

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

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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.

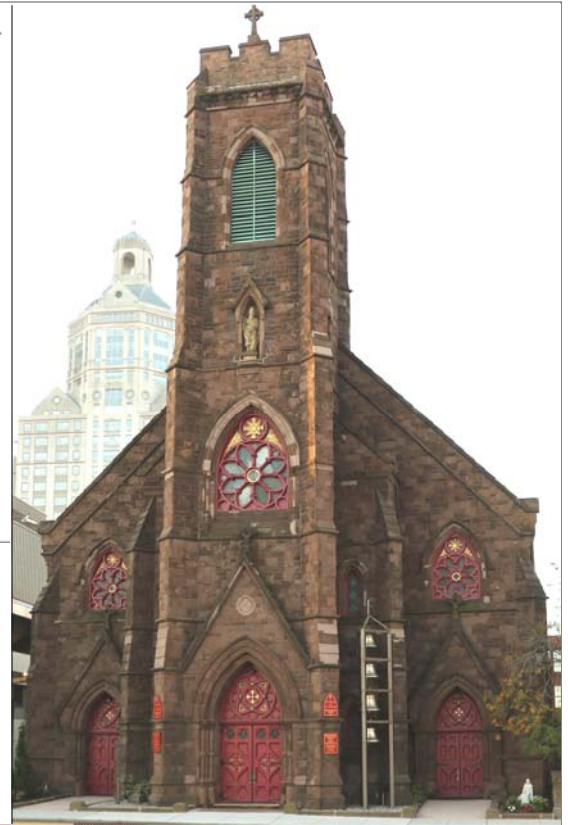
ALL ARE WELCOME!

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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.



## April 5, 2020–Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

### PASTORAL STAFF

Fr. Thomas Gallagher, ofm, *Pastor and Guardian*  
Trudi Campbell, *Director of Volunteer Ministry*  
Patricia Curtis, *Pastoral Associate*  
Br. John Gill, ofm, *Pastoral Associate*  
Pamela Johnson, *Business Manager*  
Fr. Cidouane Joseph, ofm, *Parochial Vicar*  
Fr. John Leonard, ofm, *Parochial Vicar*  
Gabriel Löfvall, *Director of Music Ministry*  
Fr. A. Francis Soucy, ofm, *Senior Assoc. Friar*  
Br. Jay Woods, ofm, *Intern in Ministry*

### ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Frances Martyn, *Parish & Center Secretary*  
Carolyn Abramo, *Office Assistant*  
Roberta Horton, *Volunteer Scheduler*  
Stacie Mawson, *Saturday Receptionist*  
Salvatrice Mazzarella, *Saturday Receptionist*

### 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*

### MAINTENANCE STAFF

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

### SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Masses have been temporarily suspended  
Please go to [ArchdioceseofHartford.org](http://ArchdioceseofHartford.org) for all communications related to the regarding the Coronavirus.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Monday, Wednesday, Friday..... 11:30 AM

*Private confessions by appointment are available*

### CHURCH IS OPEN "VIRTUALLY" FOR PRAYER

<https://venue.streamspot.com/cdc76f52>

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

Go to [www.spsact.org](http://www.spsact.org) or call the Parish office at 860-756-4034 for information on Baptism, The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, First Communion, Confirmation, First Reconciliation, and Sacrament of the Sick.

### PARKING

Free, well-lighted 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 of St. Patrick-St. Anthony and St. Genevieve,

May the Lord give you peace.

Our live streaming for mass is getting better and better. There are several options for joining us for the services. We noted them in my most recent letter. Now, we want to add to that experience the option of visiting the church via live stream at any time 24/7. It is my hope that we can keep the church open in this way while respecting the guidelines of limiting travel. If this works, and I hope it does, you can stop in and pray at any time. The only limit would be the ability to use your computer. Visit the church by accessing <https://venue.streamspot.com/cdc76f52>. Imagine, waking up during the night and being able to unlock the church from your computer to spend a few minutes in prayer! I am hoping that this will work for all of us. You may also be able to hear our bells as they sing out in praise of God.

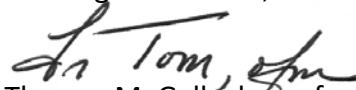
Our team has been working on ideas for Palm Sunday and Holy Week. I will share those details tomorrow, but an idea has been floating that has caught my interest. As much as I would like to have been able to distribute palm to you this weekend, to do a drive-by would disobey the Governor's request that we stay at home. So, what do you think of this? Can you find a couple of branches from the spring growth, they can be green, just beginning to bud, or the lovely forsythia that is now in full bloom? If you take a couple of branches, they can become your "palm". The scriptures for Palm Sunday say that the people placed branches on the ground for Jesus to ride into Jerusalem. We can prepare our space to welcome him with the "branches" that we have

available to us. I suggest two for this reason, place one on your door or in a window to mark your home as the Israelites did at Passover and another to grace your table or prayer space. The symbol that is important to us is the image of welcoming the One who comes bearing liberation and life. Yes, the betrayal and abandonment by the disciples will follow and God's faithfulness will be revealed. We can prepare our homes and selves to receive the gift of these holy days and to welcome the grace of these days in a new way. Nothing is the same anymore, we are free to use our imaginations to bring the texts to life and to be open to the grace that God continues to offer to us. This can be a way to engage your household in the celebration.

I will also send the recipe for the bread that we have been making for Holy Thursday tomorrow. You might want to take the time to make this and be prepared to share it on Holy Thursday in your home as we would have if we were together. It is an easy recipe and I have had it for over 40 years as you will be able to tell from the PDF when it comes. Many years ago, the Poor Clare community in the Bronx would make this bread to be used for the celebration of the Eucharist.

Please know that you are in my constant prayers. I pray for your health and in thanksgiving for your willingness to continue to participate in these most unusual ways.

Blessings and Peace,



Thomas M. Gallagher, ofm,  
Pastor

## Weekly Readings - April 6-12, 2020

Monday..... Isaiah 42:1-7; John 12:1-11  
Tuesday..... Isaiah 49:1-6; John 13:21-33, 36-38  
Wednesday ..... Isaiah 50:4-9a; Matthew 26:14-25  
Thursday ..... Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-15  
Friday ..... Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9; John 18:1-19:42  
Sunday ..... Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-9



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



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# Mass Intentions for the Week

**Although Masses will not be open to the public due to the Archdiocesan suspension of Masses, the friars will be saying private Masses and offering prayers for your loved ones.**

## **SATURDAY, April 4, 2020**

4:00 PM Joseph Melzen, Sr.

## **SUNDAY, April 5, 2020**

8:00 AM Speziale Family

10:00 AM Ricciardi & Bochicchio Families

11:45 AM Margaret Kennedy Samolyk

## **MONDAY, April 6, 2020**

12:05 PM Angelo Picone

## **TUESDAY, April 7, 2020**

12:05 PM Salvatore Gianni

## **WEDNESDAY, April 8, 2020**

12:05 pm Kathleen Brennan

## **THURSDAY, April 9, 2020**

6:30 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

## **FRIDAY, April 10, 2020**

3:00 PM Celebration of the Lord's Passion

## **SATURDAY, April 11, 2020**

8:00 PM Easter Vigil

## **SUNDAY, April 12, 2020**

### **EASTER SUNDAY**

Private confessions will continue to be offered on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 11:30 AM—12:00 PM



### **Weekly Offering**

**March 23-29, 2020**

Envelope & Loose: \$5,112.00

Online Giving: \$9,532.71

**TOTAL: \$14,644.71**

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. Go to—[www.spsact.org](http://www.spsact.org)—and click on the Online Giving icon.

*You can text an amount to (860) 615-7717, and your transaction will be processed through the Online Giving account associated with the phone number. If you do not have an on-line giving account you will have the option to set one up **OR you can give a one-time gift without creating an account.** You can designate your gift to the Parish, the Franciscan Center, the Sandwich Ministry, our Sister Parish, the Golf Tournament or flowers in the Church.*

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**All programs and events  
have been cancelled or postponed  
for the week of  
April 6-12, 2020**

### **Keep up to date with all current Masses, Programs and Events**



Sign up for the St. Patrick-St. Anthony E-Mail List by going to [www.spsact.org](http://www.spsact.org) and entering your email in the "Join Our E-Mail List" line.