

APRIL 3, 2016
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 2016

4:00 Dominic Giardino

SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 2016

8:00 Berniece Narwid – req. by Bernice & Jack Czertak

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

11:45 Arlene Boucher – req. by Mimi & Chris Blejwas

5:00 Concetta Gianni – req. by the Family

MONDAY, APRIL 4, 2016

7:00 For Our Parishioners

8:00 Christopher Fox – req. by Nora & Mark Fox

12:05 Regina & James Buggle – req. by Alice Brennan

TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2016

7:00 For Franciscan Center Ministry

8:00 For Catherine's Place Ministry

12:05 Georgene Tuch- req. by Florence Tuch

6:00 **Vesper Service**

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 2016

7:00 Domenic Giardino

8:00 David McGregor – req. by Jim & Betty McManus

12:05 Lucas Matthew Breton – req. by Annette & Art Corey

THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 2016

7:00 For Our Parishioners

8:00 Linda DiTomasso – req. by Sebastian Kolodziej

12:05 Salvatore Gianni – req. by the Family

FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 2016

7:00 For Franciscan Center Ministry

8:00 Larry DelPonte – req. by the Stevenson Family

12:05 Mary Wolfenberger – req. by the Family

SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 2016

4:00 Ed Alexis, 2nd anniversary – req. by Connie & Bob Houde

SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 2016

8:00 William D. Brown – req. by the Family

10:00 Arnaldo Pace – req. by the Luzi Family

11:45 Infante & Rodgers Families – req. by Sam & Maryrose Ricciardi

5:00 Billy Callahan – req. by the Family

PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS

*Sean Manning; Dr. Gregory Sheehan;
Harrison Tokarski*

This week prayer is requested for all those who work with our partnership with the House of Bread Soup Kitchen. We are involved in many aspects of the partnership – with in-kind donations, meal teams that serve on Thursday nights, Saturday lunch and Sunday breakfast, the Adventure Saturday Mentor program that serves the children of House of Bread clients, the H.O.M.E. program and through the Committee for Social Justice Giving Tree activities in Advent. Many thanks for all your help meeting the needs of our brothers and sisters in the city of Hartford.

REMINDERS

- Blood Pressure Screenings will be done in the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry next Sunday after the 8:00, 10:00, and 11:45 a.m. Masses.
- Fair-Trade coffee and donuts will be served after the 8:00, 10:00 and 11:45 a.m. Masses next Sunday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Weddings

COURTNEY McQUEENEY AND KYLE SHUTE

Baptisms

MICHAELA, daughter of Melissa Serignese

SISTER PARISH UPDATE



Transitions: Fr. Cid has asked to step aside as the staff liaison for the Sister Parish Committee (SPC). The Committee would like to thank Fr. Cid for his service to this ministry over the last five years. Fr. Tom will be the staff liaison for SPC. Welcome Fr. Tom.

Work continues for this year's Taste of Haiti on Sat., June 4. Fr. Philippe will be joining us again. The planning subcommittee will meet on Tues., Apr. 12 to continue with Taste of Haiti planning. Check next week's update for confirmation of the time. Anyone wishing to participate is welcome to attend – bring your ideas. Call the parish office if you have questions.

Work to complete the remaining rooms and details of St. Genevieve Church is in progress. Meanwhile, if you haven't already done so, check out the photos on the Sister Parish Facebook page or the bulletin board in our church.

The next meeting of the full Sister Parish Committee is Mon., Apr. 11 at 6:30 p.m. in the Franciscan Center. All are welcome.

Sister Parish Committee

Adult Faith Formation

Please call the parish office to register for these programs.

Enkindling Love: The Spiritual Journey of St. Francis according to Bonaventure

Wed., Apr. 6, 13, 20, 27, May 4; 11; 12:45-2:15 p.m. Each DVD-talk by Br. Edward Coughlin, OFM will focus on the many forms of Francis' inner transformation – conversion of mind, heart and choice.

Facilitator: Patricia Curtis Suggested Offering: \$50.00

Servanthood – Leadership for the Third Millennium

Tues., Apr. 12 & 26 – 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Facilitator: Laura Dwyer

Free-Will Offering

These Things Were Written for Our Instruction: An Introduction to the Old Testament – Part 2

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

Presenter: Paul Sansone

Suggested Offering: \$30

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

May the Lord give you peace.

Happy Easter! Alleluia Christ is risen!

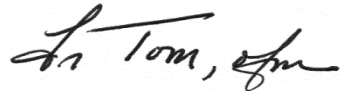
I hope that you had a great celebration of the first days of Easter. As you know, only too well, this season continues for all of fifty days. What began on Ash Wednesday comes to fulfillment in the remembering and renewal of the gift of God's Spirit in Pentecost. Our journey continues.

I do want to especially thank you for your participation in the prayers and celebrations of the Triduum and Easter Day. Our sharing at table on Holy Thursday, foot washing, and Eucharist were wonderful signs of God's presence within the community. The beauty of the Good Friday Liturgy with the proclamation of the Word and the veneration of the cross was powerfully moving. The evening service of Word and music was a great way to close the day. The Easter Vigil with fire, light, Word, music, water and anointing was amazing. All of the Easter Day celebrations were well attended and prayerful. I thank you for making this possible.

I also thank the many ministers whose coordinated efforts enabled each gathering to be prayerful and welcoming. Our gardeners, hospitality folks, musicians, readers, ministers of the Eucharist, decorators, RCIA and Religious Education teams, ushers, sacristans, masters of ceremonies, and friars together with you gave eloquent praise to the wonder of God's love for us in Jesus. It was especially delightful to see our young musicians and lectors fully incorporated into the celebrations.

I am also grateful for the extraordinary welcome that you offered to our many visitors over the weekend. Your hospitality welcomed some who have been estranged from the church for many years, some who are searching for a home, and some who came because they were visiting family in the area. I thank you for maintaining our tradition of "all are welcome".

This weekend we hear from John's Gospel and of two appearances of Jesus to the disciples. While Jesus remains the central person in the recounting of these appearances, Thomas is present as one who discovers through experience. It is not enough for him that the others say that they have seen the Lord, he desires to know for himself. Thomas, often dismissed as one who doubted, provides us with a model for discovery. It is not enough that others tell us of their experience of God's presence in Jesus. We are each invited to know for ourselves. Perhaps, this week might provide an opportunity for us to reflect on our encounters of touching the wounded ones, of being touched by peace, love, healing and compassion. In these moments, we are able to say with Thomas, "my Lord and my God".



- **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>.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"Blessed are they who have not seen and have believed," Jesus says in today's Gospel. For those who have not seen to believe, however, we must be good stewards of our faith, living it joyfully and sharing it generously.

LIVING STEWARDSHIP

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who put their faith into action – especially through the spiritual and corporal works of mercy – even when they may not "see" the fruits of their service, relying on God's grace to do the rest!

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!

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 5.** The focus for reflection will be the Gospel for the upcoming Sunday. All are welcome! Please join us.

Our Lady of Calvary Retreat

On the weekend of May 13-15, the women of our parish are invited to Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center in Farmington, CT. Experience a weekend filled with rest, relaxation and spiritual renewal. You'll have the opportunity to participate in the sacraments, to hear conference talks, to share with other women and to reflect on this year's theme, *"Encountering the Tenderness of God."* For information e-mail elaine.wiatr@yahoo.com

OPEN HEARTS
GAY & LESBIAN MINISTRY

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

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

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 12, 6:45 to 8:15
p.m.**

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

***Communal Anointing for Healing during Mass
Followed by Luncheon***

We invite you to a celebration of communal anointing on **Saturday, April 16 at 11:15 am** in The Franciscan Center. The Mass will include the Anointing of the Sick and be followed by a luncheon. Parishioners who wish to be anointed as well as their caregivers and family members are invited. If you plan to attend please call Fran Martyn at the parish office at (860) 756-4034 by Wednesday, April 13. If staying for the luncheon please let us know of any dietary restrictions, allergies, etc. you may have and how many people may be coming with you.

We invite and encourage anyone who is seriously ill, with prolonged or chronic illness or disease (heart, cancer, respiratory ailments, diabetes, etc.); those with the disease of alcoholism or other addictions; those who suffer from mental illness and disorders; anyone facing exploratory surgery with its uncertainty and anxiety and those experiencing aging with its limitations, its fears and isolation together with caregivers and family to come and join us that day.

Program for Separated and Divorced Persons.

Our New Life program for separated and divorced persons at St. Patrick-St. Anthony's starts on April 7 and continues each Thursday through June 9. Meeting time at The Franciscan Center is 6:30-8:00 pm. Two parishioners are co-facilitators. To register please call the parish office at (860) 756-4034 or e-mail our secretary at fmartyn@spsact.org. If wished, you may just give your first name when you call. The book used in the program is provided free of charge. A minimum of five sign-ups is needed.

EMMAUS GRIEVING PARENTS MEETING

Our next monthly gatherings for those who have suffered the loss of a child at any time – including prior to birth and many decades ago – will be in the Franciscan Center on: **April 10, 3:30 p.m. and May 22 at 10:15 a.m.** Please let us know if you are interested in: meeting parents in specific circumstances (e.g. birth loss, suicide), or interested in an outing for fathers to a baseball game.



Soup Kitchen & Day Shelter

It's Meatloaf Madness! Cooked and frozen meat loaves will be collected next week. Bring home cooking to our clients at the House of Bread!

Much needed are razors, socks, spray deodorant and other toiletries for the Day Shelter. Non-perishables for the Soup Kitchen of 39 gallon trash bags, dish detergent, bleach, salt & pepper.

Thank you for your generosity.

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

2016 Archbishop's Annual Appeal Raises

\$4,000,000+ in 3 Weeks – All Time Record!

Thank you to the parish families who have made a gift or pledge commitment 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. Please visit the updated Appeal website at www.archdioceseofhartford.org/archbishops-annual-appeal for more information.

SECOND COLLECTION – APRIL 9/10, 2016

Next week, our archdiocese will take up the Peter's Pence Collection, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Join our Holy Father as a witness of charity to those who are suffering

COLLECTION AMOUNTS

Weekly – Mar. 26/27	\$17,670.50
Special Easter Collection	\$17,507.50
On-line Giving – Mar. 21-27	\$ 5,289.50
Total available for operating budget	\$40,467.50



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.**

READINGS –APRIL 4-10, 2016

Mon.	Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Tues.	Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7b-15
Wed.	Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21
Thurs.	Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36
Fri.	Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15
Sun.	Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Rv 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19