

As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee, Jesus saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen. He said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."



*The Calling of the Apostles Peter and Andrew, Duccio di Buoninsegna (c. 1250/1255 - 1318/1319); National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC*

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**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 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

**Monday, January 26, 2025**

7:30 AM Miguel Luis Braga

12:05 PM Christopher Shea, in memory of his birthday

**Tuesday, January 27, 2025**

7:30 AM Charlie Brennan

12:05 PM Mary Mittica

**Wednesday, January 28, 2025**

7:30 AM For the good intentions of all those who attend the morning celebration of the Mass at St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church, those who offer the celebration of the Mass, and those who greet us as we enter and leave this Church.

12:05 PM Antoinette Smith

**Thursday, January 29, 2026**

7:30 AM Charlie Brennan

12:05 PM Rose Mauriello

**Friday, January 30, 2026**

7:30 AM Maria - Adriano da Costa (Roxo)

12:05 PM Jerelyn Fields

**Saturday, January 31, 2026**

4:00 PM Richard Formica, 8th Anniversary

**Sunday, February 1, 2026**

8:00 AM Charlie Kirk

10:00 AM Vincent Giansanti, Jr.

11:45 AM Rashid & Yesmine Ellis

5:00 PM Joseph Pavlick

**Daily Mass Readings**



Monday, Jan 26 1 Sam 15:16-23; Mk 2: 18-22  
 Tuesday, Jan 27 1 Sam 16: 1-13; Mk 2: 23-28  
 Wednesday, Jan 28 1 Sam 17: 32-33, 37, 40-51;  
 Mk 3: 1-6  
 Thursday, Jan 29 1 Sam 18: 6-9- 19: 3; Mk 3: 7-12  
 Friday, Jan 30 1 Sam 24: 3-21; Mk 3: 13-19  
 Sunday, Feb 1 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.

# The Pastor's Corner

January 25, 2026

Dear Parishioners and Friends,



As a round of wintry weather settled upon us last weekend, bringing snow and freezing temperatures, our hearts were warmed by the celebration of the 20th anniversary of the covenant with our Sister Parish of Sainte-Geneviève in Zoranje, Haiti. It was certainly a memorable celebration – from the joyous music at the 4:00 PM Mass to the delicious Haitian-themed food served at the reception in the Franciscan Center. I am grateful to everyone who took part in the preparations, including our music ministry and the members of our Drumming Circle, and especially our Sister Parish Committee under the leadership of Patti Wawzyniecki who spent many hours over the past few months planning for the event. I was particularly moved by the handsome photos of some of the children of Ste-Geneviève which decorated the tables in the Center. May our covenant continue to flourish for many years, and may the people of Haiti soon have peace and security in their nation!

Back in November I mentioned in my weekly letter that I have been asked to give a retreat day for the liturgical musicians of the Diocese of Bridgeport which will take place this coming Friday, January 30th. Thank you to the parishioners who emailed me stories of how music had touched them during a liturgical event. I am looking forward to sharing my reflections on the theme “Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.”

In a few weeks I will be at Siena University to participate in the dedication of a new organ in their chapel, and I’ve been invited to play some organ pieces as a prelude to the Mass. The new organ is the fulfillment of a 50-year-long dream of mine, ever since I graduated in 1976! I hope all the practicing I’ve been doing lately will be worth the effort.

As we move toward the end of January and anticipate Ash Wednesday and start of Lent, let us continue to celebrate our unity as a community of faith in the service of God and one another.

Blessings on your week ahead!

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

## Word of God Sunday and the Gutenberg Bible

Word of God Sunday was established by Pope Francis in 2019 and is observed annually on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time to focus on celebrating, studying, and spreading Scripture in the Catholic Church. It is an opportunity to deepen our connections with Sacred Scripture, encourage reading of the Bible, promote Christian unity, and to recognize Jesus as the Word of God.



For the past several years, we have displayed various editions of the Bible in our sanctuary. This year we are pleased to display a facsimile volume of the famed Gutenberg Bible, the first major book printed in the West using movable metal type. Also known as the 42-line Bible, it was produced by Johannes Gutenberg and his partner Johann Fust in Mainz, Germany, around 1455. Their revolutionary method marked

a turning point in history by transitioning Europe from a manuscript-based culture to the age of the printed book.

The Gutenberg Bible is an edition of the Vulgate, a Latin translation of the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament) and the Greek New Testament by St Jerome.

Today, out of the 180 originally printed, there are 49 copies of the Bible known to exist in varying states of completeness, with only 21 of those being entirely complete. The facsimile of the Bible on display is a reproduction of the copy held in Berlin. Other copies can be seen in the Beinecke Library at Yale, Harvard University, the Library of Congress in Washington, and several other locations. The Morgan Library in New York owns three complete copies in both paper and vellum.

Incidentally, Gutenberg printed only the text in black ink; those who purchased the bible were required to have the colored initials and titles, as well as any painted decorations added by other artists.

As we celebrate the Word of God in the Bible, let us be thankful for the genius of people like Johannes Gutenberg who gave the world greater access to the Scriptures, including the bibles we read from today. Gutenberg started it all, over 570 years ago!

## Ongoing Faith Formation Programs:

### Group Spiritual Reflection:

**Zoom Meetings: Every Tuesday. Next meeting: January 27, 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 28, 2026, from 7:30 to 8:00 AM.** Join us on Zoom. Thirty minutes of quiet prayer practice every Wednesday morning. Join us on Zoom. Zoom link in Monday email. Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/SP-SA-IQP-2025>.

**People of Hope: Next Meeting, Wednesday, January 28, 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!

### Prayer Shawl Ministry



Come 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, 2026 starting at 10:30 AM in the Franciscan Center.

For more information, please contact Janet Bristow at [janetbristow@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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.

## 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.

### The Drumming Circle

Join us Monday, February 2, 2026 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*

### Open Hearts:

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.



**Open Hearts Ministry: Monthly Meeting:** February 8, 2026 at 6:00 PM. After the 5:00 PM Mass.

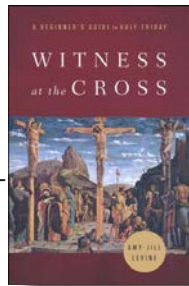
**Friends and Family Ministry: Monthly Meeting:** Sunday, February 15, 2026 at 3:30 PM in the Franciscan Center.

## Become A Witness at the Cross Tuesdays, February 24, March 3 & 10 7:00-8:15 p.m. on Zoom

We will seek a richer understanding of the characters who the Gospels tell us were witnesses to the Crucifixion as we consider Dr. Amy-Jill Levine's book, *Witness at the Cross*. Together we will prepare for a deeper encounter with Good Friday. We will consider the experience from the perspective of Mary; the Beloved Disciple; Mary Magdalene and the women from Galilee; the two thieves crucified with Jesus; the centurion and soldiers; Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus. Stepping into the story in these different roles, we will learn that each Gospel has its own story to tell, all the witnesses have their own memories, and each one of us comes away with a new insight. Will will be transformed.

**Facilitator: Pat Curtis. Free Will Offering**

Register at <https://tinyurl.com/SPSACT-Witness-Cross-2026> to receive the Zoom link.



## 2026 and 2027 Mass Book Information

The 2027 Calendar is now open for intentions. **2026 DATES ARE GOING FAST.** See next available date below:

**First Available Weekend Mass Dates:**

**4PM Mass: July 4**

**8AM Mass: March 8**

**10AM Mass: November 1**

**11:45AM Mass: March 29**

**5PM Mass: March 8**

**First Available Daily Mass Dates:**

**7:30 AM Mass: March 4**

**12:05 Mass: March 30**

**How to request your intentions:** Call the office at 860-756-4034 or email [info@spsact.org](mailto:info@spsact.org) to request your intentions and/or Sanctuary Lamps. Please provide a 2nd and 3rd choice when making your request.

**Note:** Kindly submit your suggested offering of \$15 per Mass and/or Sanctuary Lamp 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.



## 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!



## Men's Retreat at Holy Family

Please join men of the St. Patrick / St. Anthony parish at the next Men's Retreat at Holy Family from Friday evening 3/27/26 at 6:30 to Sunday afternoon 3/29/26.

*Perhaps it is time to return for an annual men's retreat to "refresh" your faith during these chaotic times?* The theme of this year's retreat is: Pilgrims of Hope and the cost is \$375 (more if you can, less if you can't) for the weekend that includes 6 well prepared meals, the fellowship of like minded men and a respite in a comfortable room at the monastery. **If you have any interest, please check out their website and sign up at: [www. HolyFamilyRetreat.org](http://www.HolyFamilyRetreat.org).** You may also contact Jack Martins at: [jvmartins7923@gmail.com](mailto:jvmartins7923@gmail.com) with any questions you may have.

## 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 February 15, 2026.**

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

## A Novel Idea Book Club

A Novel Idea Book Club has been meeting for more than 30 years. We come together on Zoom from October through March and meet in-person AND on zoom during the warmer months, April through September, but take August off. Please consider joining our group.



Our next meeting is **February 19 at 7:00 PM on Zoom**. The book selection for February is *The Garden of Evening Mists* by Tan Twan Eng.

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](mailto:info@spsact.org) if you need more information.

## Weekly Offering Update for January 18, 2026

\$14,495.74

*Thank you for your continued support*

## 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.

Terese Newman is an American artist who grew up in a mixed-race Mexican-American household in Southern California. She left for a New England college at age 19, and though she did not find many others with her background, she was able to keep her Mexican roots alive through her artwork. Her memories are filled with Mexican folk music and dancing; delicious homemade food and sweets; as well as highly colorful and diversely patterned clothing and fabric. These memories are the inspiration for her work, creating narratives through their vivid color, play on identity, and symbolic textures, patterns, and words.

Newman's work is filled with symbolism, veneration, and humor. She believes her connection to a higher power influences her work by guiding, challenging, and supporting her creative choices. Her cigar box collages are examples of the play between spirituality and empowerment.

Newman's digital paintings inhabit layered spaces that are filled with intense color, textures, and pattern—similar to her cigar boxes. The interplay between both bodies of work helps Newman keep her Mexican-American roots alive and close to her heart.

## 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.

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](mailto:aholstgrubbe@spsact.org) for more info!

*Request your*  
**2025 Tax Statement**

or go to [spsact.org/2025-giving-statement](https://spsact.org/2025-giving-statement)

## We are here to serve you...

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](http://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 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](mailto:aholstgrubbe@spsact.org); 860-756-4034, EXT. 110.*

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### Watch 10:00 AM Mass Online:



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



<https://venue.streamspot.com/cdc76f52>

### Please Pray for the Sick

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# Branches on the Vine

## NEW CHESTERTON ACADEMY OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI TO OPEN THIS FALL

JANUARY 24-30, 2026

As the demand for Catholic education continues to grow, a new Catholic high school is planning to open its doors this fall in New Britain to serve families in central Connecticut.

Chesterton Academy of St. Francis of Assisi, a new high school, will be welcoming students to the existing school building on the St. Francis property at 30 Pendleton Road, New Britain. The school will open with students in grades nine and 10, adding grades 11 and 12 over the next two years.

"It's very exciting, and it's exciting to Father Michael Casey," says Andrew Blaski, the new headmaster, who was hired to start hiring and admissions.

The school will be part of the Chesterton Schools Network, a national organization founded in Minnesota that has developed curriculum for its more than 70 private Catholic liberal arts schools in the country.

The Chesterton Academy of St. Francis of Assisi will also be a parish school, part of St. Francis of Assisi Church, under Father Casey and the Archdiocese of Hartford.

"Most Chesterton Schools are independent Catholic schools, but as conversations progressed Archbishop Christopher J. Coyne decided to make it a parish school, which I think is wonderful," Blaski says. "There's a whole host of support from the Superintendent of Schools Valerie Mara, use of the parish school building, the help of parish staff, and the daily Mass will be available to us."

What sets this Catholic high school apart from others in the archdiocese, he says, is a broad classical liberal arts education that is integrated and historically based. It will transport students back to the ancient world of Greece and Rome, through the Medieval period, through the High Middle Ages and the Renaissance, to the Modern World.

Andrew Blaski, Ph.D., is the headmaster of Chesterton Academy of St. Francis of Assisi, a new regional Catholic high school set to open in New Britain. PHOTO COURTESY CHESTERTON ACADEMY



Following the Chesterton Academy model, this classical education will teach grammar, logic and rhetoric, as well as music, arithmetic, geometry and astronomy.

In the humanities, students will be challenged to read primary sources from Western civilization, such as the works of Plato, Aristotle, St. Augustine, St. Thomas Aquinas, Shakespeare and Chaucer. "There's a heavy reliance on the great works of Western civilization. We want our students to have exposure to the great masters," Blaski says, and "an ability to penetrate dense and difficult ideas."

They'll also learn through the Socratic seminar style of teaching, which emphasizes discussion and conversation, preparing students for college-level learning.

Math and science courses will employ modern textbooks but also focus on sparking wonder and an understanding of the created world, Blaski notes. The visual arts, art history, music, drama and choir will complement their education.

The Catholic faith, central to the school's mission, will be celebrated through the daily Mass and a focus on the sacramental life and the human virtues. Students will read the Catechism, the New Testament, and learn Latin and Spanish.

Tuition will be \$9,000 a year, affordable for a Catholic school, according to Blaski, and financial assistance may be available.

The school is planning to hold a series of public information sessions so interested parents can learn more about its offerings and how to enroll. A virtual information session will be held on Tues., Jan. 27 at 7 p.m., followed by an in-person information session at the school building on Sun., Feb. 1 at 1 p.m.

Chesterton Academy is currently accepting applications. To apply or learn more, interested families should visit [chestertonsfa.org](http://chestertonsfa.org) or call Andrew Blaski at 860.348.3455.

-Story by Shelley Wolf



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