

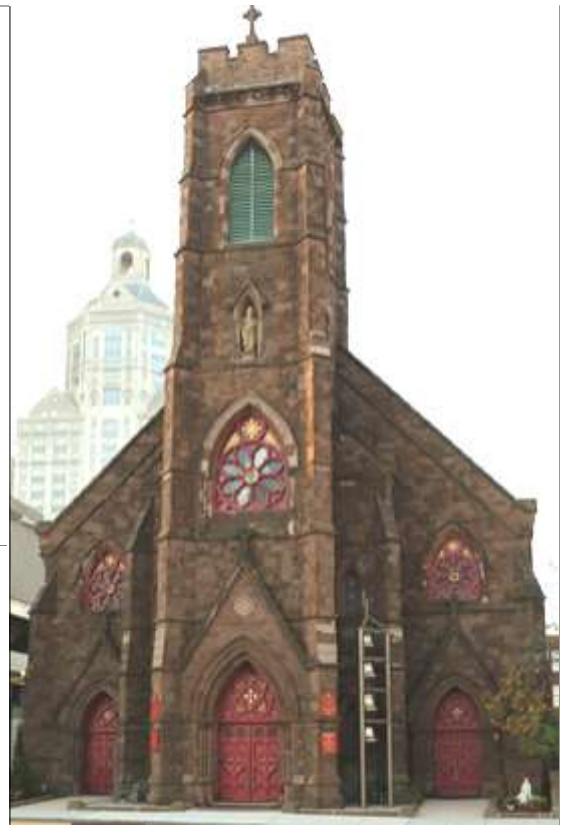
ST. PATRICK-ST. ANTHONY CHURCH

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!



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Sunday: 9:00-11:30 AM

November 17, 2019—Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM
Sunday 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 11:45 AM, 5:00 PM
Monday through Friday 7:00 AM, 8:00 AM, 12:05 PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 11:30 AM
Saturday 3:30 PM
Private confessions by appointment are available

CHURCH IS OPEN FOR PRAYER

Monday through Friday 6:30 AM—2:00 PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Go to 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.



November 17, 2019

Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Patrick-St. Anthony and St. Genevieve,

May the Lord give you peace.

What an amazing weekend! The anointing of the sick at all of the Masses was a powerful symbol of God's gracious presence among us. The young and not so young, women, men, boys and girls, those whose struggles were obvious, and those whose desire for healing was deep within themselves all came to welcome the gift of God in the sacrament of healing. When I was young, this seemed to be reserved for those at death's door. It would seem that we thought that the oils would "grease" their way into heaven. Fortunately, our understanding has evolved. We now realize that the sacrament is for healing. We seek healing-physical, psychological, spiritual healing. In this sacrament, we hear the echo of Jesus telling the disciples as he was about to go to his death, "do not let your hearts be troubled." His ministry was one of healing and liberation. This is also a sacrament of the whole community. Like the friends who lowered the paralyzed man from the roof for Jesus to heal, we carry with us those who seek that same healing. I thank everyone for the full participation in the sacramental experience, whether you came forward or not, your prayers and presence were a sharing in the gift of God's healing. This weekend we hear from the Prophet Malachi, "there will arise the sun of Justice with its healing rays." Indeed, that was the experience of last weekend.

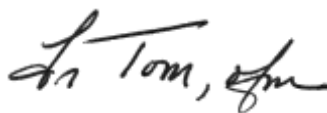
This weekend we shift gears and begin to gather turkeys and other Thanksgiving items for those in need. It is overwhelming to see the generosity of folks lugging turkeys to the Franciscan Center. Fr. John has asked that we not bring live turkeys to the

Center. He feels that the six friars are sufficient "live" turkeys. I thank you for your gifts and encourage you to join us for one of the Thanksgiving Masses that we might give thanks together for the grace of God in this community and praise for God's ever-present compassion.

On Saturday evening we will take time to pray with those whose lives have been changed by the experience of suicide. Some will have lost someone, some struggle day to day with thoughts of ending their lives, some worry about a loved one who struggles, and some come to support us all in prayer. If you have someone you would like to have remembered and cannot join us, please leave her/his first name with the receptionist. Saturday, the 23rd is the annual day of Suicide Awareness. Since I will be away at Provincial Council meetings, we have scheduled our Mass a week earlier than usual.

Finally, I know that some of you were surprised by last week's note that the friars of Holy Name Province can no longer sustain all of the ministries to which we are committed. It is my hope and my prayer that we will continue at St. Patrick-St. Anthony well beyond 2020. I thank you for your support and your prayers.

Peace and All Good,



Fr. Thomas M. Gallagher, ofm
Pastor



November 18-24, 2019

Monday..... 1 Maccabees 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Luke 18:35-43
Tuesday..... 2 Maccabees 6:18-31; Luke 19:1-10
Wednesday..... 2 Maccabees 7:1, 20-31; Luke 19:11-28
Thursday..... 1 Maccabees 2:15-29; Luke 19:41-44
Friday..... 1 Maccabees 4: 36-37, 52-59; Luke 19:45-48
Sunday..... 2 Samuel 5;1-3; Colossians 1:12-20; Luke 23:35-43

Normal Bulletin Submission Deadline: Monday by Noon Prior to Publication
SPECIAL DECEMBER 1ST BULLETIN DEADLINE: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2019

Christmas Songbirds and Liturgical Dancers

Create a special Christmas memory for your child by encouraging participation in one of the Children's Liturgies on Christmas Eve - Tuesday, December 24, 2019.

Liturgical Dancers

Under the direction of parishioner, Mary Beth Griffith of Griffith Academy of Dance in Wethersfield, youth will provide Liturgical Dance during the **4:00 pm Mass in the Church** on Christmas Eve.



REHEARSAL SCHEDULE:

Saturday, December 7

8:00-9:00 AM at the Griffith Academy
275 Main Street, Wethersfield

Sunday, December 15

1:00-2:00 PM in the Church

Saturday, December 21

5:00-6:00 PM In the Church

All youth (including middle school and high school) who are interested in dancing at the 4:00 pm Mass in the Church on Christmas Eve should contact Pam Johnson at pjohnson@spsact.org or call 860-756-4034 x-112.

Christmas Songbirds

The Christmas Songbirds will provide musical leadership for the **5:30 pm Mass on Christmas Eve in the Church**.



- Reading age youth and up are encouraged to sing.
- We also need **high school or college-age** young ladies to consider joining the Songbirds to assist directing and guiding the younger children.

REHEARSAL SCHEDULE:

- **Saturday, December 7**
8:30 am to 9:15 am in the Franciscan Center
- **Saturday, December 14**
8:30 am to 9:15 am in the Church
- **Saturday, December 21**
8:30 am to 9:15 am in the Church

Please contact our cantor, Pam Johnson, via email at pjohnson@spsact.org or call (860) 756-4034, x-112.

OFFERTORY GIFTS

Have you asked us to pray for your loved one at a weekend Mass?

It is customary to have the family or friends of your loved one bring forward the gifts of bread and wine at the particular Mass that they have requested. Please let the Sacristan know before the start of the Mass if you would like to participate in the offertory procession.



PLEASE NOTE!

Please park your car in the Saints Parking Lot directly across Church Street from the church for the safety of those crossing the street. Please remember to **lock all car doors**. When going up for Communion, we suggest taking purses with you and not leaving valuables in the pew. Finally, we request that parents accompany their young children when using the restrooms in our church. Our church building is open to the public throughout our weekend Masses. *We appreciate your attention to and cooperation with these concerns.*

Emmaus Grieving Parent Ministry

The next meeting date is **November 17 at 3:15 PM** in the Franciscan Center.

The Emmaus Grieving Parent Ministry at St. Patrick-St. Anthony welcomes all parents whose child/children have died, no matter when or why, and without regard to religious affiliation.

The Secular Franciscan Order Meeting

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



Join us for our gathering in the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry on Sunday, November 24th to learn more about the Secular Franciscan Order. The rosary is at 1:30 and the meeting starts at 2:00. This month we are celebrating a wake service to remember deceased relatives and deceased members of our fraternity.



The 34th Annual House of Bread HUNGER BANQUET

Wednesday, November 20, 2019
from 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry; \$25 donation entitles you to soup, mug and bread; soup also available for take out; Help the House of Bread continue to serve the needs of the poor of Hartford.

Vespers—Tuesday at 6:00 PM

Join us as we gather in the Chapel of St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church and pray for the intentions of our parish and the world. We are also hearing stories from refugees around the world.

House of Bread

Help feed over 500 kids a day. That's what the **Kids Café** at The House of Bread does every day, and to do that we need your help. We are in need of cooking oil (olive or canola), parboiled rice, canned vegetables, tuna, penne pasta and cereal bars. We are also in need of garbage bags, dish detergent, laundry detergent, bleach, salt, pepper, sugar, coffee, boxes of cereal, mayonnaise, paper napkins, paper towels, and toilet tissue. www.hobread.org

Mark your calendars for the Annual Hunger Banquet: NOVEMBER 20, 2019!

We ask your prayers this week for the mentors and families involved in our Adventure Saturday Mentor program. The mentors work with children of the House of Bread clients in an every other Saturday enrichment activity such as picking pumpkins, ice skating in Bushnell Park and more! If you are interested, please email Trudi at twhite@spsact.org or Faith VosWinkel at fvoswinkel@spsact.org.

St. Patrick-St. Anthony Open Hearts Ministry

OPEN HEARTS LGBT MINISTRY:
December 8 at 6:00 PM

FRIENDS & FAMILIES OF THE LGBT COMMUNITY
December 17 at 6:30 PM

Gospel Reflection: In today's Gospel Jesus warns us of persecution because of our Faith. We should remember our brothers and sisters murdered in Sri Lanka this past Easter.

Living Stewardship: As Christians, we will be persecuted for the Faith. Whether at home, at school, in Hollywood or online, we face the possibility of being mocked. However, we should always pray for those who persecute and mock us, as Jesus prayed for those who crucified Him.

UPCOMING FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

Please register for programs at info@spsact.org or call 860-756-4034.

◆ Giving Thanks—Our Active Response

Thursday, November 28

Thanksgiving; 8:00-9:45 AM

“Our Active Response” offers us an opportunity for **action** on Thanksgiving morning. From the tables at the House of Bread, to our Eucharistic table, to your table at home, we will be people not only giving the thanks but also “living thanks.” Join us to prepare brown bag lunches at the Franciscan Center to be distributed at the House of Bread and in the community. *Adults and children of all ages are welcome to participate.*



Pre-registration is required—limited to 30 volunteers

◆ Drumming Circle

Monday, December 2 from 6:45-8:00 PM

Join us for an evening of African drumming rhythms once a month in church. *First time participants, please arrive at the church by 6:30 pm.* Let us know if you need a drum when you call the parish office to register. **Facilitator:** Elaine Wiatr

◆ Lectio Divina

**Tuesdays, December 3 & 17
from 6:45-7:45 pm**

(NO MEETING on November 19)

Lectio Divina is an ancient art of praying the Scriptures.

Facilitator: Sheila Denion



◆ Advent Nourishment

Tuesdays, December 3, 10 & 17

12:35 - 12:55 PM; immediately following the 12:05 PM Mass

Join us this Advent at noontime for spiritual and physical nourishment. Gather for the Celebration of the Eucharist at 12:05 p.m. Immediately following Mass in the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry, **Brother Jay Woods** will explore the theme of radical hospitality each week through the lens of Scripture and our faith tradition.

A light lunch is provided.

Offering: \$5.00 per each luncheon



◆ Advent Twilight Retreat

Hospitality: “Entertaining Angels”

Tuesday, December 10; 5:30 - 8:00 PM

(Snow date – Thursday, December 12)

Our religious tradition, beginning with our Jewish sisters and brothers, has always encouraged and called us to radical hospitality. Through the lenses of Scripture and Tradition, we will explore how God has called us to welcome



the stranger in the past and ponder how we are living this call to radical hospitality in our lives today.

Presenter: Brother Jay Woods, OFM

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: December 6

Suggested Offering: \$15.00; includes dinner

Presentation only at 6:30 PM: \$10.00



Weekly Offering

November 4-10

Envelope & Loose: \$10,670.50

Online Giving: \$9,059.21

TOTAL: \$19,729.71

Thank you for your generosity.

Please consider online giving to help grow and sustain your Church. Go to—www.spsact.org—and click on the Online Giving icon.

Second Collection

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

November 23/24

More than 46 million people in the United States live in poverty today. This Archdiocesan collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address obstacles as they work to make permanent and positive changes for their communities.

Growing Our Giving Trees Out of Love

St. Patrick-St. Anthony has a tradition of expressing gratitude for our blessings by sharing them with those who have less. We are called out of love to reach out to our brothers and sisters in Hartford and Haiti.

Gift cards will be available beginning on November 30 through December 7/8 for the Local Tree and through December 15 for the Time & Talent and Haiti Giving Trees.

Volunteers will be at the trees to answer questions before and after weekend Masses.



Local Giving Tree

We can share our blessings by providing gifts for our neighbors, both children and adults, in Hartford. Organizations that distribute the gifts including many programs sponsored by the House of Bread. The Diaper Bank, and the needs of local homeless are also included.

Please note - all gifts must be returned to the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry by **6:00 PM on Sunday, December 15**, unless previous arrangements have been made. Contact Frances D'Amico at 203-715-6313.

The cards on this tree are for those who are looking for ways to share their time or talent with others through prayer or service in 2020 such as the Walk Against Hunger, Taste of Haiti, making or serving sandwiches for the Sandwich Ministry, and many other volunteer opportunities.



Time and Talent Giving Tree



HAITI Global Giving Tree

This tree holds cards to assist our Sister Parish, St. Genevieve, in Zoranje, Haiti. Our focus is educating the children and donations are used for tuition, teacher salaries, new text books, and the school lunch program. The school has been expanding to add secondary school classes (currently through Grade 10).

"Amen I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least of mine, you did for me." — Matthew 25:40



Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY, November 16, 2019

- 4:00 Lucian Urbanski
- 6:00 Mass for Survivors of Suicide

SUNDAY, November 17, 2019

- 8:00 William & Angie Speziale
- 10:00 August West Linder, 16th anniversary
- 11:45 Joan & Mike Fitzgerald, 10th anniversary
- 5:00 Thomas McCue

MONDAY, November 18, 2019

- 7:00 Ida Invelito, 16th anniversary
- 8:00 Judith Cardoni
- 12:05 Orazio Roberto

TUESDAY, November 19, 2019

- 7:00 Our Parishioners
- 8:00 William Grothaus
- 12:05 Family & Friends of Frank Rodrigues

WEDNESDAY, November 20, 2019

- 7:00 Franciscan Center Ministry
- 8:00 Francis Carron
- 12:05 Helen Johnson

THURSDAY, November 21, 2019

- 7:00 Florence Chelstowski
- 8:00 Our Parishioners
- 12:05 Anthony A., Rose & Frank J. Piscottano

FRIDAY, November 22, 2019

- 7:00 Franciscan Center Ministry
- 8:00 Michael Francis Hickey
- 12:05 Peter & Mary Miano

SATURDAY, November 23, 2019

- 4:00 Argentina Collado

SUNDAY, November 24, 2019

- 8:00 Berniece Hearsch, 5th anniversary
- 10:00 Carmella Patoka
- 11:45 Anna Ellis
- 5:00 Josephine Tanasi

We Pray For....

- **the sick:** Bob Bezila; Karen Coarts; Joe DiStefano
- **our newly married couple:** Christopher Laducci & Nicole Senetcen
- **our newly baptized child:** Alexander, son of Noel and Amanda Roman
- the mentors and families involved in our Adventure Saturday Mentor program.

See what's GOING ON!

- Nov. 18 House of Bread Board, 5:00 PM
Exploring the Spirituality of Meister Eckhart, 6:45 PM
Bass Clef Choir, 7:00 PM
- Nov. 19 Group Spiritual Direction, 12:35 PM
Vespers, 6:00 PM
Women of Hope, 6:30 PM
LGBT Friends & Family, 7:00 PM
- Nov. 20 House of Bread Hunger Banquet, 11:00 AM
Jolidon Committee, 1:00 PM
Sandwich Ministry, 4:00 PM
Treble Clef Choir, 5:30 PM
LGBT "Open Hearts" Ministry, 6:00 PM
Gallery Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 PM
- Nov. 21 Prayer Shawl Ministry, 10:30 AM
Servant Leadership Beginnings, 6:30 PM
- Nov. 22 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, 4:15 PM
- Nov. 23 Hartford Flute Ensemble, 9:00 AM
Secular Franciscan Regional Meeting, 9:00 AM
Secular Franciscan Mass, 9:30 AM
LGBT "Open Hearts" Movie Night, 6:00 PM
- Nov. 24 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, 8:30 & 11:00 AM
Religious Ed Traditional Program, 9:00 AM
Religious Ed Confirmation Class, 11:00 AM
Religious Ed 8th Grade, 11:00 AM
Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, 12:45 PM
Inner Peace in Friendship with Jesus, 1:00 PM
Virtus Training, 1:00 PM
Secular Franciscans, 1:30 PM
Volunteer Ministry, 3:00 PM

