

JULY 17, 2016  
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**SATURDAY, JULY 16, 2016**

4:00 Abile & DiStefano Families – req. by Joe DiStefano

**SUNDAY, JULY 17, 2016**

8:00 Tina & Charles Vella; Lucille Vella Konstandaras -  
req. by Charlie Vella

10:00 David Jackson – req. by the Family

11:45 Rosemary Vendan – req. by Aurora Zunica

5:00 Theresa Nunes – req. by Christine Hovey

**MONDAY, JULY 18, 2016**

7:00 In thanksgiving to St. Pio – req. by Rosemarie  
Perkoski

8:00 Irene Lareau – req. by the SPSA Men's Fellowship

12:05 Stanley Sidur – req. by Norma Gina

**TUESDAY, JULY 19, 2016**

7:00 Camron Mounds, Jr. – Peg Morton

8:00 Intentions of Todd Cunha – req. by Patti & Stefan  
Wawzyniecki

12:05 Rose Zoppoli – req. by the Family

7:00 **Mass of Healing**

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 20, 2016**

7:00 Mary Fritz – req. by Peg Morton

8:00 Riberto Bascome – req. by Hazel Singh-Patrick

12:05 Irene Lareau – req. by Jack & Helen Martins

**THURSDAY, JULY 21, 2016**

7:00 Harold S. Emery – req. by Peg Morton

8:00 Norma Zyskowski – req. by the Family

12:05 Juliano Family – req. by Evelyn & Albert Rimosukas

**FRIDAY, JULY 22, 2016**

7:00 Pascual Gutierrez – req. by Carlos Costa

8:00 Michael Borea – req. by Peg Morton

12:05 Conrad Rosal – req. by the Family

**SATURDAY, JULY 23, 2016**

4:00 Johanna Pace – req. by Joe DiStefano

**SUNDAY, JULY 24, 2016**

8:00 Carmen Vargas Cardona – req. by Janette Mourlier

10:00 Fr. Jim Hynes, ofm, 65<sup>th</sup> birthday – req. by Joyce &  
John Lemega

11:45 In thanksgiving to St. Cristina – req. by Rosemarie  
Perkoski

5:00 Jerene Luna – req. by her Sister

PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS  
*Sandra Daversa; John Gelberg; Fr. Andrew Giardino,  
ofm; Infant Seamus Hansen; Bruce May; Katherine Nel*

PLEASE REMEMBER THE DECEASED IN YOUR  
PRAYERS  
*Lawreen McCann*

SANCTUARY LAMP – WEEK OF JULY 17, 2016  
In loving memory of the Abile & DiStefano Families –  
req. by Joe DiStefano.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Baptisms*

**VINCENSINA**, daughter of Steven and Kathryn Borla  
**LUKE**, son of Garrett and Katherine Leduc-Griffiths  
**CAROLINE**, daughter of Matthew and Lauren Stiles



**SISTER PARISH UPDATE**

It was suggested that it might be of interest to share some reflections from fellow parishioners. This one is from Helen Martins from a trip in 2007.

On February 5<sup>th</sup>, I had the privilege of accompanying 7 other **St. Patrick/St. Anthony** parishioners to Haiti for a 10-day immersion trip. We spent 7 days in **Port-au-Prince** at the **Norwich Mission House** and 3 days in **Zoranje** at our sister parish - **St. Genevieve**. This was truly a life changing experience for me. While my family expressed concern for my safety, I and my group experienced only kindness and friendship during our entire visit.

There is a Haitian proverb. "*What the eye does not see does not touch the heart.*" On my trip, my eyes saw so much and my heart was genuinely and forever touched. I have never seen so much poverty and beauty at the same time. Our brothers and sisters in Haiti have hard lives. Food, clean water, and sanitation – things that we all take for granted - are all luxuries in Haiti. But even with these conditions prevalent, the Haitian people have an abundance of faith and hope. We witnessed this daily at the schools, orphanages and hospitals that we visited. The most amazing people are involved in providing their services at these facilities with the aid and support of the Haitian Ministries. They live out the mission statement of *Haitians helping Haitians*.

In **Zoranje**, **Father Frixner** fed us like the "*prodigal son*". The people of **Zoranje** were warm, welcoming and friendly. Their hospitality was truly inspiring. Though they had little, they were happy, hopeful and faithful. The voices of the community at Mass at **St. Genevieve** brought tears to my eyes.

The children really stole my heart. I learned that there is no language barrier with children. Whenever we were outside, they gathered around us. They delighted us with their songs in *Creole*, their dances and their warm smiles. They entertained us at every opportunity and we all enjoyed them immensely.

There was one little girl in particular, that I still think about every day. She was 3 years old and the 7<sup>th</sup> of 7 children. Her name is De Delina, but we all called her princess because everyone jumped to obey her wishes. I seriously thought about bringing her home, and my family would **not** have been surprised. Our group leader – Judy Secord - checked my bags when I left to make sure that I did not take her. I hope to see her again someday.

It was truly a joy to spend 10 days with my fellow parishioners and the people of Haiti. I encourage all of you to have your hearts touched as mine was by making your own trips to Haiti.

Dear Parishioners and Friends at

St. Patrick-St. Anthony and St. Genevieve,  
May the Lord give you peace.

We often pray the prayer attributed to St. Francis, "Lord, make me an instrument of your peace." This is a powerful prayer that engages our imagination. For Franciscans it is a remembering of the witness of St. Francis in the embrace of the leper, in the friendship with the Muslim leader, and the reconciliation of the bishop with the mayor of Assisi. We seek to embody this prayer that it not simply words but deeds.

In these weeks where we have seen division, death, and discord around our world and within our nation we are called to be instruments of peace, healers. We have had painful images brought into our homes. We have seen and heard of the shooting at the gay club in Orlando, bombings in Istanbul and Baghdad, the deaths of Alton Sterling and Philando Castile as well as 4 officers from the Dallas Police Department; Michael Krol, Patrick Zamarripa, Michael Smith, and Lorne Ahrens, and one from DART; Brent Thompson. Micah Johnson the shooter in Dallas also died. There were many wounded in the bombings and in the shootings.

The witness of St. Francis encourages us to engage ever more deeply in the mission of peace. For St. Francis, the beginning and core of his understanding and ability to affect peace was his relationship with God. Within that relationship, Francis realized that in Jesus he too was a son of God and brother to all. If God would do this for the poor man of Assisi, God will do this for all. We, through Jesus, are daughters and sons, sisters and brothers not simply within a particular clan but transcending all boundaries.

Let us gather to pray and remember on Tuesday, July 19, at 7:00 pm, for a Mass of healing and dedication to our mission of peace. Beginning on Wednesday, and for several Wednesdays to follow, I invite you to gather for Circles of Prayer to deepen our understanding, our community, and our commitment to peace making. Please join us for this healing Mass and also, as your time allows, become a part of the Circle of Prayer. It might not be possible for some traveling or due to age, sickness, or vacation plans but please take some time to pray for healing and for the strength to embody this ministry of peace.

In other news, Fr. Andrew is still in rehab at St. Mary's Home. He appreciates your prayers and visits. Pat Curtis is doing well in her recovery following knee surgery. I expect she will make an appearance soon at Mass and begin back to work for a few hours a week in the near future. Pat is also grateful for your prayers and support.

*Fr. Tom, OFM*



- Are you available to assist with either the 4 p.m. or 5 p.m. Mass on the weekend? We are seeking assistance in the setting up and closing up for Mass. Contact Trudi in the office to find out the details!

- Have you noticed that most times when you call the office or ring the doorbell a receptionist answers? We are seeking substitute receptionists to assist in the parish office when needed. Contact Trudi in the office for more information.

#### STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

*Today's readings speak of hospitality. Abraham, who cheerfully did for his guests all that desert hospitality required, was rewarded with his heart's desire – a son. Martha also busied herself with all the details of hospitality but grudgingly and will complain. Am I a cheerful or a grudging giver?*

#### LIVING STEWARDSHIP

We are grateful this week for all stewards who "give drink to the thirsty" by donating to help build wells for water for those in need or making an effort not to waste water, especially in regions suffering from drought.

Have you ever wondered how to become an Altar Server, Choir member, Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Usher, or Sacristan to assist in our worship on the weekends here at St. Patrick-St. Anthony? We have opportunities for you!! To find out more, give Trudi Campbell a call in the parish office

#### SPSA MEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP

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

Our Men's Day of Reflection at Enders Island will be on **Sat., Sept. 17 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.** 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?* The cost is \$45 per person and will include a BBQ lunch. Transportation is on your own. Registration is required by calling the parish office. All men are welcome to attend, but we are limited to a total of 30. Please spread the word.

**NOVEL IDEA: FICTION DISCUSSION GROUP**

A group of parishioners and friends gather once a month at the Urban Ministry Center to discuss works of fiction with a wide appeal. We invite and welcome new participants. 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:**

**July 21** *The Postmistress* by Sarah Blake

**Aug. 18** *Station Eleven* by Emily St. John Mandel

**Date/Time:** Thurs., July 21 – 7 to 8:30 p.m.

**Place:** Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry

**OPEN HEARTS**

**GAY & LESBIAN MINISTRY**

**Next meeting: TBA**

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

**Next Meeting: TBA**

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

**EMMAUS GRIEVING PARENTS  
SUMMER MEETING DATES**

All parents who have lost a child are invited to gather in the Franciscan Center on July 17 at 11:15 a.m.

Parents who lost a child prior to or soon after birth will also gather on July 24 at 6:15 p.m. (August dates are TBD)

**SPIRITUAL DIRECTION MEETING**

Each Tuesday at **1:00 p.m.** in the Franciscan Center a Spiritual Direction meeting will take place. **Next meeting: July 19.** The focus for reflection will be the Gospel for the upcoming Sunday. All are welcome! Please join us.

**READINGS – JULY 18-24, 2016**

- Mon. Mi 1-4, 6-8; Mt 12:38-42
- Tues. Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Mt 12:46-50
- Wed. Jer 1:1, 4-10; Mt 13:1-9
- Thurs. Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Mt 13:10-17
- Fri. Jer 3:14-17; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
- Sun. Gn 18:20-32; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13



Kids Café...It's hard to study when you're hungry! Help feed over 450 kids a day with cooking oil and rice...in addition to canned vegetables, pasta, tuna, powdered milk, yummy spices of taco seasoning, adobo, sofrito...or help with plastic wrap, aluminum foil, bleach, dish detergent, paper towels/napkins/cups.

Thank you for all you do!

[www.hobread.org](http://www.hobread.org)...more than just soup!

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

*Please call the parish office to register.*

**Summer Nourishment – How Do We Know Mercy in Our Lives?** – Tues. July 19 & 26; 12:30-12:55 p.m.

Presenter:

7/19 – Michael Reynolds, Social Worker – Open Hearts Ministry

Offering: \$5.00/per lunch

**Thank You**

We three friars wish to express our gratitude for the love and support you showed during our Jubilee celebration of profession in the Franciscan Order at and after the 4 p.m. Mass on Saturday, June 18. It was very gratifying to witness the large turnout of people on this occasion. We are most grateful for the gifts of your presence, your expressions of appreciation and well wishes your cards and generosity. It continues to be a great privilege to minister in your midst here at St. Patrick-St. Anthony.

*Fr. Andrew, Fr. John, Fr. Cid*

**SECOND COLLECTION – JULY 23/24, 2016**

The second collection next weekend will be for the Archdiocesan Mission Appeals. Brother Charles Gamen, OCD will speak to us on behalf of the Discalced Carmelite Friars Mission in Kenya.

**COLLECTION AMOUNTS**

**Weekly – July 9/10.....\$13,496.50**  
**On-line Giving –July 4-10.....\$ 5,380.50**  
**Total available for operating budget .....\$18,877.00**



To register for Online Giving, please visit our website: [WWW.SPSACT.ORG](http://WWW.SPSACT.ORG).

We're still here while you're on vacation. Use On-Line Giving to schedule recurring or one-time donations.

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.*