

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



November 9, 2025
Feast of the Dedication of the
Basilica of Saint John Lateran in Rome

**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 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 McIllduff

5:00 PM Jim Picone

Monday, November 10, 2025

7:30 AM Pamela Johnson

12:05 PM Pamela Johnson

Tuesday, November 11, 2025

7:30 AM Claudette Smith

12:05 PM Deceased family, friends & loved ones of Maria Rosal

Wednesday, November 12, 2025

7:30 AM Prayer intentions for our parishioners

12:05 PM Monaco & Masciulli Families

Thursday, November 13, 2025

7:30 AM For the people of St. Genevieve Parish

12:05 PM Giadone Family

Friday, November 14, 2025

7:30 AM St. Genevieve Parish

12:05 PM Peter Leonard and Fr. William Leonard

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

Daily Mass Readings



Monday, Nov 10 Rom 11:29-36; LK 14:12-14

Tuesday, Nov 11 Rom 12:5-16ab; LK 14:15-24

Wednesday, Nov 12 Rom 13:8-10; LK 14:25-33

Thursday, Nov 13 Rom 14:7-12; LK 15:1-10

Friday, Nov 14 Rom 15:14-21; LK 16:1-8

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.

Welcome

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 <https://spsact.org/welcome-brunch-2025/> to register.

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 10, 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.

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.

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

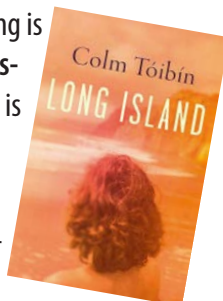
Canned Veggies (Large cans)

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.

A Novel Idea Book Club, Our next meeting is **November 20, 2025 at 7:00 PM at the Franciscan Center**. 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.

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 9, 2025

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

As I mentioned at the end of my letter in last week's bulletin, the feast which we celebrate today – the Dedication of the Basilica of St. John Lateran – has a Franciscan connection.

In 1209, Francis of Assisi, along with a group of his brothers, travelled to Rome by foot to meet with the Holy Father, Pope Innocent III. Francis was hoping to get an audience with the pope to petition him to grant his approval for a new religious order in the Church.



The early biographies of Francis describe how the pope had a fitful dream in which he saw the church of St. John Lateran start to crumble and begin to fall down. Suddenly a little robed figure of a man appeared who pushed his shoulder against one of the pillars of the building.

All at once, the great church settled back into its foundations, and the dream was over.

When Francis and his brothers were admitted into the pope's presence, Innocent recognized Francis as the little man who had saved St. John Lateran. The pope knew that this man would be a source of strength and renewal for the Church. The words Francis had heard a few years earlier in the chapel of San Damiano were coming to fulfillment: "Francis, go and repair my house which, as you see, is falling into ruin."



Francis and his brothers returned to Assisi and began the new Order of Friars Minor by going out among the people to preach the Gospel and to help rebuild the faith of God's people by wishing them "Pax et Bonum" – "Peace and Good."



Today, a bronze statuary group of St. Francis and the friars stands in front of the great Basilica of St. John Lateran, reminding us of that event that started the Franciscan Order.

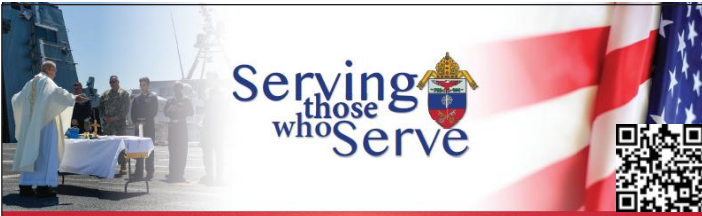


Imagine what our lives would be like if we took seriously St. Paul's words and phrases that describe and define each of us as God's building, temple of God, indwelling of the Spirit of God, and holy. What would our lives look like if we lived from our holiest, most divine self? What would change in us if we lived fully in the powerful, creative, expansive, and inclusive presence of the Spirit of God within us? How would our relationships and the way we treat others change? Would we have a greater capacity to love and engage with other "holy" ones (since we are all "holy") in a deeper, more meaningful, way?

Living as God's temple, God's Spirit, and holy ones empowers us to be fully alive as God's extraordinary presence in what can otherwise feel like a very ordinary world.

Best wishes for a good week ahead!

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



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 www.milarch.org/nationalcollection.



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

Ongoing Faith Formation Programs: Group Spiritual Reflection:

Zoom Meetings: Every Tuesday. Next meeting: November 11, 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 12, 2025 from 12:30 to 1:30 PM in the Franciscan Center. All are welcome!

In Quiet Prayer: Wednesday, November 12, 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 12, 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!

The Ladies Guild is sponsoring a **Christmas Corner Teacup Auction and Craft Sale** after all Masses on Saturday, November 8 and Sunday, November 9.

Your support will assist our Guild in its many ministries, in particular, our scholarship fund. Members and friends have donated Fantastic Auction Items, including \$100 Cash from Santa's Sack, and a \$100 Salute Restaurant Gift Certificate, two \$50 Gift Cards, a Wine Basket and so much more.

And from our "Crafty Members", there will be beautiful gift ideas. Teacup prize drawing will be held at the Ladies Guild Christmas Party on Sunday, December 7, 12 pm, at Salute Restaurant, Rocky Hill.

Weekly Offering Update

10/26/2025: \$17,467.73

Upcoming Collections:

Nov 8/9 for Archdiocese for Military Service

Nov 22/23 for the Campaign for Human Development



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 noontime 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.

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 here to register.

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



Registration Deadline: December 8

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 <https://spsact.org/contact-form-for-open-hearts-ministry/> and a ministry member will reach out to you.

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!

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/>.

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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