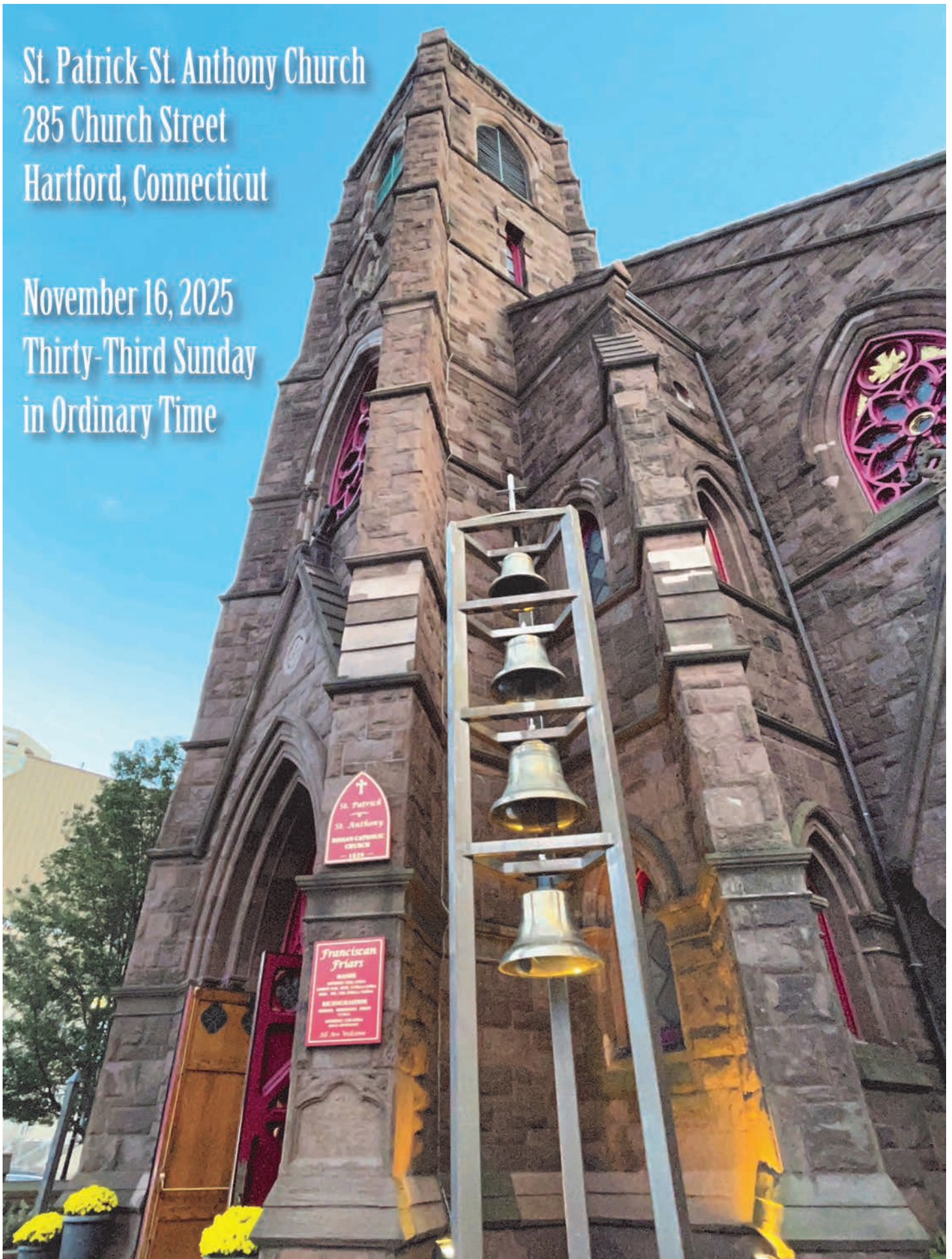


St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church
285 Church Street
Hartford, Connecticut

November 16, 2025
Thirty-Third Sunday
in Ordinary Time



**St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church and
The Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry**

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*Open Hearts
Open Minds
Open Doors*

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, November 15, 2025

4:00 PM Hank Cleary, Mary & Harold Cleary & Beatrice Cleary

Sunday, November 16, 2025

8:00 AM William, Angie & Joanne Speziale

10:00 AM August West Linder, 22 Anniversary

11:45 AM Anna Ellis

5:00 PM Doris Curtis

Monday, November 17, 2025

7:30 AM Filipe Gutierrez

12:05 PM Stephen P. Fauteux

Tuesday, November 18, 2025

7:30 AM Prayer intentions for our parishioners

12:05 PM David & Ellen Mills

Wednesday, November 19, 2025

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

12:05 PM Pamela Johnson

Thursday, November 20, 2025

7:30 AM Lillian Jahn

12:05 PM Francisco Obregon

Friday, November 21, 2025

7:30 AM Lothar Jahn

12:05 PM Martin & Mary Ellen Mitchell

Saturday, November 22, 2025

4:00 PM Peter & Helen Mini

Sunday, November 23, 2025

8:00 AM Hoisl & Zotter Family

10:00 AM Judith Cardoni, in memory of her birthday

11:45 AM Argentina Collado & Pascual Gutierrez

5:00 PM Jeanie Grasso Gagnon, 2nd Anniversary

Daily Mass Readings



Monday, Nov 17 1 Mc 1: 10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63;
Lk 18: 35-43

Tuesday, Nov 18 2 Mc 6: 18-31; Lk 19: 1-10

Wednesday, Nov 19 2 Mc 7: 1, 20-31; Lk 18: 11-28

Thursday, Nov 20 1 Mc 2: 15-29; Lk 19: 41-44

Friday, Nov 14 1 Mc 4: 36-47, 52-29; Lk 19: 45-48

Sunday, Nov 16 2 Sam 5:1-3; Ps 122: 1-2, 3-4, 4-5,
Col 1: 12-20; Lk 23: 35-43

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.

17TH ANNUAL TURKEY DRIVE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2025

7:30 AM TO 12:00 PM ONLY

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE NEEDED

Frozen Turkeys

(no fresh or live turkeys please)

Bags/boxes of stuffing mix

Canned Veggies (Large cans)

PLEASE, NO TARDY
TURKEYS!!
THANK YOU.

DUE TO LIMITED STORAGE, WE
CANNOT ACCEPT ANY TURKEYS
BEFORE OR AFTER SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 16, 2025. THE DRIVE
ENDS AT 12 NOON.



Friends and Family Ministry: Monthly

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



Open Hearts Ministry: Monthly Meeting:

December 14, 2025 at 6:00 PM. After the 5:00 PM Mass.

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

The Emmaus Grieving Parent Ministry

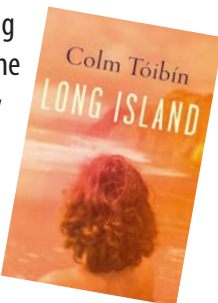


We meet at the Franciscan Center at 3:30 on the third Sunday of the month. Next meeting is November 16, 2025.

Please call the church office for more information at 860-756-4034.

A Novel Idea Book Club, Our next meeting is **November 20, 2025 at 7:00 PM on Zoom**. The book selection for November is *Long Island*, by Colm Toibin.

According to the New York Times, "The Plucky Irish Heroine of *Brooklyn* is back -- and in Crisis. *Long Island* is the much anticipated sequel to Toibin's *Brooklyn*."



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.

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: December 8

In-person Meetings: last Thursday of the Month:

November 20, December 18

For more information and the Zoom meeting link, contact Janet Bristow at janetbristow@sbcglobal.net 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.

Upcoming Collections:

Ongoing: Hurricane Melissa (see Fr. Tim's letter above)

Nov 22/23: Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Working to break the cycle of poverty by helping low-income people participate in decisions that affect their lives, families, and communities. For more information go to <https://tinyurl.com/SPSACT-CCHD-25>

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 <https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-PAA>, scan the code, place your return envelope in the basket or mail to the church.



The Pastor's Corner

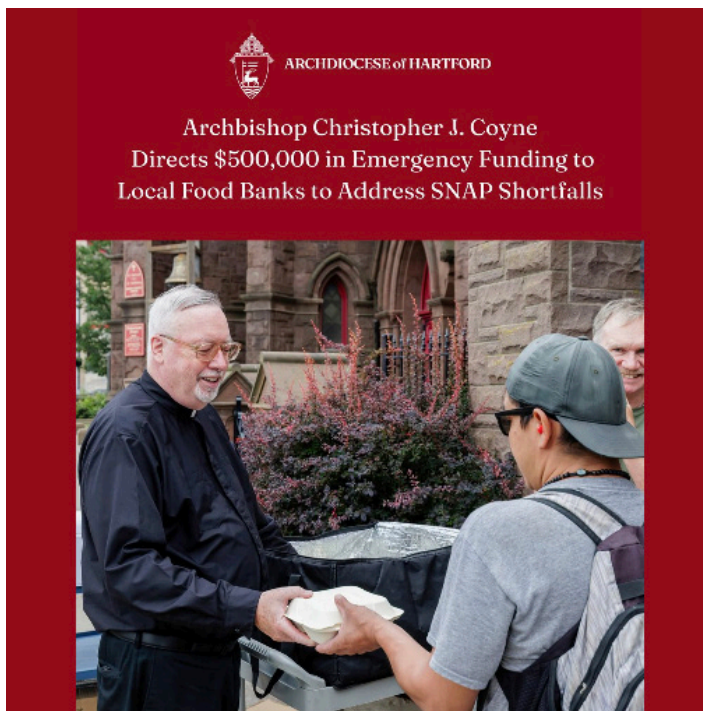
November 16, 2025

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

I usually hate having to talk about money, but this week I have very good news to share with you.

Recently we received a check from the Archbishop's Appeal in the amount of \$10,000 to help fund our Sandwich Ministry, which normally receives two or three thousand dollars a year. This additional gift is part of the \$500,000 that Archbishop Coyne designated for parishes and Catholic organizations who serve food insecure populations, including the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry.

"In the spirit of Jesus' command to serve our brothers and sisters in need, I am pleased today to release \$500,000 in funding from the Archbishop's Annual Appeal to food banks throughout the Archdiocese of Hartford. These funds will help to ensure that those who rely on SNAP benefits for nourishment can still put food on the table for themselves and their families," Archbishop Coyne stated.



The photo above, taken during the archbishop's visit to one of our hot meal distributions last summer, appeared on the archdiocese's Facebook page. We are very grateful for this generous gift, and in a phone call from Archbishop Coyne last week, he expressed his thanks for our dedication to serving the people of Hartford who need assistance.



Speaking of the Archbishop's Annual Appeal, I am happy to say that the latest donor report shows that our parishioners have pledged \$98,535.47 towards our goal of \$115,000. I believe this is the highest total we have reached since I have been pastor, and it is a sign of our willingness to serve the local church and its service to all in need. I wish to thank the 263 members of our parish who have participated in the Archbishop's Appeal, and I'd like to encourage everyone to participate as your means allow. Just go to <https://appeal.archdioceseofhartford.org/donations/> to make a gift.

Finally, Archbishop Coyne has asked all the parishes in the Archdiocese of Hartford to take a special collection for the victims of Hurricane Melissa. I've already sent a gift of \$3,000 from our parish, and the Franciscan Friars sent an additional \$1,000. However, if you wish to make your own donation to the relief efforts, I invite



you to go to our online giving site. You may use the QR code printed here. The Franciscan Friars of Our Lady of Guadalupe Province staff a mission church in Jamaica – Mary, Gate of Heaven in Negril on the western coast of the island. We would like to send all additional

funds to the friars for whatever needs they may have. Here you can see some of the friars visiting their parishioners.



Thank you, as well, to those who have responded to our Parish Annual Appeal. I realize that we've been asking a lot from you lately, and I pray that the Lord will bless you for your generosity to our parish, our archdiocese, and all who are in need – both near and far.

Best wishes for a good week ahead!

Fr. Tim Shreenan, O.F.M.
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Sanctuary Lamps

Week of November 16, 2025

In memory of

William Curtis & Charles Golec

Great Christmas Gift Idea from The Clare Gallery:

There are only six copies left of Clare Gallery's *Graceful Partners, Art and Spirituality* book. It documents the twenty-year history of the Clare Gallery ministry at the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry by sharing essays, exhibition content, and community impact statements. The exhibitions are within the categories of spirituality, world religions and interfaith themes, and social justice themes.

Parishioner author Nancy Wynn is an award-winning designer, artist, writer, and educator with over 30 years of experience as a professional creative practitioner. She is an Associate Professor of Graphic Design and Chair of the Department of Visual and Performing Arts at Merrimack College in Massachusetts.

To secure your copy, email Catherine Wynn at chatcat141@gmail.com.



Ongoing Faith Formation Programs:

Group Spiritual Reflection:

Zoom Meetings: Every Tuesday. Next meeting: November 18, 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: November 19, 2025 from 12:30 to 1:30 PM in the Franciscan Center. All are welcome!

In Quiet Prayer: Wednesday, November 19, 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: <https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-IQP-2025>.

People of Hope: Next Meeting, Wednesday, November 19, 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: Wednesdays, November 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!



Send us your photo!

Once again we will decorate our parish Christmas tree with photos of you and your family. If you've participated in previous years but would like to send a new photo, you can. Just make sure the resolution is high enough to print clearly. Email the photo to tshreenan@gmail.com.



Adult Faith Formation Offerings

FALL THROUGH ADVENT 2025



spsact.org/aff-programs-fall-2025

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 7-8:00PM**. Registration is required for the Mandala Workshop and The Virtual Artist Talk. See the Gallery website for registration – <https://spsact.org/clare2/>.

Advent Nourishment

Tuesdays, December 2, 9, 16; 12:30 - 12:55 PM.

immediately following the 12:05 p.m. Mass in the Franciscan Center

Join us this Advent at noon-time for spiritual and physical nourishment. Gather for the Celebration of the Eucharist at 12:05 PM. Immediately following Mass, a light lunch is provided while we listen to spiritual talks reflecting upon the faith-filled people we hear about in our sacred Advent texts and from our Franciscan tradition. Join us!

Please let us know if you plan to attending at the following link; <https://tinyurl.com/SPSACT-advn-2025>

Presenters: Sarah Christopher, Allison Holst-Grubbe, Deb Pelletier
Offering: \$5.00 per each luncheon.



Weekly Offering Update

11/02/2025: \$21,239.73

Looking for a Few Good Nurses!

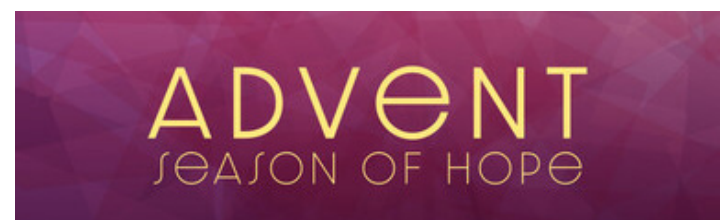


The Parish Nurse Ministry is inviting nurses to join our team! Our ministry includes both active and retired nurses from a variety of professional backgrounds. Together, we serve our parish community by offering monthly blood pressure screenings and health consultations, as well as sharing information and resources to support wellness throughout the parish.

We're a friendly, supportive group, and we'd love to welcome new members! Our next screening will be held on December 14 following the 8:00 AM and 10:00 am Masses in the Conference Room at the Franciscan Center—a great opportunity to stop by, meet the team, and see what we do.

If you have questions or ideas, feel free to reach out to co-coordinators, Maureen at Maureen.pepin@gmail.com or Donna, at dmd27@sbcglobal.net

Healthfully yours,
The Parish Nurse Ministry Team



Advent Twilight Retreat

Thursday, December 11; 5:30 - 8:00 PM.

Join us for a community evening of presentation, inspiration, and reflection in this Advent season.

Presenter: Fr. Bill Beaudin, OFM



Suggested Offering: \$15.00; includes dinner; Scan qr code to left to register for dinner and presentation.

Presentation only at 6:30 p.m.: \$10.00; scan qr code to right to register for just the presentation.



Registration Deadline: December 8

We are here to serve you...

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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 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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Faith VosWinkel, Focus 4:12 Youth Ministry, 10th Grade

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, Carolyn Abramo, Albert Tornatore, and Deborah Godin.