

JANUARY 17, 2016
SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, 2016

4:00 Ben Abile – req. by Joe DiStefano

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 2016

8:00 Robert Carmine – req. by his Mother, Nancy Ficocelli

10:00 George Sanford – req. by Mimi Sanford

11:45 Elaine LePage – req. by Anita Ellis

5:00 Helen Erdos – req. by Pat Mullane & John Teahan

MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 2016

12:05 Albert Scotto & Donna Kupernik – req. by Patricia & Carlow Scaff

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2016

7:00 For Catherine's Place Ministry

8:00 For Our Parishioners

12:05 Joseph J. Algieri – req. by Jean & Gerry Shea

6:00 Mass of Healing

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2016

7:00 Catherine Aponte

8:00 Elaine D'Amico – req. by Frances D'Amico

12:05 Adrienne Vos Winkel – req. by Doris Curtis

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 2016

7:00 Patrick Giardino

8:00 For Franciscan Center Ministry

12:05 Tom & Catherine Powers – req. by the Family

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22, 2016

7:00 For Catherine's Place Ministry

8:00 Adele Williams – req. by Dennis & Kara House

12:05 Conrad Rosal & Eumagio Rosal – req. by the Family

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23, 2016

4:00 Louise & Tino Pierini – req. by the Adifon Family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2016

8:00 Mark Cummings – req. by James Clynych

10:00 Paul Spagna – req. by Tina & Edward Czaczkes

11:45 John X. LeConche – req. by the Lupoi Family

5:00 Teresa Mielczarek – req. by Jane Tinti

PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS

*Frances Henry; Lawreen McCann;
Kathleen Olmstead; Keith Oumson; Winston Tull*

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED IN YOUR
PRAYERS

Alan Gates

TODAY WE PRAYED FOR: all involved with our Prayer Network. Every day as a prayer request is called in to the office (860-756-4034, ext. 162) or emailed to prayer@spsact.org, our network members pray for the needs expressed. If you are interested in joining this ministry, please contact Trudi in the Volunteer Ministry office.

HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Please note that on Monday, January 18, Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday, there will be one Mass for the day at 12:05 p.m.

The parish office will be closed in observance of the holiday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Weddings

ERIKA LOJKO AND ZACH SHEER



SISTER PARISH UPDATE

Five parishioners will be traveling to Haiti to participate in the dedication of St. Genevieve Church on January 24.

The feast of St. Genevieve will be celebrated here at home on Sunday, January 31 at the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

If you are interested in reviewing the results of the Sister Parish Survey and formulating recommendation, please contact Eric Henon, ehenon@cox.net. This work is limited to two or three meetings.

Sister Parish Committee

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Please call the parish office to register

**These Things Were Written for Our Instruction:
An Introduction to the Old Testament – Part 1:
Sat. Feb. 6; 8:30am-3:30pm**

Why does the God of the Old Testament seem so different from the God of the New Testament? Are all of the stories in the Old Testament historically true? How should we understand the Old Testament writings today? If you have been thinking about questions like these, then you may be interested in this brief introduction to the Old Testament writings.

The session on Feb. 6 will begin with an overview of the Catholic Church's teaching on the inspiration and truth of sacred scripture. After that, selections from Genesis 1-3 and Exodus 14-15 will be read. Participants should bring a Bible with them to the session.

Presenter: Paul Sansone

Suggested Offering: \$30.00

CLARE GALLERY

"ASPIRATIONS AND LIMITATIONS": Artwork by Hall High School Students. The exhibition features artistic works dealing with questions of identity and cultural expectations placed on students by themselves and others. The exhibition presented painting and mixed media by eight highly creative students. This exhibition is free and open to the public and extends from January 19-March 18, 2016.

A PANEL DISCUSSION AND RECEPTION will be held on Sun. Jan. 24 from 11:30am to 1:30pm where many students will discuss their concepts and processes.

(SNOW DATE: Sun., Jan. 31) Parishioner student Siena Kremidas curated the exhibition and was instrumental in providing the leadership to the artistic group.

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

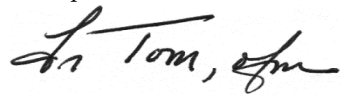
May the Lord give you peace.

I thank you for your generous response to our request to increase your weekly gift to the parish. Your commitment makes a big difference as we continue planning our annual budget. I realize that some are not able to increase their gift and hope that you do not feel pressure to do more than is within your means. I am most grateful for all the ways that you participate in the life and ministry of St. Patrick-St. Anthony.

Next weekend our sister parish, St. Genevieve, dedicates their new church and parish center. This has been a long process for them. Their church had been unsafe following the earthquake in 2010. It is wonderful to have a dwelling place for the prayer of the community and the celebration of the manifold ways of God's presence. I thank you for your prayers and support of our sister parish. I also thank the committee for their dedication to the ministry and life that is mutually shared between St. Patrick-St. Anthony and St. Genevieve.

Mark your calendar. Lent starts with Ash Wednesday on February 10. Before we enter into that holy season, we will party. Mardi Gras will be on Sunday, February 7 following the 11:45 Mass. It will be a fun afternoon and an opportunity to gather with friends as well as to get acquainted with some of the many people that you see at Mass week after week but do not get a chance to offer more than a greeting and sign of peace. Our Open Hearts Ministry is assisting in the festivities. All are welcome.

Pope Francis has declared this to be a Jubilee Year. It is a year when the symbolic "Holy Door" is opened and the great welcome is announced for all who seek to enter into the mystery of God's love. While the "Holy Door" of God's graciousness is never closed, the jubilee symbol is a reminder and a call to enter more deeply into the wonder of God. This has been called a year of mercy. God's mercy is not condescension. It is the desire of God to enter into the chaos of our lives and participate with us in the discovery of peace. We see this in the scripture as Jesus is the Good Shepherd who gathers and nurtures the lambs, seeking out the lost and abandoned. We see this in the witness of Jesus who is faithful to the mission of healing, feeding, nurturing, and giving himself totally to us. One opportunity for us during this time and particularly in our Lenten experience is for greater shared prayer. We will invite you to consider some opportunities for prayer as our time of Lent draws closer. The door of God's goodness never closes, no matter what has happened in our lives, no matter who is at fault, no matter the length of time that one has been away, it is God's desire to enfold each of us in God's own love. As St. Paul writes to the Romans, "nothing can separate us from the love of God."



- 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

Jesus whom God called "my beloved Son," is also the "servant" of whom Isaiah speaks in the first reading. We who are baptized in Christ must follow His example and use our time and resources in the service of God and neighbor.

LIVING STEWARDSHIP

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who answer their baptismal call to **belong more deeply** by placing their gifts and resources, their very selves, at God's service not only in the Church but in the world.

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!

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.

SPSA Men's Fellowship Group Meeting Wednesday, January 20 at 7 p.m. in the Franciscan Center

Happy New Year! At our meeting a program on the life of Padre Pio will include a film and a subsequent discussion to be led by Dan Lareau. For those not familiar with Padre Pio, he was a Capuchin friar, priest, stigmatist and mystic, now venerated as a saint of the Roman Catholic Church.

All are welcome – men & women. Refreshments will be provided by members of the SPSA Men's Fellowship Group. There is no fee! We hope to see you there.

OPEN HEARTS
GAY & LESBIAN MINISTRY

Next meeting: February 14, 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.



KIDS Cafè

Help feed over 400 kids a day with donations of canned vegetables, pasta, rice, tuna, powdered milk, spices, yummy spices of taco seasoning, adobo, sofrito...or help us deliver the meals and clean up with plastic wrap, aluminum foil, bleach, dish detergent, paper towels/napkins/cups.

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

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

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Wake Up The World! – Thurs., Feb. 4; 7:00 p.m.

Pope Francis called for a year focused on the giftedness and commitment of men and women religious around the globe. The yearlong celebration will come to a close on World Consecrated Life Day, Feb. 2, 2016. Please consider joining us for an evening of prayer and sharing with women religious from the Hartford area. Sisters from the Daughters of the Holy Spirit, Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur, Sisters of St. Joseph and the Sisters of Mercy will gather with us.

MOMS Night Out: Food for the Body...Food for the Soul – Thurs., Feb. 11; 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Take this opportunity for a NIGHT OUT for yourself! Brought back by popular demand, Sebastian Kolodziej, chef and trainer at the House of Bread, will cook for us and teach us time-saving recipes and creative cooking tips just in time for Valentine's Day! During dessert, we will reflect upon our ministry of motherhood.

This program is designed for MOMS of all ages and we encourage you to bring a friend.

Offering: \$10.00; limited seating available – reserve your spot early!

Sponsored by the Women of Hope Ministry



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 Parish Center at St. Patrick-St. Anthony on January 24th to learn more about the Secular

Franciscan Order. We will pray the rosary at 1:30, followed by our meeting at 2:00. We will be having an Admission Service as some of our members progress in their Formation process. We will also be discussing paragraphs 34-49 from Joy of the Gospel by Pope Francis.

SECOND COLLECION – JANUARY 23/24, 2016

The second collection next weekend will be taken up for Archdiocesan Catholic High Schools.

COLLECTION AMOUNTS

Weekly – Jan.9/10 \$13,580.50
On-line Giving – Jan. 4-10 \$ 5,425.50
Total available for operating budget..... \$19,006.00



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

Need help signing up for Online 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.

**LADIES GUILD
CHRISTMAS CORNER WINNERS**

Traditional Italian Basket – *Elizabeth Lombardo*

Avon Basket – *Tess Ryan*

Hand-crocheted American Beauty Afghan –
Tricia Carpe

Gift Cards:

\$100 Toys R Us – *Jim Quigley*

\$50 DeNovellis Restaurant – *Kathy Regan*

\$50 Honey Baked Ham – *Anna Eddy*

\$50 Big Y Foods Glastonbury – *Sharon Grezel*

\$50 D&D Stores – *Jen Pace*

\$50 Whole Foods Glastonbury – *Faith Vos Winkel*

\$50 Toys R Us – *Randy Marmol*

\$25 Panera & \$25 Olive Garden – *Jim Quigley*

\$50 Home Depot – *Kathy Regan*

Thank you all for your wonderful support of the Scholarship Fund. God Bless You.

READINGS – JAN. 18-24, 2016

Mon. 1 Sm 15:16-23; Mk 2:18-22
Tues. 1 Sm 16:1-13; Mk 2:23-28
Wed. 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mk 3:1-6
Thurs. 1 Sm 18:6-9, 19:1-7; Mk 3:7-12
Fri. 1 Sm 24:3-21; Mk 3:13-19
Sun. Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Cor 12:12-14; Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21