

APRIL 17, 2016
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 2016

4:00 Edward J. Ward – req. by the Ward Family

SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 2016

8:00 Tina & Charles Vella; Lucille Vella Konstandaras – req. by Charlie Vella

10:00 Dr. Iain Campbell – req. by the Family

11:45 William (Billy) Callahan – req. by East Catholic High School Classmates

5:00 Joseph Namnoun – req. by Laurie Wasserstein

MONDAY, APRIL 18, 2016

7:00 For Franciscan Center Ministry

8:00 For Catherine's Place Ministry

12:05 Monaco & Masciulli Families – req. by the Monaco Family

TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2016

7:00 For Our Parishioners

8:00 For Franciscan Center Ministry

12:05 George Marsdale – req. by Peg & Dan Lareau; Linda Marsdale

6:00 **Vesper Service**

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2016

7:00 For Catherine's Place Ministry

8:00 For Our Parishioners

12:05 Cathleen Burkett – req. by Joan Mohan

THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2016

7:00 For Franciscan Center Ministry

8:00 For Catherine's Place Ministry

12:05 Br. John J. Norton, FSC – req. by the Dworkin Family

FRIDAY, APRIL 22, 2016

7:00 Jose Batista & Clotilde Firmina – req. by Carlos Costa

8:00 Gloria Stolfi – req. by Anne Krafft

12:05 Conrad Rosal – req. by the Family

SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 2016

4:00 Thomas Romano, 43rd anniversary – req. by Paula, Jo-Ann & Richard

SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 2016

8:00 William & Angeline Speziale – req. by Donna & Joanne Speziale

10:00 Stanley J. Sapko, 50th anniversary – req. by the Ferrero family

11:45 Robert Midura, 2nd anniversary – req. by the Family

5:00 Mae Callahan – req. by the Family

PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS

Fr. Andrew Giardino, ofm; Richard Hotaling; Joan Ragna; Dr. Gregory Sheehan; Steve Starski

SANCTUARY LAMPS – WEEK OF APRIL 17, 2016

A Special Intention – req. by Yolanda Rossi.

On Sunday, May 1, the Crowning of the Statue of Mary will take place in the Chapel at 9:30 a.m., followed by the 10 a.m. **Liturgy**, celebrated for the intentions of the living and deceased members of the Ladies Guild.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Baptisms

LUCAS AND ZACHARY, sons of Sarah Raymond



SISTER PARISH UPDATE

The big news this week is that the bell has arrived at St. Genevieve Church. Please check out the photos which can be seen on the board in the back of church, or on the Sister Parish or St. Patrick – St. Anthony Facebook pages. It has been over 8 years since a bell has tolled to announce Mass

and celebrations in Zoranje.

Save the date for the **Taste of Haiti, Saturday, June 4**. Fr. Philippe will be traveling to Hartford to join us and he is working on getting a Visa for director Gesner of St. Genevieve School to come with him. We are hoping to have the director give us an overview of the school during the evening's festivities.

The next meeting of the Sister Parish Committee is Monday, May 9 at 6:30 in the Franciscan Center. All are welcome.

Sister Parish Committee

Our **Annual WELCOME BRUNCH** for new members will take place on Sunday, May 1 at 11 a.m. following the 10 a.m. Mass. The Welcome Ministry will host the gathering in the Urban Center. There will be a brief history of the parish, tours of the church and urban center, and information regarding our ministries and programs.

If you have been a member of the parish for a while and would enjoy learning about its history and taking the tours, you are most welcome to join us. Call the church office by April 28 so that we can plan for our brunch. All are welcome!

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 meeting in the lower level of the Urban Center at St. Patrick-St. Anthony on

April 24 to learn more about the Secular Franciscan Order. The rosary is at 1:30 and the meeting starts at 2 p.m. We will study the *Joy of the Gospel* by Pope Francis, reading paragraphs 50-75 on pages 45-62. We will also listen to and discuss a lecture by Brother Bill Short, OFM.

Join other women of faith on the weekend of May 13-15 at **Our Lady of Calvary Retreat** Center in Farmington. Reflect with others on the theme: "Encountering the Tenderness of God." For more information e-mail elaine.wiatr@yahoo.com.

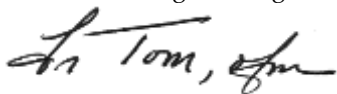
Dear Parishioners and Friends at
St. Patrick-St. Anthony and St. Genevieve,
May the Lord give you peace.

As I write Fr. Andrew is again in surgery. His feeding tube became displaced overnight and needs to be secured. I thank you for your continued prayers for him and your many cards. Fr. Andrew celebrated his 86th birthday on Wednesday.

I also ask your prayers for the young men and women who will be confirmed in just a few weeks. Their many gifts will be affirmed in the sacramental experience. We are indeed blessed to have committed, gifted members who continue to deepen their relationship with the Lord and celebrate the gift of God's Spirit already present within each of them. Your participation in the life of the community is a great witness to the dynamic presence of God. We will also have younger members of our community join us at the table for the first time in just a few weeks. I ask your prayers for them and for their families. They have been engaged in this process of preparation for some time and I am looking forward to celebrating with the whole community our young members joining us at the table of the Lord. For both the Confirmation and the Eucharist members, I thank our mentors, instructors, and team for all they do to nurture the life of the community and of the individual members.

I also thank you for your response to my request that you contact your State representatives to voice your concern for the vulnerable members of our community. The Budget cuts will be deeply felt in the diminished services available to many who are struggling day to day. If you have been a part of the sandwich ministry, you have seen how great the need is and how many are just making it day to day. We also have a good number of people who are living in the streets. The unseen populations who live in group homes or depend on social services are also feeling the pain of diminished services. If you have not done so already, please write to affirm your awareness and concern for those whose needs depend on the State of Connecticut's support.

Finally, in this week's Gospel we hear of Jesus the Good Shepherd. Linking this image to last week's injunction to Peter, "feed/tend my lambs/ sheep" we are invited to be sharers in the life of the shepherd who is entrusted with the care, feeding, tending of those entrusted to our care.



- **St. Patrick-St. Anthony Walk Against Hunger Team** is looking for you! If you cannot walk with us on Sun., May 1, 2016, you can sign up and walk with us in spirit, or **sponsor a member of the pastoral staff!**

Please be part of the effort to feed the Hungry of Hartford. Consider signing up online at

<http://site.foodshare.org>.

- The House of Bread is in need of OLD washcloths. Please bring and place them in the bins at the back of the Church. Neither the color nor condition matter; the cloths will be bleached and used in the kitchen. Thank you!

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Paul & Barnabus encountered both violent rejection and joyful acceptance of the message that they preached. We, too, may meet with mixed reactions when we use our gifts in the service of God. But the Gospel assures us, the reward for those who follow faithfully is eternal life.

LIVING STEWARDSHIP

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who further the message and mission of Jesus through the spiritual work of mercy – to counsel the doubtful – by serving as a catechist.

CATHERINE'S PLACE

AT THE FRANCISCAN CENTER FOR URBAN MINISTRY IN
COLLABORATION WITH MERCY HOUSING AND SHELTER
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WE CONTINUE TO NEED ITEMS FOR CATHERINE'S PLACE:

*Coffee...Butter...Juice...Cereal...Bread (wheat)
Paper Towels...Toilet Paper...Sugar
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Please bring your donations to the plastic bin marked
"Catherine's Place" at the back of the church.

Thank you for your generosity!

You may be aware of the news that Catherine's Place, our Transitional Living Program with Mercy Housing and Shelter Corporation, is closing on June 30. Please join us in prayer as we seek guidance on how to best use the space and our volunteers who have made the program a success. This time of discernment will bear fruit! If you have an idea, please contact Trudi in the office.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION MEETING

Each Tuesday at **12:30 p.m.** (*note change of time*) in the Franciscan Center, Rooms 9 & 10, a Spiritual Direction meeting will take place. **Next meeting: April 19.** The focus for reflection will be the Gospel for the upcoming Sunday. All are welcome! Please join us.

**OPEN HEARTS
GAY & LESBIAN MINISTRY**

Next meeting: May 15, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

**Families & Friends of the Gay & Lesbian
Community**

Next Meeting: TBA

Sr. Ginny and individual parents are available for one-on-one visits. Please call the church office for further information.

The Walk Against Hunger
Sunday, May 1, 2016 at 2:00 PM

A great family event with an easy 2 mile walk around Bushnell Park! Join our Team, sponsor a team member as a Spiritual Walker, cheer us on!

Volunteers will be available after all Masses on April 16/17 and April 23/24 outside of the church with information, maps, and to accept donations. To register for the Walk there is a live link on the Parish web site: www.spsact.org under the Community Outreach tab. ***Please check the House of Bread, our benefiting agency when you register.***

The fun starts with a Power Brunch from 11:30 to 12:30. The team will leave from the Franciscan Center at 1:00 for Liam McGee (formerly Hartbeat) Park, 140 Garden St. Meet for the team photo at the House of Bread Table at 1:30 PM, just look for the olive green flag.

For more information contact: Barbara Theurkauf at 860-633-9152 or btheurkauf@aol.com

Attention: ALL PARENTS of Pre-Schoolers

As the parent of a child baptized in the last four years, you and your child are invited to attend a special program on fostering the spiritual development of your toddler.

On Sun., Apr. 24, 11:15-12:15 in the Urban Center, Deb Pelletier will suggest creative ways to encourage your child's unique and intimate relationship with God. She will also offer ideas and resources to help you guide your child's awakening curiosity about Jesus, the Church and the Mass.

We will be having toddler friendly activities close by and snacks will be provided.

We hope you will be able to join us for this special program. Please call Pat Curtis at the parish office at 860-756-4034, x-113, or e-mail at pcurtis@spsact.org if you plan to attend.
Grandparents & Godparents are most welcome, too!

READINGS –APRIL 18-24, 2016

Mon. Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:1-10
Tues. Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30
Wed. Acts 12:24-13:5a; Jn 12:44-50
Thurs. Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20
Fri. Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6
**Sun. Acts 14:21-27; Rv 21:1-5a;
Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35**



Kids Café...It's hard to study when you're hungry!

Help feed over 450 kids a day with cooking oil and rice...in addition to canned vegetables, pasta, tuna, powdered milk, yummy spices of taco seasoning, adobo, sofrito...or help with plastic wrap, aluminum foil, bleach, dish detergent, paper towels/napkins/cups.

Thank you for all you do!

www.hobread.org...more than just soup!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Please call the parish office to register

These Things Were Written for Our Instruction:

An Introduction to the Old Testament – Part 2

Sat., Apr. 23; 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Presenter: Paul Sansone Offering \$30.

Participation in Part 1 is not required for Part 2

Day of Reflection for Women at Enders Island,

Mystic, CT – Sat., May 7; 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Suggested Offering: \$45 (includes lunch)

Registration & Offering due by May 1; carpooling to Enders Island is available

On Tues., Apr. 19 at 6:30 p.m. there will be a presentation by the Malta Justice Initiative about the plan for prison reform in CT formulated with concise delineation of four desired outcomes and practical steps to accomplish them. This is a follow-up to a similar presentation that was well received last October, but this time as additional information to the **"Second Chance Society"** program on April 12. Both programs are sponsored by the Committee for Social Justice. There is a free-will offering.

Thank you to the parish families who have made a gift or pledge to the **2016 Archbishop's Annual Appeal**. If you have not yet had the opportunity, please consider prayerfully supporting the many Good Works of the Archdiocese. Every gift will be gratefully received and sincerely appreciated.

COLLECTION AMOUNTS

Weekly – April 9/10 \$19,620.00
Special Easter Collection \$ 183.00
On-line Giving – Apr. 4-10 \$ 5,463.00
Total available for operating budget \$25,266.00

**Peter's Pence Collection remitted to the
Archdiocese of Hartford \$ 2,500.00**



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