

St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church • 285 Church Street • Hartford, Connecticut
October 5, 2025 • 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi

**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

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, October 4, 2025

4:00 PM Eleanor Laffin

Sunday, October 5, 2025

8:00 AM Mark Remillard

10:00 AM Timothy McCabe

11:45 AM Prayer intentions for Robert & Nancy Lord

5:00 PM Chelsea Clyburn-Morehouse

Monday, October 6, 2025

7:30 AM Ruth McHugh

12:05 Robert A. Lombardo

Tuesday, October 7, 2025

7:30 AM Donato Monaco

12:05 PM Theresa Stimpson

Wednesday, October 8, 2025

7:30 AM Eleazar Chavez

12:05 PM William Martin

Thursday, October 9, 2025

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

12:05 PM Jim Picone

Friday, October 10, 2025

7:30 AM Prayer intentions for our parishioners

12:05 PM Deceased members of the Soderstrom Family

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

Daily Mass Readings



Monday, Oct 6 Jon 1:1—2:2, 11; Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday, Oct 7 Jon 3:1-10; Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday, Oct 8 Jon 4:1-11; Lk 11:1-4

Thursday, Oct 9 Mal 3:13-20b; Lk 11:5-13

Friday, Oct 10 Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Lk 11:15-26

Sunday, Oct 12 2 Kgs 5:14-17 Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4;

2 Tm 2:8-13 Lk 17:11-19

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

Celebrate St. Francis!
COME TO OUR PARISH BRUNCH
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2025
11:00 AM - 1:30 PM

Brunch fare
 Bring a dessert of your choice
 Kids' activities
 Relax outside in the gardens with friends



RSVP at spsact.org/parish-brunch-2025

Snack Drive
 Help us replenish our snack pantry



Drop off individually wrapped snacks to be handed out daily with sandwiches.

Monthly Drop off Date: October 5, after Morning Masses

Baptism This Weekend

Aidan Joseph
 child of
 Daniel Byrne & Marlena Gallo
 Celebrated by Fr. Bill Beaudin, O.F.M.

Men's Socks & Undergarment Drive
OCTOBER 4-5, 2025


Items needed:
Men's t-shirts: L&XL
Men's boxers: L&XL
Socks

NEW ITEMS Please

Drop off donations in the Franciscan Center after all masses

<https://spsact.org/mens-drive-october-2025/>

Sanctuary Lamps
 Week of October 5, 2025
 In memory of
Chelsea Clyburn Morehouse



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, and Deborah Godin.



Weekly Offering Update

09/28/2025: \$17,122.73

Month's Mind Memorial Mass
 at St. Patrick-St. Anthony

Joseph P. Sheehan
 October 25, 2025 at 10:00 am
 Requested by Ginny Sheehan, SNDDeN

The Pastor's Corner

October 5, 2025

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

My knowledge of, and experience with singing bowls has been somewhat limited. They have their origin in Buddhist practices to accompany periods of meditation and chanting. Singing bowls are widely used for music making, meditation and relaxation, as well as for personal spirituality. Most singing bowls are rather small, about six or eight inches in diameter. They are played by rotating a suede covered mallet around the outside rim to produce a sustained musical note.

Imagine my surprise and delight in coming across a photo on Etsy back in the Spring of a large singing bowl. An artisan located in Kathmandu, Nepal sells handmade singing bowls from 4 to 24 inches in diameter. They are made using seven different metals, beaten by hand and polished to a high glossy finish.

I had been on the lookout for a suitable bowl of sufficient size to serve as a baptismal font in our church. The glass bowl which we have been using is very nice, but I've often felt that it got lost in the vast open space of the church. Given the number of baptisms we celebrate, I was hoping to find something that could become a more-or-less permanent fixture in our Sanctuary, and be easily seen from a distance.



When the bowl arrived in May, I immediately contacted Steve Balkun, our resident woodworker who had crafted several of our Sanctuary appointments, including the pedestal for the glass baptismal bowl. Steve and I worked out a suitable design for a pedestal for the new bowl (which weighs 40.5 pounds). Steve delivered the pedestal a few weeks ago, and the new font was put to use for the first time on September 21st. The pedestal, like the processional cross and Paschal Candle stand, is made of mahogany and walnut, and incorporates hand-carved gilded crosses from our parish logo. Casters inside the pedestal allow for easy movement when needed. Incidentally, the original glass bowl fits neatly inside the metal bowl. Steve also recently refurbished the processional cross.

I hope you will find our new baptismal font to be a beautiful work of art and craftsmanship. I also like to think of it in ecumenical terms, in that we can take something from the genius of another faith or culture and use it for a Christian ritual. I am reminded of some of the ancient temples and buildings (even public baths) of Rome that became Christian churches.

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 7, 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 8, 2025 from 12:30 to 1:30 PM in the Franciscan Center. All are welcome!

In Quiet Prayer: Wednesday, October 8, 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 8, 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>.



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.



This Week:

The Drumming Circle

Join us Monday, October 6, 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! 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

Upcoming Events and Programs

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. .



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, you find yourself in a very personal and individual journey that



has many challenges. A Bereavement Support Program can provide you with compassion, support, and courage as you navigate your way through your journey with others. We would encourage you to be thoughtful and prayerful

as you consider this possibility of participating in this Bereavement Support Program.

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. We will need to have a minimum of 5 participants in order to hold this Bereavement Support Program. 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

Upcoming Prayer Shawl Meetings:
October 13, 2025 at 7:00 PM on Zoom.
October 30, 2025 at 10:30 AM in-person.

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

Divine Reading: Wednesday, October 15, 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 welcomed, but optional. Join us when you can!

Co-facilitators: Sheila Denion and John Lemega

A Novel Idea Book Club

Our next meeting is **October 16, 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.

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



Branches on the Vine

October 4 - 10, 2025

Recently, members of the Young Catholic Professionals (YCP) of Central Connecticut gathered in Meriden for a "service day" to help the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist tend their orchards and gardens. Learn more the Central Connecticut YCP and see upcoming events in the latest edition of Branches on the Vine from the Archdiocese of Hartford: <https://tinyurl.com/branches-Oct-4>

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The Dignity Index 101

Thursdays, October 23, 30 & November 6, attend either 12:45 - 2:15 PM OR 6:30 - 8:00 PM.

THE DIGNITY INDEX

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.

Over the summer, we offered an introductory program on the Dignity Index. Parishioners who attended were very enthusiastic not only to put the concept into practice but also to learn even more ways to move from contempt to dignity in all of our communications. 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-2025> to let us know you plan to attend. *Facilitator: 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.

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