

"Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion? Otherwise, after laying the foundation and finding himself unable to finish the work the onlookers should laugh at him and say, 'This one began to build but did not have the resources to finish.'" Luke 14:28-30



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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 8 Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30;
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Tuesday, Sept 9 Col 2:6-15; Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday, Sept 10 Col 3:1-11; Lk 6:20-26

Thursday, Sept 11 Col 3:12-17; Lk 6:27-38

Friday, Sept 12 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Lk 6:39-42

Sunday, Sept 14 Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 Phil 2:6-11 Jn 3:13-17

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



THE LADIES GUILD

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**23rd Annual Reverend Dawson D. Trenchard
Scholarship Application Now Available**

The Ladies Guild has given \$87,325 of scholarships to children in the parish since 2003. Do you have a child in K-12 entering or attending a Catholic School this year?

Apply now for the 23rd Annual Rev. Dawson D. Trenchard Scholarship sponsored by the St. Patrick - St. Anthony Ladies Guild.

Application Deadline: September 19, 2025.

For more information and apply, please go to: <https://spsact.org/scholarship-for-k-12-2025/>

The Pastor's Corner

September 7, 2025

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

This weekend marks the start of our new music director's tenure, so we welcome David Garrido Cid on board! For these first weeks, David will play the organ for a limited number of Masses before he takes over fully on September 28 with the return of the Gallery Choir. The Treble Clef and Bass Clef Choirs will resume shortly afterwards. In addition, Martin Smith will continue to serve as our assistant organist, and we hope to resume our organ scholar program in the future. Meanwhile, David will want to get to know us and is eager to take up the reins of our superb music ministry. Please introduce yourself to him and let him know how welcome he is at St. Patrick-St. Anthony.

Much has been said and written in the media in the wake of the tragic shooting rampage at a Catholic church in Minneapolis on August 27th. Once again, in the sad aftermath of these incidents, the perennial debate between those who support gun rights no matter what, and those who push for sensible gun legislation, rages on as "thoughts and prayers" are tossed about like an antidote to all our ills.

It is clear that the majority of U.S. citizens want stricter gun laws, even to banning assault weapons. Yet here we are, once again

wringing our hands, hoping for some kind of miraculous intervention. However, the problem doesn't lie only in stricter gun laws, it has to do with the whole of our nation's psychological torment. You may recall Gerald Ford's comment after he was sworn in as president following the resignation of Richard Nixon, when he said that "our long national nightmare is over." In my opinion, what we are experiencing today is many times worse than a half-century ago.

It's my belief that, while many of us may share these feelings of dismay, anger, frustration and helplessness, we should do whatever we can to turn negativity towards action. I think of the apostles in the upper room after the horrific crucifixion and death of their beloved friend and teacher, Jesus. Just as they were at their worst he came and stood in their midst, offering them strength and the ability to become messengers of hope to others.

Last Sunday, Pope Leo XIV said, "Let us plead God to stop the pandemic of arms, large and small, which infects our world." Perhaps God might need our help getting the message across.

Blessings on your week ahead!

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



Emergency Second Collection for Gaza, This Weekend, 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 this weekend, 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.



Join Us This Week

Group Spiritual Reflection: Zoom Meetings: Every Tuesday.
Next meeting: September 9, 2025 from 12:30 to 1:30 PM. All are welcome! Please go to <https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-GSP-2025> to register and receive the Zoom Link.

In Quiet Prayer: Wednesday, September 10, 2025, from 7:30 to 8:00 AM. Join us on Zoom. Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-IQP-2025>

People of Hope: Next Meeting, Wednesday, September 10 from 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM on Zoom. 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 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.



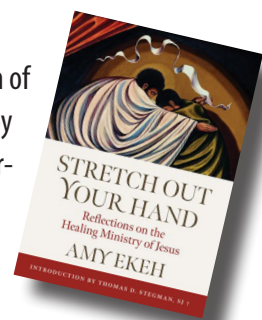
Facilitator: Elaine Wiatr

Sponsored by the Women of Hope Ministry

People of Hope

Next Meeting, Wednesday, September 10, 2025 from 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM on Zoom.

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.

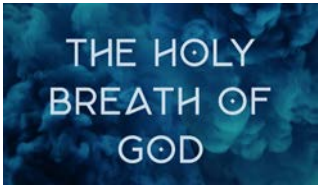
This "People of Hope" gathering is available to you every Wednesday morning ~ attend when your schedule allows to receive the gifts of spiritual nourishment and growth.

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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LGBTQ Youth

Attention: ALL PARENTS, Grandparents, and Godparents of Pre-Schoolers

YOU and YOUR CHILD are invited to attend a special program on fostering the spiritual development of children.

On Sunday, September 7, from 11:15-12:15 in the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry, Deb Pelletier from our Religious Education Team will suggest simple, creative ways to encourage your child’s unique and intimate relationship with God.

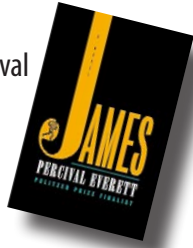


We will be having toddler friendly activities close by and snacks will be provided. Your child will be free to sit with you during the program or they can play while staying safely within sight.

We hope you will be able to join us for this special program. To help us plan for snacks and set-up, please call Pat Curtis at the parish office at 756-4034, x.113, or e-mail at pcurtis@spsact.org. Please go to <https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-SPCH-2025> to register.

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.



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.



September, 2025

Did You Know, that you can follow an eco-friendly diet and still eat meat? Just eat less of it!

We know that meat production, especially beef, consumes large amounts of water and creates much more greenhouse gases than a plant based diet. Most of us have been eating meals with meat. An eco-friendly diet seems like too much of a change in our lives, so we resist this. If we know that we can make a difference in caring for creation, and we can still eat meat, than we might consider changing our eating habits. Read more about considering an eco-friendly diet by going to <https://www.healthline.com/nutrition/eco-friendly-meat-eating>.

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

08/24/2025: \$19,500.73



**Habitat
for Humanity®**
North Central Connecticut

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/ap-peat/>. 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.

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://tinyurl.com/SPSA-St-Genevieve>.

A Christmas in July Thank You

THANK YOU - MESI - For Support for St. Genevieve

Our parish commitment for our 20-year-old Covenant remains solid, as evidenced by the financial gifts sent in during our 2025 "Christmas in July" campaign. THANK YOU! The campaign has "ended," but donations and support are accepted year-round! These contributions are vital so we can keep our promise to provide education to 9 grade-levels of children, hot lunches, teacher and staff salaries year-round, and help for elderly parishioners without other means of support.

A St. Genevieve student, Jean, has expressed it best in her letter to us:

My dear friends I am thrilled to write this letter to let you know how important we appreciate your aid so are our parents and the entire community. We ask God to protect all our friends at St Patrick-St



Anthony for their endless support to us and our parents so we can continue to go to school. Because of your help, we are able to go to school at St. Genevieve. You will always be in our hearts.

We love you very much.

Jean Guvencia

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. .



September Prayer Shawl Meetings:

September 8, 2025 at 7:00 PM on Zoom.

September 25, 2025 at 10:30 AM in-person.

Come join our group. No experience necessary.

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

Baptisms This Weekend

Josephine Marie

child of

James & Erin Tomlinson

Celebrated by Fr. Timothy Shreenan, O.F.M.

and

Cora Rae Lopez

child of

Raymond Lopez & Sarah Santos

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

Mass Intentions for the Week

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

Monday, September 8, 2025

7:30 AM Prayer Intentions for our Parishioners

12:05 Evelyn Welch

Tuesday, September 9, 2025

7:30 AM Prayer Intentions for Christians of the Middle East

12:05 PM Mary, Rocco & Thomas Cacchillo

Wednesday, September 10, 2025

7:30 AM Pamela Johnson

12:05 PM Robert Zippis

Thursday, September 11, 2025

7:30 AM Prayer Intentions for the People of St Genevieve Parish

12:05 PM John C. Brennan

Friday, September 12, 2025

7:30 AM

12:05 PM Marian Rotolo & Richard DiLorenzo

Saturday, September 13, 2025

4:00 PM Deceased members of Cronin Family

Sunday, September 14, 2025

8:00 AM Marcia Halleran Reidy

10:00 AM Sebastiana Bazzano

11:45 AM Mary Driscoll

5:00 PM Prayer intentions for Maria & Anthony Rosal

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Volunteer  <https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-volunteer>

Donate  <https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-Giving>

Watch 10:00 AM Mass Online:



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



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



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

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.



Branches on the Vine

SEPTEMBER 6 - 12, 2025



Archbishop Christopher J. Coyne addresses the Felician Sisters in Enfield during a Mass marking the 150th anniversary of their arrival in North America from Poland. PHOTO BY AARON JOSEPH



Sister Patricia Marie Iagrosso identifies the dogwood tree the Felician Sisters planted this year, honoring the 200th anniversary of their foundress' birth and their employees. PHOTO BY SHELLEY WOLF

This year has been a year of significant anniversaries for the Felician Sisters in Enfield, as they joined with their fellow sisters across the continent in marking notable anniversaries.

On May 17, 2025, local women religious celebrated the 150th anniversary of the Felician Sisters in North America (1874-2024). On that day, the sisters in the archdiocese welcomed Archbishop Christopher J. Coyne, who celebrated a Mass of Thanksgiving in the chapel of Our Lady of the Angels Convent in Enfield.

The Mass, which was attended by numerous sisters, volunteers and invited guests, was followed by a reception. The event evoked fond memories of the sisters as teachers, and there was at least one request for the archbishop's homily.

"When the archbishop talked about our history, you felt 10-feet taller because you were a part of this," says Sister Patricia ("Patty") Marie Iagrosso, who moved to Enfield from the Bronx as an aspirant after the eighth grade. "I've been here for over 60 years and have seen the ups and downs and the overs."

The Felician Sisters, who formed their community in Enfield in 1932, were primarily known for education, operating several schools. The Enfield Montessori School sits on their campus today. "Our Montessori School is still flourishing," says Sister Patty, who chose a different path for herself and continues to work as a resident care nurse at nearby St. Joseph Residence.

FELICIAN SISTERS IN ENFIELD HAVE A LOT TO CELEBRATE IN 2025

This year, the Felician Sisters also joined with their peers across the continent in celebrating the 200th anniversary of the birth of their foundress, Blessed Mary Angela Truszkowska (born May 16, 1825 and died Oct. 10, 1899).

The sisters in Enfield celebrated with a festive Mass. To symbolize enduring service, they planted a dogwood tree in front of their convent.

At its feet is a commemorative plaque honoring their foundress and the many employees who serve them at Our Lady of the Angels Convent and in their private care center for fellow sisters and Franciscan priests and brothers.

Blessed Mary Angela Truszkowska founded the order of the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Felix of Cantalice (the Felicians) in Poland in 1855. As someone who began as a lay Franciscan, she was committed to working with the poor and launched the Felicians as a branch of the Franciscans.

With the goal "to serve where needed," she blessed five sisters, who left Poland in 1874,

bound for North America, where the sisters made their mark in teaching and in social service. "Mother Mary Angela was a dynamic woman. She was ahead of her time, looking to the future," Sister Patty says. "Mother's vision was for 'contemplative-active service.'"

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Today, a tapestry depicting Blessed Mary Angela hangs in the sanctuary of the chapel at Our Lady of the Angels Convent in Enfield. It is the same tapestry that was present at her beatification in Rome.

A free booklet telling the story of her life, *On Earth as in Heaven*, published by the Felicians, can be downloaded at felician.org/about/mary-angela-truszkowska/.

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