

MAY 8, 2016
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2016

4:00 Michael Fusco, Jr. – req. by Michael & Paula Fusco

SUNDAY, MAY 8, 2016

8:00 Marion Kuzma – req. by Berniece & Jack Czertak

10:00 Lucy & Jenny Scacca; Olivia DeRosa & Andrea Capo – req. by the Family

11:45 In thanksgiving to Our Lady of Grace – req. by Our Lady of Grace Society

5:00 Chelsea Clyburn – req. by the Family

MONDAY, MAY 9, 2016

7:00 Tommy Labriola – req. by Ann & Ray Diamondstone

8:00 Robert Carmine – req. by his Mother

12:05 Georgene Tuch – req. by Florence Tuch

TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2016

7:00 For Franciscan Center Ministry

8:00 For Catherine's Place Ministry

12:05 Joyce Daniels – req. by Michael & Mary Ellen Rogers

6:00 Vesper Service

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 2016

7:00 For Our Parishioners

8:00 For Franciscan Center Ministry

12:05 Vita Hodgkins – req. by the Family

THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2016

7:00 For Catherine's Place Ministry

8:00 Angela Schnip – req. by Thomas Divine

12:05 Hank Martyn

FRIDAY, MAY 13, 2016

7:00 Fr. Antonio Saraiva – req. by Carlos Costa

8:00 For Our Parishioners

12:05 Sal Cianci – req. by the Family

SATURDAY, MAY 14, 2016

4:00 Concetta Romano, 11th anniversary – req. by the Family

8:00 Vigil Mass

SUNDAY, MAY 15, 2016

8:00 Mastronardi Family – req. by the Family

10:00 Carmela & Guido Coletto – req. by Virginia Perrone

11:45 Joe Horton – req. by Roberta Horton

5:00 William O'Connor – req. by Jim & Deirdre Howard

SANCTUARY LAMPS – WEEK OF MAY 8, 2016

In loving memory of Emily Yeadon.

In honor of Samuel Yeadon.

In honor of Susan & Dan Yeadon.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS

*Frances Coco; Ann Farley; Fr. Andrew Giardino, ofm;
Christine Laird; Cecy Mickey; Johanna Pace; Tom
Powers Baby Devin Cherena;*

PLEASE REMEMBER THE DECEASED IN YOUR PRAYERS

Kathleen Foley; Selena Mason

Please pray for: our meal teams who serve on a regular schedule at the House of Bread Soup Kitchen, the Adventure Saturday Mentors who work with the children of House of Bread clients, and for the workers at the House of Bread Thrift Store.

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

Baptisms

AXEL, son of Jessica and Tanner Glantz
LUCY, daughter of Lauren and Dana Buglione

SISTER PARISH UPDATE



The big news this week is that the bell has arrived at St. Genevieve Church. Please check out the photos on the bulletin board in the back of church, or on the Sister Parish or St. Patrick-St. Anthony Facebook pages. It has been over 8 years since a bell has tolled to announce Mass and celebrations in Zoranje.

Save the date for the **Taste of Haiti, Saturday, June 4**. Fr. Philippe will be traveling to Hartford to join us and he is working on getting a Visa for director Gesner of St. Genevieve School to come with him. We are hoping to have the director give us an overview of the school during the evening's festivities.

The next meeting of the Sister Parish Committee is Monday, May 9 at 6:30 in the Franciscan Center. All are welcome.

Sister Parish Committee

Walk Against Hunger

The Committee for Social Justice and team captain Barbara Theurkauf thank all who participated in this year's Walk Against Hunger – those who walked, donated, or supported the walk in other ways. The St. Patrick-St. Anthony team may have raised \$7,000+. When Foodshare gives the final funds raised by our team, we will let you know. A good percentage of the funds collected will go directly to the House of Bread. House of Bread will also benefit from the funds that go to Foodshare. Any additional donations, can be mailed to Foodshare, 450 Woodland Avenue, Bloomfield, CT 06002-1342. Include in the envelope, your name, St Patrick-St Anthony Team name and House of Bread on a piece of paper.

SPSA Men's Fellowship Group Meeting

Wednesday, May 18 - Men's Group meeting with a presentation by John Lemega on Lectio Divina. The meeting begins at 7 PM and concludes by 8:30 with time built in for networking/Fellowship. All men are invited to attend. We look forward to seeing you all there.

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

May the Lord give you peace.

We celebrate and delight in our newly Confirmed members and in our newest members to share in the Eucharistic Table. I thank parents, teachers, mentors and the newly Confirmed together with those who made First Communion with us this weekend. You are a blessing to us all. To be clear about Confirmation, it is not the sacrament of adulthood, nor the reception of the Spirit. Full membership is the joining at the table and being nourished in the Word and Eucharist. The Spirit has already been given. There can be no Baptism without the Spirit. What Confirmation affirms is the presence of the Spirit already embodied in the person. The Gospel this week affirms Jesus' prayer to the Father noting that the disciples are "your gift to me." The sacraments we celebrate this weekend are our participation and appropriation of being God's gift.

I ask your prayers that the manifold gifts of all be affirmed, delighted in, and engaged in the building up of the Body of Christ. As Pope Francis notes in *Laudato Si*, we do not seek a monoculture but culture that is rich in diversity. While his sense in the encyclical is of the natural environment, it is all the more appropriate in the environment of the church. I thank you for sharing your gifts and welcoming the richness of the gifts of others.

I also thank walkers and sponsors of the Walk Against Hunger last Sunday. We had a good contingent of walkers and wonderful sponsors for the walk. I am hoping we met our goal of \$8,000 for the walk. That will provide many meals for adults and children who need nourishment in order to share their gifts. I walked with Sr. Theresa of the House of Bread and had a wonderful conversation during the walk.

We have been asked to pray in a special way this weekend for the people of Syria. The fighting, divisions, and the bombing of the hospital tear the fabric of not only the local community but also the global community which we all share. We will have a moment of silence before we start each Mass this weekend to remember and hold in prayer the many people who suffer the effects of war around the world and particularly the people of Syria.

Next weekend we celebrate Pentecost. It is another milestone on our annual journey. It is our opportunity to reflect on our giftedness. How are we living our gift today? Is it different from the ways we understood our gift in the past? Have we matured in the gift? Have we realized new gifts that we had not previously realized were a part of our story? The significant gift that the Resurrected Lord offers to the disciples when they first encounter him is peace. That is his gift to us. We pray for that peace throughout the upcoming election process, for our cities and towns, and within the nations of the world. Finally, Pentecost is our opportunity to give thanks to God for our gifts. The wonder of our unique gift is that it is a reflection of the name of God. In embodying the gift, we reflect the presence of God. I thank you.

Fr Tom, OFM



Thank you to all walkers & sponsors of the St. Patrick-St. Anthony Walk Against Hunger Team.

- Do you enjoy gardening? Consider becoming an SPSA Yard Goat and offering some

time during the warmer months to help with our gardens! For more information speak with Frank Ferrero or call Trudi in the parish office.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Today's reading contains the somber warning that Jesus is coming soon and will bring to each person the reward that his or her conduct deserves. Has my stewardship of the blessings entrusted to me been such that I could respond joyfully, "Amen?"

LIVING STEWARDSHIP

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish whose giving whether of alms or of service – will be an expression of both spiritual and corporal works of mercy, making them missionaries of mercy to a world in such need of it.

CATHERINE'S PLACE

*AT THE FRANCISCAN CENTER FOR URBAN MINISTRY IN
COLLABORATION WITH MERCY HOUSING AND SHELTER*

Thank you for your generosity over the past 12 years in providing the items to assist with the provision of Catherine's Place! Stay tuned on news of the next opportunity for the space!

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: May 10.** The focus for reflection will be the Gospel for the upcoming Sunday. All are welcome! Please join us.

NEW – EARLY LOSS – EMMAUS GRIEVING PARENTS

If you lost a child prior to or soon after birth, please consider joining a new circle of parents that is forming to listen compassionately and share this journey.

(Consider inviting someone you know; all are welcome.) We will meet in the Franciscan Center on: May 15 (11:15 a.m.); June 26 (6:15 p.m.); July 24 (6:15 p.m.)

On Sunday, May 15, the **Ladies Guild May Meeting and Celebration Dinner** will be held in the Franciscan Center at 1:00 p.m. Election of Officers and Scholarship Awards will precede dinner. **Sister Alicia Torres, Franciscan Sister of the Eucharist of Chicago** will be the guest speaker.

NOVEL IDEA: FICTION DISCUSSION GROUP

Upcoming Selections:

- May 19** *Me Before You* by Jojo Moyes
- June 16** *Ordinary Grace* by William Kent Krueger
- July 21** *The Postmistress* by Sarah Blake
- Aug. 18** *Station Eleven* by Emily St. John Mandel
- Date/Time:** Thurs., May 19 – 7 to 8:30 p.m.
- Place:** Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry

**OPEN HEARTS
GAY & LESBIAN MINISTRY**

Next meeting: May 15, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

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

Next Meeting: May 31 at 6 p.m.

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

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Please call the parish office to register

I Hear God Laughing – Tues., May 10 & 24; 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Join us as we listen to the humor, wit & keen insights of Edwina Gately, spiritual writer and founder of the Volunteer Missionary Movement and Genesis House. Through this inspired talk on CD, we will hear Edwina share her faith journey as she has struggled to be a faithful Catholic lay woman responding to the Gospel values of justice, peace, and transformation of our world.

Facilitator: Pat Curtis Suggested Offering: \$15.00

Pentecost Twilight Retreat – Sat., May 14; 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Presenter: Fr. Thomas Gallagher, ofm
Suggested Offering: \$10.00 (includes dinner)

Registration Deadline: May 10

Presentation Only: 7 p.m. - \$8.00

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

We offer programs for children age 3 thru high school confirmation candidates. Information about our programs is on our website www.spsact.org.

Programs include a Family Program and a Montessori based program "Catechesis of the Good Shepherd."

All of our programs offer developmentally appropriate options, family involvement, and service activities.

Contact our Coordinator of Rel. Ed, Deborah Pelletier at dpelletier@spsact.org for more information.

READINGS –MAY 9-15, 2016

- Mon. Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33**
- Tues. Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11a**
- Wed. Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11b-19**
- Thurs. Acts 22:30, 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26**
- Fri. Acts 25:13b-21; Jn 21:15-19**
- Sun. Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13;
Jn 20:19-23**



**HOME Day Care
(Babysitting while mom
studies for her GED)**

General day care supplies such as diapers (sizes 3, 4, 5), wipes, baby powder, juice boxes, toddler friendly snacks (Cheerios, graham crackers, etc.) and paper goods.

Thanks to all who brought meat loaves today! You've brought home cooking to those in need!

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

The **Clare Gallery** is pleased to present *Depressive Realism*, an exhibition by East Hartford, CT artist, Adam Viens. The exhibition features large-scale mixed media paintings that are complex and challenging in their visual language. The work poses more questions than it answers. It requires the viewer to reflect on the artist's intentionality, the emotions the pieces evoke, as well as the larger subject of "depressive realism" a term adopted in the 1970s. **A reception & panel discussion will be held on Mon., May 16, 6-8 p.m.; panel discussion at 6:30 p.m.**

SECOND COLLECTION – MAY 14/15, 2016

Next week the second collection will be for the Catholic Communication Campaign. This collection communicates the Gospel through Catholic social media activities and enriches our faith through television, radio, podcasts and print media. Half of all proceeds remain in our archdiocese and support local needs, so please be generous.

This month, after years of study, three men are being ordained to the priesthood. During their years of preparation for this vocation, they were supported by family and friends – and by everyone who made a gift to the **Archbishop's Annual Appeal**. When you make a gift to the Appeal, you help meet the cost of priestly formation and education. Please support our seminarians by making a gift to the Appeal today.

COLLECTION AMOUNTS

- Weekly – April 30/May1..... \$14,248.50**
- Holy Day – The Ascension \$ 120.00**
- On-line Giving – April \$ 6,336.00**
- Total available for operating budget \$20,704.50**



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.*

Taste of Haiti

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Saturday, June 4, 2016

Dinner (Haitian Cuisine)

Early Bird Tickets:

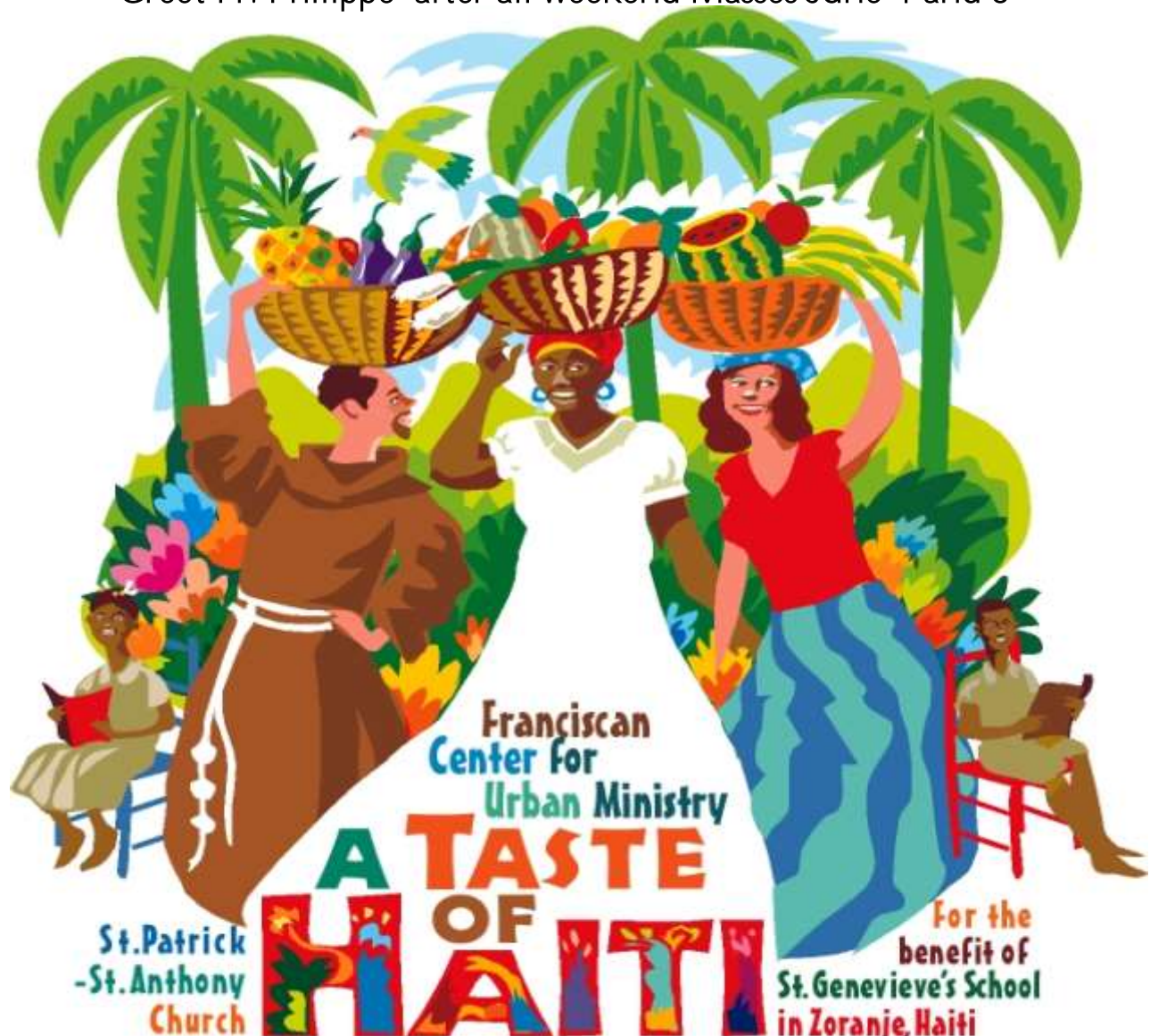
Adult - \$12.00 • Children - \$5.00 • Family - \$25.00

Tickets (at the door):

Adult - \$15.00 • Children - \$5.00 • Family - \$30.00

Dinner Served from 5:00 to 7:00 pm

Greet Fr. Philippe after all weekend Masses June 4 and 5



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