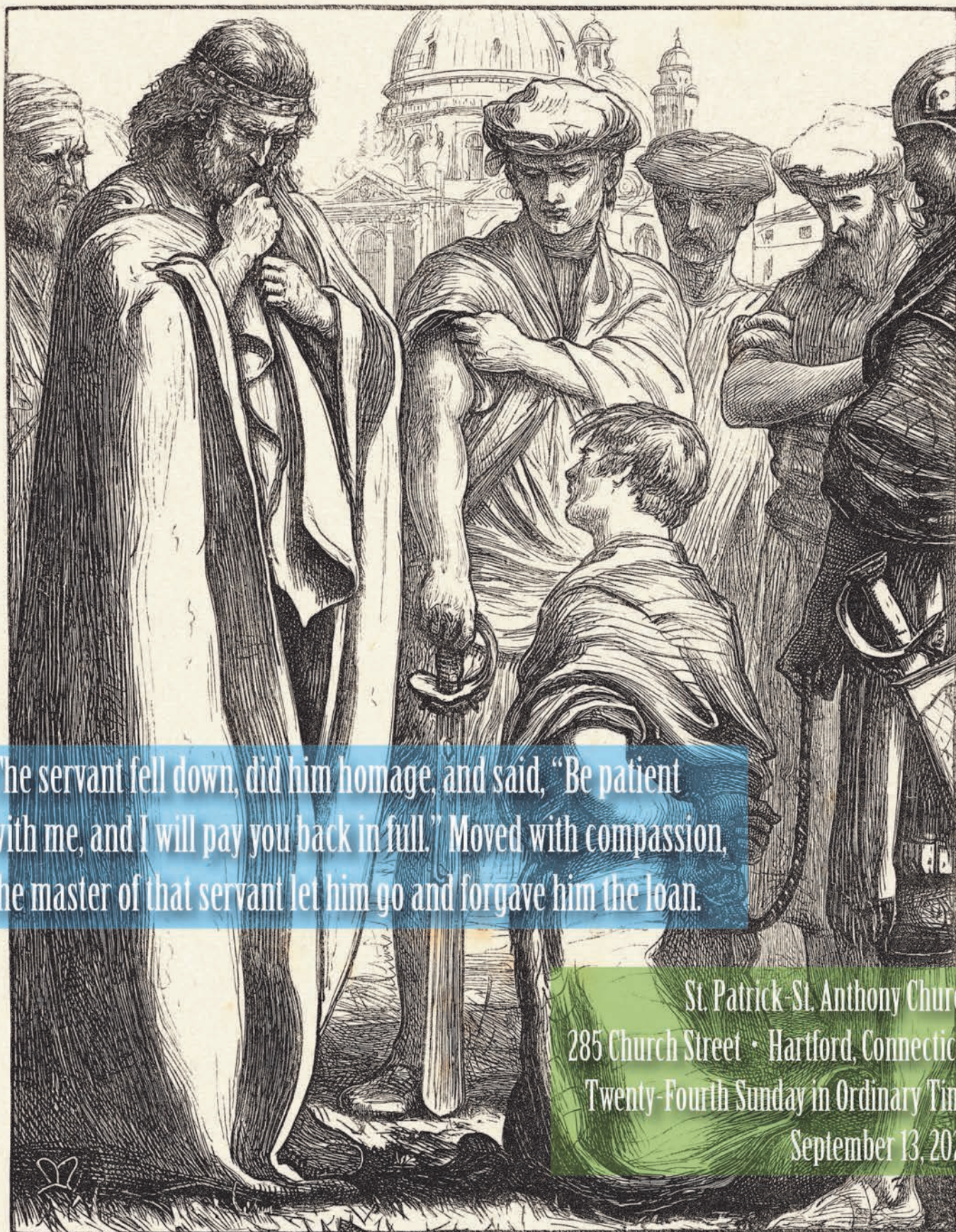




The servant fell down, did him homage, and said, "Be patient with me, and I will pay you back in full." Moved with compassion, the master of that servant let him go and forgave him the loan.

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Celebration of the Eucharist

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, Sept 12, 2026

4:00 PM Joseph Mims

Sunday, Sept 13, 2026

8:00 AM William, Angie & Joanne Speziale

10:00 AM Sylvia Digby, 3rd Anniversary

11:45 AM In thanksgiving to St. Valentin

5:00 PM Darlene Sacchinelli

Monday, Sept 14, 2026

7:30 AM

12:05 PM Vanessa Sanchez

Tuesday, Sept 15, 2026

7:30 AM

12:05 PM Christina Leone

Wednesday, Sept 16, 2026

7:30 AM In honor of St. Eufemia

12:05 PM Raymond Fusco

Thursday, Sept 17, 2026

7:30 AM Jacquelyn Lilly

12:05 PM Jeanette Maher

Friday, Sept 18, 2026

7:30 AM

12:05 PM Ronald Biederman

Saturday, Sept 19, 2026

4:00 PM Maria Matilda Gutierrez & Emilio Antonio Gutierrez

Sunday, Sept 20, 2026

8:00 AM Melissa Corning

10:00 AM John N. Ramos, 20th Anniversary

11:45 AM John Zyskowski

5:00 PM Ann McCabe

Daily Mass Readings



Monday, Sept 14 Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

Tuesday, Sept 15 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Wednesday, Sept 16 1 Cor 12:31-13:13; Lk 7:31-35

Thursday, Sept 17 1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 7:36-50

Friday, Sept 18 1 Cor 15:12-20; Lk 8:1-3

Sunday, Sept 20 Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

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

Please Pray for the Sick

Thomas Molitor, Joseph Shertick, Greg Reed, Kathryn Eagers, Tommie Henry, Syl Ciraulo, Mary Ertel, Mary Joyce Castafero, Rosemarie Perkoski, Fran Rago, Susan Degennaro, Albert Tornatore, and Deborah Godin.

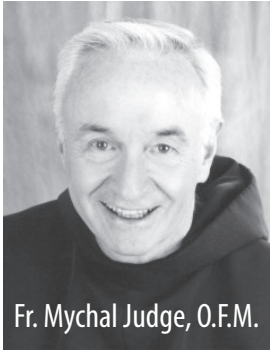
The Pastor's Corner

September 13, 2026

Dear Parishioners and Friends,



As our nation observes the 25th anniversary of the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, I have been thinking a lot about Fr. Mychal Judge, my Franciscan confrere who died that day while serving as a chaplain for the Fire Department of New York.



I came across a copy of the homily that was given at Mychal's funeral Mass on Saturday, September 15, 2001 by Fr. Michael Duffy, O.F.M., who ministers in Philadelphia to the homeless and food insecure population. Here is some of what he said that day:

"Mychal Judge loved to bring Christ to people. He was the bridge between people and God and he loved to do that. And many times over the past few days, there's been several people who have come up and said, 'Father Mychal did my wedding,' 'Father Mychal baptized my child,' 'Father Mychal came to us when we were in crisis.' There are so many things that Father Mychal Judge did for people. I think there's not one registry in a rectory in this diocese that doesn't have his name in it for something, a baptism, a marriage or whatever."

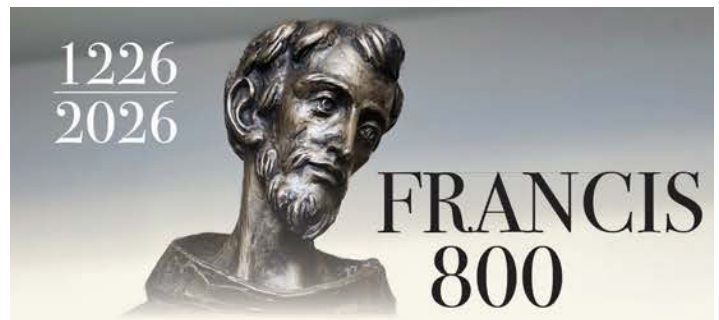
What I remember most about Mychal was his availability. If I had a problem or a situation that needed clarification or advice, he was the first person I'd go to. He was always there to offer reassurance and a few words of wisdom.

The world lost many good and courageous people that day. As we continue to remember and mourn the more than 3,000 persons who died in the 9/11 attacks, I continue to pray that they did not die in vain. The best way to honor their memory is to keep the flame of faith and democracy alive so that future generations may live in peace and prosperity. It's a struggle worth undertaking.

Blessings on your week ahead!

Fr. Tim Shreenan, OFM

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



PICTURING FRANCIS • FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2

7:00 PM in the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry

Images of St. Francis of Assisi stretch back to just a few years after his death in 1226 to the present day. From medieval frescoes to modern postage stamps, Francis has been depicted by countless artists in a variety of media. Join Fr. Tim as we explore the many ways we picture Francis.

BLESSING OF ANIMALS • SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

9:00 AM in the Friary Gardens

Bring your beloved pet for the annual blessing of animals in honor of St. Francis and his devotion to God's created world.

TRANSITUS OF ST. FRANCIS • SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

7:00 PM in the Church

The annual service of the passing of St. Francis from earthly to heavenly life takes on special meaning this year, the 800th anniversary of his "Transitus." Relive his final moments in story, song and ritual.

CONCERT IN HONOR OF ST. FRANCIS • SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

2:30 PM in the Church

Missa Gaia ("Earth Mass") will be performed, along with other Franciscan-themed music by the choirs of St. Patrick-St. Anthony, Chorus Angelicus, and singers from Siena University. A free-will offering will be received.

PARISH PARTY • SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

3:30 - 6:30 PM in the Friary Gardens

Hosted by the Franciscan Friars in honor of the Francis 800 Jubilee, join us for food and drink, face-painting, giant puppets by local artist Anne Cubberly, and activities for the kids. Our partner organization, Levo International, will also be on-site with creation-sustaining service projects for all ages and abilities.

Young Adults, Join Us for Pizza!

All young adults are invited to stick around after the 5:00pm Mass on Sunday, September 13th for pizza. Whether you're new to the parish or a longtime parishioner, this is a great chance to meet other young adults at SPSA! If you plan to join us, please scan the QR code below to help us figure out how much pizza to order! See you there!

Questions or Want to Get Involved in more Young Adult Events? Contact:



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Scan to RSVP!

Djembe Drumming Circle

Our Fall Season starts on September 14, 2026 in the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry, from 6:30 to 7:30pm.

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. All women and men are invited to join. If you have a drum, please bring it with you. First time drummers are asked to arrive at 6:15 pm. Call the parish office, at 860-756-4034 if you need a drum.

Open Hearts and Family & Friends Ministries' Beginning of Year/End of Summer Picnic

September 13, 2026 after the 5:00 PM Mass.

All Are Welcome! Open Hearts and Family and Friends invite you to our Beginning of Year - End of Summer - Picnic at 6 pm after the 5 pm Mass. Plan to join us and bring a friend.



Last Names starting with:

A-H: bring beverages I-P: bring dessert Q-Z: bring food

To volunteer for picnic setup, decoration and cleanup, please email LynnDiscenza@gmail.com.

For more information about the **Open Hearts** or **Family and Friends Ministries** please go to <https://spsact.org/contact-form-for-open-hearts-ministry/> and a ministry member will reach out to you.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

September Meetings:

Monday the 14th from 7:00 to 8:00 PM on Zoom

Thursday the 24th at 10:30 AM in the Franciscan Center



The Prayer Shawl Ministry shares God's love, one stitch and one prayer at a time by creating and blessing handmade shawls for those in need of comfort, healing, encouragement, or prayer. If you knit or crochet, or would like to learn, we warmly invite you to join us in this prayerful and meaningful ministry. No experience is necessary.

Please go to <https://tinyurl.com/SPSACT-PS26> to register and receive the Zoom meeting link. For more info, contact Janet Bristow at janet1291947@gmail.com 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.



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Group Spiritual Reflection - starts September 15

Every Tuesday; on Zoom, 12:30 - 1:30 PM.

Our gathering will reflect upon the Gospel for the upcoming Sunday to guide us on our path of discipleship. As companions on the journey, we listen, reflect and share how the Word speaks to our hearts through the Spirit. There is no need to do any advance preparation for the session. Please drop in as your schedule allows. Come as you are with an open heart.

Please go to <https://tinyurl.com/GSR-Fall26> to receive the Zoom link for Tuesday's virtual session.

Facilitators: Mary Espinosa and Elaine Wiatr

A Novel Idea Book Club

Our next meeting is Sept. 17 at 7:00 PM at the Franciscan Center and on Zoom. The book selection for September is *The Dictionary of Lost Words*, by Pip Williams.

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.

In Quiet Prayer - starts September 16

Every Wednesday; on Zoom, 7:30 – 8:00 AM.

"For many of us, life seems to be lived at a busy and frenetic pace, with little or perhaps no time to be quiet, to be still, or to be silent in a time and place of peacefulness, prayer, and reflection so that we can connect with our deepest selves and the God who lives there." (Cora Evans).

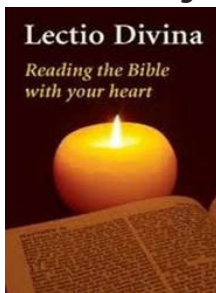
Join us by Zoom Wednesday mornings for a half hour, from 7:30-8:00 AM, to sit "in quiet" in the presence of silence, to heal and restore in hope and joy, to ground and guide. We begin with a brief ritual of offering compassion for the needs of our world and ourselves. A reflection is shared.

Sometimes it's a reading for the upcoming weekend; sometimes it's a contemporary prayer, followed by 20 minutes of silence for personal prayer and meditation.

Please go to <https://tinyurl.com/IQP-Fall26> to receive the Zoom link.

Co-facilitators: Pat Curtis and Susan Lennon

Divine Reading - Next Meeting, September 16, 2026



Each month on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays; in the Franciscan Center, 7:00 – 8:00 PM

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. If you haven't tried it yet, please do! The process is simple and will be explained each time, and sharing is welcomed, but optional.

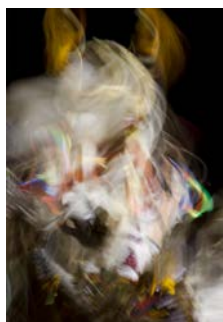
Facilitator: Sheila Denion

Dancing with Sweetgrass: Artwork by Kim Weston

Sunday, September 27, 1:00 to 3:00 PM: Reception and artist talk, with a drumming performance.

Thursday, October 1, 7:00 to 8:00 PM: Virtual Artist Talk

Please go to <https://tinyurl.com/SPSACT-Sweetgrass> to receive the ZOOM link for the October 1st event.



It's Scholarship Application Season



Do you have a child in K-12 entering or attending a Catholic School this year? **Apply now for the 24th Annual Rev. Dawson D. Trenchard Scholarship.**

Please go to <https://tinyurl.com/SPSACT-LG> to download the scholarship form and mail to St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church, Attn: Ladies Guild Scholarship, 285 Church Street, Hartford, CT 06103. **Application Deadline: September 18, 2026**

Sunday Brunch & Gathering for Women

The Women of Hope Ministry is hosting a Sunday Brunch on September 20, 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM, following the 10:00 Mass. Please plan now to join us! Feel free to invite your friends and family members to attend with you.

Professional chef and parishioner Marc Hussey will share his experience with the preparation of quick healthy meals. During dessert time, we will facilitate conversation about women's voices in the Church. We envision this social gathering to provide "good food" to nourish and strengthen body and soul!

To register, please go to <https://tinyurl.com/SPS-ACT-Brunch-Women>. Please register before September 15.

Suggested Offering: \$15.00 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://www.osvhub.com/spsact/giving/funds/adult-faith-formation> to give offering conveniently ONLINE and note the program name in the Memo.



September Offertory Numbers

Due to vacation, all September Offertory Numbers will be given in the October 11th Bulletin.

Thank you for your understanding

Upcoming Events in October 2026

Weekly Rosary on Zoom

Join us **Thursdays, October 8, 15, 22, 29** from Time: 7:00-7:30 PM.

As we prepare to enter **October, the Month of the Holy Rosary**, you are warmly invited to join us for a **weekly Rosary devotion on Zoom every Thursday**, beginning in October and continuing through Advent, Christmastime, and Lent.

Please go to <https://tinyurl.com/Rosary-Fall26> to receive the Zoom link.

Whether you pray the Rosary every day or are just beginning this beautiful devotion, all are welcome. Come as you are and join us as we grow together in faith, hope, and love through prayer.

Facilitators: Jorge Garriga; Stacie Mawson, & Pat Curtis

The Role of Women in Early Christianity

Tuesdays, October 13, 20 & 27 7:00-8:30 p.m.

We can detect in the New Testament a history of the place of women in early Christianity. Women take on non-traditional roles in Jesus' ministry, and female leadership reaches its apex in Paul's ministry, as exemplified by Phoebe, the deacon. However, in the last stage, the role of women is curtailed as the church conforms to the expectations of Greco-Roman society.

In this three-session course, we will discuss the role of women in Jesus' ministry; the role of women in Paul's ministry; and the imposition of traditional gender roles in the early church. We will also consider how to conceive the role of women in today's church, given this history.

Please go to <https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-RWEC-26> to register.

Presenters: Dan Kueper & Pat Curtis

Free Will Offering

Reflecting God's Grace: Supporting LGBTQ Youth & Families, Saturday, October 17, 2026 from 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM, with reception following

The Family Acceptance Project will provide a one-day special event for our parish to strengthen families and promote well-being for their LGBTQ children. This program is open to parishioners, families, pastoral ministers and LGBTQ ministry members.

Facilitators - This gathering will be co-facilitated by **Dr. Caitlin Ryan**, who has worked in LGBTQ health for 50 years, and **Dr. David Palmieri**, a Catholic school theology educator of nearly 30 years who works with Catholic high schools and parishes to provide support for LGBTQ youth. Participants will receive foundational education on helping Catholic families to support their LGBTQ children with background materials and a copy of FAP's evidence-based family education booklet for Catholic families.

To register, please go to <https://tinyurl.com/SPSACT-Ref-Gods-Grace>.

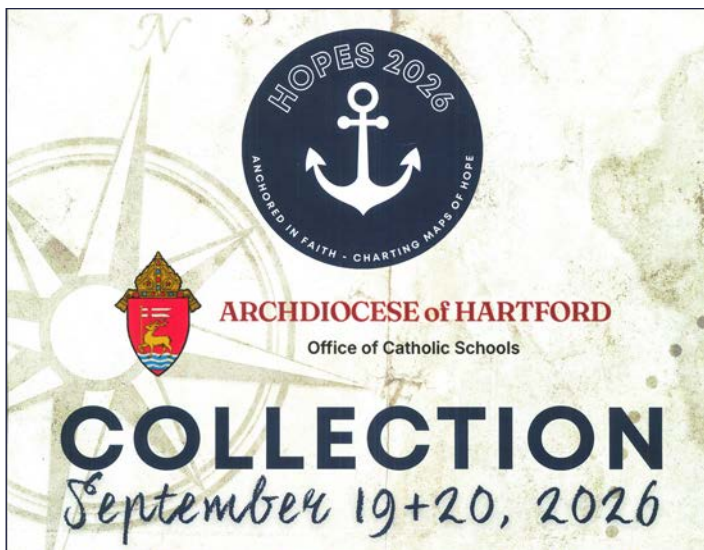
The suggested offering is \$20.00. can be made payable to "St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church" and mailed to 285 Church Street, Hartford, CT 06103, Attn. Pat Curtis OR go to <https://www.osvhub.com/spsact/giving/funds/adult-faith-formation> to give offering conveniently ONLINE and note the program name in the Memo.



Bereavement Support Program

Join us Sundays, October 18, 25, November 1, 8, 15, 22, December 6, 13, and 20.

Trying to navigate our loss and resultant grief can sometimes feel quite overwhelming and lonely at times. Perhaps in your family circle or your circle of friends, you may be somewhat alone as you try to manage this, but the reality is, you are not alone. There are others who are navigating similar issues, and sometimes it helps to know that we are not alone in this. To that end, we are planning to offer a Bereavement Support Program. The program will begin on Sunday October 18 and will end with the session on Sunday December 20. All meetings will be held on Sundays from 1:00 to 2:30 PM, and will be held in the Franciscan Center. Our participants will receive a copy of the book we will be using, and this is at no expense to participants. If you are interested in participating, we ask that you register by calling the Parish Office at (860) 756-4034 prior to or by Tuesday October 13. We will be requesting that you provide us with your email or phone number in the event that we need to contact you. Of note, it is most helpful to all if we have a minimum of 5 participants in this program.



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We want to hear about your experience at SPSA. We invite all adults and youth to submit a response, it is not meant to be one per household!

Pastoral Council members will be available at Community Sunday gatherings on September 13 for discussions about the survey and to assist with completing it online.

2026-27

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION AT ST. PATRICK - ST. ANTHONY

Children ages 3 through High School

Scan the QR code or go to <https://bit.ly/SPSA-youth-faith-formation>

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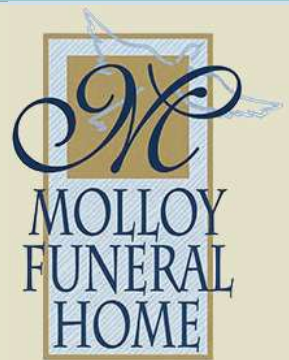
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