

DECEMBER 6, 2015
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2015

4:00 Karen Mudano – req. by the Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2015

8:00 Theresa Shanagher

10:00 Tony Intino – req. by his Children

11:45 Paul & Santina Spagna – req by Ed & Tina Czaczkes

5:00 John V. Ramos, 23rd anniversary – req. by Joyce & John Lemega

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2015

7:00 For Our Parishioners

8:00 Sarah Przybyla – req. by the Emmaus Grieving Parents

12:05 Salvatore Gianni – req. by the Family

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2015

7:00 Jane O'Connor - req. by Peg Morton

8:00 Concepcion Villanueva – req. by Anthony Villanueva

12:05 In thanksgiving to the Immaculate Conception – req. by Rosemarie Perkoski

6:00 **Advent Vespers**

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2015

7:00 Rita Vozzo – req. by Maria Frank

8:00 Stephen McCarty – req. by Michael & Mary Ellen Rogers

12:05 Mary Wolfenberger – req. by the Family

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2015

7:00 For Franciscan Center Ministry

8:00 Robert Larmarca – req. by Corey & Maggie Levasseur

12:05 Florence Irene D'Atri – req. by Anne Krafft

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2015

7:00 For Catherine's Place Ministry

8:00 Joseph J. Fote, Jr. – req. by Tom Luscinskis

12:05 Gerald E. Francis – req. by Jean & Geraldine Shea

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2015

4:00 Pauline S. Ward – req. by the Ward Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2015

8:00 Ricciardi & Bochicchio Family – req. by Sam & Maryrose Ricciardi

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

11:45 In thanksgiving to St. Lucy – req. by the St. Lucy Society

5:00 Dan Buckanavage, 5th anniversary – req. by the Family

PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS

Frances Coco

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

Please note that on Tuesday, December 8, The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, there will be the regular weekday schedule of Masses – 7 and 8 a.m. and 12:05 p.m.

HEALTH MINISTRY PRAYER INTENTION BOOK

You can find our Prayer Intention Book in church to the left of the sanctuary, near the Baptismal font. Please feel free to write in any requests for prayers. These intentions will be remembered by the faith community once a month at our weekend Masses.

REMINDERS

- The monthly collection will be taken up next weekend.
- 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



Fr. Philippe has invited our parish to join him for the celebration of the feast of St. Genevieve and the dedication of the new church on January 24, 2016. Travelers will leave on Friday, January 22 and return on Monday, January 25. There is an option to extend the stay a few more days for

anyone interested.

Please call the parish office at 860-756-4034 for more information or to accept the invitation. The deadline to commit is **January 4, 2016**.

Sister Parish Committee

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Please call the parish office to register.

Prepare for Christmas by Praying with Scriptures
– Tues., Dec. 8, 15 & 22- 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Dec. 8 – Is.52:7-10

Dec. 15 - Is.62:1-12

Dec. 22 – Jn 1:1-18

Advent Nourishment – Tues. Dec. 8 & 15; 12:30 – 12:55 p.m. – Immediately following the 12:05 p.m. Mass – Offering \$5.00/luncheon
Speaker – Dec. 8 – Fr. Jim Kelly, OFM

Advent Twilight Retreat – Thurs. Dec. 10; 5:30-8:30p.m. – **Why did Jesus come? – A Franciscan perspective on the Incarnation**

Presenter: Sr. Pat Klemm, OSF

Suggested Offering: \$15.00, includes dinner

Registration Deadline: December 6

Meet Catherine of Catherine's Place – Tues., Dec. 15; 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Catherine McAuley, like Francis of Assisi, lived a life dedicated to the poor and, like Francis, without ever intending to, Catherine gave birth to a new religious order. We will watch a film about Catherine and learn how a deep sense of humor and a strong determination to answer God's call, led to the formation of the "Circle of Mercy" that continues to serve in our time. How appropriate it is that Francis' and Catherine's missions have found a home here in our parish community

Presenter: Roberta Horton Free Will Offering

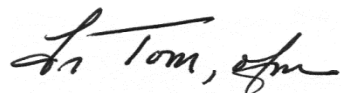
Dear Parishioners and Friends at
St. Patrick-St. Anthony and St. Genevieve,

May the Lord give you peace.

I ask your continued prayers for peace in our world. The shootings in Beirut, Paris, Colorado Springs, and San Bernardino are tragic cries for healing in our world. The tragic violence cries for an end to the divisiveness and fear that plague our world. It was into such a world that the Jesus whose birth we celebrate, whose constant presence we realize and whose final coming we await, was born, lived, spoke to the hearts of men and women, offered healing and new life, washed feet, and fed the multitudes, was betrayed, died and was raised. We gather to remember how essential the presence of his Spirit is to us and to the life of the community. We have the gifts for healing, at least in our small circles of the world. Many of our legislators are offering band-aid solutions to the systemic disease of fear. This disease affects us all, not just those who struggle with psychological issues. It closes our hearts, our doors, and our borders to the one who seeks refuge, to the child, and to the poor. The Letter of John challenges a greater solution - love. I ask your prayers, your good work, your hospitality as we continue this Advent Season and strive to recognize the presence of the one who is Love already present in our world.

I invite you to join us for our annual celebration of Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 13 at 7 p.m. as a time of prayer and reflection for the sake of healing in our nation and in our world. We will sing praise to God, attend to God's word, gather as a community at prayer, and create a space for God's love to ease our fears in anticipation of recognizing the one who comes. Let us fill the church with a chorus of praise as we again share the story of God's constant desire to live in communion with us and the realization of that desire in Jesus.

This week Pope Francis will open a Jubilee Year! It is a year of celebration of God's presence among us all. It is a time of healing and renewal. He will proclaim a year of the Lord's favor as we hear in Isaiah and on the lips of Jesus in Luke's Gospel. Pope Francis will open the doors of the church to receive all who respond to the desire of their hearts to be in communion with God. Opening the doors, receiving the stranger, welcoming the messengers of God's Word renews the church and, as he noted in Laudato Si, brings fresh light and air into the walls of the church. May this year of mercy not only embrace with mercy all who struggle with living in fear within our world but also embrace a church in need of mercy for its struggles and at times failures with those same fears. The image of mercy is not simply a gift the church has to offer, it is as well a gift the church needs to be open to receive. We ask mercy from those who have been abused, from those who have been turned away, from those who have been refused a place at the table. Open wide the doors. Proclaim all are welcome.



- We are collecting winter items such as hats, scarves, gloves, mittens, travel size shampoo, soap, toothpaste and toothbrushes **for our brothers and sisters who come to the door for**

sandwiches (Feeding the Hungry Sandwich Ministry). Please call Trudi in the Volunteer Ministry office with any questions. Please place any items you wish to donate in the bin marked "Sandwich Ministry". Thank you!

- Our **Parish Nurse Ministry** is seeking licensed nurses who are available after Mass to help with Blood Pressure Screenings. If you are able to offer your talents in this area, please contact Trudi in the Volunteer Ministry office, or speak with Helen Martins. Thank you!

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Good stewards believe that God, who has begun this good work in them, will carry it through to completion. In words and deeds, they can sing with the Psalmist, The Lord has done great things for us, we are filled with joy!"

LIVING STEWARDSHIP

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who strive to respond to God's grace through service to our parish and the wider community, especially our Pastoral Care ministries.

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!

Gaelic & Garlic Musical Pilgrimage to Ireland and Italy August 20-September 2, 2016

It's time for another Pilgrimage for our St. Patrick-St. Anthony Community! **ALL ARE WELCOME** to come on pilgrimage with us, both non-signers and singers alike. We have room for everyone!

For information, contact Fr. Tom, Gabe Löfvall or Pat Curtis at 860-756-4034.

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:

- Dec. 17** *Lila* by Marilynne Robinson
- Jan. 21** *The Archivist* by Martha Cooley
- Feb. 18** *My Brilliant Friend* by **Elena Ferrante**
- Date/Time:** Thurs., Dec. 17 – 7 to 8:30 p.m.
- Place:** Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry



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!

OPEN HEARTS
GAY & LESBIAN MINISTRY

Next meeting: December 13, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Families & Friends of the Gay & Lesbian Community
Next Meeting: TBD

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

**ALL ARE INVITED
TO THE OPENING OF THE
HOLY DOOR
BEGINNING THE
JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY**

The Archdiocese of Hartford will inaugurate the *Jubilee Year of Mercy*, proclaimed by Pope Francis, on Sunday December 13, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph, 140 Farmington Ave., Hartford, CT.

The Jubilee Year will begin with the opening of the Holy Door at the Cathedral. This special liturgy will include a procession through the door, Evening Prayer, and Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.


Visit archdioceseofhartford.org for more information.

EMMAUS GRIEVING PARENT MINISTRY
2016 Meetings: Jan. 17, Feb. 14 & Mar. 13 at 3:30 p.m. – Franciscan Center

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. Please contact Natalie at jjnwelsh@cox.net for further information.

COLLECTION AMOUNTS

Weekly –Nov. 28-29	\$12,154.00
On-line Giving –Nov. 23-29-.....	\$ 2,535.50
On-line Giving Monthly	\$ 660.00
Total available for operating budget.....	\$15,349.50



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.

YOUTH ROSARY GROUP

Please join us for the next Youth Rosary Group in Our Lady of the Angels Chapel on Sundays at 11:00 to 11:30 a.m. (right after the 10:00 a.m. Mass). Our group will be meeting **once per month** to learn about the gifts of the rosary prayer. The next class will be held on Dec. 27: The Apostles Creed

Please contact Assistant Level 2 Catechist, Gina Ghirardi at gmdurante@yahoo.com if you would like to join the class.

Check the weekly bulletin for more classes to come!

READINGS –DECEMBER 7-13, 2015

Mon.	Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26
Tues.	Gn 3:9-15; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Wed.	Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30
Thurs.	Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15
Fri.	Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19
Sun.	Zep 3:14-18a; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18