

ST. PATRICK-ST. ANTHONY CHURCH Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry

open hearts open minds open doors

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.

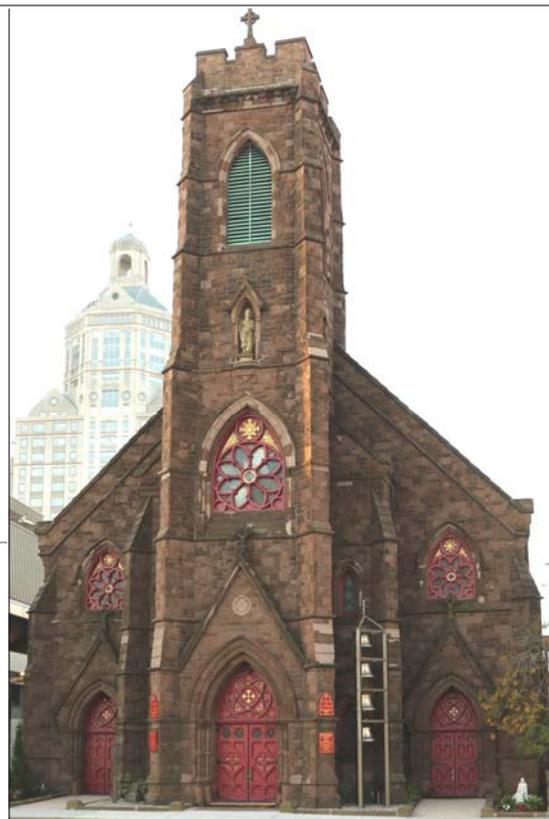
ALL ARE WELCOME!

Contact Information

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Hartford, CT 06103
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Office Hours

The office is currently closed due to COVID-19. We are grateful to those who are still able and comfortable coming in to make or distribute sandwiches.



October 4, 2020 – The Solemnity of St. Francis of Assisi

PASTORAL STAFF

Fr. Timothy J. Shreenan, O.F.M., *Pastor*
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Trudi Campbell, *Director of Volunteer Ministry*
Patricia Curtis, *Pastoral Associate*
Fr. Michael Johnson, O.F.M., *Parochial Vicar*
Pamela Johnson, *Business Manager*
Fr. John Leonard, O.F.M., *Parochial Vicar*
Gabriel Löfvall, *Director of Music Ministry*
Fr. A. Francis Soucy, O.F.M., *Parochial Vicar & Senior Associate Friar*

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Faith VosWinkel, *Confirmation*
Michelle White, *7 & 8th Grade*

MAINTENANCE STAFF

Orville Russell, *Director of Maintenance*
Gilberto Lisboa, *Church Custodian*

SCHEDULE OF LIVE-STREAMED MASSES

Monday through Friday—12:05 PM
Saturday Vigil— 4:00 PM
Sunday—10:00 AM and 5:00 PM

<https://www.spsact.org/news-and-events/virtual-mass/>

PUBLIC MASSES

Monday through Friday—7:30 AM
Sunday—11:45 AM

You must register for each Mass you plan to attend at www.spsact.org

SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST

Available in the Church: Mondays from 1:00-2:00 pm;
Tuesdays from 10:30-11:30 am and Wednesdays from 8:00-9:00 am—Church is open for prayer during these times.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Private confessions by appointment are available.

PARKING

Free, parking is available in the Saints Surface Parking Lot located directly across the street from St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church and the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry.



Hearing assisted devices available. Church and Franciscan Center are handicap accessible.



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

May the Lord give you peace!

As I write this message, I am preparing to depart my place of ministry for the past 34 years: the Church of St. Francis of Assisi in New York City. I have loved my three decades here in the Big Apple and it came as a bit of a surprise to me back in August when I was asked by my Franciscan superiors to become the Pastor of St. Patrick-St. Anthony in Hartford. Surprised, yes, but thrilled and honored as well. But first, a little bit about myself.

The youngest of six children from Buffalo, NY, I got to know the Franciscans at an early age because my two older brothers attended Bishop Timon High School, staffed by the Franciscans. I attended Timon as well, and my vocation was strengthened by the friars who taught there. After graduation, I went on to Siena College near Albany, NY where I met my classmate, Fr. Bill Beaudin, who also joins the Franciscan community in Hartford as our Guardian.

Upon graduation from Siena, I went on to the Franciscan novitiate in Brookline, MA, where I spent a year in preparation for first vows in 1977. Afterwards I went to Washington, DC to study theology, leading up to Solemn Vows and Ordination to the Priesthood in 1984.

My first assignment was at one of our parishes in northern New Jersey. Two years later, I was assigned to the Church of St. Francis of Assisi in New York City where I would live for the next 34 years. In addition to ministry at St. Francis I also spent a few years (1987 to 1991) in the administrative offices of Holy Name Province. For almost three decades I have ministered at St. Francis where I've also been the Director of Liturgy as well as Director of Communications.

So, those are the basics. What are my interests? There are many, to be sure: music, art, architecture, history, and books. In recent years I've developed a keen interest in illuminated manuscripts, and I hope to share some of what I've learned with you in the future. I also play the organ and the flute, so you might hear me play once in a while.

One of the great joys of my life has been travel. My journeys have taken me to many of the great historic places of Europe which have taught me so much about human life and culture. One of my favorite photos was taken a few years



ago in Córdoba, Spain inside the Mezquita, or cathedral which was built inside an immense mosque back in the 1200's. The mosque itself dates to the 8th century, and the pillar I'm leaning against is over 1,000 years old. I hope you won't confuse me with the pillar!

As I begin to serve you as your Pastor, I am excited but a bit terrified as well! I have a lot to learn about you and this wonderful parish. I just ask that you give me the time to get to know you – and your names, which I may have to ask you more than once before it gets planted in my memory.

When my appointment was announced to the friars of Holy Name Province, I received many good wishes and congratulations from them, reassuring me that I would love being here, because this parish is one of our Province's "jewels." Together with the other friars – Bill, Mike, John and Francis – I pray that we may live up to the remarkable tradition of worship and ministry that the Franciscans began 30 years ago.

May the Lord bless you and keep you!

Sincerely,

Fr. Timothy Shreenan, O.F.M.

Pastor

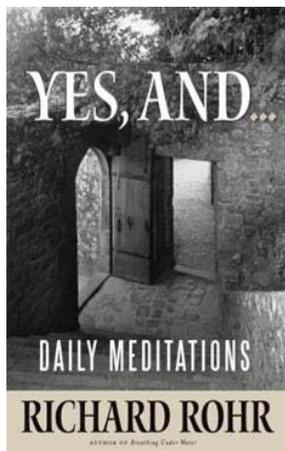
The Ladies Guild

The Ladies Guild is proud to announce the 2020 Scholarship Awards of \$500 each to parish students:

**Margaret Price, Mary Kasperowski, Lauren Mary Armstrong, Elizabeth Orchen-Baker,
John Orchen-Baker, Alexander Almagro and Kevin Kasperowski.**

These students attend Northwest Catholic High and East Catholic High, Xavier High, and Mercy High schools. God bless you and your families for your perseverance in the new school year.

A heartfelt **"Thank You"** to our parishioners and members who generously supported the 2019 November Christmas Corner, Bake and Craft Sales. The students will share the proceeds you so willingly donated.



THIN PLACES

Wednesdays, October 14, 21, 28, Nov. 4, 11, 18 from 12:45—2:15 PM

Yes, and...by Richard Rohr

is not a book you sit down and read. It is a book of Christian meditations you have to reflect on a little at a time with deep listening. These meditations are excerpts from his many books. Please read the introduction and reflect on six of the meditations between pages 16 and 25.

Presenter: Sr. Virginia Sheehan, SND

If you plan to attend, please e-mail Sr. Ginny at Sheehan932@gmail.com to register and she will send you the **Meeting ID and Passcode to attend.**



**MERCY
HIGH SCHOOL**

Mercy High School Virtual Open House

for Middle School and Transfer Students

Sunday, November 1, 2020 at 1:00 PM

Achieve MORE... Learn MORE... Succeed MORE... Be MORE at Mercy!

Mercy will hold an open house for middle school students and high school students considering a transfer, as a virtual experience. Attendees will have the opportunity to speak with current Mercy students, faculty, administration, and coaches, while exploring all the programs Mercy has to offer—from academics to athletics, service opportunities to clubs and activities. Pre-online registration is required.

In addition to our virtual open house, we invite you to take a tour of our campus! In-person or virtual tours available anytime by appointment. For more information and to register, please visit www.mercyhigh.com

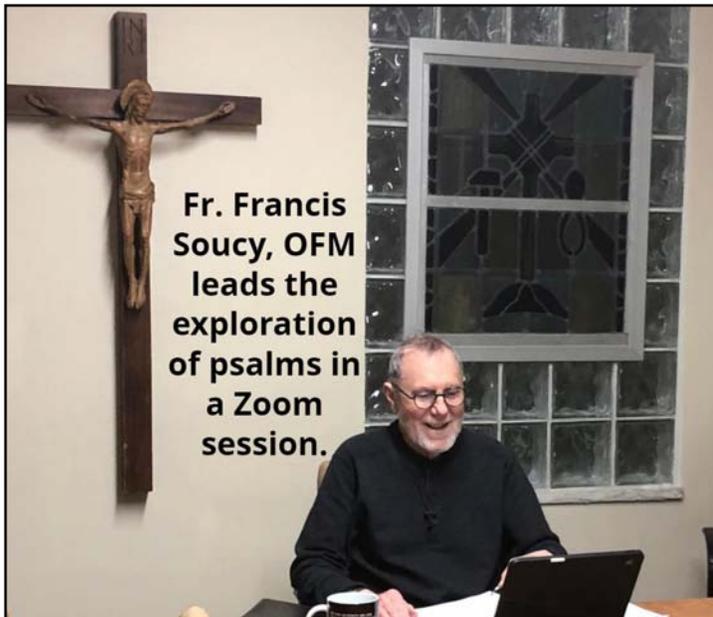
Entrance Exam for the Class of 2025

Mercy High School

Saturday, November 7, 2020 & Saturday, November 14, 2020

1740 Randolph Road, Middletown, CT

8:00 to 11:00 AM Pre-register at www.mercyhigh.com—in-person and virtual options



Fr. Francis Soucy, OFM leads the exploration of psalms in a Zoom session.

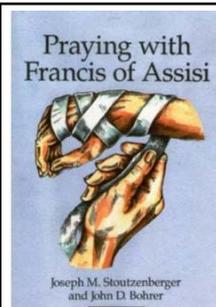
Psalms: God's Unshakable Love
Thursdays from 10:30—11:30 AM
October 15, 22, 29 and November 5, 12, 19

Join Father Francis each Thursday morning to continue the study of Psalms.

In the past we have discussed psalms that can be grouped under common themes (trust, praise, lament, thanksgiving, wisdom).

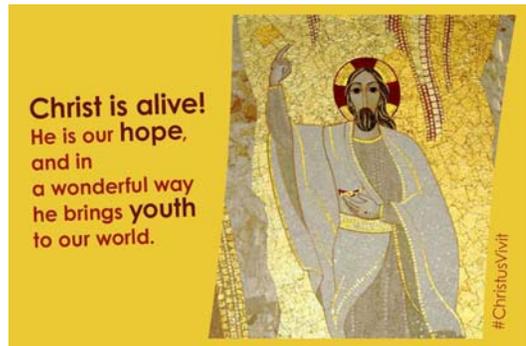
The psalms in this new study resist that type of classification, but share in what unites most psalms: deep faith, confidence amidst an environment of turmoil, and peace in God's unshakable covenantal love.

Presenter: Fr. Francis Soucy, OFM
Free Will Offering; All are Welcome!
 Click [here](#) to register and the Zoom link will be sent to you.



Franciscan Reading Group
Wednesdays from Oct 7 - Nov 11
2:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Join us as we consider the devotional spirituality of St. Francis of Assisi, a prayerful community activist of the 12-13th centuries using the book by Joseph M. Stoutzenberger and John D. Bohrer, *Praying with Francis of Assisi*. *Free Will Offering*; Co-facilitators: Jo Anne & Joe Harrison-Becker [Click here](#) to register and we will send the zoom link to you.



VESPERS — Tuesdays at 6:00 PM

Vespers, also called Evening Prayer, is part of the Liturgy of the Hours, also known as the Divine Office. In the Liturgy of the Hours, the Church fulfills Jesus' command to "pray always" (*Luke 18:1; see also 1 Thessalonians 5:17*). Through this prayer, the people of God sanctify the day by continual praise of God and prayers of intercession for the needs of the world. Evening Prayer gives thanks for the day just past and makes an evening sacrifice of praise to God (*see Psalm 141:1*). **We continue reading from the Post-synodal Apostolic Exhortation, *Christus Vivit* of the Holy Father Francis, to Young People and to the Entire People of God**

This is a ZOOM Session. Please contact the parish office (860-756-4034) for more information.



SECOND COLLECTION
October 3/4, 2020
Peter's Pence

Today, we take up the Peter's Pence Collection, which supports the charitable works of Pope Francis. This collection, supported by Catholics around the globe, helps the Holy Father reach out to people suffering in our world, especially those enduring the effects of war and violence, natural disasters, and religious persecution. Please be generous today. You can mail a check to SPSA, 285 Church Street, Hartford, CT 06111 and indicate "Peter's Pence" in memo line or go to your online giving account and make a new one-time gift to Peter's Pence. Thank you for your generosity during this difficult time.



Lectio Divina

Tuesday, October 6

6:45 - 7:45 PM

Lectio Divina is an ancient art of praying the Scriptures that honors the most basic source of all real prayer - an interior desire

for God. We seek the presence of the living God by listening - giving the Lord the first word and letting that word expand our listening. We create a safe and sacred space to read, contemplate, and share what the Bible reveals to our hearts.

*This is a ZOOM Session. A link to this meeting can be found in the parish-wide email. **If you do not have access to the internet** you can use your regular home telephone to call in and still be a part of this Lectio Divina. Please contact the parish office for more information.*



2020 Archbishop's Annual Appeal

GOAL: \$115,000

Amount Pledged as of October 1, 2020

290 gifts/pledges totaling \$81,648.00

Thank you for your generosity!



During this Time of Covid-19

Send your 12:05 pm prayer requests weekly to

info@spsact.org

Tuesdays for Essential Workers

Wednesdays for the Sick
(First Names only to protect privacy)

Thursdays for the Deceased

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is available in Church.

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Wednesdays from 8:00-9:00 AM



Appointments are not necessary.

Pray privately prior to approaching the friar Minister of the Eucharist, receive the Eucharist and return to a seat to pray privately. The church will be open for private prayer during these times. We ask, of course, that you wear your mask and respect the social distance guidelines.

Weekly Readings - October 5-11, 2020

- MondayGalatians 1:6-12; Luke 10:25-37
- TuesdayGalatians 1:13-24; Luke 10:38-42
- Wednesday.....Galatians 2:1-2, 7-14; Luke 11:1-4
- Thursday.....Galatians 3:1-5; Luke 11:5-13
- Friday.....Galatians 3:7-14; Luke 11:15-26
- Sunday.....Isaiah 25:6-10; Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20; Matthew 22:1-14



Go to <http://www.usccb.org/> for readings online



Mass Intentions for the Week

See Virtual and Public Mass Schedule on Cover of Bulletin

Please note that due to COVID-19 there is no scheduled 8:00 am Mass. Previously scheduled intentions at the 8:00 am Mass are prayed for at all weekend public and live-stream Masses.

SATURDAY, October 3, 2020

- 4:00 PM Don Marzano
- 7:00 PM Transitus of St. Francis of Assisi

SUNDAY, October 4, 2020

- 8:00 AM Joan Marie Montovani
- 10:00 AM Matthew Sromek
- 11:45 AM Chelsea Clyburn Morehouse
- 5:00 PM Donato Monaco

MONDAY, October 5, 2020

- 7:30 AM
- 12:05 PM Concetta Gianni

TUESDAY, October 6, 2020

- 7:30 AM
- 12:05 PM

WEDNESDAY, October 7, 2020

- 7:30 AM Melissa Corning
- 12:05 PM Salvatore Gianni

THURSDAY, October 8, 2020

- 7:30 AM
- 12:05 PM Joan Eagan

FRIDAY, October 9, 2020

- 7:30 AM Margaret Kennedy Samolyk, 7th anniversary
- 12:05 PM Deceased members of the Jordan Family

SATURDAY, October 10, 2020

- 4:00 PM Katie Keene Olsen

SUNDAY, October 11, 2020

- 8:00 AM Speziale Family
- 10:00 AM Rose & Angelo Perrone
- 11:45 AM Miriam Brown Boldry
- 5:00 PM

Mass Intentions may be scheduled for loved ones, living or deceased, by contacting the parish office at 860-756-4034. Suggested Donation: \$10.00



Weekly Offering September 21-27, 2020

Weekly Envelope: \$5,325.00

Online Giving: \$9,155.71

TOTAL: \$14,480.71

Thanks to all who are mailing in your weekly offering envelopes and using our online giving application. Your continued financial support of your parish is crucial for our ongoing operation and obligations to our staff. We are also sensitive to whatever financial hardships you may face during this time. If you are able, and only if you are able, please consider online giving to help sustain your Church. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#) for online giving.

Need help signing up for Online Giving? Our Sunday Visitor Support is available at 1-800-348-2886. Thank you for your continued generous support to St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church.



Please Continue to Pray for the Sick

Paula Molitar, Kaia Pazdersky,
Joseph Shertick, Olidy Shoko-Alai,

Trey Rock, Claire Shea, Vincent Marella, John O'Connor,
Greg Reed, Alex Ayers, Kathryn Eagers, George Kuegler,
Maureen Mullane, Maryann Bassett, Fr. Stan Uroda, Joe Girgenti



Keep up to date with all Virtual Masses, and Zooming Events

Sign up for the St. Patrick-St. Anthony E-Mail List by going to www.spsact.org and entering your email in the "Join Our E-Mail List" line.



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