Jesus said to them, "Whose image is this and whose inscription?" They replied, "Caesar's."
At that he said to them, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."



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Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time • October 18, 2026

Render unto Caesar by Marten de Vos (1602)

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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



Monday, Oct 19	**Eph 2:1-10; Lk 12:13-2**
Tuesday, Oct 20	**Eph 2:12-2; Lk 12:35-3**
Wednesday, Oct 21	**Eph 3:2-12; Lk 12:39-48**
Thursday, Oct 22	**Eph 3:14-21; Lk 12:49-5**
Friday, Oct 23	**Eph 4:1-6; Lk 12:54-5**
Sunday, Oct 25	**Ex 22:20-26;Ps 18:2-3a, 3b-4, 47 & 51;1 Thes 1:5c-10;Mt 22:34-40**

Mass Intentions for the Week

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

Monday, Oct 19, 2026
7:30 AM Ron Biederman
12:05 PM Julian Alfonso Bravo

Tuesday, Oct 20, 2026
7:30 AM Thomas Stephen Bagley, Sr.
12:05 PM Mary Frances Shea Callan

Wednesday, Oct 21, 2026
7:30 AM Luigi DiBernardo
12:05 PM Dr. Sixto Garcia

Thursday, Oct 22, 2026
7:30 AM Anuciacao Da Jesus & Albano Tenreiro
12:05 PM Rocco Cacchillo

Friday, Oct 23, 2026
7:30 AM Tommy Brown
12:05 PM Madeline Capodanno

Saturday, Oct 24, 2026
4:00 PM Stephen Flaherty, 1st Anniversary

Sunday, Oct 25, 2026
8:00 AM Philomena & Valentino Raimondi
10:00 AM Tony Intino
11:45 AM Michelle LaGreca, 1st Anniversary
5:00 PM Joseph Demonte, 40th Anniversary

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.

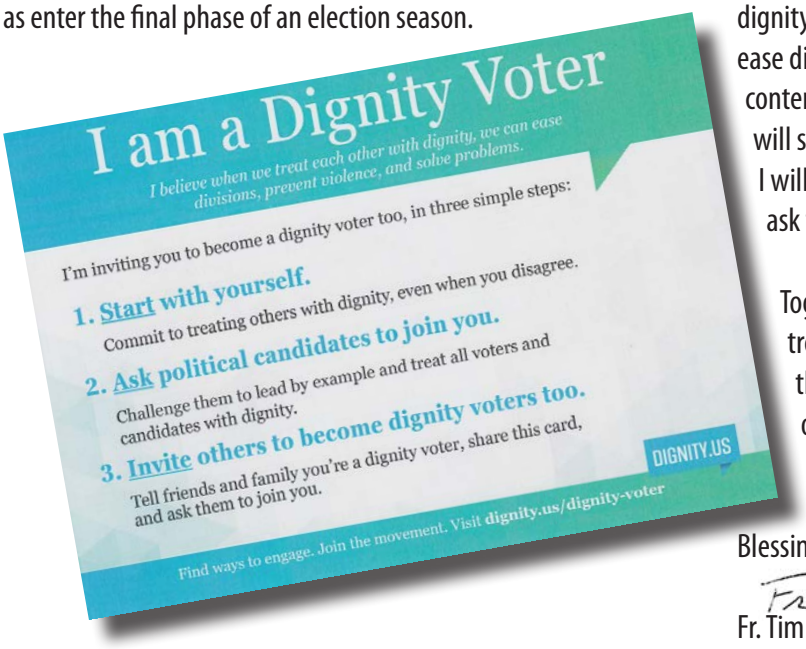
The Pastor's Corner



October 18, 2026

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Last week I read an article in the New York Times which described many of the threats that people in public office, as well as members of their families, are subjected to on a constant basis. The threats come mostly anonymously and are very difficult to trace. The language used, whether in emails or phone calls, is often vicious to the extreme. As a result, many politicians are quitting government, and it's getting harder to attract good candidates to run for office. All this reflects a very sad state of affairs in our country, especially as enter the final phase of an election season.



I would like to introduce you to the Dignity Voter Campaign, a program devised by the Dignity Index which was designed to "ease divisions, prevent violence, and solve problems."

Next weekend we will be handing out cards to encourage your presence at the voting booth as a Dignity Voter. We are asking you to make a pledge to be voter who respects others, even when we disagree with them.

Allow me to quote from the card: "As a dignity voter, I believe that every person has inherent worth and deserves to be treated with dignity. I believe that when we treat each other with dignity, we ease divisions and solve problems. When we treat each other with contempt, we increase divisions and cause problems. That's why I will stand up for what I believe in without insulting the other side. I will treat others with dignity even when we disagree. And I will ask the same of the politicians who represent me."

Together, we can begin to make small changes in how we treat each other in our society. Let us not fall further into the miasma of distrust and hatred. Rather, let us rise above our differences and try to find common ground. And by all means, get out and vote!

Blessings on your week ahead!

Fr. Tim Shreenan, OFM

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Pastor

'Picturing Francis' Encore

Monday, October 26th at 7:00 PM



In case you missed Fr. Tim's in-person presentation, here is an opportunity to see it on Zoom. Images of St. Francis 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.

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



Send us your photo!

Once again we will decorate our parish Christmas tree with photos of you and your family. If you've participated in previous years but would like to send a new photo, you can. Just make sure the resolution is high enough to print clearly. Email the photo to tshreenan@gmail.com.

Sunday, October 18, 2026 Events

***Dancing with Sweetgrass*: Artwork by Kim Weston- Sunday, October 18, 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM: Reception and artist talk, with a drumming performance at the Franciscan Center.**



Events October 19-23

Group Spiritual Reflection- Next meeting, 10/20/2026, 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***

The Role of Women in Early Christianity

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

In the next two sessions, we will continue to 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/SP-SA-RWEC-26 to register. **Presenters: Dan Kueper & Pat Curtis** ***Free Will Offering***

In Quiet Prayer - Next Meeting, 10/21/2026
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***

Divine Reading - Next Meeting, 10/21/2026
Each month on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays; in the Franciscan Center, 7:00 - 8:00 PM. ***Facilitator: Sheila Denion***

Weekly Rosary on Zoom - Next Meeting, 10/22/2026
Join us Thursdays, October 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***



Secular Franciscan Order

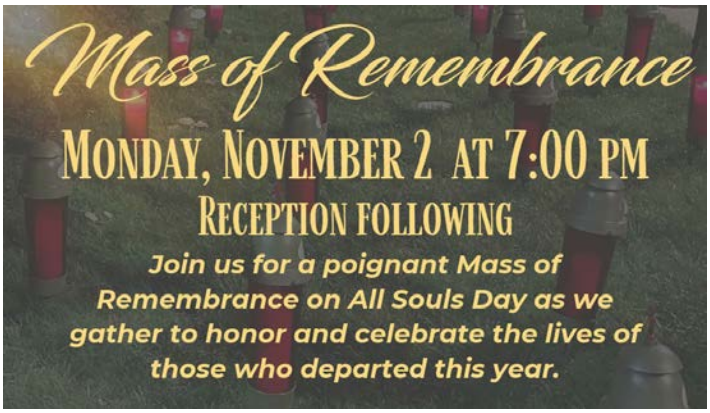


Monthly Meetings:

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

Join us every 4rd Sunday at 2:00 pm for our gathering in the lower level of the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry at St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church. **Our next meeting is, October 25, 2026 at 2:00 PM.** Join us to learn more about the Secular Franciscan Order. We will be discussing Social Justice related to "Caring for God's Creation".







Your support will assist our Guild in its many ministries, in particular, our scholarship fund. Members and friends have donated Fantastic Auction Items, including $100 Cash from Santa's Sack, and a $100 Salute Restaurant Gift Certificate, two $50 Gift Cards, Baskets and so much more. We welcome everyone's participation in this exciting annual event. Teacup Auction Drawing will be held at the Ladies Guild Christmas Party on Sunday, December 6, 12 pm, at Salute Restaurant, Rocky Hill. For more information, please email mcmidura20@gmail.com.

Anointing Mass And Luncheon

Saturday, November 14 at 11:00 AM.



Parishioners wishing to receive the Sacrament of the Sick are invited to an Anointing Mass to be held in the church on Saturday, November 14 at 11:00 AM. Parishioners as well as their family members and caregivers are invited.

There will be a luncheon held after the Mass in the Franciscan Center next door. If you plan to attend the luncheon please call our parish office at (860) 756-4034 by the end of Monday, November 9 to let us know your contact information, the names of those who will be accompanying you and any dietary restrictions, food allergies, etc. you or they may have. (You do not need to call the office to register for the luncheon if you are only coming to the Mass.)

We encourage anyone coping with chronic illness or disease (heart, cancer, respiratory ailments, diabetes, etc.), those with the disease of alcoholism or other addictions, those suffering from any mental health issues, anyone facing surgery or those experiencing aging with its limitations, fears and isolation or any others who are seriously ill to join us together with family members and caregivers that day.





Founding Mothers
250 Anniversary

Clare Gallery: *Founding Mothers*

Thursday, November 12, from 7:00 to 8:00 PM: Virtual Artists Panel Discussion. Two exhibition receptions will occur on Sunday, December 13, in conjunction with the Parish's Community Sundays, the first at 9:00 AM and the second at 11:00 AM.

Founding Mothers is the Gallery's fourth and final exhibition focused on "voices left out at the founding of our country." When we started this journey to celebrate our country's 250th Anniversary, we wished to create special exhibitions that connected our Gallery's mission to our country's diversity of voices. It seems fitting to end with the women who helped found this country through their tireless work, strength, ingenuity, command, and commitment for freedom for all.

This exhibition includes 13 poster designs, a bibliography for further study, and an interactive component through which the audience is invited to participate by writing reflective thoughts that will be added to the exhibition throughout its duration. Our audience's responses will become part of the collective voice as we end our year together.

During the fall of 2025, the Gallery Committee targeted specific revolutionary women to highlight based on their particular stories and how their actions shaped the battle for our new country. Next, the Gallery partnered with 12 students from the course "Elements of Graphic Design" at Merrimack College in North Andover, Massachusetts (under the mentorship of Associate Professor Nancy Wynn). The team of students researched, collaborated, and designed 13 posters celebrating what the Gallery Committee deemed to be the "founding women of our nation." Their stories were diverse in class, race, and how they served, but their commonality was courage and strength to stand for what they believed to be the promise of a better future.

Additionally, the audience is encouraged to engage with the exhibition "to share their voices" by writing answers to prompts such as: Which women did you admire and why? Are there any women's stories that make connections to your life? Where do you see unexpected displays of power and courage? If you were to write one of the women a note, what would you say to her now?

Furthermore, ***a virtual panel discussion is on November 12, from 7:00 to 8:00 PM.*** Panelists include students from the course; historian Erin Bartram, museum educator at The Mark Twain House & Museum and founder and editor of Contingent Magazine; and Associate Professor Nancy Wynn, MFA, from Merrimack College. The public is welcome, but registration for the virtual artist talk is required to receive the Zoom link. Please go to https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-FM-250 to register.

Lastly, ***two exhibition receptions will occur on Sunday, December 13***, in conjunction with the Parish's Community Sundays, the first at 9:00 AM and the second at 11:00 AM. All are welcome.

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Pasta (+Protein) Tuesdays: HELP!!!



Meal Prepping Baked Ziti with chicken or ground beef this week? Consider making 2!

Keep 1 to feed your family and drop the other off when you come to Mass!! Every Tuesday we serve a hot to-go meal to those in need. Right now, we are in dire need of volunteers to help provide 1 lb pasta dishes with protein. Please consider making a pan (or 2). To learn more about this VITAL ministry, please scan the qr code go to https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-Pasta-Tues. With your help we can continue to serve those in need throughout the summer and beyond.

NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD

Branches on the Vine

Please go to https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-AOHB-10182026 to read this week's content and view various upcoming events happening around the Archdiocese of Hartford.



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 Minstry: 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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