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Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time • November 15, 2026

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St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church and
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We are a welcoming and dynamic community of Christian disciples. Rooted in the Franciscan experience of the Roman Catholic tradition, we proactively endeavor to extend hospitality both at the Eucharistic Table and as we minister reciprocally and in solidarity among the alienated and the poor, nurturing the mind, body, and spirit in the Greater Hartford Community. All are welcome!

+ 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, Nov 16	**Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Lk 18:35-43**
Tuesday, Nov 17	**Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Lk 19:1-1**
Wednesday, Nov 18	**Rv 4:1-11; Lk 19:11-28**
Thursday, Nov 19	**Rv 5:1-10; Lk 19:41-44**
Friday, Nov 20	**Rv 10:8-11; Lk 19:45-48**
Sunday, Nov 21	**Ez 34:11-12, 15-17;Ps 23:1-2a, 2b-3, 5, 6; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46**

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, Nov 14, 2026
4:00 PM Peter Leonard & Fr. William Daly

Sunday, Nov 15, 2026
8:00 AM William, Angie & Joanne Speziale
10:00 AM William & Doris Curtis
11:45 AM Ray Ramsey, 2nd Anniversary
5:00 PM Hank Cleary, Mary & Harold Cleary & Beatrice Cleary

Monday, Nov 16, 2026
7:30 AM Rosemarie Quattropani
12:05 PM Ronald Biederman

Tuesday, Nov 17, 2026
7:30 AM Filipe Gutierrez
12:05 PM Richard Ruff

Wednesday, Nov 18, 2026
7:30 AM Prayer intentions for our parishioners
12:05 PM George Yackowski

Thursday, Nov 19, 2026
7:30 AM
12:05 PM Vincent J. McHugh, Jr.

Friday, Nov 20, 2026
7:30 AM
12:05 PM Francisco Obregon

Saturday, Nov 21, 2026
4:00 PM Italio "Gino" Marino

Sunday, Nov 22, 2026
8:00 AM Ann Pavlick
10:00 AM August West Linder, 23rd Anniversary
11:45 AM Judith Cardoni
5:00 PM Thomas Murphy

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



November 15, 2026

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

We are moving quickly toward the conclusion of the liturgical year which ends with the Solemnity of Christ the King next weekend. The following weekend will mark the start of a new liturgical year and the season of Advent. This perennial cycle is marked by special seasons (Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter) as well the long stretches of Ordinary Time; however, the winter Ordinary Time will be quite short in 2027 with only four weeks between the end of the Christmas season on January 10 and the start of Lent on Ash Wednesday, February 10. Easter Sunday will be March 28!

This coming Saturday, November 21, the Greater Hartford Chapter of the American Guild of Organists will hold a Hymn Festival to celebrate the music of the Church Year. We are honored to host this wonderful free event, which begins at 1:30 PM, and I hope you will be able to join us.

A large choir of singers from churches throughout the greater Hartford community will lead a program of hymns for the church year, beginning with Advent and ending with Pentecost. Hymns include *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*; *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*; and *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*.

Accompanying the hymns will be a brass quintet, timpani, and the church's two pipe organs. Along with the choir and the audience, we will hear a glorious sound in our resonant acoustics.

The Festival will be conducted by composer, church musician, conductor and organist Richard Webster who is currently Lecturer in the Institute of Sacred Music at Yale University. He retired in 2022 as Director of Music and Organist at historic Trinity Church, Copley Square, Boston after 17 years.

Come and raise the roof with our singing as we celebrate the goodness and blessings of God!

Blessings on your week ahead!

Fr. Tim Shreenan, OFM

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Pastor



Support the 2026 Parish Appeal

The 2026 Parish Appeal letters are headed your way. This year we have a specific goal in mind: to upgrade the sound system in our church with new speakers and microphones. We hope to begin the installation as soon as possible, so we need your help! To donate, please go to https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-PAA, scan the code, or place your return envelope in the offertory basket, or mail it to the church. Thank you for your generosity!



Events/Programs Nov 16-20

Group Spiritual Reflection- Next meeting, 11/17/2026,

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, 11/18/2026

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, 11/18/2026

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. 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, 11/19/2026

Join us from 7:00 to 7:30 PM. Join us for a **weekly Rosary devotion on Zoom every Thursday**, 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***





CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

2nd Collection Nov 14/15

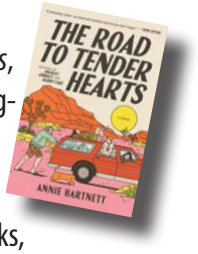
FAMILY & FRIENDS MINISTRY



Next Meeting
11/15/2026
at 3:30 pm



A Novel Idea Book Club- Next Meeting is 11/19/2026 at 7:00 PM on Zoom. The book selection for November is *The Road to Tender Hearts*, by Annie Hartnett.



Kirkusreviews.com calls *The Road to Tender Hearts*, "a beautiful reminder that the world is full of tragedy, but life-changing joy and connection might be just around the corner."

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.

41st Annual
House of Bread Hunger Banquet
November 18, 2026

The Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry
St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church
285 Church Street, Hartford, CT 06103
Complimentary parking across the street

New this year: Enjoy Breakfast *or* Lunch!
$50 per person

Breakfast: 7:30 to 9:00AM or Lunch:11:30AM to 1:30PM

For more information and to purchase tickets, please go to https://tinyurl.com/2027-Hunger-Banquet

Clare Gallery: *Founding Mothers*

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. All Are Welcome!

St. Francis BUILDS

Preach the gospel at all times, and when necessary use words.

St. Francis Builds Opportunities 2027

Join Fr. Mike in Oaxaca! January 9–16, 2027 | Oaxaca, Mexico

Join Fr. Mike and fellow members of our Hartford community for a week of service, friendship, and putting our faith into action! We will work



alongside Friends of Pimpollo to help build a school in an under-resourced community in Oaxaca, Mexico. Young adults are especially encouraged to join us! Whether this is your first service trip or you have volunteered before, you have something to offer. No construction experience is necessary—just a willingness to help, learn, and work alongside others. We warmly welcome volunteers from diverse language communities. ¡Se habla español! The trip is open to adults 18 and older. The cost is $850 plus airfare, with scholarships available for young adults and skilled workers. Interested? Speak with Fr. Mike, email stfrancisbuilds@gmail.org, or text 301-578-6150. Help build a school—and discover what else we can build together.

Volunteers Needed - Dominican Republic Trip

We are seeking parish volunteers for our next St. Francis Builds trip, to a historic and remote town in the **Dominican Republic, January 16-23, 2027.**

We will work with the local Dominican and Haitian communities to renovate and expand important community buildings. You do not need to have formal skills, but we will train you in light masonry skills, carpentry work, and painting. The local church hosts our volunteer groups comfortably in the parish's facilities.

Approximately 10 volunteer slots remain open, and scholarships are available. Please inquire with the trip leader Vince Ventimiglia at ventimiglia7@gmail.com or cell 202-495-8657! We look forward to providing you more details about the trip.

No Freeze Shelter Meal Teams Needed

The Shelter is opened from December 6, 2026 through the last Sunday in March.

Once again we will be preparing Sunday dinner for the no freeze shelter starting December 6th and every Sunday through the end of March. We are currently looking for 4 more teams, please consider being a team leader or simply sign up to volunteer on a particular Sunday.

Once we get the recipes for the season we will post our grocery list for needed donations. Currently we have set up a list of some kitchen staples and desserts for each week. Please go to https://tinyurl.com/SPS-ACT-No-Freeze-26-27 or scan the QR Code for more info or to ask questions.

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 autumn and beyond.

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

For more information on the reporting process, please visit https://archdioceseofhartford.org/how-to-report/

Feeling the need to give back?

Consider volunteering!

Please go to https://spsact.org/current-volunteer-opportunities/ to view current offerings.





Happenings Around the Archdiocese:

NOVEMBER 20 - 21
48TH ANNUAL HOLLY BERRY FESTIVAL
Sacred Heart Academy, Hamden

11/20 Friday 3PM - 8PM & 11/21 Saturday 10AM - 3PM

Join the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus at their annual Holly Berry Festival juried craft fair. Shop for unique Christmas gifts from 45 local artisans, plus one-of-a-kind items and delicious baked goods made by the Sisters. Enjoy raffles, children's activities, photos with Santa, food and more. All proceeds support the care of elder Apostle Sisters. Free admission and parking. Visit **hollyberry.org** for more information.

NOVEMBER 21 @ 9:30AM - 2:30PM
35TH ANNUAL FRANCISCAN CHRISTMAS FAIR
Franciscan Life Center, Meriden

Admission is free! Enjoy the Spirit of Christmas on this joy-filled day with something for the whole family. A wonderful Living Crèche Franciscan breads, pottery, food, handcrafted items, Merry Miscellaneous; fresh cut Christmas trees, raffles, Franciscan animals, and children's arts and crafts.

Visit **franciscanchristmasfair.org** for more info.

NOVEMBER 21 @ 10AM - 3PM
CHRISTMAS FAIR... WITH A POLISH FLAIR!
SS. Cyril & Methodius Church, Hartford

Admission is free! Please join us for our annual Christmas Fair with a Polish flair! This event features traditional Polish foods, homemade baked goods, crafters and vendors, gift baskets, vintage jewelry, cultural displays and imports, music, plus much more. It's a great occasion to shop, eat, and celebrate!

We are here to serve you...

We are here to serve you. The programs and ministries listed below are just a sampling of our many offerings. Please go to www.spsact.org or call the Parish Office at 860-756-4034 for more information.

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:

https://www.facebook.com/St-Patrick-St-Anthony-Church-109359789104825/

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

https://venue.streamspot.com/cdc76f52

NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD

Branches on the Vine

Please go to https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-AOHB-20261115 to read all of this week's content and view all the various upcoming events happening around the Archdiocese of Hartford.

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