

**MARCH 6, 2016
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 2016

4:00 Mary L. Vasquez, 1st anniversary – req. by Joe DiStefano

SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 2016

8:00 Rico Pace- req. by his Wife & Family

10:00 Rose & Angelo Perrone – req. by Thomas Perrone

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

5:00 Paul Lankarge – req. by Joanna Penta

MONDAY, MARCH 7, 2016

7:00 Louis Antinerella & Family – req. by Jean Donza

8:00 Thomas Guinan – req. by Dan Lynch

12:05 Salvatore Gianni – req. by the Family

6:00 Vespers

TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2016

7:00 For Our Parishioners

8:00 Joseph Mazzafera

12:05 Mary Marsdale – req. by Dan & Peg Lareau & Linda Marsdale

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2016

7:00 For Franciscan Center Ministry

8:00 For Catherine's Place Ministry

12:05 Theresa Nunes, 13th anniversary – req. by Christine Hovey

THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 2016

7:00 For Our Parishioners

8:00 For Franciscan Center Ministry

12:05 Robert E. Drude, Jr. – req. by Susan & Bill Cook

FRIDAY, MARCH 11, 2016

7:00 For Catherine's Place Ministry

8:00 For Our Parishioners

12:05 For Franciscan Center Ministry

12:30 Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 2016

4:00 Dora R. Adams – req. by Daughters Marilyn & Doreen

SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 2016

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

10:00 Frank Perrone – req. by Thomas Perrone

11:45 William Ellis – req. by Anita Ellis

5:00 Ann Janulevicz – req. by Allen

PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS

*David Daly; Lawreen McCann;
Marlene Nepomuceno*

PLEASE HOLD IN YOUR PRAYERS: members of our Bass Clef Choir who assist the congregation in worship during the Mass. If you sing Tenor, Baritone or Bass and would like to join this ministry, please contact the Bass Clef Choir conductor and Director of Music Ministry, Gabe Löfvall in the parish office.

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.

SISTER PARISH UPDATE



Haiti has a provisional president who is taking the country towards the final election of their new president. Let's keep our Haitian sisters and brothers in prayer.

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.

Please save the date for this year's Taste of Haiti on Saturday, June 4. The Committee is looking at a different format this year – stay tuned for details. Fr. Philippe will be joining us again.

The next meeting of the Sister Parish Committee is Monday, March 21 at 6:30 in the Franciscan Center. All are welcome.

Sister Parish Committee

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Please call the parish office to register for these programs.

Lenten Nourishment – Tues., Mar. 8, 15, 22; 12:30-1:00 p.m. – Suggested Offering \$5.00 per luncheon
Speakers: Mar. 8 – Trudi White; Mar. 15 – Fr. John Leonard, ofm

Mouthy Women of the New Testament – Wed., Mar. 9 – 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Mar. 9 – Reading Between the Lines – 1Cor 14:34-36 & Gal 3:23-29

Participants are asked to bring their own bible.

Presenter: Joan Kennedy

Suggested Offering: \$30.00

Enkindling Love: The Spiritual Journey of St. Francis according to Bonaventure – Mon. Mar 7, 14, 28, Apr. 4 – 6:45-8:45 p.m.

Facilitator: Pat Curtis

Suggested Offering: \$50.00

REEL Faith: "Romero" – Thur., Mar. 10 – 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Facilitator: Jack Wentland

Free-Will Offering

The Witnessing Disciples: An Introduction to John's Gospel – Sat., Mar. 19; 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Participants are asked to bring their own lunch

Presenter: Paul Sansone

Suggested Offering: \$30.00

Dear Parishioners and Friends at

St. Patrick-St. Anthony and St. Genevieve,

May the Lord give you peace.

This weekend Archbishop Blair will address every parish in the Archdiocese. It is his wish to preach the Gospel this weekend at all Masses. We will have the opportunity to hear his reflection on the story often referred to as the Prodigal Son in Luke's Gospel. A YouTube of the homily will be sent in the parish wide e-mail. This also begins the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. You will receive a letter in the next week asking for your contribution to the Appeal. I ask that you consider the appeal and your means as you make your decision. Please do what you are able to do. Our parish goal for the appeal is first participation which means that you're giving within your means, even a one-time gift that is reasonable for you. The second goal is that we would collectively give \$96,000 to the appeal. Over the last few years we have made that goal amount. I thank you for your consideration and your generosity.

This year we will offer two kinds of palms for Palm Sunday. We will have the traditional palm as well as Eco-Palm. The Eco-Palm helps to promote environmental and social justice. The harvesting of the Eco-Palm is in line with "fair trade" and the harvesters receive a just wage for their work. The Committee for Social Justice will have more information in the weekly bulletin/e-mail as well as at the upcoming Community Sunday Gathering.

I invite you to join us for vespers, evening prayer, on Mondays at 6 PM in the chapel. I am sure that you will find the opportunity for a quiet few moments of praying with the community a good experience.

I ask your prayers for our nation, particularly our political system. We will be asked to elect leaders who will have the opportunity to assist in the care of the poor, the welcoming of migrants, the sustenance of our seniors, and the education of youth for our future. Let us pray for vision, understanding and compassion in those who seek to "serve" in public office. We also need to pray for healing of the many divisions that exist across our nation and our world. We are blessed in the many ministries that afford us the opportunity to see through new lenses. Our Christian-Muslim dialogue, our sandwich ministry, meals for Catherine's Place, our Religious Education/Confirmation Preparation Programs, the Saturday Adventure Program, and participation in Social Justice ministry are a few of the ways that we are able to have our eyes opened to a broader world vision. I thank you for your participation.



- The Office of Volunteer Ministry is looking for help with the **set-up and clean-up for our March 24 Holy Thursday supper**. To find out more, please contact Trudi in the parish office.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

The stewardship message in the parable of the Prodigal Son is that it is never too late to become a good steward. Blessed is the elder brother who had been a good steward all along, but blessed, too, is the prodigal who had to lose all he had in order to understand the value of what he'd been given.

LIVING STEWARDSHIP

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who each evening during this Lent have examined their consciences in the light of how loving...and forgiving...they were throughout the day.

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!

This weekend marks the start of the **2016 Archbishop's Annual Appeal** in our parish. If you haven't already, you will receive a letter from Archbishop Blair seeking your support. Together we can change the lives of thousands. The Good Works of the Church in social services, healthcare and pastoral services are exciting, challenging and fulfilling.

Through the generosity of individuals in our community, we helped provide the following:

- More than 8,500 clients received mental health counseling through Catholic Charities.
- More than 140,000 meals were served to those who are hungry.
- More than 39,000 free patient visits were provided to individuals without healthcare since 2006.
- Hundreds of families were kept from homelessness and helped through the Emergency Assistance Fund.
- 240+ local organizations are supported annually through the Vicariate Outreach Program.

These are some examples of how your gift to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal is used. Please respond as generously as you can.

**OPEN HEARTS
GAY & LESBIAN MINISTRY**

Next meeting: March 13, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

**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.

**SPSA MEN'S RETREAT - APRIL 8-10, 2016
Holy Family Retreat Ctr., West Hartford**

Please consider joining the men of SPSA at our annual retreat. As we celebrate the Year of Mercy proclaimed by Pope Francis, the theme of this year's retreat is "Into the Heart of Mercy." This retreat will help cultivate mercy in us which is necessary to share compassion, patience, kindness and forgiveness. The weekend includes dynamic teaching, home-cooked meals, inspirational liturgies, uplifting musing and free time to rest, walk and network with friends from the parish and others attending the retreat.

This year give yourself the gift of a retreat. Please contact Jack Martins at jvmartins7923@gmail.com for additional information. Or call Holy Family Retreat Center at 860-521-0440 or visit www.holyfamilyretreat.org

EMMAUS GRIEVING PARENT MINISTRY

The Emmaus Grieving Parents Ministry supports parents whose spiritual journey includes the death of a child. All who have suffered the loss of a child at any time – including prior to birth and many decades ago – are welcome.

The next meeting will be held on **March 13 at 3:30 p.m.** in the Franciscan Center.

"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.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION MEETING

Each Tuesday during Lent at 1 p.m. in the Franciscan Center, Rooms 9 & 10, a Spiritual Direction meeting will take place. The focus for reflection will be the Gospel for the upcoming Sunday. All are welcome! Please join us.



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!

What are Eco-Palms, and why should we care? The question arises as to where do our palms come from, and are they obtained in a way that supports the environment and Catholic Social Teaching. Other faiths have had these questions too, so Eco-Palms was formed. This is an organization which purchases palms directly from the forest communities. The palms are sustainably harvested and fairly traded, which means that the profits go directly back to the community. The men harvest the palms in the forests, and the women of the community process them. Palm gathering actually protects the natural forests since the gatherers protect forest areas where palm grows. Without a market for the palms, the forests are at risk of being converted to agricultural fields. It should be noted that these are not the Fan type palms that people are used to. These palms are a brilliant green and should not be broken apart. They cannot be folded into crosses. We will have both Fan and Eco-Palms available this year on Palm Sunday.

COLLECTION AMOUNTS

Weekly – Feb. 27-28.....\$14,832.00
On-line Giving – Feb.22-28\$ 5,409.50
Total available for operating budget.....\$20,241.50



To register for Online Giving, please visit our website

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 –MAR. 7-13, 2016

Mon. Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54
Tues. Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16
Wed. Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30
Thurs. Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47
Fri. Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Sun. Is 43:16-21; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11

