

St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church • 285 Church Street • Hartford, Connecticut
July 20, 2025 • Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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!



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 21	Ex 14:5-18; Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday, July 22	Sg of Sgs 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; John 20:1-2, 11-18
Wednesday, July 23	Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Mt 13:1-9
Thursday, July 24	Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Mt 13:10-17
Friday, July 25	2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 20:20-28
Sunday, July 27	Gen 18:20-32; Psalm 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13

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

Christmas in July 2025



Our 20-year covenant with the parish of St. Genevieve provides sustainability and stability to a community surrounded by violence and chaos. Through earthquakes, hurricanes, a pandemic, and political and economic upheaval, our parish has provided unbroken support to St. Genevieve. Keeping our covenant requires a yearly infusion of funds to support the school, teacher and staff salaries, food for the children and elderly, and the staffing of a rudimentary health clinic. Fr. Gaby and our colleagues in Zoranje, Haiti do so much with what we give them. For six dollars per month per child, St. Genevieve parish provides the 400 children year-round simple meals of mostly beans and rice, peas, with an additional protein of fish. Our support also contributes to the salaries of qualified teachers and aides without whom the school could not succeed and nourishes community elders with no other source of income or support. Fr. Gaby and the parish council also disperse a small amount to support a rudimentary health clinic staffed by a nurse who lives in the community.



The Sister Parish Committee asks each of our parish households to contribute at the level that fits into your family budget. You will be a "pilgrim of hope"

to strengthen the desires of families for a better future for their children. We have been there for them for 20 years and we cannot let them down.

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 20, 2025

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Hospitality is a prominent theme in the readings for this Sunday. In the first reading from the book of Genesis, we hear the story of three mysterious strangers who visit Abraham in Mamre and tell him that his wife Sarah will conceive and bear a son. I guess it's good to be kind to one's visitors! In the gospel of Luke, Jesus is a guest at the home of Martha and Mary where he is treated to two very different kinds of hospitality. We all learn which type Jesus prefers.

As you know, I have started a few weeks of vacation, where I am spending my time at a New Jersey vacation house which the friars of our province have been blessed to have for more than sixty years. Throughout that time it has been staffed by one or two friars who look after the place. In many ways, it's a ministry of hospitality, and most of the time we have been treated with great care. One of the recent "curators" – as they are generally referred to – went out of his way to make friars feel welcome and comfortable. The only thing missing was a chocolate on our pillows!

On the other hand, there was once a curator who was a bit less hospitable. The only cookies he stocked in the kitchen were oatmeal raisin. Year after year, nothing but oatmeal raisin! I, being the young smart aleck that I was back then, had the temerity

to suggest that he consider getting a different kind of cookie. So, one day, as I was sitting at the kitchen table eating my lunch, he came in and dropped a package of Oreos in front of me. "Here, you better eat all of these," he grumbled, and walked away. So, a different style of hospitality!



Jesus invites each of us personally to come to him with faith, trust, and confidence that he loves us no matter what. He invites us each week to come together as a family to join in the sacrifice of himself to the Father, which is what the Liturgy of the Eucharist is all about. He asks us to bring all that we are to this weekly celebration and to offer ourselves with him in thanksgiving and joy. In a sense, as he has given himself to us in the greatest act of hospitality, we in turn are called to return that hospitality to one another.

In closing, I wish to express the thanks of our parish to those who exercise the ministry of hospitality, including our Community Sunday teams, our ushers and sacristans at Mass who welcome our parishioners and visitors, and others who help to set up and clean up for our parish events.

Blessings on your week ahead!

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

Pastor

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>.

Baptisms This Weekend

Myron Martin Perez
child of
Michael Perez & Melissa Colon
Celebrated by Fr. Bill Beaudin, O.F.M.

Servant Leadership: "Come & See" Workshop

Please Join Us on Wednesday, July 23 at 6:30-8:00 p.m. OR

Wednesday, July 30 at 12:45-2:15 p.m.



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. Come & See!

Facilitator: Elaine Wiatr

Register using the QR Code or go to

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

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



This weekend 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.



Weekly Offering Update

07/13/2025: \$16,250.73

Join Us This Week

Group Spiritual Reflection: Zoom Meetings: Every Tuesdays. Next meeting: July 22, 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.

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** **REGISTER NOW**
Children ages 3 through Confirmation
Scan the QR code or go to <https://bit.ly/SPSA-FF-registration-2025-26>

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!

THE DIGNITY INDEX

****PROGRAM POSTPONED****

Building a Culture of Dignity

Thursday, July 31 at 12:45-1:45 PM and 6:30-7:30 PM.

Have you experienced first-hand or witnessed within your school, workplace, family or community, the use of language which divides us one from another? Perhaps 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 on Thursday, July 31 to learn about this tool and hear observations from folks using this Index in their lives.

Participation in the first session is not a pre-requisite to attend this July gathering – Come & Learn!

Together let's make this CHOICE away from judgment and dehumanizing language.

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

Visit the website www.dignity.us to discover informative resources – check it out!

Co-facilitators: Elaine Wiatr and Pat Curtis

Please register here <https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-Dignity-Reg> and then email Pat to let her know which session you plan to attend at pcurtis@spsact.org.

Order You Peace Yard Sign

The message of PEACE is relevant now more than ever. Do you want to help promote peace in our region? Remember our Peace Yard Signs from 2022 and 2023? IF you are a parishioner whose sign has been weather-damaged and now needs a replacement OR someone who missed the opportunity to secure a yard sign because we sold out of them, then ~~ You are in LUCK! We will place a bulk order for however many signs we need to meet the demand! The price remains the same as last time: 1 sign for \$15 or 2 signs for \$20.

Please click below to reserve and purchase your "May Peace Prevail" yard sign(s).

All Reservations are due by July 31.



Around the Archdiocese



TRIDUUM OF SAINT ANN

July 24-26, 7 PM
St. Michael Church, New Haven

The St. Ann Society would like to cordially invite you to the annual Triduum in honor of Good Saint Ann on July 24th, 25th, and 26th (Thursday, Friday, and Saturday) at 7PM at St. Michael Church. The Triduum begins with two nights of rosary and prayers invoking the intercession of St. Ann. The third and concluding night is a Mass with a reception afterwards. Please extend this invitation to anyone who would like to join us. We are also always actively seeking women who may want to become new members of the St. Ann Society.

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, July 26, 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

Monday, July 21, 2025

7:30 AM Yvonne Crocket

12:05 PM Kenneth Kowalski

Tuesday, July 22, 2025

7:30 AM Pascual Gutierrez & Argentina Collado

12:05 PM Madeline Capodanno

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

7:30 AM Prayer intentions for our parishioners

12:05 PM Christopher Shea, 3rd Anniversary

Thursday, July 24, 2025

7:30 AM Prayer intentions for St. Genevieve Parish

12:05 PM Catherine Parah

Friday, July 25, 2025

7:30 AM

12:05 PM James Curtis

Saturday, July 26, 2025

4:00 PM Joyce Wentworth

Sunday, July 27, 2025

8:00 AM Jeannine & Albert Remillard

10:00 AM Fr. Jim Hynes, O.F.M.

11:45 AM Francis Marquis

5:00 PM

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, Pamela Johnson, 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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Watch 10:00 AM Mass Online:



<https://www.facebook.com/St-Patrick-St-Anthony-Church-109359789104825/>



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



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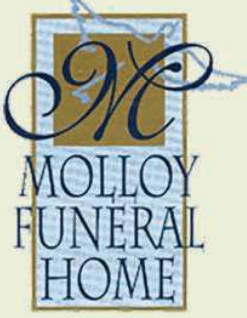
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