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Solemnity of Christ the King • November 22, 2026

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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 23	**Rv 14: 1-3, 4b-5; Lk 21:1-4**
Tuesday, Nov 24	**Rv 14:14-19; Lk 21: 5-11**
Wednesday, Nov 25	**Rv 15:1-4; Lk 21: 12-19**
Thursday, Nov 26	**Sirach 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 10-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19**
Friday, Nov 27	**Rv 20: 1-4,11-21:2; Lk 21: 29-33**
Sunday, Nov 29	**Is 63: 16b-17,19b, 64: 2-7; Ps 80: 2-3,15-16,18-19; 1 Cor 1: 3-9,28; Mk 13: 33-37**

Mass Intentions for the Week

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

Monday, Nov 23, 2026
7:30 AM Argentina Collado & Pasqual Gutierrez
12:05 PM Madeline Capodanno

Tuesday, Nov 24, 2026
7:30 AM
12:05 PM Dennis Sullivan

Wednesday, Nov 25, 2026
7:30 AM Prayer intentions for our parishioners
12:05 PM Edeline Joseph

Thursday, Nov 26, 2026, Thanksgiving Day
10:00 AM Mary Ann Citino

Friday, Nov 27, 2026
9:00 AM

Saturday, Nov 28, 2026
4:00 PM James Howard, 4th Anniversary

Sunday, Nov 29, 2026
8:00 AM John Ashe, Sr.
10:00 AM Josephine Tanasi
11:45 AM Deceased members of the Jordan family
5:00 PM Sofia Sosa and Christian Sosa

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.

Sanctuary Candles

In Loving Memory of Concetta Romano

The Pastor's Corner



November 22, 2026

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

We mailed out our Annual Appeal letter this past week to all registered parishioners. If you haven't received the letter, I would like to share it with you here and invite you to participate in this important parish endeavor.

"Can you hear me now?"That was a tag line used in a TV commercial back in the early 2000's for a cellular phone company. We probably all remember those early days of cell phones when calls could be dropped at any moment or simply wouldn't go through. Connections were often scratchy and often difficult to understand the person on the other end of the call. Cell phones and cell service have improved greatly over the past few decades, as most technologies tend to do.

The same can be said of audio equipment, especially public address systems. If you happened to attend the 5:00 PM Mass on Sunday, October 11th, you probably experienced an ear-opening moment. A representative from DNR Laboratories in Watertown, CT set up some speakers and microphones as a demonstration for improvements in our church's sound system. As I stood in the back of the church, I was amazed at the clarity of sound I was hearing, and I was instantly sold on the prospect of what could be in store for us.

However, here's a little reality check. We have conducted an Annual Appeal for the past two years, and I have talked about all the improvements that we had in mind for the parish's physical plant. And while we have been able to accomplish some of them (replace outdated IT equipment, landscaping, repavement, extra lighting in the church, etc.), needed repair jobs have eaten up the bulk of our Appeal resources, especially with our aging air conditioning equipment. I think I can confidently say that, with the help of a new HVAC company, we have finally brought the AC system in the Franciscan Center to peak performance. But these unanticipated expenditures this past summer left us with no wiggle room to address other priorities.

This year, we would like to focus our Annual Appeal on improving our church's sound system because it is an item which benefits every- body. We want to start with the installation of new speakers in the main body of the church, and replace some of the microphones as well. The work will cost approximately $50,000, and hope to begin installation after the Christmas season. We would also like to make some improvements with our live-stream equipment, but those will be done in the future. These improvements are expensive because technology is expensive, but we are convinced that it is worth the cost and the effort to undertake them.

I invite you to take part in our 2026 Annual Appeal which we hope will allow all of us to respond with a resounding "YES!" when the question is asked: "Can you hear me now?"

Fr. Tim Shreenan, OFM

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Pastor

P.S. November 22 is the Feast of St. Cecilia, the Patron Saint of Music and Musicians. I'd like to take this opportunity to express our collective thanks to all our musicians who serve us so well at St. Patrick-St Anthony. These include our Director of Music Ministries, David Garrido-Cid; our Cantors, Zachary Gilbert, Allison Holst-Grubbe and Alex Hunt; our Assistant Organist, Martin Smith; and the members of our Choirs: Gallery, Treble Clef, Bass Clef and Church Street Singers. Your talents and dedication are vital to our worship, and we are grateful to have such gifted musicians who enhance our liturgies in this manner.

Thanksgiving Week Schedule

Monday-Wednesday (11/23, 11/24, & 11/25)
7:30am & 12:05pm Masses
Confession: 11:15 - 11:45am

Thanksgiving Day
10:00am Mass
(no 7:30am or 12:05pm)

Friday
9:00 am Mass
(No 7:30am, 12:05 pm or Confessions)

Events/Programs Nov 22 - 27

Group Spiritual Reflection- Next meeting, 11/24/2026,

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, 11/25/2026

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, 11/26/2026

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***

Secular Franciscan Order



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

Join us every 4th 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. We will have **Our next meeting is, November 22, 2026 at 2:00 PM.** Join us to learn more about the Secular Franciscan Order.



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!





Clare Gallery: *Founding Mothers*

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!





Thank You, St. Patrick–St. Anthony Parish!

Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's turkey drive such a success. Through the generosity of our parishioners, we collected 260 turkeys and nearly 2,000 pounds of canned goods and stuffing mix for House of Bread. This food will make a real difference for many of our brothers and sisters in Hartford. We are grateful to all who gave their time, energy, and strength to collect, organize, and transport the donations—especially our young people and the adults who accompanied them. Over the past eighteen years, our annual turkey drives have collected more than 3,600 turkeys and 18 tons of canned goods and stuffing for distribution through House of Bread. What a wonderful sign of the generosity and care of our parish community.

Thank you all, and blessings for a Happy Thanksgiving.
Mike, ofm



A Franciscan Heart in the World Podcast: Advent Edition

The Advent Podcast is back.

Advent isn't about rushing or perfection. It's the season when God draws near—quietly, humbly, right into the real places of our lives.

Join Br. Mike Johnson for daily 5–7 minute reflections that help you see again, breathe again, and rediscover Emmanuel in the ordinary.

One day at a time, we'll walk toward the light that's already breaking in.

To listen on Apple Podcast:
https://tinyurl.com/SPSACT-FHW-Advent-2026

To listen on Spotify:
https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-SPOT-FHW-Advent-26

To listen on iHeart radio:
https://tinyurl.com/SPSACT-IH-FWH-Advent-26



In DIGNITY. . . .

Join us at the Table: Faith in Dignity - *A Conversation Across Political Divides and Spiritual Traditions*

Tuesday, December 1, 2026, Hybrid Livestream/in-person at 6:00PM

The journey of life is travelled with other human beings. As Advent commences, we pause to consider how we uphold the inherent dignity of all people as we navigate the realities of our public lives for the common good. Please see Bulletin Insert for more information.

In-Person Registration: Please go to https://tinyurl.com/SPS-ACT-FaithDignity-IP-2026 to let us know you will be attending.

Livestream from Home Registration: Please go to https://tinyurl.com/SPSACT-FaithDignity2026 to receive the livestream link.

In PRAYER . . .

Advent Nourishment

On Wednesdays, December 2, 9, 16 & 23 following the 12:05 Mass, we will come together "In Quiet Prayer" in the chapel in church for 30 minutes of contemplative time creating space for Advent preparation of our hearts.

In GRACE. . .

Advent Evening Prayer: Full of Grace

On Tuesday, December 15 at 7:00 p.m. is the opportunity to gather and focus on the life-affirming Visitation of Mary and Elizabeth with grace spilling forth into our own Advent journeys. Led by our women ministers, hear the Magnificat story broken open in ways which enrich, comfort, and challenge through inspired preaching and music. *Leaders of Prayer: Pat Curtis, Allison Holst-Grubbe, Lisa Orchen, and Deb Pelletier.*





Baptism

Ethan William
child of
Stephen Fitzgerald &
Jennifer Dorn Fitzgerald
Celebrated by
Fr. Timothy Shreenan, O.F.M.

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.

Fr. A. Francis Soucy, O.F.M
September 17, 1938 - November 19, 2026



Fr. A. Francis Soucy, O.F.M., died Thursday morning, November 19, 2026 at 10:30 AM at St. Lawrence Friary in Beacon, NY. He had requested that his body be donated to a medical teaching facility, so his remains were to be transferred to New York Medical College in Valhalla, NY. A Memorial Mass for Fr. Francis will be celebrated at St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church in a few weeks.

Fr. Mike Johnson, Guardian of the Franciscan fraternity in Hartford, wrote the following reflection.

"Fr. Francis's ministerial career had three distinct chapters.

The first was as a teacher of medieval English literature at a women's college in Pennsylvania. Francis loved to read, to teach and he loved the world of ideas. He was still teaching classes on the Psalms in Hartford until last year.

He is probably best known in Holy Name Province as the first director of our skilled nursing facility in Ringwood. There for decades, Francis created a home for many of our older friars. He cared for them through illness, made sure they knew they were never alone, and let them know how deeply they were loved. In the end, he walked so many of our older brothers gently into the arms of Sister Death.



For a brief time, Francis went to the retirement house in St. Petersburg. But he realized that, in his late seventies, he was not ready to retire. So he came to Hartford and said, "The last thing I would like to do is work with the poor."

Thus, until he went to Beacon a little over a year ago, that became his great work: lovingly caring for the poor, and especially for those who were unhoused here in Hartford.

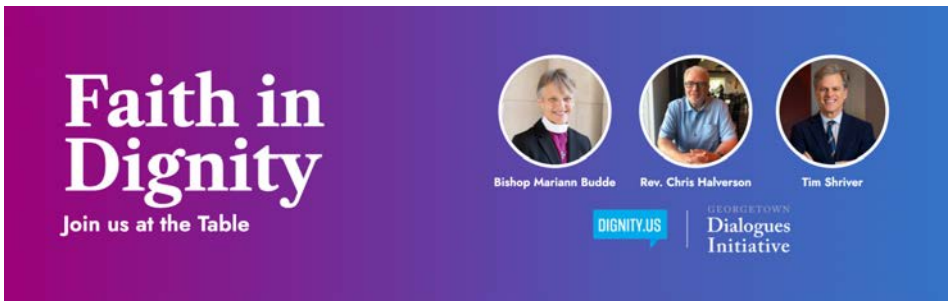
Francis would take walks with people. He set aside hours when they could simply come and talk with him, seek advice, or just be heard. I do not know how many times I passed by the sandwich window and saw someone leaning in to speak with Francis. He would place his hands on their head and pray over them.



They knew they had a friend in Francis. In fact, they became known as the Friends of Francis. He was deeply loved here by the staff and parishioners of St. Patrick–St. Anthony, but also by so many people who came to this Urban Ministry Center seeking nourishment—spiritual, emotional, and physical—and who found it in the love Francis gave them.

Some friars are especially gifted in external ministry, in the work they do beyond the friary. Others have a particular gift for fraternal ministry: caring for their brothers, building a home, and helping a community become family. Francis accomplished both. He cared so lovingly for our older friars in Ringwood, and he gave that same love so freely to the poor and unhoused people of Hartford. In both places, people knew that Francis saw them, cared for them, and considered them his friends."

May Fr. Francis live forever in the light and joy of the Kingdom of God, and be received with the words of Jesus from the Gospel we heard this past Sunday: "Well done, good and faithful servant. Come, share your master's joy!"



YOU'RE INVITED · FIRST-EVER EVENT

Join us at the Table: Faith in Dignity

A Conversation Across Political Divides and Spiritual Traditions

How do people of faith disagree without demeaning?
How do believers stand for truth without denying the humanity of those who see things differently?

Faith in Dignity is a new initiative of cross-spectrum religious leaders inviting congregations across the country to move beyond contempt, ridicule, and dismissal toward curiosity, empathy, and understanding.

Join co-chairs **Bishop Mariann Budde** and **Rev. Chris Halverson**, with **Tim Shriver**, for a conversation that crosses political divides, spiritual traditions — and expectations.

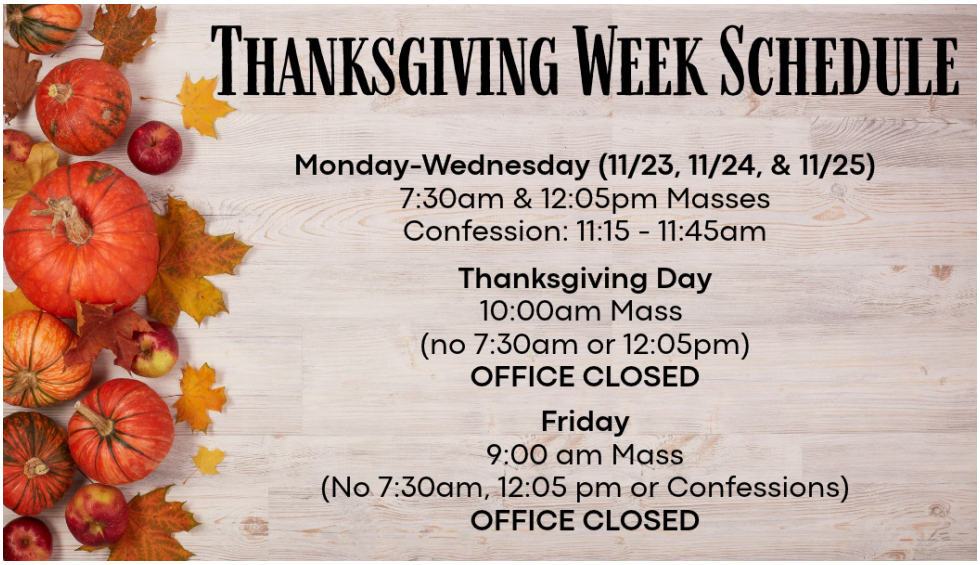
JOIN IN on Tuesday, December 1 at 6:00 pm to live-stream
this important event in the Faith in Dignity movement!
Click HERE to register to receive the Live-stream Link

or

COME to the Franciscan Center and WATCH with US this live-streaming event.

Arrive at 5:45 pm or come early at 5:15 pm to receive Dignity Index background information.
Facilitated by: Pat Curtis and Elaine Wiatr

Register HERE to let us know you are attending at the Franciscan Center



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

https://venue.streamspot.com/cdc76f52

NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD

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