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## Trivia question

For whom is Barry Square named?

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## Events

### **Witchcraft Exoneration Panel Wednesday, March 29, 1-2 p.m. Old State House, 800 Main St., Hartford**

From the [Facebook](#) page of Lt. Governor Susan Bysiewicz: “As Women’s History Month nears an end, join me, State Representative Jane Garibay, Senator Saud Anwar, and CT historians to discuss Connecticut’s history of persecuting women by wrongly accusing them of witchcraft. We’ll consider the history of the trials, how descendants of these women are working to seek justice, and the pending legislation that would exonerate them.” [Registration](#)

For background on this issue, including the Hartford angle, see the [March 3 newsletter](#).

## Trivia question answer



On July 23, 1934, the City Council (then called the Common Council) assigned the name Barry Square to the intersection of five streets in the city’s South End: Campfield Avenue, Maple Avenue, Barker Street, Webster Street, and Bond Street. The name honors the Rev. Monsignor Michael W. Barry, the longtime pastor of [Saint Augustine Roman Catholic Church](#), which dominates the Square. A petition calling for the move had received 4,000 signatures, according to the Hartford Courant. Born in Middletown, Barry led the Saint Augustine parish from its founding in 1902 until

his death in 1938 at age 74. He had been ill for about six years, the Courant reported.

View more photos of the Square on [Instagram](#).

Sources:

- “History of Hartford Streets,” by F. Perry Close, published in 1969 by the Connecticut Historical Society, Hartford.
- Hartford Courant, July 24, 1934, page 22: “Appointment to Tax Body by Council,” and March 1, 1938, page 1: “Monsignor Barry, Pastor of St. Augustine’s, Dies.”

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