



**MARCH 20, 2016**  
**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 2016**

4:00 Edward Gallagher

**SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 2016**

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

10:00 Joseph Patoka, Sr. – req. by Joseph & Lucianne Patoka

11:45 Intentions of Elizabeth Gallagher

5:00 Billy Callahan – req. by the Family

**MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2016**

7:00 For Catherine's Place Ministry

8:00 For Our Parishioners

12:05 Richard B. Coppa – req. by Doris Curtis

**TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2016**

7:00 For Franciscan Center Ministry

8:00 Larry Bender – req. by Sandy Bender Fromson

12:05 Matthew Kilgariff – req. by Betty Russell

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 2016**

7:00 For Catherine's Place Ministry

8:00 For Our Parishioners

12:05 Kathleen Kelly – req. by Jim & Betty McManus

**THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 2016**

12:05 Prayer Service

6:30 Mass of the Lord's Supper

10:00 Prayer Service

**FRIDAY, MARCH 25, 2016**

12:05 Prayer Service

3:00 Celebration of the Lord's Passion

7:30 Service of Music & Scriptures

**SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 2016**

8:00 Prayer Service

7:30 Easter Vigil

**SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 2016**

6:30 Sunrise Mass

8:00 )

10:00 ) FOR PARISHIONERS

11:45 )

5:00 )

**PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS**

*Ed Hill; Sean Manning; Lawreen McCann;  
 Marlene Nepomuceno; Robert Tuttle*

Thank you to our Community Sunday Hosts who prepare the coffee and donuts that we have on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month. We ask your prayers of gratitude for these hosts who offer hospitality to all who come through the doors on Community Sunday.

**READINGS –MARCH 21-27, 2016**

**Mon. Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11**

**Tues. Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38**

**Wed. Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25**

**Thurs. Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15**

**Fri. Is 52:13-53:12; Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9; Jn 18:1-19:42**

**Sun. Acts 10:34a, 37:43; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9**

**SISTER PARISH UPDATE**



Work is underway for this year's **Taste of Haiti on Saturday, June 4**. The Sister Parish Committee is looking at a different format this year. Fr. Philippe will be joining us again.

A subcommittee will meet on Thurs., Mar. 17 at 6:30 to move with Taste of Haiti planning. Anyone wishing to participate is welcome to attend – bring your ideas. Call the church 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 back of our church.

The next meeting of the full Sister Parish Committee is Mon., Mar. 21 at 6:30 in the Franciscan Center.

**Sister Parish Committee**

**Bake Bread for our Holy Thursday Experience  
 Sunday, March 20 – 11:30-12:30 p.m.**

Come help bake the bread for the Holy Thursday dinner. Parishioner Chris Torla, executive chef of Max Trumbull Kitchen will lead us in creating unleavened bread to be shared on Holy Thursday at our Pilgrim Supper. Join Chris and fellow parishioners in the Franciscan Center. This is a great activity for families and for anyone interested in unleavened bread. Please call the church office or email us at [info@spsact.org](mailto:info@spsact.org) so we can plan accordingly.

**Adult Faith Formation**

*Please call the parish office to register for these programs.*

**Lenten Nourishment**- March 22; 12:30-1 p.m.

Speaker: Fr. Tom Gallagher, ofm

Offering: \$5.00 includes lunch

**REEL Faith: "The Other Side of the Other Side – Crossing the Border in our Community"**

Thurs., Apr. 7 – 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Facilitator: Mary Joan Picone

Free Will Offering

**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

**Day of Reflection for Women at Enders Island, Mystic, CT** – Sat., May 7 – 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Retreat Day Leader: R. Eileen Dooling, RSM

Suggested Offering: \$45; includes lunch

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

May the Lord give you peace.

We have entered into Holy Week. This is the heart of our journey to Pentecost. The core of God's love for us in Jesus is revealed in the shared meal, the washing of feet, betrayal, cross, death, resurrection together with the offer of peace and the empowerment to forgive. Like the Father in the parable of the prodigal son, Jesus does not say a word about his forgiving those who have betrayed, denies, abandoned him rather he speaks words of peace, empowerment and the great gift of Holy Spirit.

We enter into and live this week through the various liturgical celebrations. These are for us significant opportunities to deepen our consciousness of the great love that God has for us. They are for us entrance into symbol that is transformative. I invite you, encourage you, to join us for as much of the week as is possible for you.

As is our custom, all are welcome to join us for prayer. We respect where your life journey has led you because wherever it is or has been, you are graced and gifted. Your life's experiences and diversity are a blessing for all. We welcome young and old, single and married, those who struggle with the church and those who have always been at home in the church. All are welcome to gather at the cross and marvel at God's call to union with God. I especially want to note that while some of the services may seem long, children are welcome and often are very receptive to the experience.

We will gather on Holy Thursday at 12:05 for prayer and then at 6:30 p.m. for a shared meal and reflection in the Franciscan Center. (Please let us know that you are coming so that we will have enough for everyone to eat.) The experience continues as we process from the Center to the church for the liturgy at 7:30. Ideally, it is best to be a part of the whole experience. The Blessed Sacrament will be reserved in the chapel until 10:00 p.m. when we will have a brief prayer service and close the chapel.

Good Friday begins with a prayer service at 12:05. We continue with the Good Friday Service at 3:00 p.m.. This is the traditional Solemn Good Friday Service with scripture, veneration of the cross, and Communion. We close the day with a service of prayer and music at 7:30 p.m.

Holy Saturday begins with morning prayer at 8:00 and continues with the Easter Vigil at 7:30 p.m. This service is the blessing of fire, lighting of the new Paschal Candle, lighting of candles for those illumined by Christ in baptism, scripture, the singing of the great Alleluia, initiation through Baptism and Reception into the Church that includes Confirmation for some, and the Easter Eucharist. This moving service will probably be about two hours.

On Easter morning we begin with a sunrise service at 6:30 and continue with our usual Sunday Mass schedule.

Come, bring your friends, family, strangers. Let us celebrate together the feast of God's love for us.



- Calling all gardeners! Our gardens are waking up. Consider joining the **SPSA yard goats/garden ministry**. For more information, speak with Frank Ferrero or call Trudi in the parish office.

- **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>.

- The **House of Bread** is in need of **OLD** washcloths. Please bring any old washcloths and place them in the bins at the back of the church. The color nor condition matter, the cloths will be bleached and used in the kitchen. Thank you.

#### **STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION**

*In the gospel story of the first Palm Sunday we hear the owners of the ass had only to be told, "The Master has need of it," to give the animal gladly. Do I give as readily to the Lord's work?*

#### **LIVING STEWARDSHIP**

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who reflect on the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, leading them to a deeper understanding of God's mercy and a new sense of meaning and purpose in their lives.

#### **CATHERINE'S PLACE**

AT THE FRANCISCAN CENTER FOR URBAN MINISTRY IN  
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#### **2016 Archbishop's Annual Appeal**

In just a few short weeks, our parish has raised \$3.490 for the Appeal. The Archbishop's Annual Appeal supports many important ministries and programs. Gifts are allocated towards religious education programs, youth ministries, local charities, the education of our seminarians, our retired clergy, our Catholic schools, and all of the services provided by the Archdiocese, far too many to list here. If you have not yet made your gift or pledge, please pray about your decision and consider making a pledge or one-time gift. Join us, your Catholic community, as we share our blessings and join in **God's Mercy at Work**.

**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 5 at 6:30 p.m.**

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

**SAMARITAN GROUP** –Traveling the illness journey with faith-filled companions can make a difference. We believe that support through the lens of faith can bring significant spiritual connection, healing, and deepen relationship with self, others in the community, and with God. The Samaritan Group will be offering two groups this Spring: one group for those who are journeying with cancer or another chronic illness, and a group for those who are caregivers of ones with cancer or other chronic illness.

The format for the group will be one of Spiritual Companionship. Members of the group take turns bringing forward some topic or issue of a spiritual interest to share. Topics might include: "where is God when I need God?" Other group members listen attentively and offer questions or thoughts that help the presenter to explore the issue more deeply. Every member of the group finds that they benefit from the process. It is a very respectful process, without advice giving or attempts to "fix" the presenter. The Spirit of God is active in the group, guiding responses, and bestowing insight. Both groups will meet on the same evening, one Tuesday per month, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. If interested, please contact Pat Curtis, 860-756-4034, x-113 or e-mail [pcurtis@spsact.org](mailto:pcurtis@spsact.org).

**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 Franciscan Center on March 20<sup>th</sup> to learn more about the Secular Franciscan Order. We will pray the rosary at 1:30 followed by our meeting at 2:00. To celebrate Holy Week on that Palm Sunday, we will pray the Franciscan Way of the Cross which incorporates the writings of St. Francis.

**CATHOLIC YOUTH SPECTACULAR**

The Spring Catholic Youth Spectacular is Sun., Apr. 24, 11:30-5:45 at High Meadow in Granby, CT. The cost is \$30/person before Apr. 15. Join hundreds of youth from across the region to explore and celebrate their Catholic faith on the same day as the Jubilee of Youth in Rome! Contact your DRE or Coordinator of Youth Ministry to get tickets or call Shawnee Baldwin 860-242-5573 x2672 for more information. Registration deadline is April 15.



**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 sofrito...or help us deliver the meals and clean up with plastic wrap, aluminum foil, bleach, dish detergent, paper towels/napkins/cups.

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**The "Second Chance Society"**

**Tues., Apr. 12; 7-9 p.m. in the Franciscan Center**

The "Second Chance Society" is recently passed state legislation reducing the penalty for simple drug possession, establishing an expedited parole process and pardons process. Also, it is a series of state and federally funded programs designed to help those leaving the prison system to achieve a successful reentry into our communities. These programs assist ex-offenders with finding a place to live, a job, and with continuing education. Come hear Mike Lawlor, Undersecretary for Criminal Justice Policy & Planning, and Scott Semple, Commissioner of the Dept. of Corrections, talk about the goals of these programs and what more is needed to be done. **What can we, as faith communities, do to assist our brothers and sisters in their reentry?** Join us on Apr. 12. *Co-sponsored by St. Patrick-St. Anthony, Asylum Hill and Center Churches.*

**"A New Day" Bereavement Program**

A nine-week bereavement program, "A New Day," is being offered to help individuals through the natural process of grieving. The program will be held each Sunday between April 3 and June 5 from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. in the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry. If you would like to be part of our group, please register by calling the parish office at 860-756-4034. A minimum of five sign-ups is needed for the program to be held.

**COLLECTION AMOUNTS**

Weekly – Mar. 12/13 .....\$13,203.50  
On-line Giving – Mar. 7-13 .....\$ 5,558.00  
Total available for operating budget.....\$18,761.50



To register for Online Giving, please visit our website

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