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Office Hours: Monday - Thursday · 8:30 am - 7:00 pm; Fri. 8:30 am - 5:30 pm;
 Sat. 9 am - 4 pm; Sun. 9 - 11:30 am **Church Hours:** Monday - Friday · 6:30 am - 2:00 pm

AUGUST 28, 2016—Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekly Calendar of Events

- 8/29/2016 Golf Committee, 6:30 pm
- 8/30/2016 Group Spiritual Direction, 12:30 pm
- 8/31/2016 Alcoholics Anonymous, 12:00 pm
- 8/31/2016 Sandwich Ministry & Wellness Center, 4:00 pm
- 8/31/2016 Peace Circles, 12:30 pm
- 8/31/2016 Peace Circles, 6:30 pm
- 9/03/2016 Cenacle Meeting, 6:30 am

Readings – August 29 — September 4, 2016

- Monday** 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mk 6:17-29
- Tuesday** 1 Cor 2:10b-16; Lk 4:31-37
- Wednesday** 1 Cor 3:1-9; Lk 4:38-44
- Thursday** 1 Cor 3:18-23; Lk 5:1-11
- Friday** 1 Cor 4:1-5; Lk 5:33-39
- Sunday** Wis 9:13-18b; Phlm 9:10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33

Mass Schedule

- Saturday Vigil - 4:00 pm
- Sunday - 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 11:45 am & 5:00 pm
- Monday through Friday - 7:00 am, 8:00 am & 12:05 pm



Fr. Andrew Charity Golf Tournament

The deadline for ads and memorials in the **Fr. Andrew Charity Golf Tournament** program book is fast approaching. (*August 30th*) Please consider memorializing or honoring a loved one

by placing a special greeting in the program book. The tournament formerly known as the St. Patrick-St. Anthony Charity Golf Tournament now bears the name of its honorary chairman, Fr. Andrew Giardino, ofm, who worked tirelessly to help make this charity event a success. Sample program books are available near the entrance of the church. Contact Carolyn Abramo at cabramo@spsact.org to place an ad.

Letter from Fr. Tom, ofm

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

May the Lord give you peace.

I ask your support of the Fr. Andrew Charity Golf Tournament this year. We have changed the name to honor the dedication of Fr. Andrew to the mission of the Franciscan Center and commitment to this significant fund raiser for that mission. Your purchase of a raffle ticket, playing in the tournament, joining us for dinner and the auction, or advertising in our book help to build our community and support the good work of the Center. I am grateful for your continued support.

I ask your prayers for the people who have been affected by the earthquake in Italy, the flooding in Louisiana and the fires in California. In these tragedies some have lost their lives and many have lost people they loved. These natural disasters are devastating. The unrest in the world is

also overwhelmingly devastating. Many of us saw the photo of Omran Daqneesh on the television or the newspaper last week. We later learned that his 10 year-old brother, Ali, was killed in the air raid that destroyed their home. We remember the Syrian boy, Alan Kurdi, whose body washed up on the Mediterranean shore as his family sought refuge from the violence of their home. We must work and pray for an end to the unnatural disasters that touch the lives of so many children around the globe.

Finally, I ask your prayers for our nation. During this election year we have had called to our attention the experiences of division that exist. We have come to realize that racism is still a very real part of our culture as are sexism, misogyny, xenophobia as well as misunderstanding regarding sexual orientation, gender identity, and religious traditions. While these issues have been

raised and are issues of division, we realize the need for healing conversations and transformation. The Gospel invites us to enter again and again into conversion of heart and hospitality. The unhealed wounds reopened in the rhetoric of the political campaigns are in need of attention. Healing is possible for us as we realize the unexamined myths, presuppositions, and learned prejudices that undergird our responses to the world of today. We admit that our faith tradition has participated in the division. We must also look at how we can discover new ways integrating the best of the scripture, tradition and our experience to, as St. Francis enjoined the friars, "begin again to seek the Lord."



Sister Parish Update

This abbreviated report was submitted by Allison Keeton and Bill Prenetta after their first trip to Zoranje in April 2005. Fr. Frixner was the

first pastor of St. Genevieve when it became a parish in 2003. He remained pastor until December 2013 when Fr. Philippe was assigned as pastor: The most lasting image of Zoranje that we have is of Fr. Frixner, the center of the Catholic community. He has created an educational program for the village children. Since St. Patrick-St. Anthony's visit last September, he has added two additional classrooms and instituted a school lunch program, all with limited resources. We heard his message first hand during Mass. He said very simply to the congregation that they should be proud of who they are despite the little that they have, and he encouraged them to maintain their faith. Equally important he promoted the importance of the community with us at St. Patrick-St. Anthony. We saw the future of Haiti in the children, God was shining through their eyes...from that first schoolgirl we saw on the street to the orphans of Port-au-Prince to our new friends Faga and Brinet. How can we turn our backs on our brothers and sisters? We hope you will get involved by volunteering with the Sister Parish Committee, considering travel to Haiti, and most importantly, please remember to pray for our community in Zoranje. Together we can build a community of support. Full reports of this and the others that have run here this summer will be available at the Sister Parish display this October at the Ministry Fair.



FAITH FORMATION

Adult Faith Formation

"Introduction to Mindfulness"
Thursdays, September 22 and 29
7-8:30 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 is needed. You may either sit in a chair or lie on the floor to participate in the program. All participants are asked to bring a blanket. For those who are able to lie on the floor, please also bring a yoga mat and small pillow. *Free Will Offering*

Val Rossetti, M.D. has 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.

Servant Leadership

Are YOU interested in becoming a Servant Leader? "Come & See" Information session will be held on Thursday, September 8 at 6:30 pm

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

Spiritual Direction Meeting

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

Thin Places: "The Gifts of Imperfection"

October 5, 12, 19, 26
November 2 & 9 – 12:45-2:15 pm

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)

Peace Circles

Wednesday, August 31 from 12:30-1:00 pm in the Chapel following 12:05 pm Mass and 6:30-7:00 pm in the Franciscan Center.



COMMUNITY LIFE

Open Hearts Gay & Lesbian Ministry

Welcome Back Picnic! Please join us on Sunday, September 11 at 6 pm in the Franciscan Center. It will be a time to reconnect with friends, meet others in our ministry and share ideas/plans for the upcoming year. Please RSVP by Tuesday September 6 to Michael at canarywings@gmail.com. All are welcome!

Hartford PRIDE is back and we have a table for our Open Hearts Ministry on Saturday, September 10 from Noon to 5:30 pm. We need people to be present to welcome others, hand out brochures and be a friendly presence. Email Michael at canarywings@gmail.com if you are able to help.

SPSA Men's Fellowship Group

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.

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.

Novel Idea:

Fiction Discussion Group

Gather once a month to discuss works of fiction with a wide appeal. 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:

September 15: *The Summer Before the War* by Helen Simonson

October 20: *The Girl Who Came Home* by Hazel Gaynor

Date: Thursday, September 15

Time: 7:00 to 8:30 pm

'New Life Program'

Are You Separated or Divorced?

Parishioners Stacie Mawson and Catherine Posteraro will facilitate a 10-week program at St. Patrick-St. Anthony for separated and divorced persons. The program, called New Life, is designed for those who are in the stages of separation or divorce. It seeks to provide a "safe place" to examine stresses as well as to gain a wider perspective on the whole experience. Topics include self-image, stress, anger, blame and guilt, loneliness and how to move toward growth.

1st Session: Thursday, September 15 6:30-8:00 pm in Franciscan Center.

Sessions will run each Thursday night until November 17. To register call the Parish office at 860-756-4034. You may provide only your first name if you wish. The book to be used is provided free of charge. **A minimum of five sign-ups is needed.**

Emmaus Grieving Parents Ministry

October 29 Retreat Invitation

Each Fall parishioners have graciously shared their time and talents on behalf of parents whose spiritual journey includes the death of a child. It is that time again, and we are grateful for your hospitality, prayer shawls, healing presence, prayers (*including in the church on the day of the retreat*) and willingness to extend an invitation. Flyers are available in the literature rack at the back of the church.

All who have suffered the loss of a child at any time – including prior to birth and many decades ago – are welcome.



STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship Reflection

In the Gospel today, Jesus warns us not to give in hopes of repayment, but to give open-handedly to the poor and needy. That sort of giving mirrors the bountiful giving of God, and Jesus assures us it is blessed indeed!

Living Stewardship

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who give real thought to how

God has blessed them and then strive to give in proportion to what they have received.

Personal Care Items Needed

We are collecting travel size items such as razors, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, soap and shaving cream. We will assemble these items for those who come to the door seeking assistance. Please help our our neighbors by placing items in the bin at the back of the church marked "travel kits". Thank you!

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! **House of Bread... more than just soup.** www.houseofbread.org

Volunteer Opportunities

Are you looking for opportunities for work with others and enriching the lives of those less fortunate than yourself? Consider the every other Saturday morning commitment working with youngsters of families receiving assistance from the House of Bread. Activities include pumpkin picking, visits to local historical sites and learning about being part of a community. Please contact Faith VosWinkel at fvoswinkel@spsact.org or Trudi in the parish office to find out more.

We are seeking additional helpers after the morning Masses for our monthly Community Sundays. This is a great family volunteering opportunity. Please contact Trudi in the office to find out the details of this ministry of hospitality.

Your Weekly Giving

August 20/21.....\$11,241.00
Feast of the Assumption\$1,247.00
On-line Giving –Aug. 15-21\$5,227.00
Total available for operating budget
\$17,715.00

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

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



For More Information

Go to www.spsact.org or call the Parish office at 860-756-4034 for information on **Baptism, The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, First Communion, Confirmation, First Reconciliation, and Sacrament of the Sick.**

Free, well-lighted parking is available in the Saints Surface Parking Lot located directly across the street from St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church and the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry.

Reconciliation

Mon • Wed • Fri -11:30 am; Sat - 3:30 pm
Private confessions by appointment are available.

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Church and Franciscan Center are handicap accessible.

We Pray

For the sick, **Omray Daqneesh; Zenia Perrica.**
For our newly married couple, **Amanda Casale and Joshua White**
For our newly baptized children, **Christian, and Emmett**, son of Bradford and Kirsten Devlin.
For the students, families, and professionals who are returning to school during the day and in our Religious Ed department – that their eyes and ears of understanding be opened and the teaching they encounter reflect the love and peace of God.

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27, 2016

4:00 Francelina Marques

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28, 2016

8:00 William & Angeline Speziale

10:00 George Sanford

11:45 Carmine, Filomena, Tiberio, Valentino & Justina Ficocelli

5:00 Dorothy & Al Silver

MONDAY, AUGUST 29, 2016

7:00 Our Parishioners

8:00 Franciscan Center Ministry

12:05 Dr. Gregory Sheehan

TUESDAY, AUGUST 30, 2016

7:00 Our Parishioners

8:00 Franciscan Center Ministry

12:05 Intentions of the Kerrigan Family

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31, 2016

7:00 For Franciscan Center Ministry

8:00 Franciscan Center Ministry

12:05 Margaret Fraser

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2016

7:00 Our Parishioners

8:00 Franciscan Center Ministry

12:05 Intentions of Jennifer Scott

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2016

7:00 Our Parishioners

8:00 Ned Schofield

12:05 In thanksgiving to St. Valentine

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2016

4:00 Concetta Gianni

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2016

8:00 Pizzoferrato & Cronin Families

10:00 Concetta Fiore Scalzo

11:45 Anne Marie Ellis

5:00 Eleanor D'Esopo

St. Anthony Bread for the Poor

Financial gifts to St. Anthony's Bread For The Poor help to support our Weekend Meal Program at the House of Bread and Sandwich Distribution Program that takes place 7 days a week, 52 weeks a year.

Name: _____

Address: _____

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