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May 4, 2025 • Third Sunday of Easter



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

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## 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

## Encountering the Empty Tomb: Challenges for a Global Church



During this Easter season, you are invited to conversation and faith-sharing with other members of the Church – the people of God.

Together we will take in current comments about the challenges for a global community of faith. Our life as Christians is not to mourn at the empty tomb and search for Jesus in the world of the past. Our challenge is to discover the vibrant Jesus in unexpected and previously unnoticed new forms. Please go to <https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-Empty-Tomb> to register.

We will gather on Zoom for multiple sessions:

Thursdays, May 8 & 15 from 10:30-11:30 AM.

Join us when your schedule allows.

Facilitator: Fr. A Francis Soucy, OFM

## Daily Mass Readings

**Monday, May 5** Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29  
**Tuesday, May 6** Acts 7:51—8:1a; Jn 6:30-35  
**Wednesday, May 7** Acts 8:1b-8; Jn 6:35-40  
**Thursday, May 8** Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51  
**Friday, May 9** Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59  
**Sunday, May 11** Acts 13:14, 43-52 Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5;  
Rv 7:9, 14b-17 Jn 10:27-30

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

## 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:

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# The Pastor's Corner

May 4, 2025

Dear Parishioners and Friends,



I can remember the days and weeks following the election and installation of Pope Francis back in 2013, and the breath of fresh air he brought to the church. Here was a pope whose first public words after his election were "Buona sera!" Here was a pope who went back to the hotel he had been staying at prior to the conclave to pay his bill! Here was a pope with a sense of humor who loved to laugh with people. People seemed so happy and many started coming back to church. We thought of it as "The Francis Effect."

The day of his funeral on Saturday, April 26th was bright and sunny – a perfect Roman spring morning. While there was a certain sadness at that moment, there was also a palpable feeling of joy and thanksgiving that we had been so fortunate to have had him with us as our Holy Father. The Francis Effect was still there.

We can hope that the legacy of Pope Francis will continue to imbue the Catholic Church with a sense of compassion and mercy, of care for the environment, and an urgency to make the Gospel more evident in the world. As Cardinal Giovanni Battista Re said in his homily at the Pope's Funeral Mass, "He was a Pope among the people", with an open heart towards everyone, especially the marginalised, the least among us, but "also a Pope attentive to the signs of the times and what the Holy Spirit was awakening in the Church."

As the world's Cardinals prepare to enter the conclave on May 7, let us pray for a new pope who will continue to shepherd the Church with zeal for the Gospel, and compassion for all.

It was fitting that, shortly after Pope Francis was laid to rest, members of our parish joined many others to Walk Against Hunger here in Hartford. Fr. Mike took some photos during the walk which I'd like to share with you.

*Fr. Tim*  
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 Tuesdays. Next meeting: May 6, 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: May 7, 2025, at 12:40 PM.

### In Quiet Prayer:

**Every Wednesday.** Next meeting: May 7, 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: May 7, 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.

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



## 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.



## Secular Franciscan Order

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.



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



## 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>.

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## 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](mailto:info@spsact.org) if you need the Zoom Link.



## 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*

## 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](mailto:janetbristow@sbcglobal.net)

Family and Friends  
of LGBTQ+  
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You are Invited to a Special Panel Event:

## Rainbows of Hope: LGBTQ+ Families Share Their Stories

Featuring Parents and their LGBTQ+ children

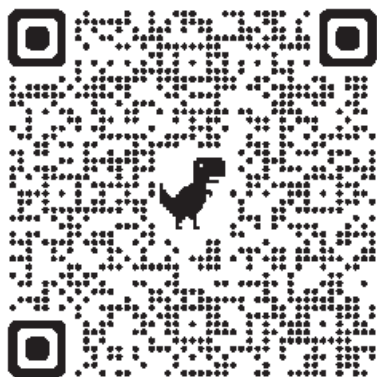
**Sunday, June 8th, 2025, 2-4 pm**

at the

Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry

St. Patrick - St. Anthony Roman Catholic Parish

285 Church St, Hartford, CT



**All Are Welcome!**

**Registration Required** - Scan this QR Code  
to Register for the event

Or [click here](#) for Link to register. Join in  
person or on zoom. This is a **hybrid** event.

Join us for 5 pm Mass after the event and at 6 pm for Open Hearts and  
Family and Friends Summer Picnic, Food and Drink Provided

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Go to [ww.SPSACT.org](http://ww.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](mailto:info@spsact.org)



## Mass Intentions for the Week

**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

**Monday, May 5, 2025**

7:30 AM Prayer intentions for the people of St. Genevieve

12:05 PM Concetta Gianni

**Tuesday, May 6, 2025**

7:30 AM Mr. & Mrs. Ambrosius Pg

12:05 PM The Giadone Family

**Wednesday, May 7, 2025**

7:30 AM Mr. & Mrs. Garardus S.

12:05 PM Michael Fusco, Jr.

**Thursday, May 8, 2025**

7:30 AM Joseph Kelliher

12:05 PM Prayer intentions for our Parishioners

**Friday, May 9, 2025**

7:30 AM Tommy Labriola

12:05 PM In Memory of Jeremiah Dowd

**Saturday, May 10, 2025**

4:00 PM Concetta Romano, 20th Anniversary

**Sunday, May 11, 2025**

8:00 AM William, Angie & Joanne Speziale

10:00 AM Carmella & Guido Coletto

11:45 AM Deceased members of the Nejame Family

5:00 PM Bronislawa & Jozef Borowiak

## Baptisms This Weekend

**Cody Ezekiel Selga Pelayo**

child of Dan Eric Tan Pelayo and Catherine Bahay Selga

Celebrated by

Fr. Michael Johnson, O.F.M.

## 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.

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# Upcoming Events



04/30 - 06/11 WEDNESDAYS 10AM - 11:30AM  
**SPIRITUALITY OF THE GOSPELS**  
 Sacred Heart on the Lake Retreat Center,  
 194 Candlewood Hill Rd, Higganum

Scripture invites us to become Christ like in all we are and do. This seven week series on the Spirituality of the Gospels leads us to a deeper relationship with Christ and to a deeper understanding of His message. The sessions include a book that you can order from us or purchase on your own. There will be discussions and a follow up DVD. Suggested donation is \$10.00 per session. To register or for further information you can email or call Sr. Patricia at email: [cigrandpatricia@gmail.com](mailto:cigrandpatricia@gmail.com) or 203-606-4830 or register online at: [www.sacredheartontheLake.org](http://www.sacredheartontheLake.org)



05/7 WEDNESDAY 7PM  
**DIVINE READING**  
 Franciscan Center, 285 Church St, Hartford

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.



05/9 FRIDAY 6:30PM  
**THE LIVING ROSARY IN HONOR OF OUR BLESSED MOTHER**  
 Incarnation Church, 544 Prospect St, Wethersfield

The Living Rosary is a way to pray the Rosary as a community. Each person represents a bead. That person starts to recite a Hail Mary and everyone then continues the prayer. Consider joining and taking part in this beautiful celebration.

Refreshments to follow in Fr. Crawford Hall.

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05/17 SATURDAY 8AM - 12PM  
**PERENNIAL PLANT SALE**  
 Church of St. Ann, Corner of Arch Rd  
 & West Avon Rd, Avon

A variety of plants from church members' gardens will be offered. Past offerings have included baby's breath, hosta, cranesbill, astilbe, coral bells, columbine, black-eyed susan, bleeding heart, lilies, sedum, bearded iris, dwarf iris, forsythia, lilac, red spirea, and many more. Proceeds will benefit the Social Outreach Scholarship Program. Knowledgeable gardeners will be available to assist shoppers.

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