

POTES ME MUNDARE?

*"I turn to you, Lord,  
in time of trouble,  
and you fill me with the  
joy of salvation."*

**St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church**  
*Open Hearts Open Minds Open Doors*

February 14, 2021

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Saint Patrick-Saint Anthony Church and The Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry

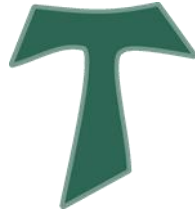
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St. Patrick – St. Anthony Parish and The Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry is a welcoming and dynamic community of Christian disciples. Rooted in the Franciscan experience of the Roman Catholic tradition, we proactively endeavor to extend hospitality 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!

### *Ash Wednesday*

#### Wednesday

7:30 AM Mass—Public (Cantor & Organ)

12:30 PM Mass—Public & Livestream (Cantor & Organ)

#### Church Open for Prayer and Ashes Distributed

11:00 – 11:30 AM

5:00 – 6:00 PM

#### Vespers for Ash Wednesday

7:00 PM—Livestream ONLY (Quartet & Organ)

### *Our Weekly Schedule*

#### Celebration of the Eucharist

##### Saturday Evening Vigil Mass

4:00 PM—Public & Livestream (Cantor & Organ)

##### Sunday Masses

10:00 AM—Livestream ONLY (Quartet & Organ)

11:45 AM—Public & Livestream (Cantor & Organ)

5:00 PM—Livestream ONLY (Quartet & Organ)

##### Weekday Masses

7:30 AM—Public—No 7:30 am Mass on February 15

12:05 PM—Public & Livestream

*No Vespers on Tuesday, February 16, 2021*

### *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

Private confessions by appointment are available.

Go to <https://www.spsact.org/news-and-events/virtual-mass/> to access our livestream Masses on Facebook, YouTube or StreamSpot.

In order to stay safe and to allow for contact tracing,  
please register for public Masses by going to [www.spsact.org](http://www.spsact.org).

*We will not share your information.*

### *Sacrament of the Eucharist*

Available in the Church

Mondays — 1:00-1:30 PM

Tuesdays — 11:00-11:30 AM

Saturday — 11:30-12:00 NOON

*Church is open for prayer during these times.*

### *President's Day*



On Monday, February 15, President's Day, there will be one Mass for the day at 12:05 PM which will be livestreamed only. No Communion will be distributed between 1:00 and 1:30 PM that day. The Parish Office and Center will be closed in observance of the holiday.

*Cover Artwork: Jesus Heals the Leper, 12th-13th century mosaic, Cathedral of the Assumption, Monreale, Sicily.*

## *The Pastor's Corner*

February 14, 2021

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

A number of years ago I used to celebrate Mass once a month at a church on the south shore of Long Island. One summer Sunday I decided to stay out there after Mass and spend a few hours at the beach before I returned to Manhattan. A gentleman walked over to where I was sitting on the beach and said hello to me. "Father, I have to tell you," he said, "Some relatives are visiting us this weekend and when the Mass started this morning and you walked out, I whispered to them, 'You'll like this priest – he gives a good homily.'" But when I saw the Pastor come out to give his 'money talk,' I can't tell you how disappointed I was!"



If you've read this far, you might be disappointed at what's coming next: a money talk. Well, a money letter. I would like to say a few words about our parish's financial picture. Our Finance Council met a little over a week ago, and we reviewed and approved the budget for 2021 which needs to be submitted to the Archdiocese of Hartford by February 15. There are some items that need to be brought to your attention.

First, let me say how amazed I have been at the generosity of our parishioners, especially during the past year when the COVID-19 pandemic has affected so many aspects of our lives, especially the economic aspect. I know that many families and individuals are struggling to make ends meet. Many folks have lost their jobs and are facing a very unstable future. But you have been very loyal to this parish and have continued to support us as best as you are able. For that, I am deeply humbled and very grateful.

Our budget for 2021 (see next page) includes a projected deficit in the amount of \$225,982, but we are working to reduce that amount as much as we possibly can. We have been diligent in reducing expenses where we are able. For example, the priests on the staff were to receive a 3% salary increase this year, but we declined the raise if our lay staff could not receive a raise either. We no longer have weekend receptionists. Our liturgical music expenses have also been reduced. We have cut back on some of extras like flowers every week or extravagant decorations at Christmas and Easter. We will look at every possible way to save money wherever possible.

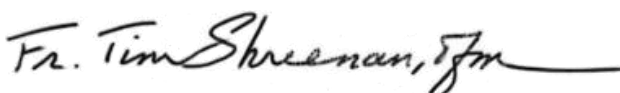
Finally, if we are unable to cover the operating deficit by cutting back on current expenses, we will use funds from our investment account since its purpose is to serve as a sustaining fund for situations like this. In addition, we have put most capital projects on hold until the effects of the pandemic subside. We will need to make computer upgrades and invest in a new website because our current one is ten years old and operates on a platform that is no longer supported. These projects will be financed through the investment fund.

Complete 2020 year-end financial statements for the Church, Franciscan Center, Sister Parish and Saints Lot will be available in the next few weeks.

I would ask you to prayerfully consider your current level of support, and only if you are able, to give a bit more.

We have all been through a very tough year, but I believe we are starting to turn the corner on the pandemic. We will be opening more Masses to the public and, hopefully, we will get back to some sense of 'normal' before long. Thank you for sticking with us these past months. For myself, as well as the other Friars, it is an honor and privilege to serve you. May God bless you richly for your commitment and support of St. Patrick-St. Anthony Parish!

Happy Valentine's Day,



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

## The Numbers

<b>St. Patrick-St. Anthony Parish Income</b>	<b>2020 Actual</b>	<b>2021 Budget</b>
Collections (Sundays, Christmas, Easter, Other Holy Days)	\$1,036,091	\$1,033,500
Interest and Dividends	\$234	\$200
Stole Fees (Baptisms, Weddings, and Funerals)	\$4,650	\$3,600
Other Gifts and Donations	\$81,019	\$60,000
Bequests	\$29,280	0
Religious Education Program Fees	\$16,868	\$10,000
Temporarily Restricted Income (Music Ministry)	\$27,096	\$5,000
Miscellaneous Income (Flowers & Bulletin Income—no bulletin income for 2021)	\$4,896	\$6,000
Rental from Saints Parking Lot (*\$35,400 invoiced but not yet paid)	\$70,800*	0
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$1,270,934</b>	<b>\$1,118,300</b>

<b>St. Patrick-St. Anthony Parish Operating Expenses</b>	<b>2020 Expenses</b>	<b>2021 Budget</b>
Salaries (Pastoral Staff, Support Staff, Custodial Staff)	\$461,185	\$433,729
Benefits (Disability, Health Insurance, and Retirement)	\$141,720	\$161,598
Payroll Taxes	\$45,897	\$39,538
Utilities (Heating and Cooling for the Church and Franciscan Center, Electricity, Telephone, Water, Internet)	\$90,266	\$91,000
Physical Plant (Contracted Services: Snow Plowing, Property and Casualty Insurance, Trash Removal Services, Maintenance and Repairs, Fire and Theft Prevention)	\$116,206	\$112,418
Friary Expenses	\$41,492	\$34,200
Miscellaneous	\$2,695	\$3,000
Sacramental and Liturgy Expenses (Director of Music Ministry, Organists, Cantors, Section Leaders, Treble Clef and Youth Choir Director, Altar Flowers, Altar Supplies, Worship Aids, Missalettes, Music Licensing Fees, Votive Lights, Music Library, Sound System Upgrades and Maintenance, Piano/Organ Maintenance)	\$244,277	\$192,390
Religious Education (Formation to Discipleship Programs and Sacramental Preparation Programs for Children and Adults [incl. the Religious Education Staff])	\$83,009	\$83,600
Local Charity and Gifts	\$14,714	\$3,000
Office Expenses (Copy Machine, Office Supplies, Computers/Data Fees, Website Maintenance)	\$29,118	\$26,528
Professional Services (Credit card fees for online giving and payroll services fees)	\$18,495	\$20,400
Parish Events and Social Expenses, Memberships and Dues	\$7,743	\$4,750
Diocesan Expenses : Cathedraticum	\$143,143	\$129,105
Catholic Schools Assessments (\$250 per student parishioner)	\$9,025	\$9,025
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$1,448,985</b>	<b>\$1,344,281</b>
<b>St. Patrick-St. Anthony Net Income/(Loss)</b>	<b>(\$178,051)</b>	<b>(225,981)</b>



*Daily Mass Readings*

February 15-21, 2021

- MONDAY Genesis 4:1-15, 25; Mark 8:11-13
- TUESDAY Genesis 6:5-8, 7:1-5, 10; Mark 8:14-21
- WEDNESDAY Joel 2:12-18; 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2  
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18
- THURSDAY Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Luke 9:22-25
- FRIDAY Isaiah 58:1-9a; Matthew 9:14-15
- SUNDAY Genesis 9:8-15; 1 Peter 3:18-22  
Mark 1:12-15


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

*Please Pray for the Sick*

Paula Molitar, Kaia Pazdersky, Joseph Shertick, Trey Rock, Claire Shea, Vincent Marella, John O'Connor, Greg Reed, Alex Ayers, Kathryn Eagers, George Kuegler, Maureen Mullane, Maryann Bassett, Fr. Stan Uroda, Tommie Henry, Cecy Mickey, Tommy Steadwell, Lauren Clark Hoffman, Jim Howard

*God is our refuge and our strength, an ever present help in distress. The Lord of hosts is with us; our stronghold is the God of Jacob. — Ps. 46*

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

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

## Weekly Offering

February 1—7, 2021

Weekly Envelope: \$8,462.00

Weekly Loose: \$163.00

Online Giving—Weekly: \$10,758.00

**TOTAL OFFERING: \$19,383.00**

Thank you for your continued generous support to St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church.

*You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. – 2 Corinthians 9:11*

### PLEASE NOTE

Effective Thursday, February 18, 2021 the weekday Masses at 12:05 PM will now be open to the public.

Also effective Saturday, February 20, 2021 the Saturday Vigil Masses at 4:00 PM will now be open to the public.

We ask that you continue to follow all COVID-19 safety protocols and that you register for Masses you plan to attend.

## *Prayer Network Ministry*

One of the ministries of our community that has continued their work without hesitation is our **Prayer Network Ministry**.

Forty members commit one hour a day to pray with any request that the prayer network receives. Requests are made at [prayer@spsact.org](mailto:prayer@spsact.org) or by calling the parish number – **860-756-4034** and requesting extension **162**.

Would you like to join the network? Please contact Trudi ([twhite@spsact.org](mailto:twhite@spsact.org)) in the Volunteer Ministry office to find out more!

# Upcoming Program Offerings

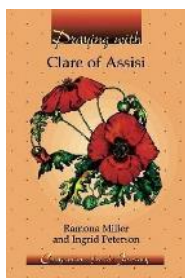
## Lenten Reading Group: Exploring St. Clare of Assisi's Spirituality

Mondays: February 15, 22;  
March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29  
1:30-2:30 PM

[Click here](#) for more information and to register by Sunday, February 14, and we will send you the Zoom link.

Read Introduction and Chapters 1 & 2 of Ramona Miller's and Ingrid Peterson's, Praying with Clare of Assisi.

Facilitators: Jo Anne and Joe Harrison-Becker



## Thin Places: "Things Hidden — Scripture as Spirituality"

Wednesdays, February 17, 24, and  
March 3, 10 & 17 from 12:45 - 2:15 PM

Email Sr. Ginny Sheehan at [Sheehan932@gmail.com](mailto:Sheehan932@gmail.com) for more information and to receive the Zoom link.

Read Introduction and Chapters 1 & 2 of Richard Rohr's - Things Hidden—Scripture as Sprituality



## Psalms Of Hope

Thursdays: February 18, 25  
March 4, 11, 18 & 25  
10:30-11:30 AM

Presenter: Fr. A. Francis Soucy, O.F.M.

[Click here](#) for more information and to register by Wednesday, February 17, and we will send you the Zoom link.

Includes Psalms 7, 11, 28, 44, 50 and 55 as well as Psalm for upcoming Sunday liturgies



## Tea Time

Thursday, February 18  
4:00-5:00 pm

[Click here](#) for more information or to register by Wednesday, February 17, and we will send you the Zoom link.

The Tree That Survived the Winter by he late author Sr. Mary Fahy, RSM, a local Sister of Mercy will be read allowed and reflected on.

Sponsored by The Women of Hope Ministry



## Light From Light: Rethinking the Catholic Creed

Thursdays: February 18, 25  
March 4, 11, 18 & 25  
12:30-1:30 PM and Repeated 7:00-8:00 PM

Presenter: Fr. Bill Beaudin, O.F.M.

[Click here](#) for more information or to register by Wednesday, February 17, and we will send you the Zoom link.



## Lenten Scriptural and Reflective Rosary

Mondays: February 22  
March 1, 8, 15, 22  
7:00 PM

This 20 minute session is relevant for all ages. WE WILL END IN TIME TO SEND LITTLE ONES OFF TO BED!

Come alone or with family members, come with children/grandchildren. Invite godparents/godchildren to join in!  
**All are welcome!**

Email [dpelletier@spsact.org](mailto:dpelletier@spsact.org) for more information or if you'd like to volunteer to lead a prayer

*The Zoom link is available in the parish email sent on Monday. Call the parish office for more information.*



Call the parish office at 860-756-4034 for a full description of any program if you do not have access to the internet.

# Upcoming Program Offerings

## Lectio Divina

February 25 at 6:45 PM  
Thursday, March 11 at 12:15 PM

For more information email  
[info@spsact.org](mailto:info@spsact.org).

**Co-Facilitators:** John Lemega and  
Sheila Denion

The Zoom link is available in the  
parish-wide emails.



## Monthly/Weekly Program Offerings

### Group Spiritual Reflection

Every Tuesday from 12:30—1:30 PM

This active conversation centers on the relationship with God/Divine Presence/Higher Power/Spirit of what is life giving. Spiritual Directors gather with all who attend this Zoom meeting for reflection on the Gospel for the upcoming Sunday Mass. These companions on the journey listen for the underlying flow of life (often named 'spirit') in the reading while facilitating conversation within the group. All are welcome!



Co-Facilitators: Trudi Campbell & Pamela Morrison-Wolf

*The Zoom link is available in the parish-wide emails.*

### Open Hearts Ministry Mardi Gras Celebration

Sunday, February 14, 2021 at 6:00 PM via Zoom

Celebrate Mardi Gras during our meeting this month. All are invited to dress up, "bring" your favorite food and beverage and celebrate Mardi Gras!!



For more information and the Zoom link, contact the parish office at 860-756-4034 or email [info@spsact.org](mailto:info@spsact.org).

## Monthly/Weekly Program Offerings

### Family & Friends LGBTQ+ Support Ministry Third Tuesday of Each Month

We provide a safe, supportive environment for Parents, Family, and Friends to accompany each other on our journeys with our LGBTQ+ loved ones. All are welcome!

The next meeting is scheduled for February 16 at 6:30 pm.

For more information or Zoom link, contact:

[timothy.curran@trincoll.edu](mailto:timothy.curran@trincoll.edu).

### Emmaus Grieving Parent Ministry

Third Sunday of Each Month at 3:15 PM

Next Zoom meeting Sunday, February 21 at 3:15 PM

Emmaus Grieving Parents gather by Zoom (and telephone), on the third Sunday of each month starting at 3:15 PM. Please email Karen at [kdb518@aol.com](mailto:kdb518@aol.com) for more information or to be added to our mailing list.



*Please consider passing along our information to parents you know who are walking this difficult journey.*

We know that electronic meetings are a challenge under the best of conditions. If you have lost a child and would like to chat with a parent walking the same path, members of our group would be honored to speak with you one-on-one. Please contact Karen by email at [kdb518@aol.com](mailto:kdb518@aol.com) and know that you are never alone.



Did you know...

**You do not need access to the internet to participate in ZOOM Sessions?**

You can use your regular home telephone or cell phone to participate in any of our Zoom sessions. We would love to have you join us during this time of continued isolation due to COVID-19.

Please contact the Parish Office at 860-756-4034 and we will walk you through the process. PLEASE JOIN US!

## *Mass Intentions for the Week*

### **SATURDAY, February 13, 2021**

4:00 PM Francelina Marques

### **SUNDAY, February 14, 2021**

10:00 AM Judith Cardoni, 3rd anniversary

11:45 AM In thanksgiving to St. Valentine

5:00 PM Francis Brand

### **MONDAY, February 15, 2021**

12:05 PM In thanksgiving to St. Valentine

### **TUESDAY, February 16, 2021**

7:30 AM Alice Young

12:05 PM Intentions of Richard Cichowski

### **WEDNESDAY, February 17, 2021**

7:30 AM

12:05 PM Stella & Steve Rzewnicki

### **THURSDAY, February 18, 2021**

7:30 AM

12:05 PM Raymond Fusco

### **FRIDAY, February 19, 2021**

7:30 AM Nicholas Arturo

12:05 PM Minin Quinones

### **SATURDAY, February 20, 2021**

4:00 PM Rob Casinghino

### **SUNDAY, February 21, 2021**

10:00 AM Larry Bender

11:45 AM William, Angeline & Joanne Speziale

5:00 PM Francis Brand

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



Archbishop has extended the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days up to and including Sunday, May 23rd, which is Pentecost Sunday.

## *The Staff at St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church*

### **PASTORAL STAFF**

Fr. Timothy J. Shreenan, O.F.M., Pastor

Fr. William Beaudin, O.F.M., Parochial Vicar & Guardian

Trudi Campbell, Director of Volunteer Ministry

Patricia Curtis, Pastoral Associate

Fr. Michael Johnson, O.F.M., Parochial Vicar &

Director of Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry

Pamela Johnson, Business Manager &

Director of Treble Clef Choir

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

### **MAINTENANCE STAFF**

Orville Russell, Director of Maintenance

Gilberto Lisboa, Church Custodian

### **ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF**

Frances Martyn, Parish & Franciscan Center Secretary

Carolyn Abramo, Office Assistant

Roberta Horton, Volunteer Scheduler

(on leave during COVID)

Stacie Mawson, Saturday Receptionist

(on leave during COVID)

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STAFF**

Deborah Pelletier, Religious Ed Team Coordinator

Sarah Christopher, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Mary Gray, Family Program

Lauren Kasperowski, Traditional Program

Faith VosWinkel, Confirmation

Michelle White, 7 & 8th Grade