



I am the gate.
Whoever enters through
me will be saved,
and will come in and go
out and find pasture...
I came so that they might
have life and have it
more abundantly.

St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church • 285 Church Street • Hartford, Connecticut
April 26, 2026 • The Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

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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, April 25, 2026

4:00 PM Gaetano Romano, 53rd Anniversary

Sunday, April 26, 2026

8:00 AM Jose Ribeiro & Clarisse Ribeiro

10:00 AM Bob Lemega, 6th Anniversary

11:45 AM William, Angie, & Joanne Speziale

5:00 PM Melissa Corning

Monday, April 27, 2026

7:30 AM Pauline Purton

12:05 PM Michael Butkovic

Tuesday, April 28, 2026

7:30 AM Ceny & Robert Dawkins

12:05 PM Charlie Kirk

Wednesday, April 29, 2026

7:30 AM Patricia Hoey

12:05 PM Alice Ceppetelli

Thursday, April 30, 2026

7:30 AM For Our Parishioners

12:05 PM Thomas Brinston

Friday, May 1, 2026

7:30 AM Frank Scelza

12:05 PM Patricia Ann O'Brien

Saturday, May 2, 2026

4:00 PM Guido Abramo

Sunday, May 3, 2026

8:00 AM Concetta Gianni

10:00 AM Bernard Kehoe

11:45 AM Mary Fish

5:00 PM Thomas Flanagan

**Daily Mass
Readings**



Monday, April 27 Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:11-18

Tuesday, April 28 Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday, Apr 29 Acts 12:24—13:5a; Jn 12:44-50

Thursday, Apr 30 Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20

Friday, May 1 Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6

Sunday, May 3 Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19;

1 Pt 2:4-9 Jn 14:1-12

Go to <http://www.usccb.org/> for readings online.

REMINDER: If you have scheduled a 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

April 26, 2026



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Three years from now, in 2029, our parish will celebrate its bi-centennial as Connecticut's oldest Catholic community. We were founded in 1829 and our first church building was a former Episcopal Church at the corner of Main and Talcott Streets. Eventually



a new church, dedicated to St. Patrick, was constructed at the corner of Church and Ann Streets in 1851 (shown here). A fire destroyed that edifice in 1875 and it was replaced by the present church one year later. As many of you might remember, this church suffered another fire on December 30, 1956. After two years of reconstruction, the church reopened in the fall of

1958 under the title "St. Patrick-St. Anthony" when the latter parish of St. Anthony was merged with St. Patrick.

Our parish continued to serve the Catholic community of Hartford, and in 1990 the Franciscans of Holy Name Province were invited to come and reinvigorate the parish; the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry was one of the fruits of that effort.

With a history as rich as ours, we wish to celebrate our past, as well as our present and future, with appropriate joy and solemnity. I have established a planning committee under the guidance of Marc Sherer. As the committee develops ideas and plans for the bicentennial, we will keep you informed of our progress. In the meantime, if you have any photos or other memorabilia that you think might be of interest, I invite you to share them with us. Over the past few years, parishioners have given me various items which I have added to our parish archives. We can always use more!

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

Happenings This Weekend

Walk Against Hunger: Saturday, 9:15AM



The Walk Against Hunger 2026 will be on Saturday, April 25th at Dunkin' Park in Hartford. The Walk will start at 10:00 AM, but please arrive at the stadium by 9:15 AM.

To join our team or donation, please scan the QR Code or go to <https://tinyurl.com/SPS-ACT-WAH-2026> AND Get those walking shoes ready!!

Secular Franciscan Order

April Meeting: Sunday, 2:00PM



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

Join us for our gathering in the lower level of the Urban Ministry Center at St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church on the 4th Sunday of each month at 2:00 PM to learn more about the Secular Franciscan Order. Our next meeting is April 26, 2026.



Yard Goat Ticket Sales

Community Day at the Dunkin' Park June 14-



FLAG DAY!! \$20.00 Tickets go on sale after all Masses on May 2-3 in the Franciscan Center Lobby.

Let's visualize a warm June afternoon, sitting in the stands, drinking a cold beverage, eating a hot dog and cheering on our beloved Yard Goats against some fussy fisher cats. Come support the Yard Goats as they play the Toronto Blue Jays' AA-Affiliate, the New Hampshire Fisher Cats. Come help hold the big flag before the game!!!

Ongoing Faith Formation Programs:

Group Spiritual Reflection:

Zoom Meetings: Every Tuesday. Next meeting: April 28, 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, April 29, 2026, from 7:30 to 8:00 AM. Zoom link in Monday email. Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-IQP-2025>.

People of Hope: Next Meeting, Wednesday, April 29, 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, May 13, 2026, 7:00 PM, location in the Franciscan Center. We meet every 2nd and 4th Wednesday. Join us when you can!



Easter Season Twilight Retreat Register now to join us at the Franciscan Center.

We are delighted to invite Fr. Ken Paulli, OFM back for an evening of presentation, inspiration, and reflection in this Easter season in preparation of the Feast of Pentecost.



Tuesday, May 19, 2026

5:30-8:00 PM – includes Dinner – Register at <https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-Paulli-Din>; Registration deadline for dinner is May 15
Suggested Offering: \$20.00

6:45-8:00 PM – Presentation Only – Register at <https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-Paulli-Pres>
Suggested Offering: \$15.00

Suggested Offerings can be made payable to "St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church" and mailed to 285 Church Street, Hartford, CT 06103, Attn. Pat Curtis OR go to <https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-AFF-Pay> to give offering conveniently ONLINE and note the program name in the Memo.

Prayer Shawl Ministry



Calling all who knit or crochet. 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: April 30th 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.

Baptisms

Liam Michael

child of

Kasey Adinolfi and Ann Fiorvanti

Celebrated by Fr. John Leonard, O.F.M.

Hands-Only CPR Experience, May 17th



Have you ever wanted to learn CPR but thought it would take too much time or money—or weren't interested in getting certified? The Nurse Ministry has the perfect opportunity for you!

On May 17, following the 10:00 AM Mass, St. Patrick–St. Anthony Parish Nurse Ministry will host the American Heart Association in the Franciscan Center's Community Room for a Hands-Only CPR demonstration.

This Hands-Only CPR experience is quick, FREE, and requires no certification.

Each year, more than 350,000 cardiac arrests occur outside of hospitals, with most happening at home. Sadly, the survival rate is only about 10%. The American Heart Association's Nation of Lifesavers initiative raises awareness of this statistic and empowers bystanders to take action and save lives.

It's a meaningful way to help build healthier communities, honor loved ones, and make a real difference.

Please join us after the 10:00 AM Mass to learn how you can save a life!

Healthfully yours,

The Parish Nurse Ministry Team

The Drumming Circle

Join us Monday, May 4, 2026 from 6:30 to 7:30 PM. 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 Monthly Meeting: Next meeting will be May 10, 2026 after the 5pm Mass. We meet the 2nd Sunday of each Month.

Friends and Family Ministry: Monthly Meeting: Sunday, May 17, 2026 at 3:30 PM in the Franciscan Center. We meet the 3rd Sunday of each Month.

5th Annual Essay Contest/Scholarship Award Ancient Order of Hibernians Hartford, Connecticut

Eligibility: Open to any high school student in Connecticut.

Essay Topic: In an essay of no more than 500 words, describe what your culture means to you. You should explain your cultural background including traditions, customs, and values that shape who you are.

Prize: Three cash prizes will be awarded. First Prize is \$250, Second Prize is \$150 and Third Prize is \$100.

Submission Deadline: Email your essay by May 15, 2026 to hartfordaoh@gmail.com.

Notification of Winner: May 22, 2026

Questions: Email AOH Hartford Vice President John Gallivan at jjgallivan@wethersfield.me or President Tom Breen at tbreenct@gmail.com.



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 for more info!

WE ARE ONE

The 2026 Archbishop's Annual Appeal

As of April 17, 2026, our parish has donated \$58,975.75 to the 2026 Archbishop's Annual Appeal.

Thank you to the parish families who have made a gift or pledge commitment to the 2026 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not yet had the opportunity, please consider prayerfully supporting the many "Good Works" of the Archdiocese. Every gift will be gratefully received and sincerely appreciated. Please visit the Appeal website at www.archdioceseofhartford.org to learn more and make your gift today.

Join us, your parish community, and We Are One, by sharing your blessings with the less fortunate.

No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements.



St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church and the Franciscan Center Regularly Minister to Our Immigrant Neighbors

News headlines have shifted, but the needs of our immigrant brothers and sisters remain.

Are you a medical professional, lawyer or social worker who wants to support our immigrant neighbors and their families?



Contact Allison at aholstgrubbe@spsact.org for more information about how you could serve in a statewide, inter-faith ministry.



Weekly Offering Update

Online Giving, 4/26/2026: \$9,320.56

Offertory, 4/26/2026: \$10,775.00

Total: \$20,095.56

Join the Franciscans as we walk the **Camino de Compostela**

(July 24 - Aug 2, 2026)

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Corpus Christi School SPRING OPEN HOUSE

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 Spring Open House on Thursday, April 30 from 6:00 – 7:30 PM at Corpus Christi School, 581 Silas Deane Highway. Corpus Christi School students benefit from smaller class sizes and personalized instruction. A structured curriculum combined with a nurturing environment result in student success - imagine how your child could soar!! Tours will be available; teachers, students, and parents will be on hand to answer questions. Tuition assistance is available. The school encompasses PreK - 8th grade. To register, please visit our website <https://corpuschristischoolct.org/> or call 860-529-5487



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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.*

Watch 10:00 AM Mass Online:



<https://www.facebook.com/St-Patrick-St-Anthony-Church-109359789104825/>



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



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

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, Barbara Uguccioni, Albert Tornatore, and Deborah Godin.

Branches on the Vine

NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD

APRIL 25 - MAY 1, 2026

SEEN Events Offer Grieving Parents Avenues to Healing

- Story by Shelley Wolf

Families who have experienced infertility, the loss of an unborn child or a stillbirth often suffer in silence. But there is hope and healing for the invisible pain of child loss.

"SEEN," which stands for "Supporting Everyone Experiencing Neonatal Loss," is a series of events intended to acknowledge the life lost and to provide spiritual support for grieving families.

There is one upcoming spring event: Friday, May 8 at 6 p.m. sponsored by Immaculate Conception Parish at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, 74 West Main St., Waterbury.

"Parents love that baby with all their heart from the first moment," says Valerie St. Jean, associate director of adult and family life ministries for the Archdiocese of Hartford. "When a parent loses a baby, the sadness is almost too much. And the loss is not recognized.

"There will be prayer, adoration and other ways for people to experience the presence, love and mercy of Jesus."

"The name 'SEEN' is important because very often, nobody knows what happened. The parents hold it inside," she explains. "But we're here to affirm the dignity of the life lost. As Catholics, we believe that life begins at conception, and every soul has meaning and purpose."



Roses, candles and religious images set a quiet and prayerful tone for a SEEN gathering.

SEEN events allow parents to come forward to acknowledge their loss, meet other parents, gain spiritual nourishment and find ways to begin healing. The Basilica event will offer both spiritual and practical resources for coping with the loss of a child, whether the loss was due to a miscarriage or occurred after birth.

The evening event at the Basilica will include Mass, adoration, the veneration of relics, and a reception with resource materials. It will also feature a ministry of presence, including prayer, reconciliation, and counselors as well as art and journaling therapies.

"These events offer those suffering a safe place to grieve and to process their emotions, to be comforted and guided by spiritual support through our Catholic teachings," St. Jean stresses.

"There will be prayer, adoration and other ways for people to experience the presence, love and mercy of Jesus. Expanding upon other resources and forms of prayer, can help people process their grief in different ways. The Basilica has done an amazing job

of finding resources to help people," she adds.

The SEEN concept was started as a grassroots effort in 2020 by interested parishioners at Blessed Michael McGivney Parish in New Haven and has been quietly circulating to other parishes around the archdiocese in slightly different formats to reach more Catholics.

This past week, a SEEN event was also sponsored by St. Paul VI Parish at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 2819 Whitney Ave., Hamden.

While the events are parish-driven, the Archdiocese of Hartford's Office of Faith Formation and Parish Life is offering its support and guidance, recognizing SEEN events as creative forms of support to reach the hearts of those who are suffering.

SEEN events are free, with many resources and services being donated, including music, food and materials. All interested families are welcome to attend.



Upcoming Events



APRIL 24 @ 7PM
YCP SPEAKER EVENT
Bl. Michael McGivney Parish,
St. Mary Church, New Haven

"AI, Faith, Your Career. Are They Compatible?"
Come join Young Catholic Professionals Central CT for our next Executive Speaker Series Event! Come enjoy light refreshments and networking along with a talk by Omar Kouatly on AI and faith in the workplace. We look forward to meeting you there!



APRIL 28 @ 5 - 9PM
BENEFIT NIGHT FOR HAITI MINISTRY
American Flatbread, The Shoppes at Farmington Valley, Canton

Enjoy dinner and support feeding & educating almost 500 students at St. Thérèse School in Lilavois, Haiti at the same time! Dine in or take out - it all counts! Visit www.ourladyofknock.org/haiti for more information.



MAY 8 @ 6PM
SEEN: A NIGHT OF HOPE & HEALING
The Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, Waterbury

All are welcome for a night of prayer and support for those experiencing infertility or pregnancy/child loss. We will have welcoming remarks, Mass, a reflection, Adoration with Praise and Worship, and a reception to follow with light refreshments, veneration of relics, resources, community, and opportunities to meet with Religious Sisters and Prayer Teams. Registration required. Please reach out to hello@waterburybasilica.org to RSVP.



MAY 8 @ 6PM
WOMEN'S HOLY HOUR & DINNER
St. Bridget of Sweden Parish, Cheshire

Are you seeking peace and direction? Join us for an evening dedicated to women's vocational discernment. We'll begin with a Holy Hour featuring beautiful music, prayerful silence, and a reflection. Please stay for a free dinner and community fellowship. Registration required. Email cdemiany@ascjus.org to RSVP.



MAY 9 @ 9AM - 2PM
DAY WITH MARY | RETREAT
Precious Blood Parish, St. Agnes Church, Milford

Join us for a Marian Eucharistic Day Retreat with the Franciscan Friars of the Immaculate. Day will include: Holy Mass, Confession, Conferment of the Miraculous Medal, Fatima Video, Benediction, Marian Procession, Conferment of the Brown Scapular, Recitation of the Rosary and talks by Franciscans. Inclement weather, check status www.daywithmarywest.org Retreat is FREE, bring a snack!



MAY 10 @ 10AM Adults \$50
MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH
Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center, West Hartford

Children 4-12, \$15 | Children under 4, Free
Come celebrate Mother's Day with a special Mass for mothers and families, and then enjoy a delicious gourmet brunch prepared by our chef. Visit www.holyfamilyretreat.org/calendar.



MAY 13 @ 7:30PM
CANDLELIGHT ROSARY PROCESSION
Our Lady Queen of the Apostles Parish, St. Mary Church, Derby

Join us in celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima! We will gather in front of the church to start the procession. The rosary will take place indoors if it rains. Coffee and cupcakes social to follow!



MAY 13 @ 5:30PM - 9PM \$50
COUPLES' EVENING RETREAT
Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center, West Hartford

Please join us as we explore the beautiful concept of marriage as a spiritual friendship. How is marriage a Trinitarian-like expression of love, with Christ at the center? How can deep, intentional listening with "the ear of the heart" cultivate a marriage rooted in spiritual friendship?

Offered both in-person and online via Zoom. Includes dinner with wine and cheese. Visit www.holyfamilyretreat.org/calendar.



MAY 15 - 17 @ 6PM \$300
MEN'S RECOVERY RETREAT
Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center, West Hartford

We invite men in recovery into a peaceful atmosphere where you can rest, renew your spiritual life, and deepen your sobriety. Hear an inspiring lecture, catch up on some rest, and care for yourself as we care for you in mind, body, and spirit. The retreat begins on Friday with a buffet dinner from 6-7:30PM and concludes on Sunday around 11AM. Scholarships are available. Call Marty V. at **860-250-6246** for information.

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