

# 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.

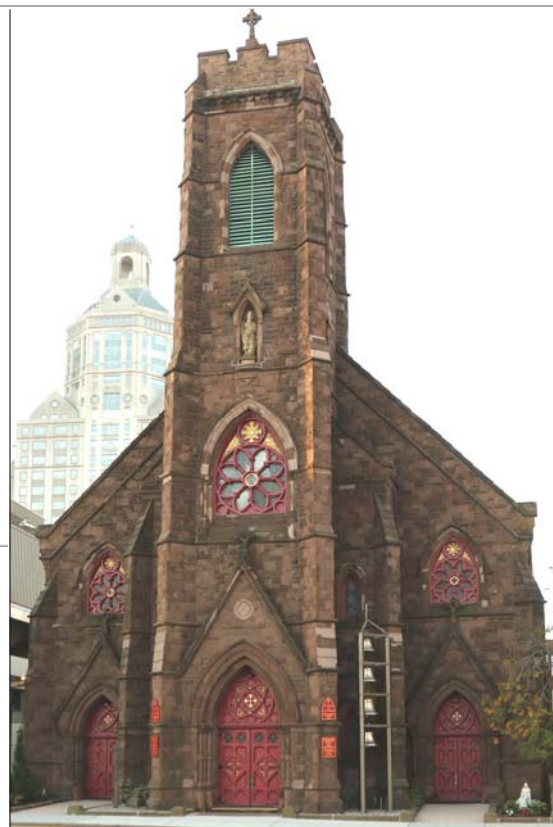
ALL ARE WELCOME!

## Contact Information

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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.



## May 3, 2020 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

### 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 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/>

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Public Confessions have been suspended by the  
Archdiocese of Hartford  
*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.



May 3, 2020

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

May the Lord give you peace.

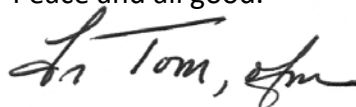
This weekend we focus on our First Communion and Confirmation Candidates. Saturday would have been the retreat for our First Communion candidates, and they would have joined us at the 4:00 pm Mass. We will remember them as we pray with and for them. They are preparing a Prayer of the Faithful for us to use at the Mass. We do not know when or how we will eventually celebrate this sacrament with them. Following the Mass at 4:00 pm we will have a special Zoom session for the boys and girls, everyone is invited. This is the usual session we have to reflect on the scripture. On Sunday at the 10:00 am Mass, we will read the names of the candidates for Confirmation. This would have been their time with us just before the celebration of their Confirmation. Again, there is no timetable about the celebration as of yet. As soon as we know, we will let you know. Our Confirmation candidates have been busy in the community engaging in various ministries and taking time to reflect on those experiences. We are indeed blessed to have such wonderful candidates for both Confirmation and Eucharist. Please continue to pray with and for them as they await the time when our community can welcome the young ones to the table and affirm the gift of the Spirit already present in the older candidates. They have all been formed by the grace of belonging within this community. I thank you all for your prayers for them and your witness to the life of the Gospel.

In the Gospel text from John this week, Jesus announces that he is the “gate of the sheepfold.” He uses a phrase employed regularly in John, “I am the gate.” With Jesus at the gate we see the image of the one through whom we enter for healing, rest, and nourishment and through whom we leave to pasture, that is to graze together on the goodness of God in the world. We enter into him for his embrace, his healing, his goodness, and go forth from him to do for others what he continues to do for us. While we may be starved for touch these days, our outreach to one another and to the poor is our gift. Our holding one another in prayer is the sacred embrace. Our listening to one another is compassion, healing, and strength. Our faithfulness is our goodness. Jesus, the gate, desires not so much to keep others out as to be the threshold through whom we thrive. We know that Jesus ate with sinners, tendered forgiveness, restored the broken to the community, and washed the feet of his disciples. Our “gate” is the one who embraces all, who desires all, who loves all. We encourage others to cross this threshold into life as we continue to be faithful at the various stages of our lives to the one whose embrace calls us to life and whose mission has become our mission.

Many of you witnessed Br. Jay renewing his vows last weekend. He has been approved for Solemn, final, Vows. As with our celebrations of Confirmation and First Communion, the scheduled date remains a mystery. I thank you for your support of Br. Jay during his internship with us.

Finally, I thank you for your participation in the many Zoom opportunities. I know that in speaking with the friars and staff who coordinate these sessions that we are graced by your ideas, your journey, and your willingness to share your stories.

Peace and all good.



Fr. Thomas M. Gallagher, ofm  
Pastor



**We pray during our 12:05 pm Mass on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.**

**On Tuesdays, at the 12:05 Mass** we will pray with and for hospital staff, doctors, nurses, first responders, pharmacy staff, police, fire fighters, EMTs, teachers, delivery drivers, restaurant workers, truck drivers, grocery workers, soup kitchen workers, homeless shelter workers, and others that you may recommend. Please send names of people you know who are assisting all of us in these ways.

**On Wednesdays, at the 12:05 Mass** we will pray for those who are sick with or who are vulnerable to the disease at this time. As we respect privacy, we will only mention the first names of the sick, entrusting them to God's grace.

**On Thursdays, at the 12:05 Mass** we will remember the deceased. We will call them by name and hold those who grieve in our prayer.

**Please send your loved ones names,  
indicating which day they are to be prayed for,  
to [info@spsact.org](mailto:info@spsact.org).**

**Weekly Readings - May 4-10, 2020**

- Monday..... Acts of the Apostles 11: 1-18; John 10: 11-18
- Tuesday..... Acts of the Apostles 11: 19-26; John 10: 22-30
- Wednesday ..... Acts of the Apostles 12: 24-13: 5a; John 12: 44-50
- Thursday ..... Acts of the Apostles 13: 13-25; John 13: 16-20
- Friday ..... Acts of the Apostles 13: 26-33; John 14: 1-6
- Sunday ..... Acts 6: 6: 1-7; 1 Peter 2: 4-9; John 14: 1-12



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, May 2, 2020**

4:00 PM Thomas Romano

## **SUNDAY, May 3, 2020**

8:00 AM Concetta Gianni

10:00 AM Living & Deceased Members of  
the Ladies Guild

11:45 AM Speziale Family

5:00 PM Chelsea Clyburn Morehouse

## **MONDAY, May 4, 2020**

12: 05 PM Health Care Workers

## **TUESDAY, May 5, 2020**

12:05 PM The Unemployed

## **WEDNESDAY, May 6, 2020**

12:00 PM Andrew Sorrentino

## **THURSDAY, May 7, 2020**

8:00 AM Michael Fusco

12:05 PM Salvatore Gianni

## **FRIDAY, May 8, 2020**

8:00 AM Tommy LaBriola

12:05 PM Homeless immigrants

## **SATURDAY, May 9, 2020**

4:00 PM Maria Brito & Diamantino  
Marques

## **SUNDAY, May 10, 2020**

8:00 AM Lucy & Jenny Scacca

10:00 AM Carmela & Guido Coletto

11:45 AM Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Grace

5:00 PM Raymond A. Meany, Jr.



## **Weekly Offering April 20-26, 2020**

Weekly Envelope & Loose: \$7,047.00

Online Giving: \$9,352.71

**TOTAL: \$16,399.71**

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 in-person programs and events  
have been cancelled or postponed  
for the week of**

**May 4-May 10, 2020**

## **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](http://www.spsact.org) and  
entering your email in the  
“Join Our E-Mail List” line.