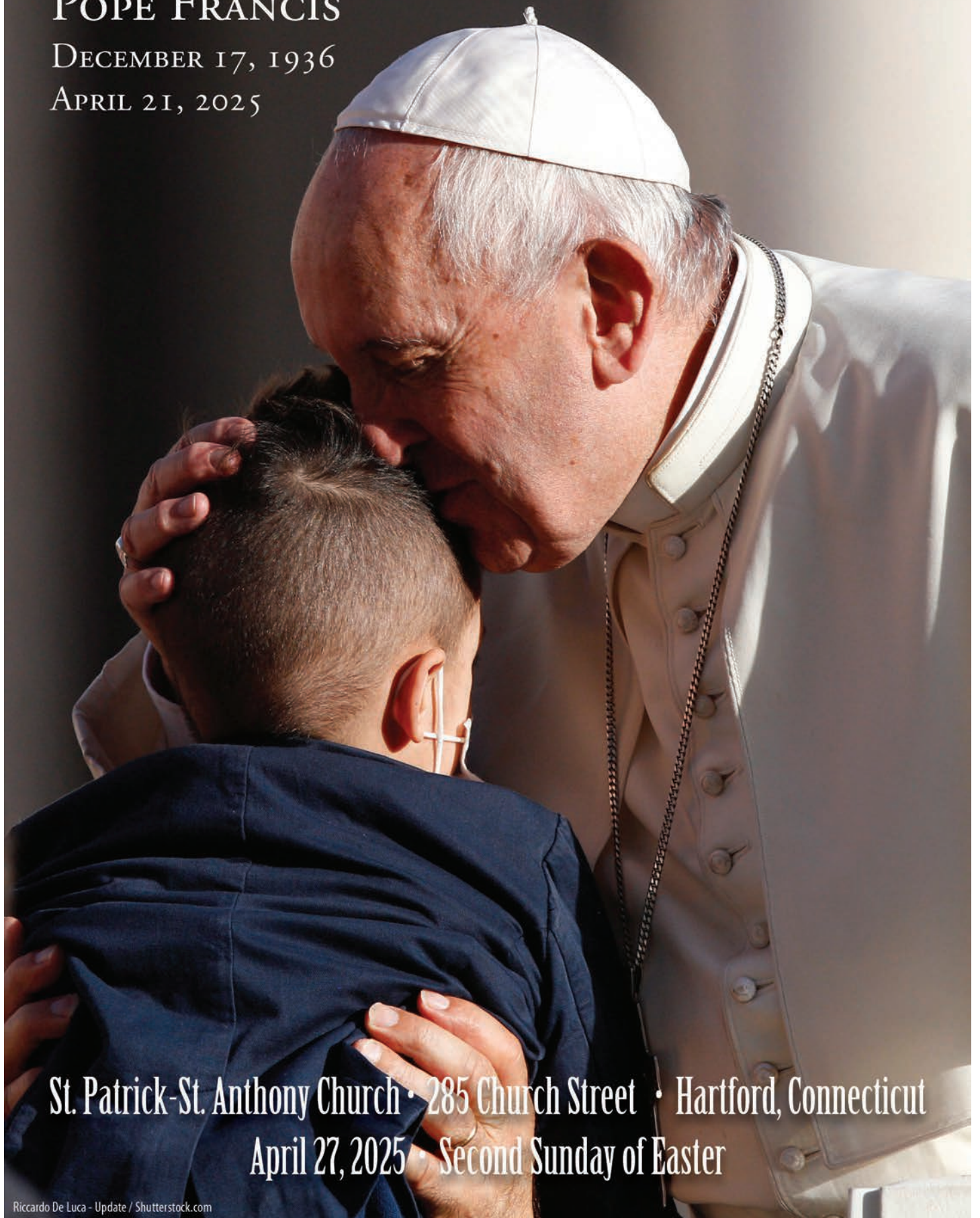


POPE FRANCIS

DECEMBER 17, 1936

APRIL 21, 2025



St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church • 285 Church Street • Hartford, Connecticut

April 27, 2025 • Second Sunday of Easter

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

285 Church Street, Hartford, Connecticut 06103
tel 860-756-4034 • info@spsact.org • www.spsact.org



*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

2025 Archbishop's Annual Appeal

In just a few short weeks, our parish has raised \$46,185.00 for the 2025 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not yet made your gift to this year's Appeal, please consider doing so in the days ahead. 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. To donate please go to <https://appeal.archdioceseofhartford.org/donations/> or scan the QR Code.



Centering Yoga

Centering Yoga has been cancelled this weekend on Saturday, April 26, 2025. Our next date is May 10, 2025 at 10:00 am in the Franciscan Center.

Celebrate Mom with Flowers

We invite you to celebrate Mother's Day by remembering and/or honoring all of the moms in your life with a Mother's Day Flower donation.

Deadline: Tuesday, May 6, 2025

Give online at <https://bit.ly/3TD18tm>, via check, or by scanning the QR Code.

Please list names below or on a separate piece of paper:



Daily Mass Readings

Monday, Apr 28: Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday, Apr 29: Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday, Apr 30: Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21
Thursday, May 1: Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36
Friday, May 2: Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15
Sunday, May 4: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13; Rv 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19

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

The Pastor's Corner

April 27, 2025

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

When I woke up this past Monday morning, a text message on my phone from Father John, posted at 5:30 AM, read simply: "Pope Francis has died."

As one television news reporter mentioned that morning, it was like a member of the family had died. Indeed, Pope Francis was a member of our family – he was our Holy Father, someone who loved all his sons and daughters. For me, that is a perfect way to remember Francis, as a father who cherished all God's children and wanted everyone ("Todos, todos, todos") to feel that they were important, not only in God's eyes, but as members of our family of faith.



As Pope Francis lived, so he died in simplicity, after having imparted a final blessing to the city and the world ("Urbi et Orbi") on Easter Sunday. Having survived a serious illness that kept him in a Rome hospital for five weeks, Francis was obviously diminished physically, but he did not let his weakness prevent him from being with people whom he cared about the most: the poor, the incarcerated, and just ordinary people who happened to cross his path. I loved the brief video of him, wearing what looked like a serape in place of his papal cassock, being wheeled into St. Peter's Basilica as he paused to greet and bless tourists.

Perhaps my favorite memory of Pope Francis is the moment, back in 2018, while visiting a parish in the outskirts of Rome, he engaged in a Q&A with a group of children. One of them, Emanuele, stepped up to a microphone, but suddenly froze, telling a priest "I can't do it." Pope Francis encourage the boy to come up to the platform and



whisper his question into the pope's ear. The boy nervously made his way up to Francis, who held him close. The pope listened and then spoke a few quiet words to the boy, who then went back to his seat, wiping away tears from his eyes. "If only we could all cry like Emanuele when we have an ache in our hearts like he has," the pope told the children. "He was crying for his father and had the courage to do it in front of us because in his heart there is love for his father."

Pope Francis then explained that Emanuele's father, an unbeliever, had died recently and wanted to know if his father was in heaven. "How beautiful to hear a son say of his father, 'He was good,'" the pope told the children. "And what a beautiful witness of a son who inherited the strength of his father, who had the courage to cry in front of all of us. If that man was able to make his children like that, then it's true, he was a good man. He was a good man. That man did not have the gift of faith, he wasn't a believer, but he had his children baptized. He had a good heart," Pope Francis said. The pope encouraged Emanuele to "talk to your dad; pray to your dad."

I would like to think that Pope Francis is speaking with Emanuele's father right now in the house of the Father where there are many dwelling places, as Jesus tells us in John's Gospel.

During his 12-year pontificate, Pope Francis made an indelible mark on the Catholic Church, especially in the way he challenged us to think and act more like Jesus himself. Some people, Catholics included, thought of him as too radical, but I prefer to think of him as merely preaching the Gospel – in all its radical dimensions. In other words, "Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me" (Matthew 25:40).

In closing, I would also like to offer my thanks and deep appreciation to everyone who contributed to the beautiful and deeply moving liturgies of Holy Week. I have heard from many parishioners how much they appreciated the work and effort that was evident in our celebration of the Sacred Triduum. I pray that these days of Paschal joy, although tempered by the sadness of the death of Pope Francis, will renew our faith in the Resurrection of Christ.

Blessings on your week ahead!

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

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 Tuesdays. Next meeting: April 29, 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: April 30, 2025, at 12:40 PM.

In Quiet Prayer:

Every Wednesday. Next meeting: April 30, 2025, from 7:30 to 8:00 AM. 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: April 30, 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, May 7, 2025 at 7:00 pm at the Franciscan Center. Join us!

Letters from Prison: Continuing the Conversation

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.

Virtual Panel discussion, Monday, April 28, 7:00 to 8:30 PM 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 PM. The public is welcome to attend.



The Drumming Circle - try something 'new'
First Monday of the Month: 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

Open Hearts Ministry

Monthly Open Hearts Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for May 11, 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, May 18, 2025 at 3:30 PM in the Franciscan Center.

Our Own Nazareth Time

Mondays, 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 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.

Please go to <https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-Naz-Time> to register.

The Emmaus Grieving Parent Ministry



We meet at the Franciscan Center at 3:30 on the third Sunday of the month. Next meeting is May 18, 2025. Please call the church office for more information at 860-756-4034.





The walk was Yesterday but there is still Time!
Please Support Our Team: Scan the QR Code or go to
<https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-Walk-2025>
Please make checks out to SPSA and put foodshare in the notes

Walk Against Hunger 2025
Join our team to support the House of Bread

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 April 27, 2025.

After all the Masses the weekend of May 3-4, 2025 the Secular Franciscans will be distributing small packets of flower seed to members of your parish to celebrate Earth Day. St. Francis wanted everyone to care for creation and one way is to grow beautiful flowers. Please accept this gift from the Secular Franciscans and assist your children with this mission.



THANK YOU

Offertory 04/13/2025

Total Offertory: \$17,982.73

Weekly Online: \$9,499.73

Weekly Offering: \$8,483.00

A Novel Idea Book Club

Our May book selection is *The Hunter* by Tana French.

Goodreads.com says, "*The Hunter* is a nuanced, atmospheric tale that explores what we'll do for our loved ones, what we'll do for revenge, and what we sacrifice when the two collide."

Consider joining the discussion on **May 15, 2025 at 7:00 PM at the Franciscan Center.**

For more information and a list of upcoming books, please [CLICK Here](#). Contact the office at 860-756-4034 or email info@spsact.org if you need the Zoom Link.



Job Opening:

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 <https://bit.ly/spsa-dmm-job>.

Sister Parish Committee: In-person Meeting



Tuesday, May 13, 2025 from 12:50 to 2:00 PM. 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>.

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: Our next dates are May 12, and June 9

Daytime meetings are the last Thursday of the month at 10:30 AM in the Franciscan Center: Our next dates are May 29, and June 26

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



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



- ❖ In memory of my mother Ruth McHugh, my brother Vincent McHugh, Jr, my aunt Alice Clapp and Joseph & Patricia Bye, by Carolyn & Paul Abramo
- ❖ Nicholas & Kathleen Arturo, Leo Andreoli, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Moody and Joseph Mazzafera, by Rocco Arturo
- ❖ In memory of Thanh Thi Do, by Oanh & Bob Bamford
- ❖ Madeline G. Bartholomay and Gary S. Bunting, by George Bartholomay
- ❖ Ronald Biederman, Thomas Sataro, Anna Pavlick, Joseph Pavlick, Mary Sataro, by Pat Biederman
- ❖ In memory of Ronald Biederman, Thomas Sataro, Anna Pavlich, and Joseph Pavlich, by Pat Biederman
- ❖ In memory of Mary DeBona and Kristen Bill Clarke, by George & Karen Bing
- ❖ In memory of William D. Brown and the Fiorillo Family, by Amy Brown
- ❖ Daniel Buckanavage, the Buckanavage & Gentkowski Families, Bob & Lucy Bezilla, Fr. Andrew Giardino, O.F.M., and Denis Geary, by Pat Buckanavage
- ❖ In loving memory of Judy Ryiz, Jeanie Grasso Gagnon, and Jerelyn Fields, by Natalie Campbell
- ❖ Judith Baka Cardoni, Angela & Armand DeMarchi, Alexander & Clementine Cardoni, and Emelia, Dominic & Joseph Dutre, by Alex & Jeannette Cardoni
- ❖ In memory of Mr. & Mrs. D. Marques, Mr. & Mrs. E. Carvalho, and Maria I. Brito, by Maria Teresa Carvalho
- ❖ In loving memory of our son, Rob Casinghino, by Arnold & Joan Casinghino
- ❖ Peter & Margaret Ciotto, by Peter & Rosemary Ciotto
- ❖ Thomas E. Claffey and Thomas Burgess, by Barbara Claffey
- ❖ Jim & Bridie Clark, by James & Jamie Clark
- ❖ In memory of Chelsea Clyburn Morehouse, by Jim & Helene Clyburn
- ❖ In memory of Richard Crockett, by Connie Crockett
- ❖ Josephine & Salvatore Tanasi, and Marjorie & Samuel Crockett, by Connie Crockett
- ❖ Antonia & Stella Pizzoferrato, Anthony Pizzoferrato, Jr, Agatha Weilock and Daniel & Gaynell Cronin & Family, by Anne Cronin
- ❖ Mary G. Falvey, and Kathryn F. & Paul J. Rizza, by Teresa Curry
- ❖ In memory of the deceased members of the Catalano & Curtiss Family, by Paula & Stephen Curtiss
- ❖ In loving memory of Raymond Dalton, by The Dalton Family
- ❖ Frank & Elaine D'Amico, by Frances D'Amico
- ❖ Fred D'Amico, by Frances D'Amico
- ❖ In honor of lone Benedetto, my deceased Godmother, by Jennifer Dening
- ❖ In memory of our beautiful and kind Regan, always in our hearts, by Regina Domingo
- ❖ In memory of Michael, Eleanor and Francis Doody, by Melissa Doody
- ❖ Marie & Joseph Dombrofsky, by Donna & Joe Duffy
- ❖ In memory of Laurence Maher & Timothy Maher, by the Dworkin Family
- ❖ Eileen & Daniel Ragnoni, John Sheehy, Victoria Ragnoni, James Mullin, and Lillian & Ed Hussey, by Victor & Mary Eanniello
- ❖ Members of the East Family, by Lynn & Jean East
- ❖ Caroline Zachmann, Fred & Kath Elmy, Anna & Mathias Petsche, and Helen & Joe Murray, by Eliza & Brian Elmy
- ❖ Luz Ruiz, Maria Hernandez, Dante Sprouse, Antonio Martinez and Maritza DeJesus, by Nazario & Elizabeth Figueroa
- ❖ In Memory of the Fitol & Fedoruk Families, by Richard Fitol
- ❖ Richard Formica and Gaetano & Concetta Romano, by Jo-Ann Formica
- ❖ Mr. & Mrs. Thomas A. Fox, Mary Ellen & James Fox, Dr. & Mrs. Michael D. Fox, and Mr. & Mrs. Bernard J. Fagan, by Geri Fox
- ❖ In honor of Tom Frewen
- ❖ In Memory of the Gannon & Carrol Families, by Mary Gannon
- ❖ In memory of Concetta, Salvatore, & Carmen Gianni and Rose Zoppoli, by Mary Gianni
- ❖ In memory of Charles Golec and Marie & Edward Mulcahy, by M. Kathleen Golec
- ❖ Carroll & Jean Tierney, Hy Gottlieb, Debbie Chase, Cathy Rebai, and Kerry Regan, by Norman & Lois Gottlieb
- ❖ The Guzek/Bowen Families, by Trish Bowen & Stan Guzek
- ❖ Rosa Rodriguez and Louis Armstrong, by James & Allison Healy
- ❖ Stella & Stanley Brzozowy and Johanna Reeves, by Stella Heyl
- ❖ Thomas & Marion Hoey, Dorothy Ryan, and Sr. Susan Carlin, RSM, by Nancy Hoey
- ❖ In memory of people forgotten, by Andrea Hoisl
- ❖ Anna & Edward Alexis and Larry Tracey, Jr., by Connie & Bob Houde
- ❖ Joe & Teresa Melzen, the Melzen, Lukach & Humphrey families, and Ginny Reynolds, by Jim Melzen & Mark Humphrey
- ❖ In memory of Robert & Ann Janulevicz, by Alan Janulevicz
- ❖ Makardy & Elizabeth Kania, by Brian Kania
- ❖ Carmella & John Karwan, Jack & Pam Karwan, Fran & Ed Marin, and Jerry Marin, by Pat & Mike Karwan
- ❖ In memory of the Tremko Family, by Dolores Kelliher
- ❖ In loving memory of Janice Kiesel, by Richard Kiesel
- ❖ Sal & Frances Coco & Dan & Eleanor Laffin, Sr., by Dan & Maryann Laffin
- ❖ In memory of Daniel Laffin, III, by Daniel & Maryann Laffin, Jr.
- ❖ Victor & Ivy John, by Cato & Cynthia Laurencin
- ❖ In memory of Jeremiah Dowd, Iroi LeBlanc, Philomene LeBlanc, and Rev. William E. McGrath, by Madeline LeBlanc
- ❖ 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
- ❖ Leone & Pardus Family, by Robert Leone
- ❖ In memory of William Leone, by Beverly Leone
- ❖ These flowers are in memory of our beloved son, Benjamin Linn, by Joanne Linn
- ❖ In memory of Rosemary Marquis, by Rosina & Steven Marquis
- ❖ In memory of Pietro & Angela Maria Fazio & Francis Marquis, by Rosina & Steven Marquis
- ❖ In honor of Regan Leigh Martins remembered, forever missed, love you forever, your family
- ❖ Deceased members of the Lucente, Martins & Francomano families, Brian Sullivan, Loretta Willmotte and Helen Anotti, by Helen & Jack Martins
- ❖ Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Mazzarella, Joanne Huxley, Carmellina Moersch, Mr. & Mrs. Franklin Hall, & Fr. Andrew Giardino, O.F.M., by Sally Mazzarella

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, April 26, 2025

4:00 PM Gaetano Romano, 52nd Anniversary

Sunday, April 27, 2025

8:00 AM Jose Ribeiro da Costa

10:00 AM Bob Lemega, 5th Anniversary

11:45 AM William, Angie & Joanne Speziale

5:00 PM Pietro Fazio

Monday, April 28, 2025

7:30 AM Ramon Galvis

12:05 PM Felipe Obregon

Tuesday, April 29, 2025

7:30 AM Margaret Stephen

12:05 PM Alfina Milluzzo

Wednesday, April 30, 2025

7:30 AM Frank & Elaine D'Amico

12:05 PM Andrew Lenox

Thursday, May 1, 2025

7:30 AM Don Fention

12:05 PM Jeanne Shannon

Friday, May 2, 2025

7:30 AM Michael Quirk

12:05 PM Joseph Carr

Saturday, May 3, 2025

4:00 PM Anthony Pizzoferrato

Sunday, May 4, 2025

8:00 AM Thomas L. Sataro

10:00 AM Living & deceased members of the Ladies Guild

11:45 AM Bernard Kehoe

5:00 PM Chelsea Clyburn Morehouse

Baptisms This Weekend

Dean Anthony Demers, III

child of Anna & Dean Demers, Jr.

and

Riley Rose Perez, Leon Emyr Molina & Lyla Eve Molina

children of Ariana Calderon & Shawn Molina

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, Fran Rago, Patricia
Dressler, Susan Degennaro, and Deborah Godin.

PASTORAL STAFF

Fr. Timothy J. Shreenan, O.F.M., Pastor, tshreenan@gmail.com

Fr. William Beaudin, O.F.M., Parochial Vicar & Guardian,

wbeaudin@gmail.com

Patricia Curtis, Pastoral Associate, pcurtis@spsact.org

Kristina DiDomenzio, Business Manager, kdidomenzio@spsact.org

Allison Holst-Grubbe, Director of Community Engagement,

aholstgrubbe@spsact.org

Fr. Michael Johnson, O.F.M., Parochial Vicar & Director of Franciscan

Center for Urban Ministry, mikeinbolivia@gmail.com

Fr. John Leonard, O.F.M., Parochial Vicar, jleonard@spsact.org

Fr. A. Francis Soucy, O.F.M., Parochial Vicar & Senior Associate Friar,

afsofm@gmail.com

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Carolyn Abramo, Parish & Center Administrative Assistant

cabramo@spsact.org

Sarah Christopher, Parish Communications Director,

schristopher@spsact.org

Stacie Mawson, Saturday Receptionist

Barbara Sullivan, Saturday Receptionist

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STAFF

Deborah Pelletier, Religious Ed Team Coordinator,

dpelletier@spsact.org

Sarah Christopher, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Mary Gray, Family Program

Lauren Kasperowski, Traditional Program

Abigail Sheehan, Focus 4:12 Youth Ministry, 7th, 8th & 9th Grades

Faith VosWinkel, Focus 4:12 Youth Ministry, 10th Grade

MAINTENANCE STAFF

Gilberto Lisboa, Church Custodian



ST. PATRICK-ST. ANTHONY CHURCH

Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry

Open Hearts Open Minds Open Doors

Join



<https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-Join>

Volunteer



<https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-Volunteer>

Donate



<https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-Giving>

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



- ❖ Rosemary & Dennis McCarthy, by Stephen & Renee McCarthy
- ❖ In memory of Francis & Katherine McGrath, by Katherine McCormack
- ❖ Helen & Henry McDermott, Isabel Fairweather, and Mary McDermott, by Joann McDermott
- ❖ Mr. & Mrs. William Moran and Mr. & Mrs. Bruce DeNeve, by Barry & Louise Moran
- ❖ Efigenia Palomino, and the Obregon family, by Maria Obregon
- ❖ Ed & Marie Mulcahy and Richard & Rosemarie Olson, by Patricia Olson
- ❖ In memory of Mr. & Mrs. John Torza and Nichola Pavia, by Philomena Pappa
- ❖ James W. Penders, Lillian Penders, Sylvester Cholko, Loretta Cholko, and Katherine vonder Lieth, by Jim & Joan Penders
- ❖ Janice Bonvino, by Shari & Matthew Phillips
- ❖ In memory of Delphinie & Leo Bricuglio, Sr. & Patricia Barbieri, and deceased members of the homeless community, by Marie Poland
- ❖ In honor of SPSA Parishioners and Staff, and all those who are homeless, by Marie Poland
- ❖ In Memory of the Prisloe & Olie Families, by Mark Prisloe
- ❖ In memory of the Przybysz & Michalowski families, by Ken Przybysz
- ❖ In memory of Raymond Ramsey, by Peggy Ramsey
- ❖ Deceased members of the Ashe & Remillard Families, by Tara & Norman Remillard
- ❖ Orazio Romano, Linda Romano, & William Romano, by Paula Romano
- ❖ In loving memory of my son, Christopher Shea, by Tom Shea
- ❖ Silvio Celadon, Ryan Ross, and Jamie Whittaker, by Marc & Sheila Sherer
- ❖ Stanley Sidur, Lydia Sidur, Genowefa Bartkiewicz, Jason Connolly, and Marian Bartkiewicz, by Andrea Sidur
- ❖ Robert E. & Theresa M. Sliney, by Thomas Sliney
- ❖ Rosalie & William Swift, by Kathleen Swift
- ❖ In memory of the Tarala Caruso family, by Lisa Tarala
- ❖ In memory of The Mielczarek Brothers, by Jane Tinti
- ❖ Mary-Ellen Shea by Margaret Viola
- ❖ Robert Lytle and Josephine Voss, by Gregory & Stephanie Voss
- ❖ In memory of Aelred, Rita, Ken, Doreen, & Tom Wagner, Philip Knutson, and Anne Ferrucci, by Wil Wagner
- ❖ Thomas P. Radican, Jr, Timothy J. Murphy, Jr., and John P. Murphy, by Barbara Washbond
- ❖ Angela Sullivan, Virbert Sullivan, Hewley Barker and Roberto Soto, Jr, by Maxine Woolford
- ❖ Victor & Lena Yedziniak, by Lorraine Yedziniak
- ❖ John Zyskowski, by Carole Zyskowski



Yard Goats Tickets for June 15 are still AVAILABLE by emailing Pat Curtis, pcurtis@spsact.org, to reserve your tickets for you and a friend! Join us to hold the flag for the opening ceremony!



Exciting News from the Parish Nurse Ministry!



We're happy to share that St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church now has two Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) installed on-site! These life-saving devices were generously provided through a grant from the **Michael Vincent Sage Dragonheart Foundation**.

AED Locations:

- **Inside the Church:** At the right-side entrance, near the Sacred Heart statue.
- **Franciscan Center:** In the right-hand hallway, just past the office.

Each AED is housed in a wall cabinet that will sound an alarm when opened—this is simply to alert others that an emergency may be in progress.

What You Need to Know:

- **Anyone can use an AED** in the event of a suspected cardiac arrest.
- **Call 911 immediately** to ensure emergency services are on the way.
- **No training is required** to operate an AED—the device will guide you through each step with voice prompts.
- **Safety First:** The AED will only deliver a shock if it detects a shockable heart rhythm (such as ventricular fibrillation).
- **Legal Protection:** The Good Samaritan Law protects individuals who assist in emergencies in good faith.

We're also excited to announce that a **layperson CPR class will be offered this Fall**. Stay tuned for more information on how you can participate and become more prepared in emergency situations.

With care and gratitude,
Your Parish Nurses



News from the Franciscan Center

Thank You...

Dear St Patrick-St Anthony Family,

Easter's Gospel tells us that Peter was "amazed at what had happened" (Luke 24:12). I can also say I was amazed—amazed by the amount of food collected during our Palm Sunday Weekend Food Drive. And not just amazed by the volume, but by the continued generosity of this parish community.

So many of you are living out the Gospel through service. From the sandwich makers and Bread Warriors, to the Tuesday and Thursday meal teams, the weekly servers at the House of Bread, and those who will walk or sponsor someone in this Saturday's Walk Against Hunger—your efforts are real acts of love that ease the burden of food insecurity in our city.

When the food was delivered to Hands on Hartford, the staff was overwhelmed with gratitude for the 1,500 pounds of food. And when the staff at House of Bread walked into their kitchen on Monday morning, they were stunned—in the best way—to find every inch of counter space covered in food donations!



That spirit has been alive on multiple Friday nights during our Sip and Seed events with Levo International. Nearly 100 people took part in these gatherings, preparing countless trays that, by now, are sprouting new life—life that will one day soon nourish those in need. Our youngest parishioners in the Family Faith Program were especially diligent, their small hands planting with care and hope. These seedlings represent more than just plants—they represent new possibilities for the food desert that is the North End of Hartford.

And it doesn't stop there. On weekends this Lent with Levo, I've witnessed countless parishioners—from Confirmation students and their parents to our seniors—literally building a farm in an abandoned lot. It's been a farm raising all month long, a labor of love that's transforming overlooked space into a source of nourishment and dignity for the community.

All of these efforts—meals made, seeds planted, food shared, steps taken—are signs of what it looks like to follow Christ in this time and place. And especially now, amid uncertainty and budget cuts, these acts of compassion matter more than ever. I think our late Holy Father, Pope Francis, would have been proud of your efforts to serve and be in solidarity with those on the margins.

As we walk through Easter Week and beyond, may we remain open to the kind of amazement that Peter experienced—an amazement that transforms. And may we continue rising with Christ, becoming our better selves by the grace of God.

Gratefully,
Mike, OFM

Tuesday Pasta Dinners: Helping to Feed Those in Need!

We serve warm meals on Tuesdays, and lately we have been serving about 75 meals. Consider signing up to cook a baked ziti at home or to supply salad makings. Ziti trays and salad makings can be delivered prior to Tuesday but **MUST** be dropped off by 2pm each Tuesday. Trays can be dropped off frozen, freshly made, partially or fully baked just add a note with your reheating instructions. Thank you so much for partnering with us to feed the hungry! Please go to <https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-t-th-mealsto> sign up.



LEVO PRESENTS FIESTA FOR A CAUSE

MAY 2ND, 2025 | 5:30 - 8:00

Warehouse 635

635 New Park Ave, West Hartford, CT 06110

GENERAL ADMISSION: \$45

TACO BAR, SIDES AND DRINKS!
FUN RAFFLES AND A SILENT AUCTION

CELEBRATE CINCO DE MAYO, SUPPORT LEVO'S MISSION

FOR SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES CONTACT:
SALES@LEVOINTERNATIONAL.ORG





Branches on the Vine

APRIL 26 - MAY 2, 2025

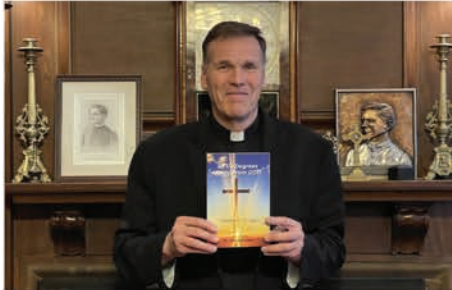


PHOTO BY SHELLEY WOLF
Father James M. Sullivan, pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in Waterbury, poses with his book, *23 1/2 degrees Away from God: Returning to the Light*, in the rectory of the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception.

LOCAL PRIEST PUBLISHES BOOK EXPLORING PATHS TO CONVERSION

- Story by Shelley Wolf

In his book *23 1/2 Degrees Away From GOD: Returning to the Light*, Father James M. Sullivan traces his family's history back to the town in Ireland where his father was born. He's on a mission to discover whether the seemingly tall tales his father told about traveling to church on Sunday were really true.

That's the charming start to Father Sullivan's book, which sold all 1,500 copies of its first printing in 2024. Now in its second printing, the book is expected to be available again in time for the Easter season.

The book is sprinkled with fond recollections and lessons learned from his parents, siblings and time spent as a building contractor. However, Father Sullivan, now rector of the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception and pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in Waterbury, insists the book is not a memoir.

"I didn't want it to be a memoir," he says in an interview with Catholic Transcript Online. "I just tied it to the small things in real life. God is big on the little." The book's purpose, he says, is to explore the many paths to conversion in adults of all ages.

Published by Highbury Press in Waterbury, the book features a cover photo of Waterbury's Holy Land USA at sunrise, which was taken by Father Sullivan's brother, John Sullivan. The second printing includes a forward written by Archbishop Leonard P. Blair.

Written in accessible language, the paperback book discusses human nature and conversion through the eyes of a priest, drawing inspiration from personal anecdotes and various perspectives on conversion.

A first-time author, Father Sullivan took three years to complete the manuscript, writing on his days off and while on retreat. Before he became a priest, he always wanted to write a book on human nature, he says, but never did.

"And then, as a priest, you see conversions all the time, people coming back to church and their reasons why, and what touched them and how their life was affected," he says. "So, I decided to write a book on conversion because every person ultimately desires it, to become closer to the source of all love and life.

"I have a special calling for those who are somewhat lost," Father Sullivan adds. "Maybe because I was in the building profession for so many years

and in the working world, I feel like I really know the heart of the average person. Many have good hearts but don't know God. I want to show them who Christ is."

And everyone needs ongoing conversion, the priest says, to avoid "spiritual stagnancy."

In the pages, Father Sullivan also shares a priest's thoughts on the importance of Christian marriage, Catholic confessions, Mass attendance and vocations to the priesthood and religious life. And he doesn't forget to share the joy of the priesthood. "I believe a lot of vocations are out there. They just need to be encouraged and touched," he says.

The book urges all readers to find their calling and to pray for guidance. It prompts readers to pray and to listen in prayer, with special emphasis on listening.

All proceeds from the book go to Immaculate Conception Parish. The second printing will be available sometime after Easter. To order a copy, keep checking the publisher's website at highburypress.com and highburypress.com/fatherjimbook.



Upcoming Events



04/24-06/12 THURSDAYS 6:30PM - 8PM
PARADISUS DEI: THE MYSTERIES OF ROSARY "GLORIOUS MYSTERIES"
Holy Spirit Hall, 183 Church Street, Newington

This will take you deeper into each of the Glorious Mysteries each week, followed by a brief discussion and ending with praying the Rosary together. Questions? Contact Angelo Marchetti 860-202-1612, angelomarchetti2367@outlook.com



05/02 FRIDAY 6PM
MASS OF HEALING
St. Peter Church, 99 East Main St, Torrington

Experience the Power of Healing — In these challenging times, many of us carry burdens — be it physical ailments like cancer and kidney disease, emotional struggles like depression, anxiety, PTSD and grief, or spiritual battles. YOU'RE NOT ALONE.

Reconnect, find solace, and embrace the healing powers of our divine physician, Jesus Christ. A special Healing Mass with anointing of the sick will be celebrated by Rev. Emmanuel Ihemedu, pastor of St. John Paul the Great Parish in Torrington. The evening begins with the Divine Mercy Chaplet followed by the Mass. Let's come together, share our stories, and experience the transformative power of faith. Remember, Jesus is still in the business of healing.



05/14 WEDNESDAY 10AM - 3PM
DAY OF RECOLLECTION: STAR OF THE SEA-WITH MAUREEN O'BRIEN
St. Edmund's Retreat, 1 Enders Island, Mystic

Are you longing to connect more deeply with the Blessed Mother? Join us on the island this May as we let go into her love amid nature's beauty. In this program we will read scripture, share together, pray, ponder and rest surrounded by the sea and Our Lady of Fatima, Our Lady of Lourdes, and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Come and discover fresh pathways to Mary and how she leads us to her Son. We are invited to Mass at 9:00 a.m. \$75, includes lunch. 860-536-0565.



ArchdioceseofHartford



ArchdioceseofHartford



ArchdioceseofHartfordCT



5/16 FRIDAY 7PM
SEEN: A NIGHT OF HOPE AND HEALING FOR PREGNANCY/INFANT LOSS AND INFERTILITY
St. Mary Church, 5 Hillhouse Ave, New Haven

Women and families suffering from pregnancy/infant loss and infertility are invited to a Night of Hope and Healing at St. Mary Church in New Haven.

Join us for a Holy Hour and Reception, including prayer teams, guided prayer, grief counselors and fertility specialists, and more.

Please RSVP for food purposes at tinyurl.com/seenholylhour2025. Hosted by Blessed Michael McGivney Parish and the Archdiocese Office of Faith Formation and Parish Life.

Save the date: Mass of Remembrance October 17, at St. Francis Church, New Britain.

2025 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Scan the QR code to learn how you can make a lasting impact!



SCAN ME

Total Goal: \$10M



57% as of 4/14/25
\$5,699,650 pledges from
17,013 generous donors

www.archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal

Archdiocese of Hartford
467 Bloomfield Ave, Bloomfield, CT 06002
860-541-6491



LAW OFFICES
WILLIAM J. SWEENEY JR., LLC
 Personal, Responsive and Effective Representation
Office 860-827-6453
Cell 860-748-5296
 Email wjs@sweeneylawllc.com
www.sweeneylawllc.com
 One Liberty Square | New Britain, CT 06051 | Parishioner



1096 Main Street
 Newington, CT 06111
(860) 665-0478
 OPEN: WED-SUN
 11:00 AM – 9:00 PM
 CLOSED MONDAY and TUESDAY

HEATING • AIR CONDITIONING
SELECT
 MECHANICAL SERVICES INC.
 Residential • Commercial • Industrial
 We Service & Install: Central Air Conditioning
 Gas & Oil Heating Systems • Water Heaters
 Air Purification Systems
 Lic. & Ins. • 24 Hr. Emergency Service
860.681.6818
www.select-mech.com

MOLLOY FUNERAL HOME
 906 Farmington Ave.
 West Hartford, CT 06119
860-232-1322

SANTO HAIR FORUM
 SANTO MIANO PARISHIONER
860-293-2300
 21 Main Street
 Hartford, Connecticut



*Proud
 Supporter
 of
 St. Patrick-
 St. Anthony*

COYOTE FLACO MEXICAN RESTAURANT
(860) 953-1299 | 635 New Britain Ave
 Coyote Flaco Mexican Restaurant in Hartford, CT is the perfect place to enjoy delicious tacos, margaritas, burritos, & enchiladas. With a beautiful patio for outdoor dining, it's a must-visit for Mexican cuisine lovers.
hartford.coyoteflacocm.com

*Farley Sullivan
 Funeral Home*
 34 Beaver Road • Wethersfield
 50 Naubuc Avenue • Glastonbury
860-563-9999

Wethersfield East Hartford
D'Esopo Funeral Chapel
Dedicated to families since 1905
860-563-6117 www.desopofuneralchapel.com

Check out the latest offerings by your bulletin sponsors by downloading our app
FREE DOWNLOAD!

Matthew Phillips
AVEDA
 CONCEPT SALONS SPA
 68 LaSalle Rd., West Hartford, CT 06107
 (860) 523-5261
www.matthewphillipsalon.com

SHIPMAN™ Experience Counts
 Shipman & Goodwin LLP
 Jim helps people with injuries, or families of those killed in accidents.

- Traumatic brain injuries
- Car, bike, motorcycle or pedestrian accidents
- Burn victims • Wrongful death

Jim also has more than 40 years of experience as a criminal lawyer, helping victims of crimes as well as those accused of crimes.
Jim Bergenn • 860-251-5639
 One Constitution Plaza • Hartford, CT 06103
JBergenn@goodwin.com • www.shipmangoodwin.com
FREE INITIAL CONSULTATION • ATTORNEY ADVERTISING

MESTER LAW GROUP
Over 40 Years Experience
 Disability/SS • Family Practice
 Criminal • Personal Injury
860-527-9111

DEITCH ENERGY
 44 Woodland St. Rear
 Hartford, CT 06105
860-728-5431
 #2 Fuel Oil | Heating & Cooling
 Service and Installation
 HOD-000924 • S1-303418

catholicmatch
 Connecticut
CatholicMatch.com/ dateCT

CESAR'S FOREIGN CAR
 Check Engine Light Experts
 European & Asian Specialist
 European Master Tech 40 Yrs. Exp.
860-727-9512
cesarsforeigncar@yahoo.com
www.cesarsforeigncar.com

appreciate *Thank you* support
SPONSORS

IN REMEMBRANCE OF
SAMANTHA JOSEPHSON

S A M I

STOP ASK MATCH INFORM

Ask **#WHATSMYNAME**
 BEFORE YOU GET IN A RIDE SHARE

Owned & Operated by the Carmon Family
CARMON
 Community Funeral Homes
 Funerals • Cremation • PrePlanning • Repasts

860.688.2200
www.carmonfuneralhome.com
 Windsor • Poquonock • Granby • Suffield • South Windsor • Rockville • Vernon • Avon

INCREASE YOUR VISIBILITY IN THE COMMUNITY

Place Your Ad Here to Support Our Parish!

CONTACT ME Jeannie
203-530-8048