

DECEMBER 27, 2015

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2015

4:00 John Walsh, 4th anniversary – req. by the Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2015

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

10:00 James Pezzulo – req. by the Family

11:45 Donato & Maria Monaco – req. by the Monaco Family

5:00 Anthony Labriola & Tommy Labriola – req. by Ray & Ann Diamondstone

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2015

7:00 Jim Stamler – req. by Becky Webber

8:00 Mary Wolfenberger – req. by the Family

12:05 Thomas Scalise – req. by the Family

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2015

7:00 Kara Timilty – req. by Margaret, Sebastian & Katie

8:00 Donald N. Annicelle – req. by Maria & Tony Retartha

12:05 Frank Giardino

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2015

7:00 Stanley Zyskowski, 7th anniversary – req. by the Family

8:00 Donald N. Annicelle – req. by Florine Robertson

12:05 Intentions of the Maiorini/Urbanucci Family – req. by Geraldine Maiorini

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2015

7:00 Thomas Callahan – Jim & Eileen Felice

8:00 Intentions of Kathleen McGovern – req. by Joan Mohan

12:05 Jennie Bramante – req. by the Family

5:00 Vigil Mass

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 2016

10:00 William Kelly

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2, 2016

4:00 William Brown – req. by Deirdre & Jim Howard

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, 2016

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

10:00 Millie Intinio – req. by her Children

11:45 Parishioners of St. Genevieve

5:00 Concetta Gianni – req. by the Family

SANCTUARY LAMPS – WEEK OF DECEMBER 27, 2015

In loving memory of Josephine Tanasi – req. by Richard & Connie.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS

Frances Coco

PLEASE REMEMBER THE DECEASED IN YOUR PRAYERS

Concetta Tina Czaczes

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

There will be a Vigil Mass on Friday, December 31, 2015 at 5 p.m. for the Solemnity of Mary, The Mother of God. On January 1, 2016 there will be a 10 a.m. Mass for the Holy Day.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Weddings

(December 19, 2015)

KRISTEN CARLSON AND GRANT RUBIN

Baptisms

ZOLA, daughter of Burton and Marie Bates



SISTER PARISH UPDATE

Fr. Philippe has invited our parish to join him for the celebration of the feast of St. Genevieve and the dedication of the new church on January 24, 2016. Travelers will leave on Friday, January 22 and return on Monday, January 25. There is an option to extend the stay a few more days for anyone interested.

Please call the parish office at 860-756-4034 for more information or to accept the invitation. The deadline to commit is **January 4, 2016**.

Sister Parish Committee

GAELIC & GARLIC MUSICAL PILGRIMAGE TO IRELAND AND ITALY

August 20-September 2, 2016

It's time for another Pilgrimage for our St. Patrick-St. Anthony Community! **ALL ARE WELCOME** to come on pilgrimage with us, both non-singers and singers alike. We have room for everyone!

For information, contact Fr. Tom, Gabe Löfvall or Pat Curtis at 860-756-4034.

WE ASK YOUR PRAYERS FOR: our Adventure Saturday Mentors program for the children of our House of Bread, brothers and sisters and the mentors from our community who work with the children every other Saturday during the school year. Examples of typical activities are pumpkin picking, ice skating in Bushnell Park, and visiting the Governor's House to see the Christmas decorations to name a few.

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

May the Lord give you peace.

I am writing this well before Christmas to accommodate our publisher. I am hoping that you had a blessed and joy-filled Christmas. Your gifts are incredible and I thank you for the many ways that you share them with all of us. Each person's gift is essential to the life of the community. Our shared gifts shape our lives here and call shepherds and magi to the wonder of God's incarnate presence today. I thank you.

This weekend we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family. The recent Synod on the Family reflected on some of the ways that families grace the church. We are waiting for the document that will be composed by Pope Francis to see what their combined reflections offer. In the meantime, I invite you to consider the Holy Family from a different perspective:

Mary was found to be pregnant before she lived with Joseph her husband.

Joseph considered divorcing Mary when he learned that she was pregnant.

The Holy Family lived under the oppressive rule of their conquerors.

Mary, Joseph, and the child Jesus were homeless in Bethlehem.

This holy family were refugees in Egypt.

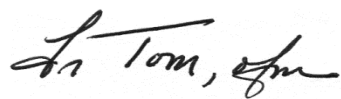
Mary and Joseph knew the experience of a lost child. He seemed to have disappeared.

Mary came to find Jesus and take him home, after people told her that he had lost his mind.

Jesus was tried, convicted and executed as a criminal.

Mary watched as her son died on a cross.

The Holy Family embraces the struggles and brokenness that is part of many people's lives. Celebrating this feast also challenges to greater hospitality for all who struggle, are marginalized, homeless, refugees, thought to have psychological struggles, and those caught up in the justice system. This family also embraces all with all that part of the human experience. All are welcome.



- Our **Parish Nurse Ministry** is seeking licensed nurses who are available after Mass to help with Blood Pressure Screenings. If you are able to offer your talents in this area, please contact Trudi in

the Volunteer Ministry office, or speak with Helen Martins. Thank you!

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

The first reading today provides a challenging guideline for the good stewardship of our family relationships. How do I measure up?

LIVING STEWARDSHIP

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who embrace stewardship as a way of daily life. Their relationships with family, friends, co-workers and even strangers are now different, influenced by a spirit of generosity and sharing.

CATHERINE'S PLACE

AT THE FRANCISCAN CENTER FOR URBAN MINISTRY IN
COLLABORATION WITH MERCY HOUSING AND SHELTER
CORPORATION

WE CONTINUE TO NEED ITEMS FOR CATHERINE'S PLACE:

Coffee...Butter...Juice...Cereal...Bread (wheat)
Paper Towels...Toilet Paper...Sugar
1 gallon ziplock bags

Please bring your donations to the plastic bin marked
"Catherine's Place" at the back of the church.

Thank you for your generosity!

ALL ARE WELCOME RETREAT

Friday-Sunday, April 15-17, 2016
Mercy Center, Madison, CT

Retreat Leader: Fr. Tom Hartle, OFM

All men and women are invited to consider this annual retreat opportunity in the Easter Season to set aside time for one's relationship with God. We are delighted that Fr. Tom Hartle, ofm will lead this 3-day weekend retreat. The retreat theme of our "desire for the Spirit of God" will focus our presentations, discussion and prayer together. We have allowed time in the schedule for personal reflection, solitude, and contemplation. You will have the time to explore the seaside grounds of Mercy Center, enjoy their hospitality and walk their waterfront labyrinth. There will be time to just "BE". Here's a chance to truly retreat from the ordinary schedule of life and devote this time to your spiritual growth. And, if you have never experienced a retreat before, please join us! Mercy Center offers its own "spirituality of place" that is perfect for reflection, refocusing, and renewal.

Cost: \$250 for a double room; \$280 for a single room (limited availability).

Please call the church office to register.

Registration Deadline: February 29, 2016

NOVEL IDEA: FICTION DISCUSSION GROUP

A group of parishioners and friends gather once a month at the Urban Ministry Center to discuss works of fiction with a wide appeal. We invite and welcome new participants. Feel free to join us when the book announced in the bulletin is of interest to you or become a regular participant and help us choose the selections. For more information, contact Marybeth Walsh (860-523-7034) or Sara Zagorski (860-721-1814).

Upcoming Selections:

Jan. 21 *The Archivist* by Martha Cooley
Feb. 18 *My Brilliant Friend* by Elena Ferrante
Mar. 17 *The Narrow Road to the Deep North* by Richard Flanagan
Apr. 21 *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman
May 19 *The Silence of Bonaventure Arrow* by Rita Leganski
Date/Time: Thurs., Jan. 21 – 7 to 8:30 p.m.
Place: Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry

OPEN HEARTS

GAY & LESBIAN MINISTRY

Next meeting: January 10, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

Families & Friends of the Gay & Lesbian Community

Next Meeting: January 19, 2016; 6:30-8 p.m. in the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry

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

EMMAUS GRIEVING PARENT MINISTRY

2016 Meetings: Jan. 17, Feb. 14 & Mar. 13 at 3:30 p.m. – Franciscan Center

The Emmaus Grieving Parents Ministry supports parents whose spiritual journey includes the death of a child. All who have suffered the loss of a child at any time – including prior to birth and many decades ago – are welcome. Please contact Natalie at jjnnwelsh@cox.net for further information.

YOUTH ROSARY GROUP

Please join us for the next Youth Rosary Group in Our Lady of the Angels Chapel on Sundays at 11:00 to 11:30 a.m. (right after the 10:00 a.m. Mass). Our group will be meeting **once per month** to learn about the gifts of the rosary prayer. The next class will be held on Dec. 27: The Apostles Creed

Please contact Assistant Level 2 Catechist, Gina Ghirardi at gmdurante@yahoo.com if you would like to join the class.

Check the weekly bulletin for more classes to come!



Thrift Store...Serving our neighbors in the North End

It's always time for Spring Cleaning! Small appliances (toasters, microwaves, irons, TVs), dishes, flatware, glasses, pots & pans, dressers and end tables. We can use most anything except clothing (we simply don't have the space). One person's stuff is another person's treasure! Help find gold! Thank you for all you do!

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

VOCATION REFLECTIONS

Jesus was born into a Holy Family, not a storybook family. Today, pray for married couples and for parents, who strive to remain faithful to their commitment in a changing and challenging world. Also pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life. To discern a vocation, call Fr. Jeffrey Gubbiotti, Director of Vocations, Archdiocesan Center at St. Tomas Seminary, Tel. 860-242-5573, e-mail vocations@aohct.org or visit the web at www.vocationshartford.org.

PRAYER NETWORK

Our Prayer Network is available to receive your prayer requests. You are invited to call the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry, 756-4034, x-162, with prayer intentions that will be handled with care and in a confidential manner. At x-162, please leave a message containing your intention. It is not necessary to give the name of the individual for whom prayers are being requested, but it would be helpful if you could give some idea of the situation about which members of the Prayer Network will be praying. This extension is checked daily and the intentions are called out over the network as quickly as possible. **Also, e-mail requests can now be made to prayer@spsact.org.**

Due to the early printing deadline of the December 27th bulletin, we are unable to post the collection amounts. The collection amounts will be listed in the December 27th bulletin posted on our website, www.spsact.org. As always, your faithfulness to the support of St. Patrick-St. Anthony and its mission is greatly appreciated.

READINGS – DEC. 28, 2015 – JAN. 3, 2016

Mon. 1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Mt 2:13-18
Tues. 1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35
Wed. 1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40
Thurs. 1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18
Fri. Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
Sun. Mt 5:1-4a; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45