

# 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, Nov 3Rom 11:29-36; LK 14:12-14Tuesday, Nov 4Rom 12:5-16ab; LK 14:15-24Wednesday, Nov 5Rom 13:8-10; LK 14:25-33Thursday, Nov 6Rom 14:7-12; LK 15:1-10Friday, Nov 7Rom 15:14-21; LK 16:1-8

Sunday, Nov 9 EZ 47:1-2,8-9,12; PS 46: 2-3,5-6,8-9;

1 Cor 3:9c-11,16-17; JN 2:13-22

Go to <a href="http://www.usccb.org/">http://www.usccb.org/</a> for readings online.

#### Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, November 1, 2025

4:00 PM Arlene & Wilson da Silva

Sunday, November 2, 2025

8:00 AM Prayer intentions for All Souls

10:00 AM Tony Intino

11:45 AM Deceased members of the St. Valentine Society5:00 PM Maria Amelia & Antonio Cunha Rodriguez

Monday, November 3, 2025

7:30 AM Clare and Charles Shaskus

12:05 PM Concetta Gianni

Tuesday, November 4, 2025

7:30 AM Charlie Kirk

12:05 PM Prayer intentions for the people of Palestine

Wednesday, November 5, 2025

7:30 AM Charlie Kirk

12:05 PM Earl S. and Theresa McCormick

Thursday, November 6, 2025

7:30 AM Charlie Kirk

12:05 PM Samantha Sullivan

Friday, November 7, 2025

7:30 AM Charlie Kirk

12:05 PM Deceased Members of our Lady of Grace Society

Saturday, November 8, 2025

4:00 PM Anthony Pizzoferrato

Sunday, November 9, 2025

8:00 AM Elaine D'Amico
10:00 AM Carmella Patoka
11:45 AM Paula Peters McIlduff

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5:00 PM Jim Picone

REMINDER: If you have scheduled Mass and you would like to bring up the gifts, please make yourself known to one of the sacristans prior to the start of the Mass.



# **Welcome Brunch**

Sunday, November 16, 2025 at 11:00 AM

Are you new to our parish or want to learn more about St. Patrick-St. Anthony? You are invited to our Welcome Brunch!

Please join us **Sunday, November 16, 2025 following the 10:00** AM **Mass** in the Franciscan Center to meet other new members, talk with parish leaders, and learn all about SPSA's

rich history and current programs.



Please scan the qr code or <a href="https://spsact.org/wel-come-brunch-2025/">https://spsact.org/wel-come-brunch-2025/</a> to register.



## **Please Beware!**



Word on the interweb is that the scammers are impersonating St. Patrick-St. Anthony staff yet again. As a reminder, neither the parish staff nor your fellow parishioners would ever

ask for you to purchase anything via email or text. These emails and text messages are phishing attempts and not a valid request from any parishioner or staff member.

Please delete these emails or texts. Do not respond to the texts. You can report these as SPAM and delete them through your email provider, or block the number that sent it to you.

## **Prayer Shawl Ministry**



Calling all who knit or crochet and those who would like to learn these art forms. You are invited to contribute your time and talent to the Prayer Shawl Ministry at St. Patrick - St. Anthony Church. We are in need of new people to join us in this prayerful

and rewarding ministry. For the past 12 months, the Prayer Shawl Ministers have been gathering both virtually and in-person for our bi-monthly meetings! And, yes, you can \* learn \* how to knit or crochet through Zoom. Our experienced ministers are skilled teachers as well. Please JOIN US!

#### Virtual Meetings: 2nd Monday of the Month:

November 11, December 9

#### In-person Meetings: last Thursday of the Month:

November 21, December 19

For more information and the Zoom meeting link, contact Janet Bristow at <u>janetbristow@sbcglobal.net</u> or you may also call the parish office at 860-756-4034, x.113 and leave your contact information. Pat Curtis will get back to you with information.

# The Emmaus Grieving Parent Ministry



We meet at the Franciscan Center at 3:30 on the third Sunday of the month. Next meeting is November 16, 2025.
Please call the church office for more information at 860-756-4034.

# Support the 2025 Parish Appeal

The 2025 Parish Annual Appeal is now underway.

With the 2025 Parish Appeal, we hope to make needed repairs to the ceiling of the basement of the church; repair the entryway of the right-side doors of the church; continue to address issues with the church's sound system; and repair or replace the kneelers in the church.

Please consider responding generously to this year's Parish Appeal.

To donate, please go to <a href="https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-PAA">https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-PAA</a>, scan the code, place your return envelope in the basket or mail to the church.

# The Paston's Corner

November 2, 2025

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

This weekend and next, we step out of Ordinary Time for two special liturgical observances: All Souls Day and the Feast of the Dedication of St. John Lateran. These two days replace the 31st and 32nd Sundays in Ordinary Time.

The Solemnity of All Saints on November 1st, since it falls on a Saturday, is not a day of obligation this year. The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed on November 2nd is one of those dates in the liturgical calendar that supercedes a Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Like All Saints Day, All Souls Day is for remembering people who have died. But while All Saints Day is focused on Christian martyrs and saints, All Souls Day is all about the members of your own family and family tree. It's a day for being with family, visiting cemeteries, sharing memories of loved ones, and honoring traditions.

Sometime in the 10th century, the Catholic priest St. Odilo of Cluny instituted All Souls Day — a day to pray for the souls of deceased family members. The annual celebration became the final and third day of Allhallowtide — right after All Hallows' Eve (which became known as Halloween) and All Saints Day.

At St. Patrick-St. Anthony, we have several traditions to observe this day: the litany of names of the deceased in place of the Universal Prayer at all the weekend Masses closest to All Souls Day; the special Mass of Remembrance (which will be celebrated at the 5:00 PM Mass this year); and the lanterns in the Friary Gardens bearing

the names of all the deceased members of our parish (and parishioners' family members) who died in the past year.



Last Sunday at the 10:00 AM Mass, the co-directors of the House of Bread, Beth Boyle and Tom Porell, joined us for the celebration of the 30th anniversary of our partnership. Along with myself as pastor, and Fr. Mike Johnson as director of the Franciscan Center, they signed a renewal agreement between our organizations to continue serving the people of Hartford who benefit from their services. Many parishioners of St. Patrick-St. Anthony who volunteer at the House of Bread were recognized during the Mass.

Next Saturday, November 8th, we will celebrate a Mass for the Anointing of the Sick at 11:00 AM. The friars and our parish nurses join with our brothers and sisters who are dealing with illness or the struggles of aging. Everyone is welcome to attend this Mass and join us in prayer for healing and strength through the ritual of the laying on of hands and anointing with holy oil.

As I mentioned earlier, next Sunday is the Feast of the Dedication of the Basilica of St. John Lateran in Rome. This ancient church, the cathedral church of the Pope as the bishop of Rome, was dedicated in the year 324 by Pope Sylvester I. The Lateran basilica also has a special Franciscan connection, but more on that next week.

Best wishes for a good week ahead!

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

Pastor

# Interested in the Catholic Faith? The Order of



Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is a process that prepares and welcomes the un-baptized or those baptized in other Christian faiths into the Catholic faith community. We warmly welcome

all interested persons! If you have an interest, or know of someone who may be interested in the Church, please give us a call at (860) 756-4034. ALL are WELCOME!

**Open Hearts Ministry: Monthly Meeting: November 9, 2025 at 6:00** PM. After the 5:00 PM Mass.



# Friends and Family Ministry: Monthly

Meeting: Sunday, November 16, 2025 at 3:30 PM in the Franciscan Center.

Please join us for one or both meetings. All are welcome. For more information Please go to <a href="https://spsact.org/contact-form-for-open-hearts-ministry/">https://spsact.org/contact-form-for-open-hearts-ministry/</a> and a ministry member will reach out to you.



Our parish will take up the Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA (AMS) on November 9, 2025, a collection approved by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops to be taken every three years. The AMS provides pastoral care to Catholic men and women serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, enrolled at a U.S. Military Academy, being treated as a patient at any of the 153 U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Centers, or who work for the federal government beyond U.S. borders - including those from our own parish and diocese.

The AMS does not receive any funding from the government or military, and has no parishes from which to receive a weekly assessment. To learn more about the AMS, scan the QR code above or go to <a href="https://www.milarch.org/nationalcollection.">www.milarch.org/nationalcollection.</a>





# Ongoing Faith Formation Programs: Group Spiritual Reflection:

Zoom Meetings: Every Tuesday. Next meeting: November 4, 2025 from 12:30 to 1:30 pm. All are welcome! Please go to <a href="https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-GSP-2025">https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-GSP-2025</a> to register and receive the Zoom Link.

In-person: Every Wednesday. Next meeting: November 5, 2025 from 12:30 to 1:30 pm in the Franciscan Center. All are welcome!

In Quiet Prayer: Wednesday, November 5, 2025, from 7:30 to 8:00 AM. Join us on Zoom. Thirty minutes of quiet prayer practice every Wednesday morning. We begin with a brief ritual of offering compassion for the needs of our world and ourselves. A prayer or reading is offered, and is followed by 20 minutes of silence for personal intentions, through prayer, reflection, meditation or contemplation. Join us on Zoom. Zoom link in Monday email. Register here: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-IQP-2025">https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-IQP-2025</a>.

People of Hope: Next Meeting, Wednesday, November 5, 2025 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 <a href="https://tinyurl.com/">https://tinyurl.com/</a> SPSA-PPL-HP-2025.

**The Drumming Circle:** Join us Monday, November 3, 2025 from 6:30 to 7:30 PM. 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** 

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**Divine Reading:** Wednesdays, November 5 & 19, 2025, 7:00 to 8:00 PM at 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. The process is simple and will be explained each time, and sharing is welcomed, but optional. Join us when you can!

# **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, Susan Degennaro, Albert Tornatore, and Deborah Godin.

#### Aramaic Lord's Prayer:

Tuesday, November 4 & 11; 6:30 - 7:45 PM

Come hear how Jesus would have prayed the Lord's Prayer in his

native Aramaic. Experience the sounds as they resonate in the body and learn an accompanying body prayer. Explore what Aramaic scholars believe might have been the original meaning of the phrases as they unfold step by step to praise Sacred Reality, develop space in our consciousness for the Kingdom, ask to "let



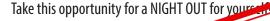
this happen", "give us", "forgive us", and then ground our hearts in intentionality and praise. Based on the work of Neil-Douglas Klotz, Ph.D., author of "Revelations of the Aramaic Jesus" and "Prayers of the Cosmos".

Register at <a href="https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-A-Lord-Prayer-2025">https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-A-Lord-Prayer-2025</a>, to let us know you plan to attend.

Facilitator: Val Rossetti Free Will Offering

# Night Out for Women:

Friday, November 14, 6:30 - 8:30 PM



Marc Hussey, chef and parishioned will cook forces and teach time-saving recipes and creative cook in it, as for the Holiday Season, During-dessert we've then by a british in flector and dialogue.

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Register at https://tran.com/SPSA-NOFW-2025 to let us know you plan to attend.

Until the New Year

**Suggested Offering: \$15.00; Reserve your spot early!** Sponsored by the Women of Hope Ministry

# 40<sup>TH</sup>ANNUAL HOUSE OF BREAD HUNGER BANQUET

DATE: 11/19/2025 TIME: 11:30AM - 1:30PM COST: \$50 PER PERSON Location: 285 Church Street Hartford, CT 06 103

FOR INFO OR TO PURCHASE TICKETS:
SCAN OR CODE OR GO TO:
https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-HOB-Ban2025

## **Clare Gallery New Exhibit**

Our season of exhibits at the Clare Gallery focused on mystery, mysticism and meaning concludes with **Portals and Paintings** by Connecticut artist, Catherine Nogas-Steinberg.



Portals and Paintings is a series of acrylic and oil works in which the color and light reflected is believed to be transformative and healing. When creating, Steinberg starts with color, or shapes, from her dreams and visions. She then engages the creative process by working intuitively. The result is an image manifested with the energy gathered and layered with the formal elements and principles of design. Works are nonobjective, abstract paintings full of dynamic motion and feeling. Steinberg leads retreats and expressive arts workshops that intersect with her shamanic practice.

On Saturday, November 22nd, between 1-2:00 PM, the Gallery will host a "Personal Mandala Making" workshop. The workshop is \$50 and limited to only 8 people. After the workshop, an Artist Talk and Reception is being held from 2:30-4:00 pm, which is open to the public. Additionally, there will be a Virtual Artist Talk on Monday, December 1st from 7-8:00 PM. Registration is required for the Mandala Workshop and The Virtual Artist Talk. See the Gallery website for registration — <a href="https://spsact.org/clare2/">https://spsact.org/clare2/</a>.

# 2025 Greater Hartford Multifaith Prayer Breakfast:

A Table for All: Faith and Action to Overcome Hunger

November 6, 2025, 7:00 AM to 9:00 AM

The Artists Collective, 1200 Albany Ave., Hartford

This gathering includes uplifting spiritual music, interfaith prayer, and greetings from city and state leaders. A delicious Middle Eastern style breakfast will be served. Information will be available from a variety of area groups that focus on hunger, including our own Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry. For more information and to register please go to <a href="https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-GHMFPB">https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-GHMFPB</a> or scan the QR code.





## We are here to serve you...

We are here to serve you. The programs and ministries listed below are just a sampling of our many offerings. Please go to <a href="www.spsact.org">www.spsact.org</a> 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 seasons of Advent and 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 Minstry: 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. <a href="https://spsact.org/prayer-network-prayer-request/">https://spsact.org/prayer-network-prayer-request/</a> 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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# Corpus Christi School Open House

Corpus Christi School of Wethersfield, a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence, will host a special Election Day Open House on Tuesday, November 4th from 8:30 to 10:30 AM at Corpus Christi School, 581 Silas Deane Highway. Prospective students and their families are invited to attend while classes are in session. Students benefit from small class sizes and personalized attention. Come experience the difference first hand! Tours will be available; teachers, students, and parents will be on hand to answer questions. The school encompasses PreK — Grade 8. To register, please visit our website https://corpuschristischoolct.org/ or call 860-529-5487.



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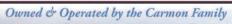
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