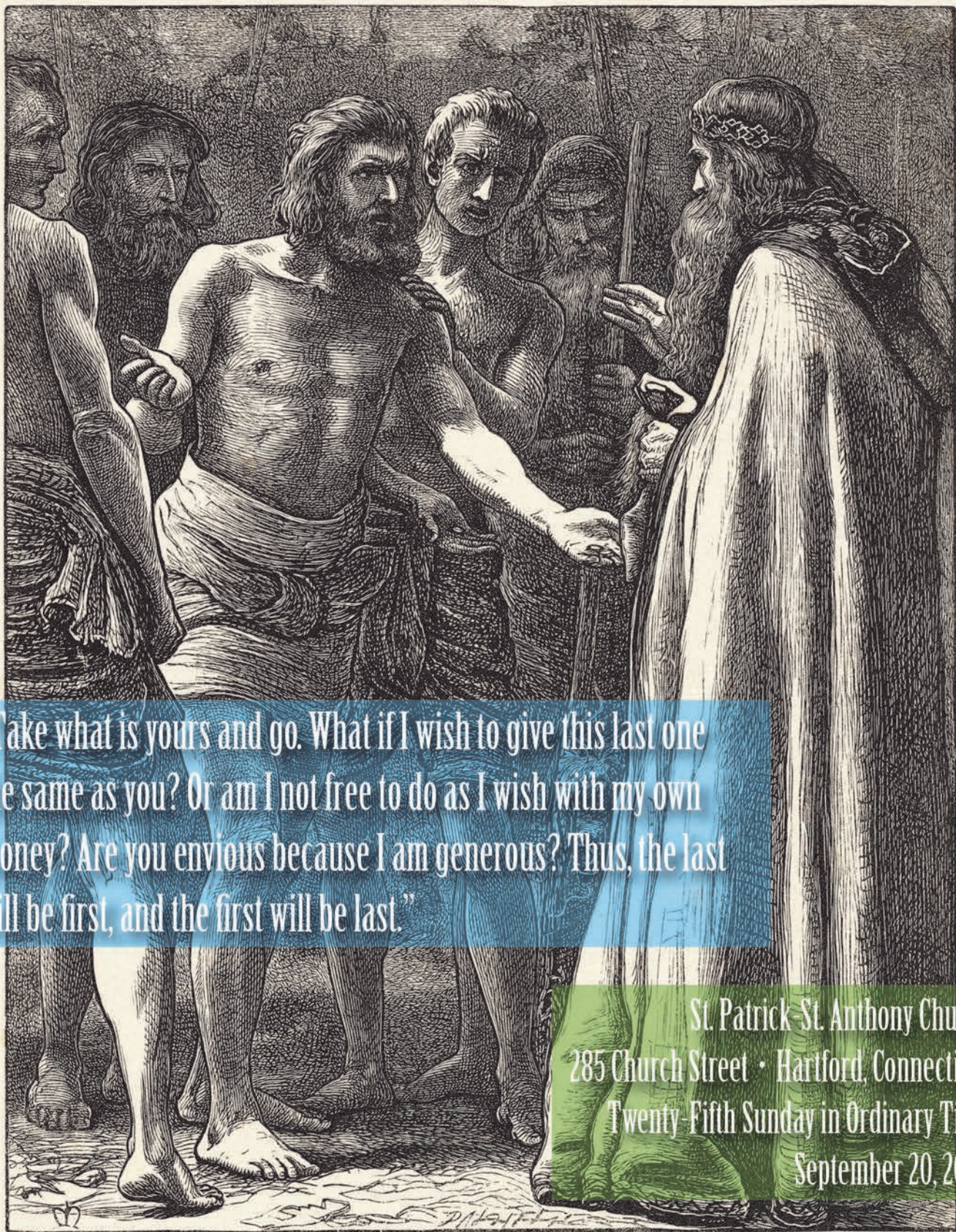




“Take what is yours and go. What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous? Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

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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 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

Monday, Sept 21, 2026

7:30 AM Rolly Santiago

12:05 PM Dan Laffin, Sr

Tuesday, Sept 22, 2026

7:30 AM

12:05 PM Michael J. Fusco, Jr.

Wednesday, Sept 23, 2026

7:30 AM Prayer intentions for the unhoused

12:05 PM Madeline Capodanno

Thursday, Sept 24, 2026

7:30 AM

12:05 PM Mary Lemega, 22nd Anniversary

Friday, Sept 25, 2026

7:30 AM Prayer intentions for our parishioners

12:05 PM Don Maxa

Saturday, Sept 26, 2026

4:00 PM Donato Monaco

Sunday, Sept 27, 2026

8:00 AM Linda Moore

10:00 AM Teresa Massaro and Ted & Camille Tyskiewicz

11:45 AM Robert Tarala & Adeline Caruso

5:00 PM Stephen Rzewnicki & Gloria Rzewnicki

Daily Mass Readings



Monday, Sept 21 Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13

Tuesday, Sept 22 Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday, Sept 23 Prv 30:5-9; Lk 9:1-6

Thursday, Sept 24 Eccl 1:2-11; Lk 9:7-9

Friday, Sept 25 Eccl 3:1-11; Lk 9:18-22

Sunday, Sept 27 Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9;
Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5; Mt 21:28-32

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, Matthew Keohane, and Deborah Godin.

The Pastor's Corner

September 20, 2026

Dear Parishioners and Friends,



With our plans for the celebration of the 800th anniversary of the Transitus of St. Francis of Assisi in place, and announced last week (just look at the column to the right), I am delighted to invite you to take part in as many events as you can.

We will start things off with a little show-and-tell program I've put together, called "Picturing Francis." We've all seen different images of St. Francis — either a statue in a birdbath or a church; maybe a large stained-glass window or just tiny medal. I've have assembled a delightful collection of images, some of which might be very familiar, and others which will be entirely new. So I invite you to come along on Friday evening, October 2nd, at 7 PM in the Franciscan Center, as we look at how St. Francis has been pictured over the past eight centuries.

Although his feast is celebrated on October 4th, the third of October has been the day on which the death of St. Francis is traditionally observed by Franciscans around the world for centuries. This year will mark 800 years since Francis of Assisi passed from earthly life to eternal life in heaven. So, our Transitus service, which recounts his final hours, will be especially significant and meaningful in 2026.

All our Masses on the weekend of October 3 and 4 will celebrate the Solemnity of St. Francis of Assisi. During my vacation in August I composed some new music pieces for the occasion: a Festival Alleluia for the Gospel and a setting of the Introit or Entrance Antiphon: "Let us all rejoice in the Lord, and keep a festival in honor of blessed Francis. Let us join with angels in joyful praise of the Son of God." This call to worship will lead us into the processional hymn, "All Creatures of Our God and King."

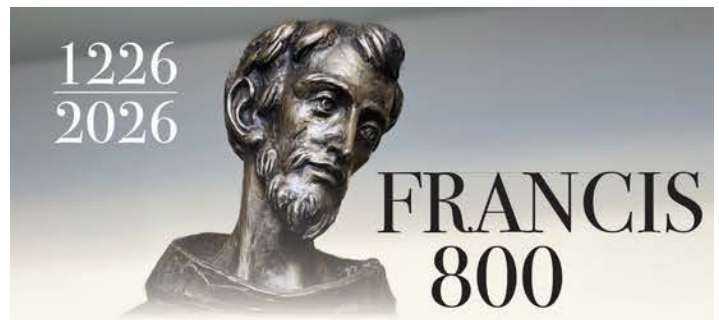
Stay tuned for more information about our "Francis 800" celebration, but in meantime, mark your calendars for October 2, 3 & 4 and join us for this unique opportunity to celebrate St. Francis of Assisi.

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.

Feeling the need to give back?

Consider volunteering for one of this ministries.

Join the SPSA "Yard Goats" Garden Teams!

Do you enjoy gardening or working outdoors? Do you have landscaping skills that you'd like to share with your parish community? There are multiple opportunities to beautify our church grounds and gardens, on a flexible schedule.

Hospitality volunteers needed!

We need a few extra helpers for both our parish party on the Feast of St. Francis (Sunday October 4th at 3:30PM) and at our Welcome Brunch for new members (Sunday, November 15th at 11:00AM).

Please contact our Director of Community Engagement, Allison Holst-Grubbe at aholstgrubbe@spsact.org directly if you are interested in the "Yard Goats" or our Hospitality Team.



In Quiet Prayer - Next Meeting, 9/23/2026

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

Group Spiritual Reflection - Next meeting, 9/22/2026

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

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 17, 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.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

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



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.



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.

Future Happenings-Save these Dates!!

Ministry Fair

Our biennial Ministry Fair will take place in the Franciscan Center after all Masses on October 24th-25th.

Welcome Brunch for New Members

Are you new to the St. Patrick – St. Anthony community? Join us for a special brunch on November 15th following the 10AM Mass to meet other parishioners and to learn more about the ministries and history of SPSA and the Franciscan Center.

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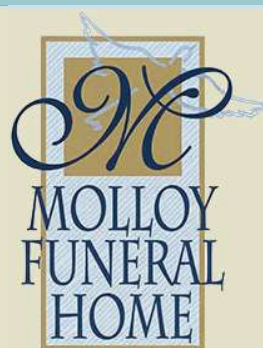
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