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October 12, 2025 • 28th 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

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, October 11, 2025

4:00 PM Deceased members of the Formica Family

Sunday, October 12, 2025

8:00 AM William, Angie, & Joanne Speziale

10:00 AM Rose & Angelo Perrone

11:45 AM James Joseph Kennelly

5:00 PM Linda Corwin

Monday, October 13, 2025

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

12:05 Maria Giuliano

Tuesday, October 14, 2025

7:30 AM Prayer intentions for our parishioners

12:05 PM Fr. Fred Anniello

Wednesday, October 15, 2025

7:30 AM Charlie Kirk

12:05 PM Deceased members of the Giadone family

Thursday, October 16, 2025

7:30 AM Charlie Kirk

12:05 PM Robert Lombardo

Friday, October 17, 2025

7:30 AM Charlie Kirk

12:05 PM Delphinie & Leo Bricuglio, 13th Anniversary

Saturday, October 18, 2025

4:00 PM Richard Birge, Jr

Sunday, October 19, 2025

8:00 AM Laurence & Florence Toscano

10:00 AM Julian Bravo

11:45 AM Ronald Biederman

5:00 PM Aleida Robaina

Daily Mass Readings



Monday, Oct 13 Rom 1:1-7; Lk 11:29-32
 Tuesday, Oct 14 Rom 1:16-25; Lk 11:37-41
 Wednesday, Oct 15 Rom 2:1-11; Lk 11:42-46
 Thursday, Oct 16 Rom 3:21-30; Lk 11:47-54
 Friday, Oct 17 Rom 4:1-8; Lk 12:1-7
 Sunday, Oct 19 Ex 17:8-13; Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 2
 Tm 3:14—4:2 Lk 18:1-8

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

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.

MISSIONARIES OF HOPE
among the Peoples

World Mission Sunday 2025
October 19th

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Thank You

This past weekend we marked 35 years of Franciscan stewardship at St. Patrick–St. Anthony Church and 25 years of ministry through the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry. One of our “mustard seed” ministries—the annual Underwear Sunday collection—saw a tremendous outpouring of generosity this year.

Last year, your donations filled 19 boxes. This year, you filled 25. That means more clean socks, t-shirts, and underwear for those who come seeking not only a meal but also a bit of dignity and care.

Thank you to all who donated, sorted, and collected items before and after Mass—and to Anna Eddy for organizing it all. Your generosity continues to grow, just like the mustard seed—quietly, faithfully, and abundantly.

Peace,
Fr. Mike

A Message from our Parish Nurses



Your Parish Nurses highly recommend that those who are able, receive Influenza vaccines. Influenza or flu for short, is a contagious respiratory illness caused by the influenza virus.

You can not get the flu from the vaccine. They do not use a live virus to make the vaccine. If you had an exposure to the flu several days before the shot and become sick after the shot, you may equate the shot with “giving you” the flu, which is not possible.

The flu is mainly spread via tiny droplets through coughing, sneezing, or talking. These droplets can travel approximately 6 feet, infecting others.

Everyone is at risk of catching the flu, but those with a higher risk of developing severe flu-related complications are infants, young children, people 65 years of age and older, pregnant women, and people with certain health conditions or a weakened immune system.

Flu can cause mild to severe illness, sometimes leading to pneumonia, bronchitis, ear infections, and even death. It takes approximately two weeks for the vaccine to give you the best protection and wanes over 3 months. November begins the highest transmission with travel far & wide for the Thanksgiving & Christmas holidays and continues through February at its highest levels. Please be your self advocate in remaining healthy. We are here for you, The Parish Nurses

Baptism This Weekend

Theodore William
child of

Matthew and Katherine Reilly

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

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.

Interested in the Catholic Faith?



Are you hungering for a sense of belonging to God and to a Faith community? Are you thirsting for a deeper experience of the heart when it comes to God and the Faith community? 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!

The Pastor's Corner

October 12, 2025

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Perhaps it was the unusually glorious weather we've been blessed with of late, but last weekend's celebration of the feast of St. Francis of Assisi seemed extra special and festive this year.

The weekend began with the annual Transitus of St. Francis service that recounts the story of the final hours and death of Francis of Assisi on the evening of October 3, 1226. Both our new director of music, David Garrido Cid, and our former director, Gabriel Löfvall, took turns conducting our choirs and playing the organ for the service. Patricia Curtis narrated the moving story, and the friars joined in the blessing of the assembly, which included a good number of Secular Franciscans. They, in turn, provided a very fine reception afterwards. Thank you to everyone who attended, and especially our choirs who sang so beautifully.

Bright and early the following morning, the friary gardens were filled with dogs (and a few cats) for the annual Blessing of Animals.



We were happy to see some newcomers in addition to many yearly regulars (along with their humans, of course). Having had to hold the event under cover because of rainy weather for several years, it was a pleasant change to have a clear and sunny morning. I confess that I've never been fond of the smell of a wet dog, let alone a couple dozen!

Sunday morning's 10 AM Mass was the highlight of the weekend for me because it was an occasion to celebrate the 35th anniversary of the coming of the Franciscans to St. Patrick-St. Anthony as well as the 25th anniversary of the opening of the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry. To highlight the occasion, Fr. Mike Johnson recalled the founding of the Center under the guidance of the first two Franciscan Pastors, Fr. Jerome Massimino and Fr. Jim Hynes, as well as other friars who were instrumental in establishing ministries that are so familiar to us today, such as the Sandwich Ministry.



Near the end of the Mass, Fr. Mike invited Christian Heiden to join him in signing a partnership agreement between the Franciscan Center and Levo International. The organization founded by Christian helps to address food insecurity both here in Hartford and in Haiti through hydroponic farming. In the past year, Levo has established a significant presence with a farm on Homestead Avenue near Albany Avenue.



Throughout the weekend, before and after Masses, dozens of parishioners dropped off men's socks and underwear – some of the most requested items in our Sandwich Ministry. Thanks to Anna and Roger Eddy and their team for undertaking this hugely successful drive.



Finally, our annual Parish Brunch was held on Sunday after the 10:00 Mass in the Friary Meeting Room and adjoining outdoor spaces. A large crowd enjoyed brunch specialties prepared by a team of volunteers. The kids enjoyed plenty of outdoor fun as the adults sipped mimosas. Again, thanks to everyone who helped with the setup, food preparation, and cleanup. Your efforts were very much appreciated!

Blessings on your week ahead!

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

Join Us

Ongoing Faith Formation Programs:

Group Spiritual Reflection:

Zoom Meetings: Every Tuesday. Next meeting: October 14, 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-person: Every Wednesday. Next meeting: October 15, 2025 from 12:30 to 1:30 PM in the Franciscan Center. All are welcome!

In Quiet Prayer: Wednesday, October 15, 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, October 15, 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 <https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-PPL-HP-2025>.

Divine Reading: Wednesday, October 15, 2025, 7:00 to 8:00 pm at the Franciscan Center. Please consider joining us for "lectio divina" (divine reading.)



This Week:

Bereavement Support Program: First session is Sunday, October 12 from 1:00 to 2:30 PM in the Franciscan Center.

When you have experienced a loss and are dealing with your grief, a Bereavement Support Program can provide you with compassion, support, and courage as you navigate your way through your journey with others. We will follow the New Day Program which is 10 consecutive weeks in length, beginning on Sunday October 12 and our final meeting will be on Sunday December 14. We plan to meet on Sundays from 1-2:30pm in the Franciscan Center, and there is no cost to participants. We would appreciate it if you would call the Parish Office (860 756-4034) to preregister since we do need to know the number of participants. You will be asked to provide us with your phone number or email address should we need to reach out to you.

We look forward to walking with you on this journey.
Nancy Hoey, facilitator

Open Hearts Ministry: Monthly Meeting: October 12, 2025 at 6:00 PM. After the 5:00 PM Mass. Please join us.



Friends and Family Ministry:
Monthly Meeting: Sunday, October 19, 2025 at 3:30 PM in the Franciscan Center.

Please go to <https://spsact.org/contact-form-for-open-hearts-ministry/> for more information on both ministries and a ministry member will connect with you.

Prayer Shawl Ministry: Upcoming Prayer Shawl Meetings:



October 13, 2025 at 7:00 PM on Zoom.

October 30th Meeting is Cancelled.

Annual Gathering, November 1, 2025 (Reg Required)

Come join our group. No experience necessary. For more information, contact Janet Bristow at janetbristow@sbcglobal.net

A Novel Idea Book Club, Our next meeting is October 16, 2025 at 7:00 PM at the Franciscan Center. The book selection for October is *Clear*, by Carys Davies.

According to the New York Times, *Clear* is a "daring and necessary...sophisticated and playful" novel.

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.



Adult Faith Formation Offerings

FALL THROUGH ADVENT 2025

spsact.org/aff-programs-fall-2025

Upcoming Programs and Events

Dialogue with Women Religious: Witnesses to HOPE Sunday, October 19, 1:00-2:30 PM

In January of this year, a statement was published by the Leadership Conference of Women Religious ([Read here: https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-LCWR](https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-LCWR)) in response 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. Their words are filled with courage, determination, and wisdom.

We are delighted to host an engaging gathering where Women Religious from four local congregations will witness to how they embrace and embody the priorities of the Gospel in troubled times. These women who have dedicated their lives to service of the Church in the world remain steadfast. They will share how collaboration is essential to their mission. And, we are invited to recall and reflect upon our own Baptismal promises while the Sisters invite us into participation and commitment.

Won't you join us for this afternoon of celebration and dialogue?

Presenters: Members of the Sisters of St. Joseph, Sisters of Mercy, Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur, and Daughters of the Holy Spirit Please Register at <https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-Dialogue-2025> to let us know you plan to attend. Bring along a family member or friend.

Sponsored by Women of Hope Ministry

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 <https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-A-Lord-Prayer-2025>, to let us know you plan to attend.

Facilitator: Val Rossetti

Free Will Offering

THE DIGNITY INDEX

The Dignity Index 101: Thursdays, October 30 & November 6 & 13, attend either 12:45 - 2:15 PM OR 6:30 - 8:00 PM.

Dignity Index 101 is a 3-session program which will provide a forum where participants take an in-depth look at how to be part of building a culture of dignity in our lives, our community, and the political arena.

Have YOU experienced first-hand or witnessed within our culture, the use of language which divides us one from another? Perhaps within your school, workplace, community, or even our own country, 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. 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.

Register at <https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-Dignity-Fall-1245> to let us know you are attending the 12:45 PM session.

Register at <https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-Dignity-Fall-630> to let us know you are attending the 6:30 PM session.

Facilitator: Pat Curtis & Elaine Wiatr

Offering for this series is \$30.00 which includes three in-person sessions as well as a professionally produced hard copy booklet of course materials.

Night Out for Women:

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

Take this opportunity for a NIGHT OUT for yourself!

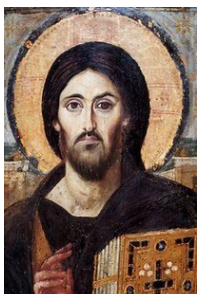
Marc Hussey, chef and parishioner, will cook for us and teach time-saving recipes and creative cooking tips for the Holiday Season. During dessert, we will enjoy spiritual reflection and dialogue.

This program is designed for women of all ages and we encourage you to bring a friend.

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

Suggested Offering: \$15.00; Reserve your spot early!

Sponsored by the Women of Hope Ministry



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 seasons of Lent and Advent.

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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