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November 23, 2025 • Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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**St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church and
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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, 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

Monday, November 24, 2025

7:30 AM Dennis Sullivan

12:05 PM Madeline Capodano

Tuesday, November 25, 2025

7:30 AM Prayer intentions for St. Genevieve

12:05 PM Stephen P. Fauteux

Wednesday, November 26, 2025

7:30 AM Karl Stalzer

12:05 PM Mary Ann Citino

Thursday, November 27, 2025

10:00 AM Intentions for our parishioners

Friday, November 28, 2025

9:00 AM Christopher J. O'Toole

Saturday, November 29, 2025

4:00 PM Jim Howard

Sunday, November 30, 2025

8:00 AM Philomena & Valentino Raimondi

10:00 AM Josephine Tanasi

11:45 AM Luis Gutierrez

5:00 PM Peter Mittica

Daily Mass Readings



Monday, Nov 24 Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Lk 21:1-4
 Tuesday, Nov 25 Dn 2:31-45; Lk 21:5-11
 Wednesday, Nov 26 Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28;
 Lk 21:12-19
 Thursday, Nov 27 Dn 6:12-28; Lk 21:20-2
 Friday, Nov 28 Dn 7:2-14; Lk 21:29-33
 Sunday, Nov 30 Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7,
 8-9; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

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.

The Pastor's Corner

November 23, 2025

Dear Parishioners and Friends,



On behalf of all the friars and lay staff of St. Patrick-St. Anthony, I would like to wish all of you a happy and healthy Thanksgiving Day later this week. Although our nation is facing many difficult struggles these days, we should never forget how blessed we are, and how thankful we ought to be for each other, and the love and support we give to others, especially to those most in need. I am certainly very thankful for all of you by your care and support which sustain me day after day.

At this time of the year, when families gather around the Thanksgiving table, I am mindful of the empty chairs where beloved family members once sat. I think of those who serve in our nation's military or who are on duty as first responders. Thank you for your service to us. I think of those who are in hospitals or nursing homes, or those who are alone in any way. May they feel the closeness and comfort of the Lord.

And now for a little homework assignment. About a month ago, I received an invitation from the Diocese of Bridgeport to give some talks at a retreat day for liturgical musicians. I was informed that, due to my experience and the notoriety of the music program we have at St. Patrick-St. Anthony, I was recommended as a potential retreat master/speaker.

At first I was reluctant to accept their proposal, but the more I thought about it the more interested I became. My plan is to expand on the homily I gave in September of last year on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of my ordination. My theme was on the verse from Psalm 96 which says "Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness." I've had a number of moments that lifted me up by their sheer magnificence. So, I'd you to describe a moment you felt overwhelmed by beauty in a liturgical experience, or even in nature. Send your comments to me at tshreenan@gmail.com.

Best wishes for a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday!

Fr. Tim Shreenan, OFM

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Pastor

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: 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.

Collection for Catholic Campaign for Human Development

A special second collection will be taken at all Masses this weekend for the 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.



Sanctuary Lamps

Week of November 23, 2025

In memory of

Concetta Romano

Members of the Picone Family

Ongoing Faith Formation Programs:

Group Spiritual Reflection:

Zoom Meetings: Every Tuesday. Next meeting: November 25, 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, November 26, 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 26, 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, December 3, 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!

A Great Christmas Gift Idea from The Clare Gallery:



There are only a few 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.



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

The Drumming Circle Is Back

Join us Monday, December 1, 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

Sister Parish Committee:

School Opens

The 20th anniversary of our covenant this year continues to bring blessings. St. Genevieve School opened for the new year on Oct. 6th! This is wonderful news since the Zorange area is still under the control of gangs. Fr. Gaby reports there are approx. 325 students now enrolled, with more expected as October progresses. Hot lunches are being served each school day.

And a new grade level has been added, which is equivalent to our 10th grade. Parents welcome this since high school students can remain local and supported, and not have to travel further distances or move away from home.



Kindergarten is very popular with over 100 students in 3 classes! Thank you to everyone who supports our Sister Parish relationship with prayers and donations. We continue to bring HOPE to the families of St. Genevieve.

Would you like more information? Please join us at the next Sister Parish Committee Meeting, **December 9, 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 Zorange, Haiti. Please go to <https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-St-Genevieve>.



Our Virtual Local Giving Tree is now open!!

Gift Deadline is December 14, 2025

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A45AFAB28ABFCE9-60123601-giving#/>



Help our neighbors in need this season by fulfilling a Christmas wish. Visit our virtual Christmas tree by using the QR code or by visiting the website above

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.

From the Franciscan Center



Tuesday Pasta Dinners: Helping to Feed Those in Need!

We serve warm meals on Tuesdays, and lately we have been serving about 100 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-mealsto> sign up.

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.



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

11/09/2025: \$15,260.66

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 in-

formation 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
SEASON OF HOPE

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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Please Pray for the Sick

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