

St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church • 285 Church Street • Hartford, Connecticut
Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time • September 27, 2026



A man had two sons. He came to the first and said, "Son, go out and work in the vineyard today." He said in reply, "I will not," but afterwards changed his mind and went. The man came to the other son and gave the same order. He said in reply, "Yes, sir," but did not go.

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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 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

Monday, Sept 28, 2026

7:30 AM Fred D'Amico

12:05 PM In thanksgiving to Our lady of Fatima

Tuesday, Sept 29, 2026

7:30 AM

12:05 PM Betty Russell

Wednesday, Sept 30, 2026

7:30 AM Prayer intentions for the unhoused

12:05 PM Dolly Parton

Thursday, Oct 1, 2026

7:30 AM Frank D'Amico

12:05 PM Dave & Ellen Mills

Friday, Oct 2, 2026

7:30 AM

12:05 PM Jose Ignacio Garcia

Saturday, Oct 3, 2026

4:00 PM Eleanor Laffin

Sunday, Oct 4, 2026

8:00 AM Harry Keally

10:00 AM Joseph G. Foran, Sr.

11:45 AM Alvin Collins

5:00 PM Linda Grenier, 10th Anniversary

Daily Mass Readings

Monday, Sept 28

Jb 1:6-22; Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday, Sept 29

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab;

Jn 1:47-51

Wednesday, Sept 30

Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Lk 9:57-62

Thursday, Oct 1

Jb 19:21-27; Lk 10:1-12

Friday, Oct 2

Eccl 3:1-11; Lk 9:18-22

Solemnity of Our Holy Father Francis of Assisi

Weekend Mass Readings (October 3 Vigil & October 4 Masses)

Sir 50: 1, 3-4, 6-7; Ps 16: 1-2, 5, 7-8, 11;

Gal 6: 14-18; Mt 11: 25-30

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 27, 2026

Dear Parishioners and Friends,



Our parish community has said its final good-byes to Fr. Bill Beaudin, who departed Hartford this past Thursday for his new ministry at San Damiano Retreat in Danville, California. The friars treated Bill to dinner last Monday (one of the few times that Bill *didn't* have to cook dinner for the friars!). Our parish staff had a little farewell luncheon for him on Tuesday, and he was also treated to a farewell by the Catholic students at Trinity College who have attended his Sunday evening Masses for the past several years. He's probably eaten more cake in the past few weeks than he has in his entire life! We certainly will miss his smart repartee, as well as his meaningful and thoughtful homilies. I will personally miss a good friend of 54 years who has been particularly supportive during the past six years of my ministry as pastor at St. Patrick-St. Anthony.

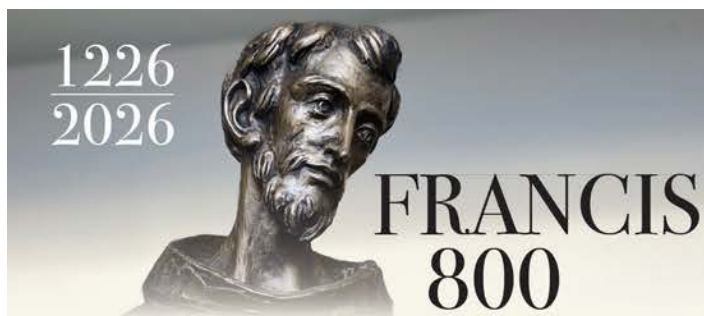
Once again, I invite you to come and celebrate the 800th anniversary of the death of our beloved St. Francis of Assisi this coming week-end. Hopefully, we will have good weather for some of the outdoor events, such as the Blessing of Animals on Saturday morning, and our Parish Party on Sunday afternoon.

I'm especially looking forward to Sunday afternoon's concert at 2:30 PM, featuring *Missa Gaia* to be performed by our own St. Patrick-St. Anthony choirs, directed by David Garrido-Cid, along with Chorus Angelicus, directed by Dr. Gabriel Löfvall, and singers from my alma mater, Siena University, directed by Dr. Timothy Reno. *Missa Gaia/Earth Mass* was composed in 1982 by Paul Winter, and has been performed annually at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York City for the Feast of St. Francis. One of its unique features is the inclusion of recordings of the calls of wolves, whales, and many other animals that are woven into the various movements of the Mass.

The upcoming months of October, November and December are full of interesting and unique events for our parish – too many to mention here. Needless to say, it will be an exciting time for all of us!

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).

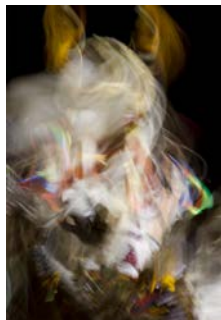
Please contact our Director of Community Engagement, Allison Holst-Grubbe at aholstgrubbe@spsact.org directly if you are interested in the "Yard Goats" or our Hospitality Team.

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 13, 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.



In Quiet Prayer - Next Meeting, 9/30/2026

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

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



The Emmaus Grieving Parent Ministry

Thursday, October 1, 2026 at 10:15 am. In the Franciscan tradition of "All are Welcome," The Emmaus

Grieving Parent Ministry serves the spiritual needs of grieving parents whose children of any age have died by any cause. Please contact the church office at 860-756-4034 for more information.

Committee for Social Justice

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 1, 2026 at 7:00 PM in the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry.

Join us in working together to educate and empower people in the principles and practices of Catholic Social Teaching, to encourage them to become actively involved with those in need, and to participate in programs that work for a more just and peaceful world. We meet the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry.

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

Djembe Drumming Circle

October 5, 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.

Group Spiritual Reflection:

Next meeting, 9/29/2026, 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

Sister Parish News: Success Stories!

All of the 9th grade students at St. Genevieve school passed the National Exam! This is an all day, rigorous test, covering multiple subjects. Quite remarkable considering not only the material poverty of our Haitians brothers and sisters, but also the violence in Haiti now. This is a blessing, and a testament to the strength and hard work of these students and their teachers. Our support is reaping rewards!

Next, Fr. Gaby, pastor, was happy to report that after long preparations, school opened on September 7th! Another awesome success story and evidence that our support is making a huge difference in the lives of the students and their families. We sincerely thank everyone for their prayers and financial support, during Christmas in July and throughout the year. And a shout-out to our committee members, who strive to ensure our Covenant continues. We gratefully accept donations all year long. AND, consider joining our group. We welcome anyone to listen-in and find out more (no obligation) at our monthly meetings, the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 12:45PM. **Our next meeting is October 7th, 2026 in the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry.**

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Prayer Shawl Ministry

Next meeting: Tuesday, October 12 at 7:00 PM on Zoom.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry shares God's love, one stitch and one prayer at a time.

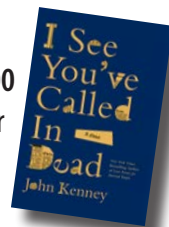
We warmly invite you to join us in this prayerful and meaningful ministry. No experience is necessary.

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.



A Novel Idea Book Club

Our next meeting is October 15, 2026 at 7:00 PM on Zoom. The book selection for September is *I See You've Called in Dead*, by John Kenney.



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.

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.

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

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.

2026-27 **YOUTH FAITH FORMATION AT ST. PATRICK - ST. ANTHONY** **REGISTER NOW**
Children ages 3 through High School
Scan the QR code or go to
<https://bit.ly/SPSA-youth-faith-formation>



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.

Share your thoughts **Parish Survey 2026**
SHARE
your thoughts with us
Scan to participate
or go to <https://bit.ly/SPSASurvey26>
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!



How to Report an Incident of Sexual Abuse to the Archdiocese of Hartford

If you have knowledge or suspect that a minor or vulnerable adult (an adult with an intellectual disability) has been sexually abused, in any manner, by personnel of the Archdiocese of Hartford, you are urged to report this information to:

Faith Vos Winkel, MSW
Victim Assistance Coordinator
860-541-6475
faith.voswinkel@aohct.org



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<https://archdioceseofhartford.org/how-to-report/>

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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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Watch 10:00 AM Mass Online:



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



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

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Branches on the Vine

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