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June 1, 2025 • Seventh Sunday of Easter

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Saturday Evening Mass of Anticipation

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11:45 AM Public

5:00 PM Public

Weekday Masses

7:30 AM Public

12:05 PM Public & Livestream

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Monday, Wednesday, Friday 11:15 to 11:45 AM

Saturday 3:15 to 3:45 PM

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Daily Mass Readings

Monday, June 2	Acts 19:1-8; John 16:29-33
Tuesday, June 3	Acts 20:17-27; John 17:1-11a
Wednesday, June 4	Acts 20:28-38; John 17:11b-19
Thursday, June 5	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; John 17:20-26
Friday, June 6	Acts 25:13b-21; John 21:15-19
Sunday, June 8	Genesis 11:1-9 or Exodus 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ezekiel 37:1-14 or Joel 3:1-5; Psalm 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30; Romans 8:22-27; John 7:37-39

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



The Drumming Circle - try something 'new'

First Monday of the Month: 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

The Pastor's Corner

June 1, 2025

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

"March went out like a lion,
A-whippin' up the water in the bay.
Then April cried
And stepped aside,
And along come pretty little May!
May was full of promises,
But she didn't keep 'em quick enough fer some,
And a crowd of Doubtin' Thomases
Was predictin' that the summer'd never come."

These verses from the song "June is bustin' out all over" from the Rogers and Hammerstein musical, "Carousel," pretty much capture the weather we've experienced these past few months here in the northeast. Here's hoping that June will indeed bust our all over and lead us into a sunny and warmer month than we had in May!

Although it hasn't felt particularly spring-like, we've been busy nevertheless throughout this Easter season. First Communion and Confirmation have focused on our young parishioners advancing in their growth as members of our community. Let us continue to pray that the Holy Spirit will guide them as they come to know Jesus more intimately in their daily lives.

We have also been busy on the liturgical music front as our search committee continues its work in finding our next director of music ministries. The committee, consisting of myself as well as Zachary Gilbert, Allison Holst-Grubbe, Joanne Huelsman, Beverly Boyle and Marc Sherer, have been diligently meeting and reviewing the almost two dozen applications we received.

After reviewing the applications we selected several candidates for Zoom interviews which took place over several weeks in May. Now we will move on with in-person auditions in the next few weeks. These will include rehearsing the choir as well as auditions at the organ, including works from the organ literature and service music with the cantors.

Hopefully, we will be able to make our final choice by the end of this month, and invite the successful candidate to join our pastoral team before the end of the summer. Please keep us in your prayers



as we make our final decisions. We have several very fine candidates who have shown great interest in our music ministry, and who wish to continue building a program that will help us lift our hearts and voices in sung prayer. I should also add that the music survey which brought in over 200 responses has been a very helpful instrument that has helped us find just the right person for this vital role in our parish's life.

A few weeks ago our Organ Scholar, Madison Thompson, graduated from Trinity College and will be heading to Montreal and McGill



University for further organ study. We are grateful for her dynamic presence with us the past two years, and we wish her our best for success as she continues on her path to a Master's degree in organ

performance. We hope to have another organ scholar from Trinity to join us in the fall.

Our choirs will conclude their season in a few weeks, and they are planning to present a year-end concert on Sunday, June 22nd at 4:00 PM. The program will feature choral works appropriate for the Feast of Corpus Christi as well as organ works played by Madison Thompson. So, please plan to join us, especially if you will be attending the 5:00 Mass on the day.

Blessings on your week ahead!

Fr. Tim Shreenan, OFM
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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 Tuesdays. Next meeting: June 3, 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: June 4, 2025, at 12:40 PM.

In Quiet Prayer:

Every Wednesday. Next meeting: June 4, 2025. We enter into a contemplative prayer practice for compassion on Wednesday mornings, from 7:30 to 8:00AM on Zoom. Away from distraction and interruption, in quiet and stillness, and with our eyes closed, we settle into our seats and become aware of our breathing, in and out. We create a "bowl" with our hands to hold "seeds of compassion" — compassion for others, far and near, and compassion for ourselves. We listen to and then ponder and reflect on a reading, a prayer, a blessing or a meditation. At the end of our 30 minutes together, during which we have drawn closer to God, we carry God's voice as it guides us into our day and our week ahead. Please go to <https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-In-Quiet-Prayer> to register.

People of Hope: "The Flowing Grace of Now"

Next meeting: June 4, 2025, from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM on Zoom.

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

Divine Reading: Wednesday, June 4, 2025 at 7:00 pm at the Franciscan Center. Please consider joining us for "lectio divina" (divine reading.) It is a prayerful reading of a bible passage in order to discern its message for each of us today. We have found that meeting in person gives the experience greater intimacy and impact. If you haven't tried it yet, please do! The process is simple and will be explained each time, and sharing is welcome, but optional.

June Creation Care Corner!

Did You Know...

that a nuclear exchange using as few as 100 weapons anywhere in the world would disrupt the global climate and agricultural production, causing mass starvation?



St. Francis crossed enemy lines in Egypt to speak with the Caliph. He didn't prevent war, but he did establish common ground between enemies. Pope Francis⁺ voiced his opposition to nuclear weapons and called for their abolition, emphasizing that their use is a crime against humanity and the environment. The U.S. Catholic Bishops have numerous statements and resources about the issues of nuclear weapons. Read more here: [USCCB Statements on Nuclear Weapons \(https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-USCCB-NW\)](https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-USCCB-NW).

The International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War has also provided a report that agrees with our Catholic faith. Read more here: [Scientific Report \(https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-Sci-Rpt\)](https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-Sci-Rpt).

There is a proposal in Congress, H.Res 317, that addresses this situation. It urges the United States to lead the world back from the brink of nuclear war and halt and reverse the nuclear arms race. Read and take action here: [U.S. Nuclear Weapons Policy \(https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-H-Res-3-17\)](https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-H-Res-3-17).

Our Own Nazareth Time

Final Session: Monday, 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 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. .

Next Meeting is
June 9
at 7:00 pm
on Zoom

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





Rainbows of Hope: LGBTQ+ Families Share Their Stories

Featuring Parents and their LGBTQ+ children
Sunday, June 8th, 2025, 2-4 pm

All Are Welcome!

Registration Required: Scan QR Code
or go to <https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-OH-June-8>
to register.



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and Family and Friends of LGBTQ+ Support Ministry

Go to www.SPSACT.org for more info on Open Hearts and Family and
Friends Ministry's or Contact the Office at 860-756-4034 or email info@spsact.org



Saturday Morning Centering Yoga

Centering Yoga is taking a summer break. Look for a return to
Saturdays in September. Happy summer everyone.

A Novel Idea Book Club

Our May book selection is *Absolution* by Alice McDermott.

Kirkusreviews.com says, "This transporting, piercing, profound
novel is McDermott's masterpiece."

Consider joining the discussion on **June 19, 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
[org](#) if you need the Zoom Link.

Do You Want to be Part of an Experiment?

Building a Culture of Dignity

THE DIGNITY INDEX

Thursday, June 19 at 12:45-1:45 p.m. and 6:30-7:30 PM.

Thursday, July 10 at 12:45-1:45 p.m. and 6:30-7:30 PM.

Over the past year, have YOU experienced first-hand or witnessed
within our culture, the use of language which divides us one from
another? Perhaps within your school, workplace, community, or
even our own country, you've seen up close the divisions created
when people are treated harshly, sometimes with contempt. One
attempt to reverse this negative impact upon our lives involves
adopting "The Dignity Index." Placing DIGNITY at the heart of our
conversations, in-person or on social media, can be a choice to build
back our humanity.

Join Us in an experiment! On Thursday, June 19, select a time to
gather at the Franciscan Center with others.

Receive the details about this effort. Use the following three weeks
to "try it out" within your circles at home, work, and on social
media.

Come Back on Thursday, July 10 to share your experience! Even
if you just want to learn about this tool and hear the results of this
experiment, we invite you to join either or both gatherings!

Together let's make this Choice away from judgment and dehu-
manizing language.

Let us **respond to the Call** to a different way. . . one which affirms
the humanity of all.

Co-facilitators: Elaine Wiatr and Pat Curtis

Sister Parish Committee: In-person Meeting



Tuesday, June 10, 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://ti-](https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-St-Genevieve)

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The Emmaus Grieving Parent Ministry



We meet at the Franciscan Center at 3:30 on
the third Sunday of the month. Next meeting is
June 15, 2025.

Please call the church office for more informa-
tion at 860-756-4034.



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NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD

Branches on the Vine

MAY 31 - JUNE 6, 2025



A NEW GUILD
THE MONASTERY OF OUR LADY OF GRACE ESTABLISHES THE AQUINAS GUILD.

- Story by Karen A. Avitabile

The medieval painting of Madonna and St. Thomas Aquinas in the church Chiesa de San Pietro Martire (Church of St. Peter Martyr) in Italy by an unknown artist of the 15th century. ADOBE STOCK

Earlier this year, on the feast day of St. Thomas Aquinas, and at the close of the triple jubilee marking his canonization, birth and death, the Monastery of Our Lady of Grace, a Dominican community of cloistered contemplative nuns, established the Aquinas Guild with St. Thomas as its patron... To enroll as a member of the Aquinas Guild or to see the schedule of Guild events, fill out the form online by visiting, dominicanuns.org/aquinas-guild. To read the entire story and view upcoming events please go to <https://tinyurl.com/AOHCT-Branches-6-1-25>.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, May 31, 2025

4:00 PM Anna Alexis, 13th Anniversary

Sunday, June 1, 2025

8:00 AM John & Rita Ashe

10:00 AM Kathleen McArdle

11:45 AM Zeida Ochoa

5:00 PM Ann Marzano

Monday, June 2, 2025

7:30 AM Mario Marena

12:05 PM Kennett Cheney

Tuesday, June 3, 2025

7:30 AM Mario Marena

12:05 PM Concetta Gianni

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

7:30 AM Prayer intentions for our parishioners

12:05 PM Dennis Sullivan

Thursday, June 5, 2025

7:30 AM Denis Geary

12:05 PM Denis Geary

Friday, June 6, 2025

7:30 AM Prayer intentions for St. Genevieve Parish

12:05 PM Michael O'Donnell

Saturday, June 7, 2025

4:00 PM Orazio Romano, 1st Anniversary

Sunday, June 8, 2025

8:00 AM Ruth Buckley

10:00 AM Joseph Kelliher

11:45 AM In thanksgiving to St. Lucy

5:00 PM Michael O'Donnell

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.

Sanctuary Lamps

Week of June 1, 2025

In memory of Stanley Sidur and Lydia Sidur

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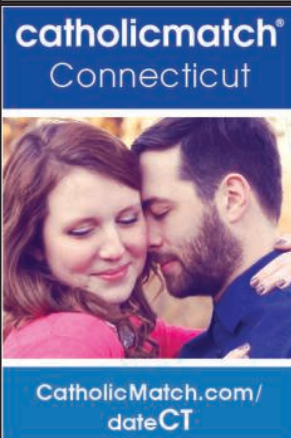
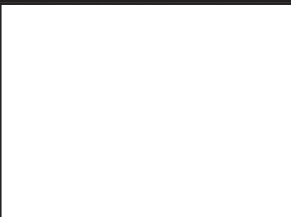
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