



St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church • 285 Church Street • Hartford, Connecticut
January 18, 2026 • Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saint John the Baptist Pointing to Christ in a Landscape, Carlo Maratti (1625-1713); Fogg Museum, Harvard University

**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, January 17, 2026

4:00 PM In thanksgiving to St. Genevieve

Sunday, January 18, 2026

8:00 AM William, Angie & Joanne Speziale

10:00 AM Richard Crockett

11:45 AM Anthony Suranna

5:00 PM Susanna Jones

Monday, January 19, 2025

7:30 AM Douglas Corr

12:05 PM Mick O'Hara

Tuesday, January 20, 2025

7:30 AM Elaine D'Amico

12:05 PM Frank Gallant

Wednesday, January 21, 2025

7:30 AM Fred D'Amico

12:05 PM Peter Papadopoulos

Thursday, January 22, 2026

7:30 AM Maria Emilia Rodrigues

12:05 PM Joseph Westfield

Friday, January 23, 2026

7:30 AM David Rigol

12:05 PM Madeline Capodanno

Saturday, January 24, 2026

4:00 PM Manuel Da Costa Roxo & Mabilia da Costa

Sunday, January 25, 2026

8:00 AM Maggie Kelly

10:00 AM Raymond Dalton, 2nd Anniversary

11:45 AM Jim Mullarkey, 2nd Anniversary

5:00 PM William Denton

Daily Mass Readings



Monday, Jan 19 1 Sam 15:16-23; Mk 2: 18-22
 Tuesday, Jan 20 1 Sam 16: 1-13; Mk 2: 23-28
 Wednesday, Jan 21 1 Sam 17: 32-33, 37, 40-51;
 Mk 3: 1-6
 Thursday, Jan 22 1 Sam 18: 6-9- 19: 3; Mk 3: 7-12
 Friday, Jan 23 1 Sam 24: 3-21; Mk 3: 13-19
 Sunday, Jan 25 Is 8: 23-29- 9: 3; Ps 27: 1, 4, 13-14;
 1 Cor 1: 10- 13, 17; Mt 4: 12-23 or
 4: 12-17

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

January 18, 2026

Dear Parishioners and Friends,



Leave it to Lucy to say what we are all probably thinking. We are only just past half-way through the first month of 2026 and already we have experienced some very tragic moments, both at home and abroad. The terrible fire in a night club in Switzerland which killed 40 persons and injured more than 100, most of whom were teenagers, and the shocking events in Minnesota might cause us to wonder if this is what's in store for the rest of the year.

If you're thinking, like Lucy, that we've been stuck with a used year, you might not be wrong; however, our liturgical readings for this Sunday should help us to think a bit differently. Each of our readings imply that something new is happening, and we are invited to open our eyes a bit wider and see that God is with us in our joy as well as our sorrow.

From Isaiah we hear: "I am made glorious in the sight of the Lord, and my God is now my strength!... I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth."

From St. Paul we hear: "To you who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be holy, with all those everywhere who call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ... grace and peace from God our Father..."

And from John the Baptist we hear: "Behold, the Lamb of God, who



takes away the sin of the world... Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God."

The Scripture readings we hear at the start of a new liturgical year always stress the impact of Emmanuel – God with us. Having celebrated the time of waiting and preparation for the birth of Jesus, we now begin a period of being called as disciples to follow him once more and to live the Good News he came to share.

Although so much of the news of today is bad or tragic, the good news of the kingdom of God is anything but. It is important for us to try to keep a healthy balance between the reality of the world around us and the life we are called to live as brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ: a life of servant discipleship as people who have been called out of darkness into his own wonderful light.

May we find joy and fulfillment in the many ways we have been called to serve one another in the name of Jesus. I see that joy in the way you serve the hungry, making and distributing sandwiches; preparing and serving hot meals twice a week; working as a team at the House of Bread. In all of these activities and more, we allow the light of the Gospel message to be proclaimed, not just in words, but in selfless deeds of mercy and love.

We have no idea what the rest of the year ahead holds for us as individuals or as a nation. I'm sure it's going to be a bumpy ride, but with faith in each other and our better angels, we can be sources of compassion in a world of animosity and light in a world of darkness.

I like to reflect on the sentiments of the Serenity Prayer, which is more relevant with each passing day:

"God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; the courage to change the things I can; and the wisdom to know the difference. Amen."

Blessings on your week ahead!

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

Ongoing Faith Formation Programs:

Group Spiritual Reflection:

Zoom Meetings: Every Tuesday. Next meeting: January 20, 2026 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, January 21, 2026, 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, January 21, 2026 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: Next meeting, January 28, 2026, 7:00 to 8:00 PM at the Franciscan Center. We meet every 2nd and 4th Wednesday. 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!

Friends and Family Ministry

Our next meeting will take place on Sunday, January 18, 2026 at 3:30 PM in the Franciscan Center.



Weekly Offering Update

1/04/2026: \$15,917.23 1/11/2026: \$27,984.23

Thank you for your continued support



This weekend, January 17–18, we will hold the annual High School Collection to support our Archdiocesan Catholic high schools. Your investment yields life-changing results, providing students with exceptional academics, solid faith formation, and a profound spirit of service. We deeply value your commitment to Catholic education as we work together to form a new generation in the faith. Thank you for your prayerful and generous support.

For more information, visit <https://archdioceseofhartford.org/ministry/catholic-schools/high-school-collection/>.

To make a donation online, please go to <https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-CHC>.

The Emmaus Grieving Parent Ministry



The Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents, in the Franciscan tradition of "All are Welcome," serves the spiritual needs of grieving parents whose children of any age have died by any cause. **We meet at the Franciscan Center at 3:30 on the third Sunday of the month. Next meeting is January 18, 2026.**

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

Secular Franciscan Order

Monthly Meetings:

Is God calling you to live a life of love, peace, and holiness in the model of St. Francis of Assisi?

The Secular Franciscan Order was established by St. Francis of Assisi more than 800 years ago. Our purpose is to bring the Gospel to life where we live and where we work. We look for ways to embrace the Gospel in our lives and try to help others to do likewise.

Join us every 3rd Sunday at 2:00 pm for our gathering in the lower level of the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry at St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church. **Our next meeting is January 18 at 2:00 PM** to learn more about the Secular Franciscan Order. We will be discussing Social Justice related to "Caring for God's Creation".



Important Places in the Life of Jesus

Thursdays, January 29 & February 12

7:00-8:00 PM on Zoom

This two-part online slide presentation consists of photos taken by Dan on a pilgrimage to Israel in 2022, along with his commentary on the historical background and significance of each site. The presentation covers the most important sites associated with the early life, ministry and passion of Jesus. The first part, on January 29, begins with the Church of the Annunciation in Nazareth and continues through the early ministry of Jesus.



The second part, on February 12, continues exploration of Jesus' ministry and ends with the Chapel of the Ascension in Jerusalem. Questions and discussion are welcome.

Presenter: Dan Kueper

Free Will Offering

Please go to <https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-CT-Jesus-Places> to register.

New Adult Faith Programs: Save the Dates

Saturday, March 21, 5:00-7:00 PM, "The Bible and Sexuality"

Sunday, March 22, 11:15 a.m.-1:00 PM, "Jesus, Women and The Family of Faith"

Hartford International University collaborates with faith communities to foster connection and to offer educational experiences provided by their esteemed faculty. St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church has been invited to partner with HIU to present several opportunities to engage with internationally renowned scholar Dr. Amy-Jill Levine.

Dr. Amy-Jill Levine is a distinguished scholar and teacher in New Testament and Jewish Studies. She is the first Jewish person to teach New Testament at Rome's Pontifical Biblical Institute. In 2021, she was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

On the weekend of March 21-22, we will offer faith formation programs to interact with Dr. Levine. Professor "AJ", as she is known, works to counter biblical interpretations that exclude and oppress. The biblical scholarship explored may be new to you, leading to fresh insights, reflections, and inspiration.

These programs are free and will be at the Franciscan Center. The gatherings will include time for questions along with refreshments. Registration details are forthcoming.

SAVE these DATES ~ PLAN now to join us and bring a friend, colleague, or family member!

Inspired Assemblages



The Clare Gallery is excited to share our year of exhibits celebrating voices that "were left out" at the founding of our country. Our first exhibit is *Inspired Assemblages*, works by Terese Newman. Programming includes a **virtual artist talk on Thursday, February 5, 7:00 - 8:00 PM** and an **artist reception on Sunday, March 15, 2:00 - 4:00 PM**. Both events are open to the public. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-CG-IA-2026> to receive the link for the virtual artist talk.

All Are Welcome Retreat - Save the Date



New Opportunity in the New Year

"All Are Welcome" Day of Reflection
Mercy by the Sea Retreat Center,
Madison, CT

Saturday, May 16, 2026

Retreat Leader: Fr. Bill Beaudin, OFM

Here's a chance to step away from the ordinary schedule of life and devote this time to your spiritual growth. And, if you have never experienced Mercy by the Sea before, please join us!

Mercy by the Sea offers beautiful, simple, and peaceful spaces that enable reflection, open the heart to prayer, and facilitate opportunities for conversation.

Come away with us on a retreat day in May 2026! To register early to reserve a spot for you and a friend or relative, **please contact Pat Curtis at pcurtis@spsact.org or 860-756-4034, x.113.**

Sanctuary Lamps: Week of 1/18/2026

Richard Crockett

requested by
Connie Crockett

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. The Prayer Shawl Ministers gather both virtually and in-person for our bi-monthly meetings, the 2nd Monday and last Thursday of each Month! And, yes, you can * learn * how to knit or crochet through Zoom. Our experienced ministers are skilled teachers as well. Please JOIN US!

Next Meeting: January 29 starting at 10:30am in the Franciscan Center.

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.

Volunteer Today:

Feeling the need to give back? Consider volunteering for one of the following ministries:

Care Ministry Team: help to guide families through the planning process of their loved one's funeral.

Friday Shoppers Ministry. Every Friday we place two orders at BJ's Wholesale for the House of Bread Weekend Meal Program and the Franciscan Center.

The Ministry of the Door: Help in the office early evenings and on Sundays by answering the door and doing light office work when needed.

Please go to <https://spsact.org/current-volunteer-opportunities/> to view current offerings. Please contact our Director of Community Engagement, Allison Holst-Grubbe at aholstgrubbe@spsact.org for more info!



2026 Mass Book Information

Did you know? The 2026 Calendar still has dates available for your Mass Intentions? **The 2027 Calendar will be open for intentions on Friday, January 23, 2026.**

How to request your intentions: Call the office at 860-756-4034 or email info@spsact.org to request your intentions. Please provide a 2nd and 3rd choice when making your request.

Note: Kindly submit your suggested offering of \$15 per Mass shortly after making your reservation. This can be done via Online Giving, cash or check. You can place your donation in the Sunday basket in an envelope addressed to the church office or send via USPS to 285 Church St., Hartford, CT 06103. Checks are to be made payable to SPSA.

Please call the church office, 860-756-4034, if you have questions.



Are you wondering if your child is on track academically?

You are not alone. Perhaps you'd like to consider some other educational options. **Corpus Christi School of Wethersfield, a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence, will host a Winter Open House on Sunday, January 25th from 12:00 – 1:30 PM at Corpus Christi School, 581 Silas Deane Highway.** Corpus Christi students benefit from a structured environment, smaller class sizes and personalized instruction. Imagine how your child could soar!! Tours will be available; teachers, students, and parents will be on hand to answer questions. The school encompasses PreK - 8th grade. To register, please visit our website <https://corpuschristischoolct.org/> or call 860-529-5487.

Christmas Flowers have been given in memory and in honor of ...

- ❖ Joseph Mazzafera, Nicholas & Kathleen Arturo, Bill & Barbara Moody and Leo Andreolio, by Rocco Arturo
- ❖ Madeline G. Bartholomay & Gary S. Bunting, by George Bartholomay
- ❖ Philip & Marion Benedetto, by Stephen Benedetto
- ❖ Ronald Biederman, Thomas Sataro, Anna Pavlick and Joseph Pavlick, by Pat Biederman
- ❖ Alfio Bonanno & Janice Valade, by Sal & Lisa Bonanno
- ❖ In honor of all those who spread Peace and Kindness to one another, by John & Jeannette Bonee
- ❖ In Memory of Maggie Kelly by Celia Bouza
- ❖ Charlotte & Francis Bowen, Thomas McMillan, and Irene, Eugenia & Edward Guzak, by Trish Bowen & Stan Guzek
- ❖ William D. Brown, Mr. & Mrs. John Fiorillo, Mr. & Mrs. B. Brown, and Louis-John Fiorillo, by Amy Brown
- ❖ Buckanavage & Gentkowski families, Fr. Andrew Giardino, OFM, Bob & Lucy Bezila, and Denis Geary, by Pat Buckanavage
- ❖ Judy Ryiz, Jeanie Grasso Gagnon, and Jerelyn Fields, by Natalie Campbell
- ❖ Deceased members of the Cardoni, DeMarchi, and Baker Families, by Alex & Jean Cardoni
- ❖ Our beloved son Rob Casinghino, by Joan & Arnold Casinghino
- ❖ Peter & Margaret Ciotto, Love Rosemary & Peter Ciotto
- ❖ Thoms E. Claffey and Thomas C. Burgess, by Barbara Claffey
- ❖ Hank Cleary, Mary & Harold Cleary, and Beatriz Cleary, by Prudence Cleary
- ❖ Miriam & Darby Costello, by Darcé Costello
- ❖ Richard Crockett, by Connie Crockett
- ❖ Josephine & Salvatore Tanasi, by Connie Crockett
- ❖ Marjorie & Samuel Crockett, by Connie Crockett
- ❖ Antonio & Stella Pizzoferrato, Anthony Pizzoferrato Jr, Agatha Weilock, Daniel & Gaynell Cronin, and Robert, Cheryl & Barbara Cronin, by Anne Cronin
- ❖ Kathryn & Paul Rizza and Mary G. Falvey, by Teresa Curry
- ❖ The Curtiss & Catalano Family by Paula & Stephen Curtiss
- ❖ Raymon Dalton, by Sharon Dalton
- ❖ Frank & Elaine D'Amico, by Fran D'Amico
- ❖ Fred D'Amico, by Fran D'Amico
- ❖ Donald J. Deasy & Kathleen M. Gorman, by Pat Deasy
- ❖ Michael & Joseph DiLullo, by Jamie DiLullo
- ❖ Our kind and gentle granddaughter, Regan Martins, during this Christmas season, by Regina Domingo
- ❖ Bruce Dominick, Ed & Gene Dominick, Stephen & Neva Aufmuth, and the Grafe & Pretzer families, by Jeremey & Melissa Dominick
- ❖ Michael, Frank & Eleanor Doody, by Melissa Doody
- ❖ Helen Zilinsky & Michael Grigaitis, by Pat Dressler
- ❖ Laurence T. Maher and L. Timothy Maher, by the Dworkin Family
- ❖ Eileen & Daniel Ragnoni, Vicki Ragnoni, John Sheeny, and Lillian & Edward Hussey, by Victor & Mary Eanniello
- ❖ Koluch & East Families, by Lin & Jean East
- ❖ Fitol & Fedoruk Families, by Richard Fitol
- ❖ John B. Fitzpatrick, Jr and Gerard & Yolanda Petrosino, by Paul Fitzpatrick
- ❖ Joseph G. Foran, Sr., by June Foran
- ❖ Richard F. Mullaney, Mary B. Mullaney and Fr. Bob Butler, by Marie Mullaney & Anthony Foran
- ❖ Richard Formica and Gaetano & Concetta Romano, by Jo-Ann Formica
- ❖ Mr. & Mrs. Thomas A. Fox, Mary Ellen Fox, James Fox, Mr. & Mrs. Michael Fox, and Mr. & Mrs. Bernard J. Fagan, by Geri Fox
- ❖ Lillian & John Gannon, by Mary Gannon
- ❖ Franklin L. Carifa, by Mark Garavel
- ❖ Lisa Garavel Terry, by Mark Garavel
- ❖ Bob & Phyllis Garavel, by Mark Garavel
- ❖ Querino Genca, by Felicia Genca
- ❖ Concetta, Salvatore & Carmen Gianni, and Rose Zoppoli, by Mary Gianni
- ❖ Peter Papadopoulos, by Claudia Gober
- ❖ Charles A Golec, by Kathleen Golec
- ❖ Edward & Marie Mulcahy, Anthony & Helen Golec and Genevieve Zak, by Kathleen Golec
- ❖ Deceased members of the Gorman & Desjardins Families, by James Gorman
- ❖ Carroll F. Tierney, Jean F. Tierney, Debbie Chase and Horace M. Gottlieb, by Lois & Norman Gottlieb
- ❖ Sister Rita Johnson, by James & Allison Healy
- ❖ Barbara Bebert & Joseph Kelliher, by Paul Hebert
- ❖ Stella & Stanley Brzozowy and Johannah Reeves, by Stella Heyl
- ❖ Thomas & Marion Hoey, Dorothy Ryan, and Sister Susan Carlin, RSM, by Nancy Hoey
- ❖ Devito & Hoisl Families, by Thomas & Andrea Hoisl
- ❖ Anna & Edward Alexis and Larry Tracey, Jr, by Connie & Bob Houde
- ❖ Paul, Sr. & Kevin Brian Sweeney, Love Sheila Hummel & Family
- ❖ Joe & Teresa Melzen, the Melzen, Lukach & Humphrey families and Ginny Reynolds, by Jim Melzen & Mark Humphrey
- ❖ Ed & Lillian Hussey, Dan & Eileen Ragnoni & John Sheehy, by Stephen Hussey
- ❖ Magdalena Anderko and Sally Doyle, by David & Nicole Inyangetor
- ❖ Makardy & Elizabeth Kania, by Brian Kania

Christmas Flowers have been given in memory and in honor of ...

- ❖ Fran, Ed, Jerry Marin and Carmella, John, Jack & Pam Karwan, by Pat & Mike Karwan
- ❖ My Aunt Eileen, by Marla Katz
- ❖ Dan & Eleanor Laffin and Sal & Francis Coco, by Dan & Maryann Laffin
- ❖ Daniel Laffin, III and Scott Brady, by family
- ❖ Mary & John Lemega, Mary & John Ramos, Michael J. Digby, John V. Ramos, Barbara A. Dubovik, August W. Linder, Inez Williams, Carole A. Spector, John C. Brennan, Fr. Jim Hynes, OFM, Laura S. Diunizio, Hilda T. Perry, Bob Lemega and Sylvia Digby, by Joyce & John Lemega
- ❖ Our beloved son, Benjamin Walter Linn, by Bob & Joanne Linn
- ❖ Salvatore Lombardo, Sebastiana Lombardo and Ann Hamm, by Mary Lombardo
- ❖ Rosemary "Rory" Marquis & her great-grandparents, Pietro & Angela Maria Fazio and Francis Marquis, by Rosina & Steven Marquis.
- ❖ Lois Martineau, by Art Martineau
- ❖ Our sweet daughter, Regan Marins, Love you forever
- ❖ My wife, Beverly Matakaetis, by John Matakaetis
- ❖ Helen Kehoe and Roemary & Dennis McCarthy, by Stephen & Renee McCarthy
- ❖ Francis & Katherine McGrath, by Katherine McCormack
- ❖ The McDermott, Fairweather & Obregon Families and Efigenia Palomino, by Joann McDermott & Maria Obregon
- ❖ Bruce & Anita DeNeve, William & Ruth Moran and William Moran, Jr. By Barry & Louise Moran
- ❖ Nora & Francis Mullen, Helen & John Felice, Mary Anne M. Scalora, and Mr. Francis Mullen, Jr., by Paul & Rosemary Mullen
- ❖ Marie & Ed Mulcahy and Richard & Rosemarie Olson, by Patricia & Richard Olson
- ❖ Sylvester & Loretta Cholko, James & Lillian Penders, and Katherine P. von der Lieth, by Jim & Joan Penders
- ❖ Jim Picone, Michael O'Donnell and Patricia & Bob Zipps, from MaryJoan Picone
- ❖ Arthur & Jean Field and Francis & Barbara Pierz, by Joseph & Beverly Pierz
- ❖ Delphinie & Leo Bricuglio, Sr, by Marie Poland
- ❖ For all the fallen service men and women, by Marie Poland
- ❖ All our Parishioners, by Marie Poland
- ❖ All victims of abuse and in honor of all the survivors, by Marie Poland
- ❖ Prisloe & Olie Families, by Mark Prisloe
- ❖ The deceased members of the MacFadden & Przybycien families, by Julie & Tony Przybycien
- ❖ The deceased members of the Ashe & Remillard families, by Tara & Norman Remillard
- ❖ Fr. Andrew Giardino, ofm, Fr. Jim Hynes, ofm and Fr. John Murphy, ofm, by Tony & Maria Retartha
- ❖ Mary Schulz, by Linda Scanlon
- ❖ Silvio Celadon, Ryan Ross and Jamie Whittaker, by Marc & Sheila Sherer
- ❖ In Memory of Kathleen Murray, Joseph and Mary Connell, Joseph J. and Valerie Shertick, Cynthia Stanco, by Joe & MaryJo Shertick.
- ❖ Stanley Sidur, Lydia Sidur, Genowefa & Marian Barkowicz and Jason Connolly, by Andrea Sidur
- ❖ Mr. & Mrs. Robert E. Sliney, Sr., by Tom Sliney
- ❖ Margaret Stephen, by Siobhan Stephen
- ❖ Joseph Sullivan, by Susan Sullivan
- ❖ The Sheehan & Sullivan Families, by Susan Sullivan
- ❖ To honor the upcoming union of the Katz & Suraci families, by Ethan Suraci
- ❖ William & Rosalie Swift, by Kathleen Swift
- ❖ The deceased members of the Thibeault, Stearns, and Mirek Families, by Brian & Anne Thibeault
- ❖ Mr. Robert B. Lytle & Mrs. Josephine F. Voss, by Gregory & Stephanie Voss
- ❖ Denis Geary, by Faith VosWinkel
- ❖ Barton & Adrienne VosWinkel, by Faith Vos Winkel
- ❖ Aelred, Rita, Ken, Doreen, & Tom Wagner, Philip Knutson and Anne Ferrucci, by Wilbur Wagner
- ❖ Deceased members of Wawzyniecki & Sowerbutts families, by Patti & Stefano Wawzyniecki
- ❖ Rose Magnano and Ross Magnano, by LouAnn & Jim Warren
- ❖ Angela Sullivan, Virbert Sullivan, Hewley Barker and Roberto Soto, Jr., by Maxine Woolford
- ❖ In loving memory of J. Gregori Montano, Dennis F. Sullivan, John Termine, John F. O'Connor and Pamela Johnson, by Raymond Woollett
- ❖ Victor & Lena Yedziniak by Lorraine Yedziniak



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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Some members of the Catholic book club at Holy Infant Parish in Orange gather at the church for their bimonthly discussion. PHOTO BY JOE PISANI

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB EXPLORES THE CATHOLIC FAITH

When Margaret Siena was in third grade, one of her favorite books was an illustrated Little Book of Saints for children, with stories about young women like St. Agnes and St. Cecilia.

"I could read it again and again and again," she recalls. "It was entertaining and informative and spiritual."

Now, as president of the Women's Guild of Holy Infant Parish in Orange and coordinator of its recently formed Catholic book club, she uses those same criteria in her search for reading material that will inspire the group spiritually, entertain them and inform them.

Since it began last year, participants have read several books, including *The Story of a Soul*, St. Thérèse of Lisieux's autobiography; *Up from Dust*, historical fiction about St. Martha of Bethany, sister of Mary and Lazarus; and *Hills of Moab*, a novel based on the Old Testament Book of Ruth, about a Moabite woman who married an Israelite and became an ancestor of King David. "The goal of the Women's Guild book club is to offer enjoyable, inspirational reading while deepening our faith," Siena says. "Its focus is on woman saints, women of the Bible and Catholic women authors."

The bimonthly discussions are led by Donna DiMassa of St. Raphael Parish in Milford, who also leads a mystery book club at Case Memorial Library in Orange.

DiMassa began a recent meeting with a prayer she wrote that invokes the Holy Spirit: "Holy Spirit, we pray that through this newly formed Women's Guild book club, we come to know and understand you better and that we learn better how to serve you in our day-to-day lives. When we are reading the selections, help us to see the work through your divine lens so that we glean the lessons that you want to teach us. Lastly, when we are discussing the selections, let us learn at least one thing that will help us love you better and bring us ever closer to you."

Siena, who has been president of the Guild for more than a year, is committed to sponsoring activities that engage members in small groups. A lifelong reader, she searches for books that will be compelling to the women. Her research entails perusing reviews, looking at lists of popular books and talking to avid readers. "I find myself spending a lot of time searching for the right book," she says. "Not just the right book, but the right book from a Catholic perspective that will appeal to women."

She also believes that historical fiction based on Bible stories will offer an entertaining introduction that can entice readers to further biblical study.

The discussions have been enjoyable for the women, who can relate to the experiences of characters like Ruth and St. Martha of Bethany.

Siena has always enjoyed historical fiction, especially stories about the role of women during World War II, and works of history that are accessible to a general reading public and not entirely academic.

"I have a curiosity about a lot of things, and I like to read because I can get into the characters," she says.

Father Norman Brockett, pastor, praises the initiative. "It provides a great opportunity for women to develop spiritually, while engaging in discussions about issues that are timeless and also relevant to them," he says.

Most of all, Siena wants the club to be enjoyable and not have the members feel as if they are reading for a class assignment. "We're not theologians," she adds. "I just want the women to appreciate the beauty of the Catholic faith."

-Story by Joe Pisani



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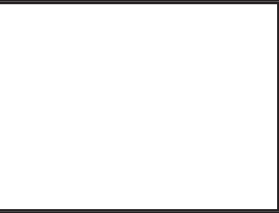
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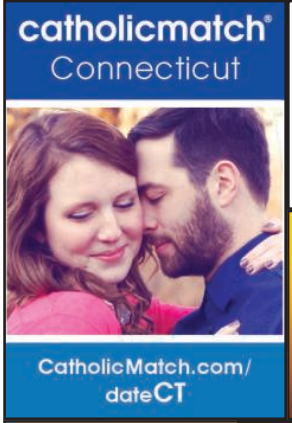
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