

**MARCH 13, 2016
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

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 Alan

MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2016

7:00 For Catherine's Place Ministry

8:00 Mary O'Connor – req. by the O'Connor Family

12:05 Rosemary Vendan – req. by Aurora Zunica

6:00 Vespers

TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2016

7:00 For Our Parishioners

8:00 For Franciscan Center Ministry

12:05 Ann Filon – req. by Betty Russell

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 2016

7:00 Becky Chaplinski – req. by Barbara & Barbara Grace Retartha

8:00 For Catherine's Place Ministry

12:05 Michael O'Donnell

THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2016

7:00 For Our Parishioners

8:00 For Franciscan Center Ministry

12:05 Helen & Jim Egan; Patrick & Bridget Grandfield – req. by the Family

FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 2016

7:00 Clotilde Firmina & Jose Batista Peireira – req. by Carlos Costa

8:00 William Carello – req. by Sarah & Chris Devine

12:05 Conrad Rosal & Florencia Rosal – req. by the Family

12:30 Stations of the Cross

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

PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS

Ed Hill; Lawreen McCann; Marlene Nepomuceno

PLEASE HOLD IN YOUR PRAYERS: members of our Prayer Network who spend time every day presenting the requests to God in prayer. Prayer requests can be submitted by calling the church office at 860-756-4034 x-162 or by e-mail to prayer@spsact.org.

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.

REMINDERS

- Blood Pressure Screenings will be done in the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry this 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 this Sunday.

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

The Ladies Guild

The 14th Annual Rev. Dawson D. Trenchard Scholarship applications are available on the parish website or in the parish office. Parish students entering or attending a Catholic school, grades K-12 are eligible. Applications must be returned by Tues., May 3, 2016 as directed on the application. Scholarships of \$4,400 were awarded to ten parish students in 2015!

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 20th 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.

**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 so we can plan accordingly.

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

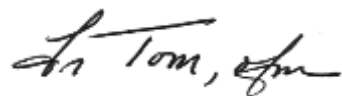
May the Lord give you peace.

I thank you for your attention last weekend to Archbishop Blair's request for support for the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. I ask you to do what you are able to do. The sooner you respond the sooner you stop getting letters asking for your support. You may respond that you are not able to do anything at this time or with a single one-time gift that is within your means. Some are able to give more but no one is asked to give beyond their means. I thank you for your generosity.

Many will celebrate St. Patrick over the coming days. The Hartford St. Patrick's Day Parade is on Saturday 3/12. This can be a fun event and a great chance to enjoy time with friends as well as to witness the antics of many "want to be Irish" folks. It is also important to consider St. Patrick in himself. We bear the name of this great saint in conjunction with our dear St. Anthony. St. Patrick is credited with helping to nurture the growth of Christianity in Ireland in the 5th century. It is important to remember as well that his first visit to Ireland was as a slave. His Gospel mission includes standing with those who suffer injustice, communion with victims of violence and human trafficking. While we may party and celebrate with the great Irish gusto, tell stories of our families, remember the struggles of immigration, and the discrimination faced by our ancestors, we are also challenged to take the part of those who have stories of their families and the famine in their lands, stories of violence done by an oppressor and now seek to emigrate to this country. Given the suffering of our ancestors we are not able to make the burden more difficult by creating barriers or walls that force today's immigrants to suffer what our own family stories relate. Similarly, remembering that Patrick was himself a slave, we are encouraged to greater awareness of those who live in slavery due to human trafficking: sex-slaves (including children), workers denied a fair salary due to their immigration status, and dehumanizing working conditions. Given the history of the Irish immigrants, the struggle to practice our faith, we naturally take the part of the current outsiders whose language, culture, and religious practice differ from what we know. It is a great day for the Irish and a day in which the Irish have great things to continue to offer the culture of the United States.

St. Patrick's Day is also Fr. Andrew's ordination anniversary. I ask your prayers of thanksgiving for the many years of ministry that Fr. Andrew has offered to the church - many of them here with us.

Fr. Andrew will celebrate 60 years as a friar this year, Fr. John will celebrate 25 years and Fr. Cid 10 years. We are richly blessed in their commitment to live the Gospel as Franciscan Friars. I ask your prayers of thanksgiving for each of these wonderful friars. I am sure we will have a party to celebrate our brothers. I thank you for your support of the friars and our fraternity.



• 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

In today's second reading, St. Paul says, "For his sake I have forfeited everything; I have accounted all else rubbish so that Christ may be my wealth." Does my stewardship suggest that I could say the same?

LIVING STEWARDSHIP

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who use these forty days of Lent to journey to a deeper understanding of God's mercy.

CATHERINE'S PLACE

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

The **2016 Archbishop's Annual Appeal** is now underway in our parish. Your support of this year's Appeal ensures the essential charitable, educational, and pastoral ministries of the Archdiocese of Hartford are carried forward.

We hope you can help meet our parish goal of \$96,000. If you would like to make a gift, kindly mail in your pledge card. You may also contact our parish secretary, visit the Archdiocesan website at archdioceseofhartford.org or call the Appeal Office at (800) 781-2550. Keep in mind that an early pledge will allow for a monthly payment plan.

READINGS -MARCH 14-20, 2016

Mon. Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Jn 8:12-20
Tues. Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8: 21-30
Wed. Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42
Thurs. Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59
Fri. Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42
Sun. Lk 19:28-40; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14-23:56

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:

- Mar. 17** *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman
Apr. 21 *The Silence of Bonaventure Arrow* by Rita Leganski
May 19 *Me Before You* by Jojo Moyes
June 16 *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah
Date/Time: Thurs., Mar. 17 – 7 to 8:30 p.m.
Place: Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry

OPEN HEARTS GAY & LESBIAN MINISTRY

Next meeting: March 13, 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 – We offer gatherings having witnessed that 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?" or "I'm finding it hard to pray – what can I do?" or "How my relationship with God has changed during my illness." Other group members listen attentively and respond in ways that encourage the speaker to explore their reality more deeply. They do this by offering questions or thoughts that help the presenter explore the issue. 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.



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!

"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.

SPSA MEN'S FELLOWSHIP MEETING

Wed., Mar. 16 – 7p.m. – Franciscan Center

There will be an open discussion of any ideas you may have as to future meetings, or you may e-mail your ideas to jvmartins7923@gmail.com.

We will also be collecting donations of bottles of craft beers for our Easter Basket (for the Ladies Guild Raffle) at this meeting. You may also leave donations in the church office for addition to our Basket.

You still have time to join us on retreat on Apr. 8. We have at least 10 men registered from our parish. If money is an issue, Holy Family truly accepts whatever you are able to give. You may also wish to spread out the "attendance fee" over several months rather than giving a lump sum.

COLLECTION AMOUNTS

Weekly – Mar. 5/6\$17,775.00
On-line Giving – Feb. 29-Mar. 6-\$ 6,101.00
Total available for operating budget.....\$23,876.00



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

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