

# 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.

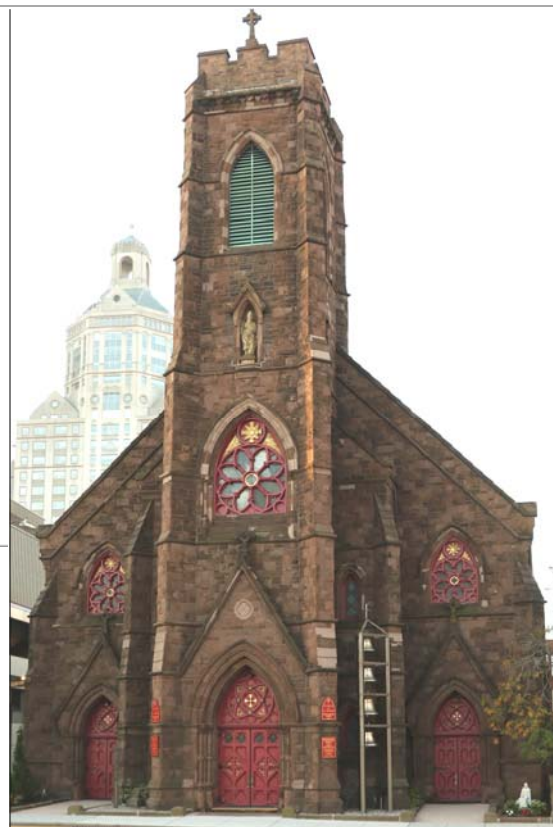
ALL ARE WELCOME!

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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 19, 2020 – Second 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.



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

May the Risen Lord give you peace.

Our celebrations of the Triduum were wonderful. I thank you for your active participation. Your beautiful branches, loaves of bread, sacred spaces, and happy faces were a delight. The documents on the Liturgy for the Second Vatican Council call all of the faithful to “full, active, and conscious participation” and I think we had that. Of course, the bishops at the Council would have been amazed that this participation happened where many were in pajamas! From Zooming to Live Streaming, we learned as we went along.

The Zoom session on Holy Thursday prior to the mass was well attended and a great opportunity for folks to see one another as well as to reflect on the scripture through their experience. You were preaching with each other in eloquent ways. Your Good Friday crosses were wonderful. I thank all who shared pictures of their crosses. We had homemade branches shaped to form a cross, crosses from funeral services, family heirlooms, and crosses that have graced your homes for many years.

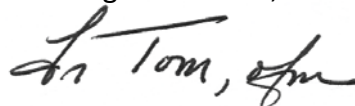
The Easter Vigil was wonderful, once we finally got started. From the responses, I could tell how engaged people were. In what to all appearances was an empty building, we created “church” from Hartford, CT to the State of Washington and as far south as Argentina! The dynamism of the Body of Christ was not confined to a single building but radiated through homes illuminated with the fire of God’s love. I thank you!

We are especially thankful to the friars, to our

musicians: Pam, Gabe, Kim, and Dave, to our cameraman: Matt, and to John Zysk and companions for the stonework. The parish staff worked together to create beautiful liturgies for us to celebrate together.

We will continue our Easter celebrations for many weeks to come. Ultimately, we will come to Pentecost and the empowering memory of the gift of God’s Spirit poured forth in abundance on all of God’s creation. However, we do have this weekend to consider. Every year on this Second Sunday of Easter we hear the Gospel of Thomas’ encounter with the Risen Lord. There are those who hold to a sense of the doubting Thomas being problematic. We all know better. Two significant movements in this text reflect the power of his experience. Jesus invites him to touch his wounds. In touching the places of pain, Thomas proclaims of Jesus, “my Lord and my God”. He makes a significant profession of faith that we have not heard from any of the others. He recognizes his beloved Lord in touching the places of pain, in compassion. The heart of this image for me is the sense of how deeply we come to know the Lord as we touch the wounds of others. When our focus is centered on the pain/the struggle of another and our desire simply to touch and hold the other, we encounter a moment of grace and recognition that is life changing. Jesus’ encounter with Thomas calls us to the transformation of compassion.

Blessings and Peace,



Thomas M. Gallagher, ofm, Pastor

### Weekly Readings - April 20-26, 2020

Monday..... Acts of the Apostles 4: 23-31; John 3: 1-8  
Tuesday..... Acts of the Apostles 4: 32-37; John 3: 7b-15  
Wednesday ..... Acts of the Apostles 5: 17-26; John 3: 16-21  
Thursday ..... Acts of the Apostles 5: 27-33; John 3: 31-36  
Friday ..... Acts of the Apostles 5: 34-42; John 6: 1-15  
Sunday ..... Acts 2: 14, 22-33; 1 Peter 1: 17-21; Luke 24: 13-35



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 18, 2020**

4:00 PM Spirito Family

## **SUNDAY, April 19, 2020**

8:00 AM Brian T. Sullivan

10:00 AM Robert Midura, Sr. & Robert  
Midura, Jr.

11:45 AM John Rossi

5:00 PM The Homeless

## **MONDAY, April 20, 2020**

12:05 PM Health Care Workers during this  
pandemic

## **TUESDAY, April 21, 2020**

12:05 PM Helen M. Lucente

## **WEDNESDAY, April 22, 2020**

7:00 AM Jose Battista & Clotilde Firminia

12:05 PM Those who are suffering with  
COVID-19

## **THURSDAY, April 23, 2020**

12:05 PM Don Fenton

## **FRIDAY, April 24, 2020**

12:05 PM Eleanor & George Gilbert

## **SATURDAY, April 25, 2020**

4:00 PM Edward J. Ward

## **SUNDAY, April 26, 2020**

8:00 AM Mary & George Marsdale

10:00 AM Manuel Almagro

11:45 AM Edward Parker Butler

5:00 PM Jose Ribeiro Da Costa



## **Weekly Offering April 6-12, 2020**

Weekly Envelope & Loose: \$8,337.50

Holy Day: \$7,979.50

Online Giving: \$11,866.71

**TOTAL: \$28,183.71**

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*

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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

**April 20-26, 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.