

"When you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Luke 14:13-14



L'Invitation au Festin (Invitation to the Feast) by Eugène Burnand, 1850-1921

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August 31, 2025 • Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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



Day of Reflection for Women

St. Edmund's Retreat, Saturday

October 11, 2025, 9:30 AM – 3:30 PM

"Bothered by God?"

During this day of retreat, we will consider the invitation to deeper listening to the quiet voice of God in our hearts. How were the women of the Bible "bothered by God" and how did they respond?

Can we hear God's voice in our lives? How are we listening? The day will provide time for input, quiet listening, sharing, and of course, lunch.

Enjoy a day of reflection on beautiful Enders Island, a 12-acre island in Fisher's Island Sound, Mystic, CT.

St. Edmund's is a place for restoration, renewal and reflection.

Download the flyer at <https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-WRetOct25>

OR to register, go to <https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-DOR-W2025>.

Daily Mass Readings



Monday, Sept 1	1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday, Sept 2	1 Thes 2:1-8; Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday, Sept 3	1 Thes 2:9-13; Mt 23:27-32
Thursday, Sept 4	1 Thes 3:7-13; Mt 24:42-51
Friday, Sept 5	1 Thes 4:1-8; Mk 6:17-29
Sunday, Sept 7	Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11 Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14

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

Labor Day Weekend Schedule

Saturday

Office hours: 9am to 4pm, Mass: 4pm

Sunday

Office hours: 9am to 1pm, Masses: 8, 10,
11:45am & 5pm

Monday

Office Closed

Daily Mass at 9:00 am
(no 7:30 am or 12:05 pm)

The Pastor's Corner

August 31, 2025

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

It's hard to believe this is Labor Day weekend! Once again the summer season has flown by, students are back in school, and life marches on at a frenetic pace.

For better or for worse – depending on your preference – this summer has been relatively rain-free, and our weekends have been very enjoyable weatherwise. Remember those recent summers when it rained almost every weekend?

The readings this weekend speak to us about the virtue of humility. Of all of my personality traits, humility is the one I'm most proud of. Or so goes the old joke. Humility is a tough thing to master, to attain and maintain. Ask anyone for a definition of humility and they may have a tough time putting it into words. The Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines it as "freedom from pride or arrogance."

Sure, I think we can take pride in our accomplishments, certainly the accomplishments of our children or friends. But the kind of pride that puts us above others is the kind we must try to avoid completely. That's why pride is traditionally considered one of the seven deadly sins. It's what got the human race into trouble right from the beginning in the garden of Eden.



Humility, on the other hand, doesn't come to us as easily and must be developed with patient discipline. Even Jesus in Matthew's Gospel says "Learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart." I think he understood that humility is a quality that takes time and effort to achieve.

As an antidote to the seven deadly sins (lust, gluttony, greed, sloth, envy, wrath and pride), the Church has enumerated the seven capital virtues: chastity, temperance, charity, diligence, kindness, patience, and... humility. The more we try to practice these virtues in our lives, the more Christ-like we become.

As we try to counteract the growing sense of hopelessness that people feel in face of a society and government that seem to care so little about human dignity, let us not underestimate the power of some genuine, old-fashioned humility and kindness towards others, even at the worst of times.

Blessings on your week ahead!

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

MUSIC UNDER THE STARS
evening out for adults
Saturday, September 6
5:30 pm
\$35 per person

Scan the code or register at:
spsact.org/music-under-stars-2025

A poster for the "Music Under the Stars" event. The background is a dark blue night sky with stars and a faint constellation. The text is in white and gold. A QR code is located on the right side of the poster.

Meet us in the Friary Garden for Social "Hour". Wine, beer, soft drinks provided. Dinner to follow by **Casa Mia on the Green** and music by **The Leslie Alexandra Quartet**.

Please purchase tickets here:
<https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-Sept6-2025>.

Mission Co-Op 2025: Second Collection this Weekend, August 30-31, 2025



This weekend, a Capuchin Franciscan from the Province of St. Joseph in India will be here to preach about their ministry in India. Thanks to the generosity of supporters in the past, they have been able to build a school in their mission in Telangana, India. This initiative has significantly contributed to sustainable development for the village and has provided much-needed educational opportunities for children in need.

The second collection at all our Masses this weekend, August 30-31, 2025 will be taken to support the Capuchin missions in India. For online donations please go to <https://tinyurl.com/SPST-MCO-2025> or scan the code.



Join Us This Week

Group Spiritual Reflection: Zoom Meetings: Every Tuesday.
Next meeting: September 2, 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 Quiet Prayer: Wednesday, September 3, 2025, from 7:30 to 8:00 AM. Join us on Zoom. Zoom link in Monday email.

People of Hope: Every Wednesday at 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM on Zoom, starting September 3, 2025. we will use author Amy Ekeh's latest book *Stretch Out Your Hand: Reflections on the Healing Ministry of Jesus*. To register go to <https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-PPL-HP-2025>.

Open Hearts Ministry

Welcome Back Picnic/BBQ: Join us Sunday, September 14, 2025 at 6:00 PM at the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry for our welcome back picnic and bbq. Go to <https://spsact.org/contact-form-for-open-hearts-ministry/> for more info.

Friends and Family Ministry

Welcome Back! Our next meeting will take place on Sunday, September 21, 2025 at 3:30 PM in the Franciscan Center.



Adult Faith Formation Programs Return

Divine Reading

Wednesdays, September 3 & 17, 2025, from 7:00 to 8:00 PM in-person, in 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. Join us when you can!

Co-facilitators: Sheila Denion and John Lemega

The Drumming Circle Is Back

Join us Monday, September 8, 2025 from 6:30 to 7:30 PM Did you know that 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 in the church. Anyone can learn to drum - no musical experience is needed. 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.



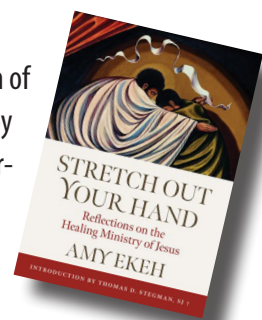
Facilitator: Elaine Wiatr

Sponsored by the Women of Hope Ministry

People of Hope

Every Wednesday at 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM on Zoom, starting September 3, 2025.

Jesus was a remarkable healer. For much of his public ministry, he was surrounded by human need. Crowds followed him wherever he went, pressing in on him, asking for healing. We too seek out this healer from Nazareth and long to encounter him. Together we will reflect on how Jesus is still very much with us, healing and transforming us through his compassionate life, his saving death, and his glorious resurrection.



To spark our conversation and reflection, we will use author Amy Ekeh's latest book *Stretch Out Your Hand: Reflections on the Healing Ministry of Jesus*.

Please join our facilitator, Pat Curtis, each Wednesday, 11:00 am to 12:00 pm on Zoom, to gather with others for weekly inspiration using experiences from our daily lives. Our goal is to keep hope alive and steadfast even as difficult personal and world events press upon us.

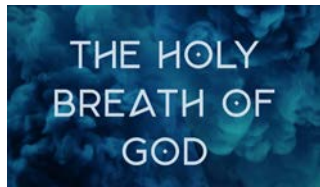
This "People of Hope" gathering is available to you every Wednesday morning ~ attend when your schedule allows to receive the gifts of spiritual nourishment and growth.

Join us!

To register go to <https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-PPL-HP-2025>

Free Will Offering can be made payable to "St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church" and mailed to 285 Church Street, Hartford, CT 06103, Attn. Pat Curtis OR go to <https://osvhub.com/spsact/giving/funds/adult-faith-formation> to give offering conveniently ONLINE and note the program name in the Memo.

Development of the Holy Spirit in the Bible Tuesdays, September 30 and October 7; 6:30-7:45 pm.



The Holy Spirit – the third person of the Trinity – is vital to Christian faith, but did you know that our understanding of the Holy Spirit is heavily rooted in the Hebrew

Scriptures? In this two-part Bible Study, we will read and discuss passages of the Old Testament that provide the foundation for our idea of the Holy Spirit. We will then turn our attention to key passages in the New Testament, to see how its authors fleshed out the portrait of the Holy Spirit and the ways in which it has acted, and continues to act, in our world.

Active participation by attendees is encouraged; no question is off-limits, and lively discussion is welcome.

Go to <https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-DHSB-2025> to let us know you are attending.

Free Will Offering

Facilitator: Dan Kueper



Wisdom in the Psalms

**Thursdays, October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 and November 6;
10:30-11:30 AM.**

A subcategory in the Book of Psalms is often referred to as “wisdom psalms.” These psalms represent influences of a certain way of conceptualizing life and faith. This way of theologizing is best represented in the biblical books of Job, Proverbs, and Ecclesiastes. This program will concentrate on some of these “wisdom psalms” and discuss what does “wisdom” mean as it appears in these psalms.

Please go to <https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-PSW-2025> to receive the Zoom link.

Free Will Offering

Facilitator: Fr. A. Francis Soucy, OFM

SEEKING MAGICIANS OR BALLOON ARTISTS

Would you be willing to share your gifts with our parish community on Sunday, October 5th?

Please contact Mary-Ann at birdmal@att.net to join our team of Parish Picnic volunteers.

You are invited to an evening with
CARL SICILIANO
author of
“MAKING ROOM”
Thursday, Sept. 25
from 6:30-8 pm
at the Franciscan Center
for Urban Ministry

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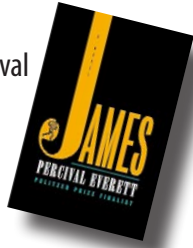
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A Novel Idea Book Club

Our September book selection is *James* by Percival Everett. Maureen Corrigan from npr.org says, “Percival Everett’s retelling of Mark Twain’s 1885 classic focuses on Huck’s enslaved companion. *James* is a tale so inspired, you won’t be able to imagine reading the original without it.”



Consider joining the discussion on **September 18, 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.



Emergency Second Collection for Gaza September 6-7, 2025

Archbishop Coyne is requesting, out of great pastoral concern for the ongoing crisis in Gaza, that all parishes within the Archdiocese take up a special second collection to provide humanitarian relief and pastoral support for our brothers and sisters in Gaza and surrounding areas in the Middle East. We have chosen the weekend of September 6-7, 2025 to hold this special collection.

Funds will be distributed between The Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) and Catholic Relief Services (CRS). CNEWA is in Gaza providing vital emergency humanitarian relief and medical and psychological care for the sick, malnourished and wounded. CRS is working through local Church partners to provide food, shelter, cash assistance, hygiene supplies and for people’s emotional well-being.

Please consider giving to this vital collection. To donate online please go to <https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-Gaza>, or scan the QR Code. You can also text to give using code SPSAGAZA.



CLARE GALLERY

at the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry

The Clare Gallery primarily features exhibitions that emphasize world religions or interfaith themes, as well as social justice themes, on either a global or local level.

The Gallery is housed in the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry at 285 Church Street, Hartford, CT. The Center is part of St. Patrick – St. Anthony Church, a vibrant and active downtown faith community.

The Clare Gallery’s hours are from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays, and Sundays from 9 – 11:30 a.m. The Gallery is open to the public. Free parking is available directly across from the church, and the facility is accessible to all. More information may be found at spsact.org/clare2.

New Exhibit: Inner Visions, September 4 – November 9, 2025

The Clare Gallery’s 2025 season continues with exhibitions based on themes of Mystery, Mysticism, and Meaning. Inner Visions highlights the work of Connecticut artist, Shannon McCarthy.

The exhibition includes paintings, drawings, and a large-scale visual timeline that includes notations, collage and sketches to explore the mystery of meaning in “seeing and knowing” by Leonardo da Vinci, Joan of Arc and the Christian Saints.

A free artist’s talk and reception is on Saturday, September 20, 5–7:30 PM. Additionally, the Gallery hosts a virtual panel discussion on Monday, September 29, 7–8:30 PM. Panelists include the artist; a New Zealand poet and editor of *Kokako*, Graham Bates; and moderator, Nancy Wynn.



The virtual panel discussion is free, but registration is required. Visit <https://spsact.org/clare2/> for registration.

Shannon McCarthy has a B.S. in Linguistics and Classical Studies from the University of Florida. She was taught to paint as a child by her grandmother, a student of Allan Freelon. She studied Visionary Art with Alex Grey; Classical Realism at the Wakeen Atelier in Somers, CT; and atmosphere study in Florence, Italy. McCarthy is an oil painter; the illustrator for a children’s book, *Zoa and the Fawn*, by Jane Ashworth; and her work was published in *Kokako*, a New Zealand Japanese poetry magazine.

She has exhibited in various galleries in Connecticut, her work was exhibited in “Out of the Blue” in Newcastle, England, and her *Roses Collection* is permanently installed at the Domestic Monastery in Avon, CT. Visit shannonmccarthy.com for more information.



Weekly Offering Update

08/17/2025: \$15,142.73



**Habitat
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Join us on September 27 or November 1 to help build houses for Habitat for Humanity in the Hartford area with an SPSA team.

Sign up by clicking the link below, you will have to create an account to be able to sign up.

Questions or interested in learning more? Contact Sue O'Donnell at sodonnell38@gmail.com.



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-meals-to> sign up.



2025 Archbishop's Annual Appeal

Our Goal: \$115,000.00 Total Gifts as of 8/22/2025: \$94,197.97

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.



Volunteer Today:

Feeling the need to give back? Consider volunteering!

We are looking for **Friday Shoppers Ministry**. Every Friday we place two orders at BJ's Wholesale for the House of Bread Weekend Meal Program and the Franciscan Center. Please consider this vital ministry.

Ministers of the Door help in the office early evenings and on Sundays by answering the door and doing light office work when needed.

Please go to <https://spsact.org/current-volunteer-opportunities/> to view current offerings.

Have questions? Please contact our Director of Community Engagement, Allison Holst-Grubbe at aholstgrubbe@spsact.org for more info!



Founded in 2005 by Fr. Mike Johnson while working in Maryland at St. Camillus parish, SFB brings teams on mission

trips to work with underserved communities in the United States and in other countries. Read more about Saint Francis Builds here: <https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-SFB-ART>, and consider one of our 2026 Mission Trips.

St. Francis Builds Mission Trips for 2026 Announced

Oaxaca, Mexico: January 1-15, 2026

Dominican Republic: January 17-24, 2026

Puerto Rico: March 1-8, 2026

Burnsville/Asheville, NC: June 14-22, 2026

Oaxaca, Mexico: tentative: August 8-15, 2026

Questions or interested in learning more about these trips? Contact Sue O'Donnell at sodonnell38@gmail.com.

Come and See

Sunday, September 21, 11:00AM-12:00PM

Interested in the Catholic Faith? Have you been visiting our parish, perhaps asking yourself the following questions?

- How is the Catholic faith different from other Christian religions?
- Would becoming a member of the Catholic Church make a difference in my life?
- Would being a Catholic help me develop and strengthen my relationship with God?
- Will my participation in the Mass and the Sacraments enhance the fullness of my spiritual life?



The OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) process will help you explore these and other questions. Life is a journey on which a person is constantly learning, growing, and changing. This process is a step in that journey and lays the groundwork, through information and experiences, in helping you decide if you want to become a member of the Catholic faith. The OCIA process will provide the opportunity for you to ask questions, pray, and experience what is meant by being a Catholic Christian, and deepening your relationship with God and the Catholic community. We enthusiastically welcome you to join us on the spiritual journey! If you have an interest, or know of someone who may be interested, please give us a call at (860) 756-4034.

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, Aug 30, 2025

4:00 PM Mary Marut, 38th Anniversary

Sunday, Aug 31, 2025

8:00 AM Lynn Drummey

10:00 AM Sylvia Ann Digby, 2nd Anniversary

11:45 AM Kathryn Ostrosky

5:00 PM Prayer intentions for the people of Lebanon & Syria

Monday, Sept 1, 2025

9:00 AM Frank D'Amico

Tuesday, Sept 2, 2025

7:30 AM Gregory Sperry

12:05 PM In thanksgiving to St. Valentine

Wednesday, Sept 3, 2025

7:30 AM Prayer intentions for our parishioners

12:05 PM Concetta Gianni

Thursday, Sept 4, 2025

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

12:05 PM Robert Zipps

Friday, Sept 5, 2025

7:30 AM Sharon Wray

12:05 PM Susan Perugini & Joan Straub

Saturday, Sept 6, 2025

4:00 PM Regan Martins

Sunday, Sept 7, 2025

8:00 AM William, Angie & Joanne Speziale

10:00 AM Olga Sambuco Amato

11:45 AM In Thanksgiving to St. Valentine

5:00 PM Hank & Donna Daignault

Please Pray for the Sick

Paula Molitar, Joseph Shertick, Greg Reed, Kathryn Eagers, Tommie Henry, Syl Ciraulo, Mary Ertel, Mary Joyce Castafero, Rosemarie Perkoski, Fran Rago, Patricia Dressler, Susan Degennaro, and Deborah Godin.

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



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



<https://venue.streamspot.com/cdc76f52>



Branches on the Vine

AUGUST 30 - SEPTEMBER 5, 2025



James Gentile is a lector at the Cathedral of St. Joseph, Hartford.
PHOTO BY AARON JOSEPH

ENRICHING THE WORD, SHARING THE BODY

*Spiritual renewal evenings set for lectors,
extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion.*

As part of a continuing formation program, the Office of Worship for the Archdiocese of Hartford is offering upcoming evenings of reflection and formation for lectors and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion.

“These two-hour sessions are offered around the Archdiocese as a way to gather to reflect on their ministry, pray together and perhaps learn something new about their ministry,” says Josh Perry, director of the Office of Worship, who will be conducting them.

Seven sessions for extraordinary ministers will be offered in September. Lectors will also be able to participate in seven evenings geared toward them that will occur in October. Anyone interested in learning more about becoming a lector or extraordinary minister is encouraged to attend.

The evenings for extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion will include an opening prayer, reflections, formation best practices and guidelines.

Sessions for lectors will offer techniques to prepare for delivering

the readings beforehand, Perry says, adding, “How do you get to know the reading? Pray with the readings and practice them at home.

Perry was recently appointed in his role. “As the new director, I’ve had the privilege and honor of joining a number of the parishes around the Archdiocese for weekend Masses,” he says. “I’m grateful to you for your willingness to share your gifts with the communities you serve, and it is my prayer that you continue to find your ministry as lectors and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion life-giving and spiritually enriching.”

The evenings of reflection and formation for lectors were started last year by Father Michael Ruminski, former director of the Office of Divine Worship and former pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Bloomfield. He was recently assigned as pastor of St. Thomas & St. Timothy Parish in West Hartford.

For lectors, Father Ruminiski says, it is important to “gain a greater appreciation of the spiritual and theological dimensions of what they do when they stand at the ambo and read the Word of God.”

“When the Scripture is proclaimed at Mass, God is speaking to us, and so the better we proclaim it and the better we understand how to proclaim it, the more easily we’ll be able to respond to that communication from God,” Father Ruminski adds. “This is especially true in the Gospel, which is why there’s veneration and incense and standing because we’re greeting the Gospels as if Christ is at the ambo.”

Later this year, Perry plans of offering the sessions for both lectors and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion in English, Spanish and Vietnamese. To see the schedule for the upcoming workshops and to sign up, visit archdioceseofhartford.org/evening-of-reflection.

For questions, call Perry at 860.578.1427 or email him at josh.perry@aohct.org.

Parishioners interested in learning more about becoming a lector or extraordinary minister of Holy Communion may also speak with their pastor.


- Story by Joe Pisani



Upcoming Events


All Are Welcome to the Order of Malta's Eleventh Annual

Lourdes in a Day Pilgrimage
a day of grace and healing




Saturday, September 13, 2025 9:30 am- 3:00 pm
St. Peter Claver in West Hartford, Connecticut
47 Pleasant St West Hartford CT

~fully handicap accessible~ ~complimentary lunch served~
Please register by September 1, 2025 with Mark Sullivan
lourdesinaday@gmail.com



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