

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.

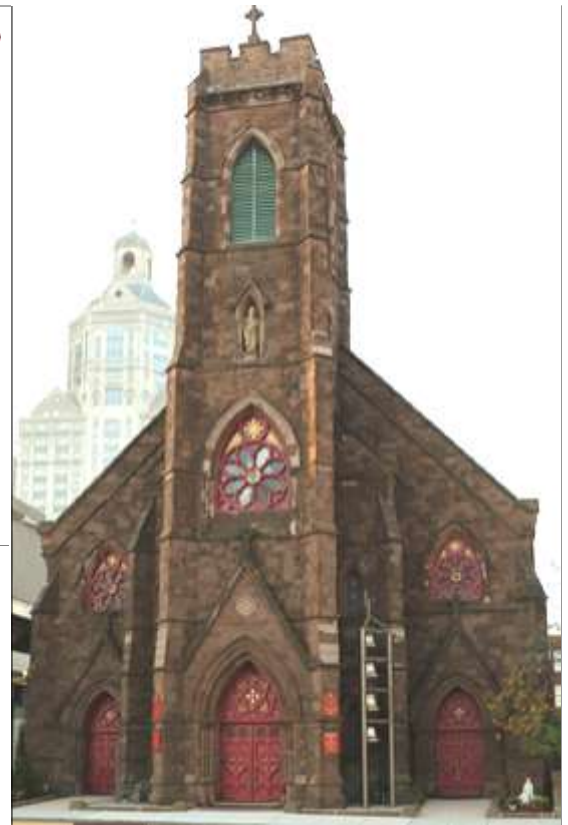
ALL ARE WELCOME!

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8:30 AM-7:00 PM
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Sunday: 9:00-11:30 AM



November 24, 2019—Solemnity of Jesus Christ the King

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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 24, 2019

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

May the Lord give you peace.

All of us at St. Patrick-St. Anthony and the Franciscan Center wish you a blessed Thanksgiving. We give thanks to God for you. You shine the light of Christ's love and compassion for all to see. As you gather with family and friends this Thanksgiving, I invite you to consider this "Charter of Compassion" developed by Karen Armstrong together with thousands of others over 10 years ago. I think that this would be a great way to engage in the conversations around the table and among people who share a variety of views.

"The principle of compassion lies at the heart of all religious, ethical and spiritual traditions, calling us always to treat all others as we wish to be treated ourselves. Compassion impels us to work tirelessly to alleviate the suffering of our fellow creatures, to dethrone ourselves from the center of our world and put another there, and to honor the inviolable sanctity of every single human being, treating everybody, without exception, with absolute justice, equity and respect.

It is also necessary in both public and private life to refrain consistently and empathically from inflicting pain. To act or speak violently out of spite, chauvinism, or self-interest, to impoverish, exploit or deny basic rights to anybody, and to incite hatred by denigrating others—even our enemies—is a denial of our common humanity. We acknowledge that we have failed to live compassionately and that some have even increased the sum of human misery in the name of religion.

We therefore call upon all men and women to restore compassion to the center of morality and religion ~ to return to the ancient principle that any interpretation


of scripture that breeds violence, hatred or disdain is illegitimate ~ to ensure that youth are given accurate and respectful information about other traditions, religions and cultures ~ to encourage a positive appreciation of cultural and religious diversity ~ to cultivate an informed empathy with the suffering of all human beings—even those regarded as enemies.

We urgently need to make compassion a clear, luminous and dynamic force in our polarized world. Rooted in a principled determination to transcend selfishness, compassion can break down political, dogmatic, ideological and religious boundaries. Born of our deep interdependence, compassion is essential to human relationships and to a fulfilled humanity. It is the path to enlightenment, and indispensable to the creation of a just economy and a peaceful global community." (<https://charterforcompassion.org>)

I am hoping that we can affirm this Charter and radiate more brilliantly our Gospel-based compassionate way of being during these times of division and struggle within our church and our nation.

Finally, the Archbishop's Annual Appeal has a link with Giving Tuesday. If you would like to make a contribution please click the link. (Please visit the Appeal website at www.archdioceseofhartford.org and follow the link **Sharing the Joy of the Gospel for Generations**, to learn more and make your gift today. All pledges can be paid through December 31st, 2019 towards this year's Appeal.) We are over \$10,000 shy of our goal. Remember, give according to your means and with gladness of heart!

Blessings at Thanksgiving and always,



Fr. Thomas M. Gallagher, ofm
Pastor



November 25-December 1, 2019

Monday Daniel 1:1-6, 8-20; Luke 21:1-4
Tuesday Daniel 2:31-45; Luke 21:5-11
Wednesday..... Daniel 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Luke 21:12-19
Thursday Daniel 6: 12-28; Luke 21:20-28
Friday Daniel 7:2-14; Luke 21:29-33
Sunday Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:37-44

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2019



ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Prepared and hosted by the
Confirmation Candidates

9:00 am to 11:00 am
Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry

\$5.00 per person,
children under 3 eat free! OR
Donation of NEW Men's Hats and/or Gloves.



ADVENT WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP

Organized by the
7th and 8th Grade Youth Ministry

After the 8:00, 10:00 and 11:45 am Masses

In the lower level of the Franciscan Center
for Urban Ministry

No Cost (Free will offering optional)



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.*

Time and Talent Giving Tree: 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.

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

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**.



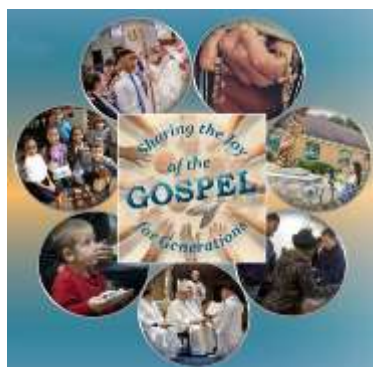
- Reading age youth and up are encouraged to sing.
- We also need **high school or college-age** young ladies to consider joining the Songbirds to assist directing and guiding the younger children.

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.

Archbishop's Annual Appeal



Did you know that December 3 is **GIVINGTUESDAY**? It is only with **YOUR** help that we will be able to achieve the Annual Appeal goal of \$10 Million! This year's Appeal goal may be a challenge—but it is nothing compared to the challenge many suffer with each and every day of their lives. This funding provides support to families and individuals for life's basic necessities: a warm meal, a bag of groceries, a place to sleep, or a place to turn for guidance and support. The Annual Appeal is one way to share our blessings and express thanks for the blessings with which God has graced us with our neighbors. This December 3rd, please remember the 2019 Archbishop's Annual Appeal!

Please visit the Appeal website at www.archdioceseofhartford.org and follow the link *Sharing the Joy of the Gospel for Generations*, to learn more and make your gift today. All pledges can be paid through December 31, 2019 towards this year's Appeal.

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.

Gospel Reflection: Today we celebrate Christ the King and are reminded that all was created through Him and for Him. Does my stewardship of the blessings entrusted to me give evidence that Christ is Lord of my life?

Living Stewardship: Let us put ourselves at the service of others. Jesus is our Lord and our God. Let us show that fact to the world as we pray, give and care for others.

The Ladies Guild

The Ladies Guild Christmas Party will be held at **Rudy's Little Italy Restaurant, 2060 Silas Deane Hwy, Rocky Hill**, on Sunday, December 8 at 12:00 Noon. Delicious dinner at \$23.00 per person consists of Antipasto, Salad, Pasta, Chicken Piccata, Stuffed Sole, Wine and Dessert. Family and Friends are invited. *Christmas Corner* drawing will be held. **Reservations, please**, to Marianne Midura, President, 860-956-9780; email: midura20@comcast.net or mail: **20 Torwood St., Hartford, 06114. Note change from Urban Center to Rudy's Restaurant.**

NO Vespers on November 26

We will celebrate **ADVENT EVENING PRAYER** on Tuesday, December 3, Tuesday, December 10 and Tuesday, December 17. Join us for this 20 minute service as we gather in the Chapel of St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church and pray for the intentions of our parish and the world.

House of Bread

Make some room at home and feel good doing it. Please consider donating your household items to The House of Bread. We accept small appliances (toasters, microwaves, irons, TV's), dishes, flatware, glasses, pots & pans, and small furniture (dressers and tables, etc.). We are also in need of winter hats, sweaters, gloves, jackets, socks and underwear for adult men and women. Help us keep our neighbors warm.

www.hobread.org

We ask your prayers this week for everyone involved in our feeding ministries—for those in need as well as those who create the items—for our no-freeze shelter meal prep team, our sandwich makers, our sandwich servers and our House of Bread meal teams. Please also pray for those in need of food—that they are able to find assistance.

NOVEL IDEA BOOK CLUB



Join our book club each month to discuss works of fiction. We meet in the Franciscan Center from 7:00 -8:30 PM.

December 19: Sing, Unburied, Sing by Jesmyn Ward



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

UPCOMING FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

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

◆ 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

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 Min-

istry, **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

Masses for Thanksgiving

Tuesday, November 26 at 5:00 PM
Wednesday, November 27 at 10:00 AM



Bring something from your Thanksgiving table — candles, bread, or wine — to be blessed at one of these Masses.

All of us at St. Patrick-St. Anthony and the Franciscan Center wish you a blessed Thanksgiving. We give thanks to God for you.



Shop for holiday gifts and supplies at smile.amazon.com. Please select

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or

St Patrick St Anthony Church Corporation

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Weekly Offering

November 11-17

Envelope & Loose: \$16,733.50

Online Giving: \$9,681.21

TOTAL: \$26,414.71

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

In the U.S., one in six people live in poverty. Through this collection, you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for people across the country who struggle. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect will remain in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects.



Mass Intentions for the Week

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

MONDAY, November 25, 2019

7:00 Our Parishioners

8:00 Natalie Virginia Atwood

12:05 Patricia O'Brien

TUESDAY, November 26, 2019

7:00 Franciscan Center Ministry

8:00 Intentions of Stephen Loos

12:05 Josephine Picone

WEDNESDAY, November 27, 2019

7:00 Gervise Hartle

8:00 Peter Mittica

12:05 Joseph Lombardo

5:00 Thanksgiving Vigil Mass

THURSDAY, November 28, 2019

10:00 Mary, Joseph, John & Rose Stefano

FRIDAY, November 29, 2019

12:05 Mary Rathnamala

SATURDAY, November 30, 2019

4:00 Diamantino Marques

SUNDAY, December 1, 2019

8:00 William & Angie Speziale

10:00 Rose & Angelo Perrone

11:45 Elaine LePage

5:00 James DeCicco

We Pray For...

- **the sick:** Karen Coarts; Joe DiStefano
- **our newly baptized children:**
Adrian, daughter of Ilerion and Kelly Rrumbullaku;
Alexander, son of Marco and Kaitlin Cuas
- **all who are involved in our feeding ministries**—*no-freeze shelter meal prep team, sandwich makers, sandwich servers and the House of Bread meal teams.*

SANCTUARY LAMPS

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 24, 2019

In loving memory of Concetta Pinnone

**See what's
GOING ON!**

Nov. 25 Bass Clef Choir, 7:00 PM

Nov. 26 Group Spiritual Direction, 12:35 PM

Treble Clef Choir, 5:30 PM

Gallery Choir, 7:00 PM

Nov. 27 Sandwich Ministry, 4:00 PM

Immigration Meeting, 5:00 PM

Thanksgiving Vigil Mass, 5:00 PM

Nov. 28 Giving Thanks—Our Active Response, 8:00 AM

Thanksgiving Mass, 10:00 AM

Nov. 30 Hartford Flute Ensemble, 9:00 AM

Advent Wreath Making, 1:00 PM

Dec. 1 Advent Wreath Making, 7:00 AM

Pancake Breakfast, 7:00 AM

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, 12:45 PM

Volunteer Ministry, 3:00 PM



Mark Your Calendars

**St. Patrick-St. Anthony Festival of Lessons and Carols
Sunday, December 8, 2019 at 7:00 PM**



