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July 13, 2025 • Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Good Samaritan by Eugène Delacroix (1798–1863)

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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

**Daily Mass
Readings**



Monday, July 14 Ex 1:8-14, 22; Mt 10:34—11:1
Tuesday, July 15 Ex 2:1-15a; Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday, July 16 Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Mt 11:25-27
Thursday, July 17 Ex 3:13-20; Mt 11:28-30
Friday, July 18 Ex 11:10—12:14; Mt 12:1-8
Sunday, July 20 Gen 18:1-10a Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5;
 Col 1:24-28 Lk 10:38-42

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

Christmas in July 2025



The support that our Parish, St. Patrick - St. Anthony, provides to our sister Parish, St. Genevieve in Zoranje, Haiti, literally enables the Parish school to be open. Through the provision of salaries for teachers and aides, school lunch program and books, many members of the community remain employed and the children at the school have a good meal every day. Our support also helps with supplemental food for a number of the elderly in the Parish who are in need. Apart from the sustenance that our support provides, and more importantly perhaps, our support gives a measure of hope and stability to a community in great need of hope and a sense of steadfast support in very troubled times. Through our hope, faith, and sustenance the community of Zoranje and the Parish of St. Genevieve can look beyond the present troubles and look forward to a better future. The students can count on a safe place, a good meal and very importantly an education, and the community at large can count on the continued operation of their school.



The average cost of a meal for 400 children, 28 teachers, and staff is the equivalent of \$0.30/day.

Will you be willing to support a meal of fish, peas, and rice or corn each day for students and staff in the school cafeteria? Please help us keeping the spirit of hope alive for our brothers and sisters.

To make a donation, please drop a check in the basket made out to SPSA-Sister Parish (put Christmas in July on the memo line) or to give online, scan the QR code or go to <https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-Donate-xmas-in-july-2025>.



The Pastor's Corner

July 13, 2025

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

First, allow me express my sincerest condolences to our Pastoral Associate, Patricia Curtis, on the death of her mother Doris, who embraced Sister Death last Sunday, July 6th. Pat had been devoted to the care of her mother for a number of years, and in recent months that care increased as Doris suffered the effects of growing weaker and the need for round-the-clock attention. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated for Doris on Monday, July 14th, at 11:00 AM in her home parish of St. James Church in Manchester. May choirs of angels lead her into paradise, and may the martyrs come to welcome her to bring her home into the Holy City, the new Jerusalem.

Later this week I will begin my vacation at the New Jersey shore, so I will not be around for the next two weeks. You might remember what I wrote in my pastor's letter two years ago about my stay to Margate, NJ when I had the opportunity to take a tour of the famous Atlantic City Boardwalk Hall pipe organ, the largest in the world. Perhaps I'll take another tour this year to see the progress that's been made in the ongoing restoration of that massive instrument of 33,000 pipes. Most of all, I'm looking forward to spending some time relaxing and taking walks along the beautiful beaches of south Jersey. During the 2023 trip, I had the opportunity



to visit the last surviving member of my parent's generation, my own Aunt Doris, my mother's sister. It was fortunate that I could spend time with her at her beach home in Avalon, NJ before her death in April of 2024 at the age of 98. Her husband, my uncle Chuck, had died in January of 2020.

My heart breaks for the people of central Texas who are dealing with the aftermath of torrential rain and flash floods which have taken the lives of more than 100 persons, including a number of children. Let us keep them in prayer and lift them up to the Lord for his comfort and consolation.

Finally, we are looking forward to a visit from Archbishop Coyne at the end of the month. He is scheduled to bring a seminarian or two to witness our Thursday hot meal program and the health checks conducted by nursing students from the University of St. Joseph, under the supervision of Sr. Beth Fischer, director of The Wellness Center on Church Street. Archbishop Coyne is well aware of the many ways in which our parish, together with the Franciscan Center, serves the needs of the people of Hartford, both spiritually and physically.

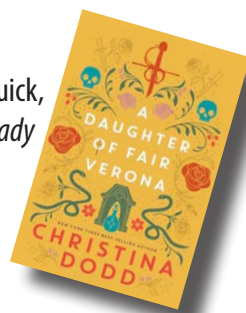
Blessings on your week ahead!

Fr. Tim Shreenan, O.F.M.
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A Novel Idea Book Club

In a review on goodreads.com, Amanda Quick, New York Times bestselling author of *The Lady Has a Past*, calls our July book selection, *A Daughter of Fair Verona* by Christina Dodd, "A sharp, determined heroine, a clever historical mystery, sparkling wit, a unique setting, family drama and a dash of romance."



Consider joining the discussion on **July 17, 2025 at 7:00 PM at the Franciscan Center**. For more information and a list of upcoming books, please go to <https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-NBC-Books>. Contact the office at 860-756-4034 or email info@spsact.org if you need more information.

Sister Parish: Call to Action

The Sister Parish is asking for your help in getting support and co-sponsorship for a Bipartisan bill. The bill will sanction those responsible for arming and funding the gangs in Haiti.



Please contact your Representatives and ask them to Support and Co-Sponsor the Haiti Criminal Collusion Transparency Act (HR2643, S1854). Thank you.



Access more information and quick contact links to your legislators by scanning the QR code or going to this link: <https://quixote.org/action#/19>.

Baptisms This Weekend

Dean Michael
child of
Evan Schmidt and JoAnna Silverstein
and

Rosemary Anne
child of
Gillian Brunet

Celebrated by Fr. John Leonard, O.F.M.



Beach Mass JOIN US FOR MASS & A DAY AT THE BEACH
HAMMONASSET BEACH STATE PARK, PAVILION 3
JULY 20, 2025 AT 10:00 AM!
spsact.org/mass-at-beach-2025
Start the day with Mass, pack your picnic, and relax for a wonderful day enjoying community with family, friends, and the beach!



Little Sisters of the Poor: St. Joseph's Residence for the Elderly



On July 19, 2025 & July 20, 2025 the Little Sisters of the Poor will be visiting St. Patrick & St. Anthony. The collection taken for them will be exclusively for the care of the elderly poor who reside with them at St. Joseph's Residence in Enfield. The Little Sisters of the Poor have been serving the needs of the elderly poor in Connecticut and Western Massachusetts for over 100 years. They are most grateful for your generosity. Please consider supporting their annual appeal by making checks payable to: Little Sisters of the Poor-St. Joseph's Residence.

Servant Leadership: "Come & See" Workshop

Wednesday, July 23, 6:30-8:00 PM

Wednesday, July 30, 12:45-2:15 PM



So, what's all the buzz about **Servant leadership**? Don't those two words seem contradictory? How can someone be a servant and a leader at the same time?

We are all set to provide the answers to your burning questions by offering a **two-session workshop**.

Facilitator: Elaine Wiatr

Register using the QR Code or go to

<https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-SL-WkShp-2025>

THANK YOU

Weekly Offering Update

06/29/2025: \$23,776.73

07/06/2025: \$19,660.73

2025 Archbishop's Annual Appeal

Our Goal: \$115,000.00 Total Gifts as of 7/3/2025: \$83,296.90

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.



2025-26 YOUTH FAITH FORMATION AT ST. PATRICK - ST. ANTHONY
Children ages 3 through Confirmation
Scan the QR code or go to <https://bit.ly/SPSA-FF-registration-2025-26>
REGISTER NOW



Women of Hope Ministry



Are you in need of inspiration and HOPE?

The Leadership Conference of Women Religious (LCWR) is an association of the leaders of congregations of Catholic women religious in the United States. The conference has nearly 1270 members, who represent approximately 66 percent of the 35,000 women religious in the United States. Founded in 1956, the conference assists its members to collaboratively carry out their service of leadership to further the mission of the Gospel in today's world.

The statement which LCWR published in January responds to the difficult and challenging realities of today. The statement witnesses to the convictions of faith and the advocacy to which Sisters have committed themselves. Here is the final section from the LCWR's Statement for your own reflection.

We are now facing a time that differs in many significant ways from any previous period in which most of us have lived. Lives all around us are at stake. All evidence shows that we will be seeing an increase in moral violations.

In the time ahead, we will need to be women who stay informed, listen carefully to all voices and perspectives, and engage in serious and deep discernment to make wise choices so that we do not contribute hatred, fear, division, or violence to the world. Our decisions should lead us to become even more fully who we are called to be – bearers of love who refuse to relinquish our moral authority nor languish in despair. May we wholeheartedly embrace the call of the church to be people of hope and live this call with all our being for the sake of the world and its future.

Truly WOMEN of HOPE!

Help Bridge the Gap: A Call for PB&J Volunteers

You may have heard that Connecticut Foodshare has been significantly impacted by recent government cutbacks—specifically, reductions to the Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) and the Local Food Purchase Assistance (LFPA) program. As a result, Foodshare is losing 1.4 million pounds of food - equivalent to 34 truckloads that would have gone to food pantries across the state. These losses are already affecting vulnerable communities in Greater Hartford that rely on these vital services.



We're seeing the effects firsthand each evening at the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry, where individuals come to the window in search of a meal. Our ministry typically distributes around 200 sandwiches each night and throughout the weekend. However, due to these cuts, we are now facing weekend shortages and need your help to fill the gap.

We're seeking 8 volunteers to support our PB&J sandwich supply from July through October.

Each volunteer will be assigned one weekend and asked to prepare 50 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches at home for delivery (detailed instructions will be provided). The estimated cost for supplies—bread, peanut butter, jelly, and sandwich bags—is about \$16 at Aldi. You provide the ingredients and your time—we'll take care of the rest.

By pitching in and becoming a **Sunday Sandwich Savior**, you're not only feeding those in need, but also giving our dedicated, daily sandwich makers a much-needed breather. The schedule expansion will be reviewed in the Fall for its effectiveness but we anticipate it will be an annual opportunity.

If you're interested in joining this effort, please email info@spsact.org and more information will be sent your way. Your support will make a meaningful difference.

Peace,
Fr. Mike

Creation Care Corner July 2025

Welcome to the Creation Care Corner! Did You Know...



That there has been a 75% drop in insect population in the last thirty years?

You might have heard about a decline in bees and butterflies. This is because they are the most popular insects and receive the bulk

of the research money. This is also a problem that affects many different insects in our world. There is no single factor that is causing the decline. The increase in agriculture comes to mind as well as weather changes. But there is more to the story. **Insects are disappearing:** <https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-Insects>.

This is the time of the year to be outside. Unfortunately, we see too many insects and our first thoughts are not about caring for them. But insects take care of pollinating our food. They also are a huge food source for fish, birds and other wildlife. Why do we need bugs? Learn more here: <https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-WHY>.

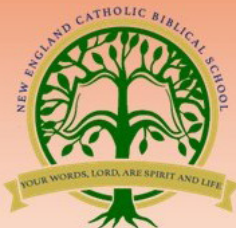
Insects have been around for over 400 million years and humans have been around only 0.3 million years! We need to respect the insects! Let's find ways that we can live together with the insects whether it is using physical barriers to keep them out, or using pesticides as the last resort. Invite the helpful insects to our spaces. Get more ideas on how to Support good insects here: <https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-WHY>.

Insects can look scary even if they are harmless. Take a look of some of these pictures: <https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-bugs>.

God calls you to seek Him, to know Him, and to love Him.

Can you hear Him calling you?

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If so, it is time to join the New England Catholic Biblical School.

Call us 860-242-5573 x 2651

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, July 12, 2025

4:00 PM William, Angie & Joanne Speziale

Sunday, July 13, 2025

8:00 AM Mary O'Connell Cacchillo

10:00 AM Prayer intentions for Jim & Beverly Boyle, celebrating their 55th Anniversary this year.

11:45 AM Francisco & Elissa Lanaro

5:00 PM Rafael Morales

Monday, July 14, 2025

7:30 AM Prayer intentions for Carlos Costa

12:05 PM John Lilly

Tuesday, July 15, 2025

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

12:05 PM Ronald Roy

Wednesday, July 16, 2025

7:30 AM Prayer intentions for our parishioners

12:05 PM Salvatore Bramante

Thursday, July 17, 2025

7:30 AM Joey Cotter

12:05 PM Nicholas Callahan

Friday, July 18, 2025

7:30 AM William Adams, Jr.

12:05 PM Conrado Rosal, 10th Anniversary

Saturday, July 19, 2025

4:00 PM Dermot McAleese

Sunday, July 20, 2025

8:00 AM Dymphna Lynch

10:00 AM Dennis Sullivan

11:45 AM

5:00 PM Kevin Maloney

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.

We are here to serve you

The programs and ministries listed below are just a sampling of our many offerings. Please go to www.spsact.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 <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 Ministry: 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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<https://www.facebook.com/St-Patrick-St-Anthony-Church-109359789104825/>



<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8Vhk8-hhlyAJenBxueHySQ>



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