

The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king
who gave a wedding feast for his son...
The servants went out into the streets and gathered all they found,
bad and good alike, and the hall was filled with guests.



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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, Oct 10, 2026

4:00 PM Deceased members of the Formica Family

Sunday, Oct 11, 2026

8:00 AM William, Angie & Joanne Speziale

10:00 AM Rose & Angelo Perrone

11:45 AM Bill Hamilton

5:00 PM Charles MacKay

Monday, Oct 12, 2026

7:30 AM Carol Sosnoski

12:05 PM Deceased members of the Dineen & Tracy Families

Tuesday, Oct 13, 2026

7:30 AM Kevin Sullivan

12:05 PM Jean Clark

Wednesday, Oct 14, 2026

7:30 AM Prayer intentions for our parishioners

12:05 PM Steven P. Fauteux

Thursday, Oct 15, 2026

7:30 AM Betty Kenny

12:05 PM Barbara Kielbasa

Friday, Oct 16, 2026

7:30 AM Maureen & James Durkin

12:05 PM Delphinie & Leo Briuglio, Sr., 14th Anniversary

Saturday, Oct 17, 2026

4:00 PM Eileen & Jeremiah Dowd

Sunday, Oct 18, 2026

8:00 AM Querino Genca

10:00 AM Living and deceased members of the Ladies Guild

11:45 AM Elaine LePage

5:00 PM Richard Reilly

Daily Mass Readings

Monday, Oct 12 Gal 1:6-12; Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday, Oct 13 Gal 1:13-24; Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday, Oct 14 Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Lk 11:1-4

Thursday, Oct 15 Gal 3:1-5; Lk 11:5-13

Friday, Oct 16 Gal 3:7-14; Lk 11:15-26

Sunday, Oct 19 Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6;

Phil 4:12-14, 19-20;

Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-1

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

October 11, 2026

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Many, many thanks to everyone who helped make our parish's celebration of the Feast of St. Francis so beautiful and enjoyable last weekend! From the friars and lay staff to the volunteers who gave their time throughout the weekend in many different ways, everyone joined together to do whatever was needed.

The highlight of the weekend seemed to be the concert and picnic on Sunday afternoon. First, in the church we were thrilled and moved by the performance of *Missa Gaia/Earth Mass*, with a choir composed of our own singers, together with members of Chorus Angelicus and singers from Siena University. Thanks to David Garrido Cid, Gabriel Löfvall, and Timothy Reno from Siena for preparing this extraordinary concert. The entrance of giant puppets by Anne Cubberly, Heliodora representing Brother Sun, and Mother Earth, brought the performance to an exciting conclusion. I would also like to thank Richard Stillson (aka Mucha) for his interpretation of Autumn.



The picnic that followed, although under cloudy skies, nevertheless brought us together to enjoy pizza, cotton candy, Italian ices and many other goodies, along with lots of conversation. It was also fun to have the opportunity to get up close and personal with the giant puppets, and you can see from my encounter with Mother Earth!

I've received many comments of thanks from parishioners who felt spiritually and emotionally moved by the concert, which I believe was so fitting for the occasion of remembering and celebrating a man from a distant time in history whose spirit continues to remind us of what is essential in our society – peace, fraternity, and care for



our planet home, Mother Earth. Let us try to keep the momentum going in whatever ways we can think of to keep Francis of Assisi's ideals alive in our part of the world.

It has been suggested to me that I reprise the presentation I gave last weekend on Picturing Francis for those who were unable to attend. So, I want to let you know that it will given again via Zoom on Monday, October 26th, from 7 to 8 PM.

I would also like to draw your attention to an upcoming event that will be a significant occasion for our parish community. "Reflecting God's Grace: Supporting LGBTQ Youth & Families" will take place on Saturday, October 17th, from 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM. We have been publicizing the day in the bulletin, so I hope you've read about it already. Dr. Caitlin Ryan is an expert in working with families with LGBTQ members, and Dr. David Palmieri works with Catholic high schools and parishes providing support for LGBTQ youth. They will introduce us to the Family Acceptance Project which helps Catholic families support their LGBTQ children. Again, please refer to the article in the bulletin for registration information.



We still have a busy Autumn season ahead of us, and as the old song said: "We've only just begun."

Blessings on your week ahead!

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

This Week's Programs & Events

Prayer Shawl Ministry-Next meeting: 10/12/2026 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.

Group Spiritual Reflection- Next meeting, 10/13/2026, Every Tuesday; on Zoom, 12:30 - 1:30 PM. Please go to <https://tinyurl.com/GSR-Fall26> to receive the Zoom link for Tuesday's virtual session. *Facilitators: Mary Espinosa and Elaine Wiatr*

In Quiet Prayer - Next Meeting, 10/14/2026 Every Wednesday; on Zoom, 7:30 - 8:00 AM. Please go to <https://tinyurl.com/IQP-Fall26> to receive the Zoom link. *Co-facilitators: Pat Curtis and Susan Lennon*

Weekly Rosary on Zoom - Next Meeting, 10/15/2026 Join us Thursdays, October 15, 22, 29 from 7:00 to 7:30 PM.

October is the Month of the Holy Rosary. 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. *Facilitators: Jorge Garriga; Stacie Mawson, & Pat Curtis*

Dancing with Sweetgrass: Artwork by Kim

Weston-Virtual Artist Talk, 10/13/2026, 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 13th event.

Sunday, October 18, 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM: Reception and artist talk, with a drumming performance.

A Novel Idea Book Club- Next Meeting is 10/15/2026 at 7:00 PM on Zoom. The book selection for October 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.

The Role of Women in Early Christianity

Tuesdays, October 13, 20 & 27 7:00-8:30 PM

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.

Picturing Francis

Monday, October 26, 2026, 7:00 pm on Zoom.



Did you miss Fr. Tim's in-person program? If so, here is a chance to participate on Zoom.

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.

Please go to <https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-IMG-Frank> to register and received the Zoom link.



Thank you for responding from the Heart

"Thank you for everything, for thinking of me in difficult situations." In the spirit of SPSA, you have offered your earnings and your prayers. You have made a decision to embrace those who are suffering. You sought no recognition, and offered your hand to Louise and her daughter, reaching out with food gift cards in their time of need. And, Louise expresses her gratitude.

"2, 5, 11". Inside a church those numbers might be from chapters and verses, or song numbers in a hymnal. While we pray and sing, it is disquieting to consider the two, five and eleven-year-old Columbian children whose father was detained while leaving for work; and then deported with nothing but the clothes on his back. What would you do if you were the Mother, and were forced to plan out a future for your children knowing you might be next? Your generosity of gift cards provided a respite from the worry of how to put food on the table.

As always, SPSA has put into action its Open Hearts & Open Doors guiding principles.

THANK YOU for everything and for thinking of all those struggling in difficult times.

Open Hearts:

October Meeting: This Sunday, October 11 2026 after the 5pm Mass.

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.



Sound Equipment Demo at the 5:00PM Mass



October 11 at the 5:00 pm Mass, you will see and hear speakers and other sound equipment in place temporarily for a demo.

This is part of our research process to eventually upgrade our sound system. Stay tuned for more information in the future.



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in parishioners' spiritual lives, pride in being part of SPSA, the welcoming nature of our physical space, personal connections with members of the pastoral staff, and the variety of ministries available within the parish.

The survey also identified opportunities for continued growth. These include strengthening the sense of welcome and belonging experienced by children and young people, helping young adults remain connected after Confirmation, creating stronger connections to parish groups and ministries, increasing awareness of volunteer opportunities, and exploring parishioners' experiences of music and participation at Mass.

The survey contains a wealth of thoughtful open-ended feedback that deserves careful consideration. Throughout the fall, several short-term working groups will begin a deeper review of the data and comments in partnership with pastoral staff and ministry coordinators. The goal is not simply to study the survey, but to identify meaningful and achievable actions in response to what we heard. We anticipate sharing a more comprehensive report—including findings, analysis, and proposed actions—with the parish in early 2027.

Other Parish Updates

The Council also discussed several additional areas of parish life. Following recent changes in the friar community, with Fr. Bill's departure to California, SPSA continues to evaluate its ministerial and staffing needs while maintaining its commitments to the parish and Trinity College. The parish is also exploring improvements to the church sound system as a first priority, with possible enhancements to livestreaming capabilities to be considered in the future.

Communication and connection will continue to be important areas of focus. A digital suggestion box is being developed to give parishioners another way to share feedback, and the Pastoral Council plans to provide a brief update following each monthly meeting. Upcoming opportunities for connection include the **Ministry Fair on October 24–25** and a **welcome brunch for new parishioners on November 15th**.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the parish survey and to all who continue to share their gifts, ideas, and hopes for SPSA. We look forward to continuing this work together as we seek to build a community rooted in faith, belonging, service, and welcome.

SPSA Pastoral Council Corner

Greetings and Happy Fall! It is hard to believe, but it has now been nearly 10 months since the inception of the Pastoral Council and we are pleased to introduce monthly updates to the St. Patrick-St. Anthony community so that there may be more transparency into where we are focusing our time and attention. As a Council, the last few months have been rewarding and productive as we collectively gained greater insights into how we may be able to further support this wonderful community. We welcome your continued feedback and look forward to engaging more deeply as we continue our journey!

The Pastoral Council met on September 26th and spent much of its meeting reviewing the results of our recent parish-wide survey. We are deeply grateful to everyone who took the time to share their experiences, perspectives, and hopes for St. Patrick-St. Anthony. Your feedback will help guide our continued growth as a welcoming, inclusive, and vibrant community of faith.

What We Heard in the Parish Survey

The Council reviewed an initial overview of the survey results from the 378 responses we received. Among the strongest areas of affirmation were the importance of our liturgies and sacraments



We are here to serve you...

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

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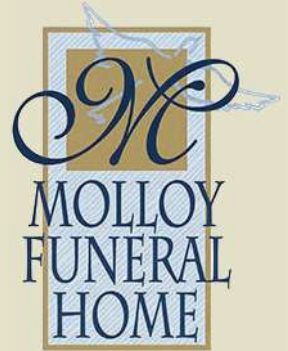
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