

AUGUST 21, 2016—Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20, 2016

4:00 Deceased Members of the Pinnone Family – by Paula, Jo Anne & Richard

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, 2016

8:00 David Czertak – by Berniece & Jack Czertak
10:00 Mary V. Ramos, 9th anniversary – by Joyce & John Lemega
11:45 Louise & Tino Pierini – by the Adifon Family
5:00 Luigi & Filomina Ficocelli – by Nancy Ficocelli

MONDAY, AUGUST 22, 2016

7:00 For Our Parishioners
8:00 Jacqueline Case – by Jill & Andrew O’Toole
12:05 Intentions of the Urbanucci Family – by the Family

TUESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2016

7:00 For Franciscan Center Ministry
8:00 For Our Parishioners
12:05 Fr. Andrew Giardino, ofm – by Alice Brennan

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2016

7:00 For Franciscan Center Ministry
8:00 John J. Mulkern, Jr. – by Rick Frey
12:05 John O’Meara, 7th anniversary – by Wife & Children

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25, 2016

7:00 For Our Parishioners
8:00 John J. Mulkern, Jr. – by Tom Luscinskas
12:05 Conrad Rosal – by the Family

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26, 2016

7:00 For Franciscan Center Ministry
8:00 Brendan Reilly – by Tim & Bernadette Coleman
12:05 Mary Marut, 29th anniversary – by Alice Brennan

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27, 2016

4:00 Francelina Marques – by Teresa Carvalho

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28, 2016

8:00 William & Angeline Speziale – by Donna & Joanne Speziale
10:00 George Sanford – by Mimi Sanford
11:45 Carmine, Filomena, Tiberio, Valentino & Justina Ficocelli – by Nancy Ficocelli
5:00 Dorothy & Al Silver – by the Family

Sanctuary Lamps-Week of August 21, 2016

In loving memory of Jadwiga Fogg – by the Fogg Family.
 In loving memory of Andrezj Fogg – by the Fogg Family.
 In loving memory of Michael Fogg – by the Fogg Family.

Please remember the sick in your Prayers.

Joseph Buda

Please remember the deceased in your prayers.

Jeanne Walker

We give praise and thanks to God for our newly married couple.

Michelle Geraci & Matthew McDonnell

Readings – August 22-28, 2016

Mon 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Mt 23:13-22
Tues 2 Thes 2:1:1-3a. 14-17; Mt 23:23-26
Wed Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51
Thurs 1 Cor 1:1-9; Mt 24:42-51
Fri 1 Cor 1:17-25; Mt 25:1-13
Sun Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14

Peace Circles

Wednesday, August 24 & 31

12:30-1:00 pm in the Chapel following 12:05 pm Mass and 6:30-7:00 pm in the Franciscan Center.

Sister Parish Update

Kimberly Young shared this reflection after all Masses on March 30, 2008.

I have been asleep for a very long time and my trip to Haiti awakened something inside of me.

In February 2008, I joined the parish immersion trip to Haiti where we visited our sister parish, St. Genevieve, in Zoranje.

I never thought to visit Haiti until I read the bulletin about the trip and heard a small voice inside of me say, “You should go.” I listened and signed up. When we arrived in Port-au-Prince I wondered, “What am I doing here?”

I visited our sister parish in Zoranje and met many people.

The most rewarding time – the time when I “woke up” -- was the morning we went to Mother Theresa’s orphanage, where children are suffering from malnourishment and other illnesses. I was confronted immediately by the effects of economic and social injustice in the faces of these. Many children were crying

as their mothers were leaving. I wanted to run and hide. I couldn’t “fix” anything and felt helpless and hopeless. There was no song I could sing. So I went into the closest room and sat in a chair.

Then, I found my purpose. Two little boys climbed in my lap. I held them close and they fell asleep in my arms for over an hour. To my dying day I’ll not forget that moment I experienced in the words of the Prayer of St. Francis:

“Grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love.”

I am humbled by my experience in Haiti. My mission is to take what I experienced and witnessed in Haiti and bring that awareness to assist others locally and globally. I listened to that voice inside of me telling me to visit Haiti and I’m changed forever. I’m awake.



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

May the Lord give you peace.

It is hard to believe but our annual Golf Tournament is just around the corner! Our Golf Committee has been working hard to make this a great event for everyone. We are re-naming the Tournament, the Fr. Andrew Charity Golf Tournament in honor of the dedication that Fr. Andrew had to the creation and on-going dynamism of the Golf Tournament. We are blessed in the gifts of the late Rico Pace and Fr. Andrew in the life of this tournament. We are still looking for assistance on many levels as well as golfers to make this a great day. I thank you for your support.

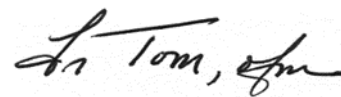
As you know the funds raised by the Golf Tournament support the good work of the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry. The Center opened its doors in 2000 and has provided space for meetings for countless non-profit groups, our daily bread - the sandwich ministry, meals for Catherine's Place, Community Sunday-Doughnuts, a cooling center in the heat and a warming center in the winter, a charging station when so many lost power, and ongoing educational opportunities for all. The Center was the dream of Frs. Jerome and Andrew that with their hard work and under the guidance of the late John Walsh was opened by Fr. Jim. I ask your support of the Tournament and thank you for being a part of the life of the Franciscan Center.

I ask your prayers for the people of Milwaukee who have been suffering through a good deal of unrest. The underlying issues of the unrest resonate in our major cities calling us to greater awareness of the struggles of racial tension within our nation. We are invited to consider the multiple ways of unconscious participation in marginalizing members of our communities. The need for a transformation of mind and heart is clear. We are called to be peacemakers in the midst of division. Please remember all who are suffering in this city.

We are also aware of the flooding in Baton Rouge and the fires in Southern California. I ask your prayers for those who have lost their lives in these disasters as well as those whose lives are changed by the loss and devastation. Please remember the first responders who generously come to their aid. I ask your prayers as well for those who will now need to re-imagine their lives in light of flood or fire. Catholic Charities is accepting donations to assist folks in need. Please be sure to mark your donation for the particular situation you wish to assist.

In these warm days of summer please contact those you know who are home alone or infirm to be sure they are okay. Your contact is a great gift for both you and for the other person. I thank you.

Fr. Tom, ofm



Stewardship Reflection

Today's reading from Isaiah describes the Israelites bringing their offering to the Lord "in clean vessels." The gifts of myself – my patient endurance and fidelity to the will of God – is as important as the monetary gift I offer.

Living Stewardship

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who are aware of the activity of the Holy Spirit in their lives – a new baby, a wedding, a spiritual healing or a moment of deep insight or conversion – all leading to greater growth or action on behalf of God's kingdom!

Personal Care Items Needed

Consider assisting our brothers and sisters who are in need. We are collecting travel size items such as razors, toothpaste,

toothbrushes, deodorant, soap and shaving cream and we will assemble these items for those who come to the door seeking assistance. We welcome any help with this new addition to helping our neighbors. Place the items in the bin at the back of the church marked "travel kits". Thank you!

Kids Cafe

Help feed over 400 kids a day with donations of canned vegetables, pasta, rice, tuna, powdered milk, spices, yummy spices of taco seasoning, adobo, sofrita...or help us deliver the meals and clean up with plastic wrap, aluminum foil, bleach, dish detergent, paper towels/napkins/cups. **House of Bread... more than just soup.** www.houseofbread.org

Thank You

Many thanks to all who offered to be a welcoming presence at the Urban Center used as a cooling center.

Your Weekly Giving

Weekly – Aug. 13/14.....\$13,265.00
Feast of the Assumption.....\$503.00
On-line Giving –Aug. 8-14.....\$5,923.00
On-line Feast of the Assumption.. \$25.00
Available for operating budget
..... \$19,715.00

To register for Online Giving, please visit our website: WWW.SPSACT.ORG.

Need help signing up for On-Line Giving? Our Sunday Visitor Support is available at 1-800-348-2886, option 4

Thank you for your continued generous support to St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church.

Spiritual Direction Meeting

Each Tuesday at **12:30 pm** in the Franciscan Center a Spiritual Direction meeting will take place. **Next meeting: August 23.** The focus for reflection will be the Gospel for the upcoming Sunday. All are welcome! Please join us.

Please Pray

We ask for prayers for the Golf Tournament Committee as the members prepare for the tournament to be held on September 16, 2016. We also need participation – playing golf, volunteering to assist with the day, and the purchase of "Go for the Green" tickets. Please consider how you can be involved!

Adult Faith Formation

**Introduction to Mindfulness”
Thursday September 22 & 29
7:00 to 8:30 pm**

Come learn about “mindfulness”, an innate capacity we all have to pay attention to the present moment in a kind, receptive way. We’ll sample breath meditation, deep relaxation, walking meditation, and loving-kindness practices. Its health, psychological, and spiritual benefits will be introduced. No experience needed. Please bring a yoga mat, small pillow and blanket.

Val Rossetti, M.D. received training at the UMass Center for Mindfulness in

Medicine and the Barre Center for Buddhist Studies. She has been involved in mindfulness meditation for many years, teaches Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction courses, and co-leads a weekly meditation program at MacDougall Prison. *Free Will Offering*

Servant Leadership

Are YOU interested in becoming a Servant Leader?

Imagine serving others first. Putting others' needs in front of your own is your choice and your priority. This paradox of serving others while leading is the crux of Servant Leadership.

Servant leaders come from all walks of life. Some may formally manage staff in their places of employment; others may lead volunteer or athletic teams; and, of course, we all interact with neighbors, family, colleagues, and friends.

If you are interested in improving your listening skills, developing your empathy and intuition, and cultivating a deeper understanding of yourself, consider joining **Beginnings**, a course designed to awaken the Servant-Leader in you.

The 2016-17 program will meet twice a month in the evening from October thru April. Please e-mail Elaine Wiatr at elaine.wiatr@yahoo.com or call the parish office at 860-756-4034

SPSA Men’s Fellowship Group

On Friday, August 26 at 6:00 pm, we will be hosting a BBQ in the Friary Meeting Room of the Urban Center. Join us for a hot dog and/or hamburger and chips as we hear Bill Walsh, Associate Retreat Director at Holy Family Retreat Center explain “The Benefits of Attending Retreats.” Women and men are welcome. Please invite a friend. Register by calling the parish office.

Our **Men’s Day of Reflection at Enders Island** will be on Saturday, September 17 from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm. Bill Walsh’s presentation will be Recapturing the Wonder of God’s Presence in our Lives and What does it Mean to be the Church of Mercy? Transportation is on your own. Registration is required by calling the parish office. The cost is \$45 per person and will include a BBQ lunch. Payment should be made to: *Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry*. All men are welcome to attend, but we are limited to a total of 30.

THIN PLACES:

“The Gifts of Imperfection”

Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26; Nov. 2 & 9 – 12:45-2:15 p.m.

Join Sr. Ginny Sheehan, SND in the Franciscan Center as we share our own life-long journey from “What will people think?” to “I am enough” while reading Brene Brown’s ‘The Gifts of Imperfections.’ Harriet Lerner said it best: The author’s “unique ability to combine original research with honest storytelling makes this reading like having a long, uplifting conversation with a very wise friend who offers compassion, wisdom and great advice.”

Call the parish office to register. Please read the introductory materials up to Guidepost #1 prior to Oct. 5.

Suggested offering: \$50 (if you are able)

The Clare Gallery

is pleased to present **Two Sacred Views: Serigraph Landscapes/Nature Photography**, a two-person exhibition by Connecticut artists Jeff Feldman and Dan Russell. The exhibition features two bodies of work that highlight the natural world’s beauty. Jeff Feldman uses his sharp and photographic lens to capture experiences in nature that reveal awe. Dan Russell creates architectural scenes out of shapes, color, and rhythm utilizing the process of serigraphy to showcase man-made structures within nature’s beautiful landscape.

The exhibition is free and open to the public and extends from August 30-October 23, 2016. **An artist talk will be held on Sunday, September 18, 1-3 p.m.** Both artists will discuss their processes, how and why they choose their subject matter, their journeys in the natural world, as well as where you might find them lecturing.



Sunset Cruise & Evening of Reflection

**11th Anniversary Sail on Wednesday, September 7
5:30-7:30 p.m.**

All men & women are invited to our annual Sunset Cruise & Evening of Reflection. We will sail aboard the **Argia**, a replica of a 19th century gaff-rigged schooner, down the Mystic River. **Sebastian Kolodziej** of the House of Bread will once again provide a delicious dinner as we sail the waters of Fisher’s Island Sound. **There will be time for music and prayer during this Evening of Reflection.** Offering: \$40

Register early to reserve your spot aboard the Argia as seating is limited. Non-refundable payment due at registration. Checks payable to: Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry. Please mail payment to Fran Martyn, 285 Church Street, Hartford, CT 06103.