

**FEBRUARY 21, 2016
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2016

4:00 Rocco DeFrino – req. by Jim & Deirdre Howard

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2016

8:00 William Leone – req. by the Family

10:00 Patricia Jennings – req. by Helen Martins

11:45 Theresa Sliney – req. by a Friend

5:00 Claire Eppolito – req. by her daughter, Marsha Evans

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2016

7:00 For Our Parishioners

8:00 For Franciscan Center Ministry

12:05 Alice & Don Jaquith – req. by the Family

6:00 Vespers

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2016

7:00 Antonio & Analia Alves – req. by Carlos Costa

8:00 Robert Lupinacci - req. by Michael & Mary Ellen Rogers

12:05 For Catherine's Place Ministry

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2016

7:00 Mary Giardino

8:00 Anthony Limanni – req. by Michael & Mary Ellen Rogers

12:05 For Our Parishioners

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2016

7:00 For Franciscan Center Ministry

8:00 Deceased Members of the 100% Voters League

12:05 William Leone – req. by the Family

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2016

7:00 For Catherine's Place Ministry

8:00 Andrew Staab – req. by Michael & Mary Ellen Rogers

12:05 Monica Olivette – req. by Guy & Pamela Morrison-Wolf

12:30 Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2016

4:00 William Leone – req. by the Family

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2016

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

10:00 William & Angelina Speziale – req. by Donna & Joanne Speziale

11:45 Ellie Sullo – req. by the Family

5:00 Adrienne Vos Winkel – req. by Deb & Rod Pelletier

SANCTUARY LAMPS – WEEK OF FEBRUARY 21, 2016

In loving memory of Thomas Romano – req. by Paula, Jo-Ann & Richard.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS

Bob Bezila; David Daly

PLEASE REMEMBER THE DECEASED IN YOUR PRAYERS

Robert Connor

PLEASE HOLD IN YOUR PRAYERS: members of our choirs – the Gallery Choir, the Bass Clef Choir and the Treble Clef Choir as they prepare music for the Triduum. Each of these choirs rehearses weekly and more information on joining a choir can be obtained by speaking with Gabriel Löfvall, our Director of Music Ministry

SISTER PARISH UPDATE



The Sister Parish Committee thanks the musicians (including the Women's Drumming Circle), the choir, and all those in attendance for making the Feast of St. Genevieve very festive and special.

The five parishioners who traveled to Haiti for the church dedication feast of St. Genevieve are home safely. The trip was great and the church looked lovely. Parishioners from the stations and the chapels also attended Mass. Even in the larger new church, with so many visitors, there were many people standing. The building is important as more than just a church – it is a gathering place for the community. In fact, on Sunday afternoon, there was a concert and later there was a teen talent show, and both events filled the church. Look for photos on the Sister Parish and the Saint Patrick Saint Anthony Facebook pages, and on the bulletin board in the back of church.

The next meeting of the Sister Parish Committee is Monday, February 22 at 6:30 in the Franciscan Center. All are welcome.

Sister Parish Committee

**ALL ARE WELCOME RETREAT - Mercy Ctr.,
Madison, CT – Fri.-Sun. Apr. 15-17, 2016**

Retreat Leader: Fr. Tom Hartle, ofm

All men and women are invited to consider this annual retreat opportunity in the Easter Season to set aside time for one's relationship with God. We are delighted that Fr. Tom Hartle, ofm will lead this 3-day weekend retreat. The retreat theme of our "desire for the Spirit of God" will focus our presentations, discussion and prayer together. We have allowed time in the schedule for personal reflection, solitude, and contemplation. You will have the time to explore the seaside grounds of Mercy Center, enjoy their hospitality and walk their waterfront labyrinth. There will be time to just "BE". Here's a chance to truly retreat from the ordinary schedule of life and devote this time to your spiritual growth. **And, if you have never experienced a retreat before, please join us!** Mercy Center offers its own "spirituality of place" that is perfect for reflection, refocusing, and renewal.

Cost: \$250 for a double room; \$280 for a single room (limited availability).

Please call the church office to register.

Registration Deadline: March 10, 2016

**GAELIC & GARLIC MUSICAL PILGRIMAGE TO
IRELAND AND ITALY – AUG. 20-SEPT. 2, 2016**

Don't miss out on this once-only special trip to honor the Friars' 25th Anniversary in Hartford. **ALL ARE WELCOME** to come on pilgrimage with us, both non-singers and singers alike. We have room for everyone! Please contact Fr. Tom, Gabe Löfvall or Pat Curtis at 860-756-4034 to let us know you're interested.

Dear Parishioners and Friends at

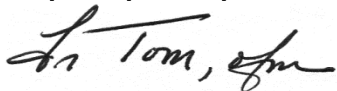
St. Patrick-St. Anthony and St. Genevieve,

May the Lord give you peace.

This weekend we hear the Gospel story from St. Luke of the Transfiguration of the Lord. This story is recounted each year through the lens of the evangelists, Matthew, Mark, or Luke. The pilgrimage of Jesus strikes me this year. In January we heard the story of the baptism of the Lord, last Sunday we heard the temptations, and this Sunday we hear the Transfiguration. The pilgrimage is interesting. We begin in the water with the proclamation "this is my son." We move to the desert for, "if you are son of God" and now to the mountain top and again the voice repeats, "this is my son". For us life begins in the waters of baptism where we, like Jesus, are affirmed daughter or son. Our life journey has many detours and desert experiences where we are invited to reflect on and affirm our identity as daughter or son. We are also at times caught up in the cloud where we lose our bearings in light of the overwhelming goodness of God. This metaphor is not only apt for our individual journey but also for our journey as a community of faith. Immersed in our baptismal identity we are led by the spirit to address such questions as if you are daughter/son, then live the life of "me first": if you are daughter/son worship the status quo, what is perceived to be normal, what diminishes the outsider: if you are daughter/son, deny death, find a scapegoat, play with fundamentalist understanding of the Living Word. To each of these Jesus affirms that to be daughter/son is to be in communion with the experience of God, to live a very human, fragile life and to embody goodness. From this place He/we are affirmed in the radiance of God's goodness, we radiate God's own goodness. Perhaps in our national debate regarding leadership we must address the same issues and respond with grace.

Since we will be here for the Triduum, I am inviting you to mark your calendars so you can join us for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday as well as Easter Sunday. As in years past, we will begin our Holy Thursday Celebration with a meal, scripture sharing, and prayer in the Franciscan Center, we then process into the church for the continuation of the Word, Foot Washing, Eucharist and the Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament. For the Holy Thursday dinner, please contact Fran in the office to confirm your attendance. All are welcome for every service.

This week we submitted a balanced budget for 2016 to the Archdiocese. This is only possible because of your generous response to our request in December. I thank you for your generosity. I also encourage those who are interested to consider the on-line giving possibility. This enables us to maintain a constant and dependable resource. Given weather in New England, travel, and family situations, not everyone gets here each week. Your on-line gift helps us. You can designate your gift to the parish, the center, or to the sandwich ministry. As always, I thank you for your generosity and ask that you stay within your means as you make your gift.



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

- 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

Peter, James and John wanted to build a "booth" for Jesus and just stay on the mountain where His transfiguration took place. But the Son of God, the Chosen One, knew that He must instead keep moving toward His Crucifixion. We, too, must rise from worship and do what we can to hasten the coming of the Kingdom.

LIVING STEWARDSHIP

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who practice a spiritual work of mercy – instructing our brothers and sisters – through service to our parish's religious education program as a catechist or other educational minister.

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!

YEAR OF MERCY, FRANCISCAN PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND – May 17-27, 2016

Cost: \$4,010 per person from Dulles-Washington
airport.

(Three spaces are available.) Contact Fr. Jacek
Orzechowski, OFM at 301-502-7621 or email
jacek@hnpfriar.org.

XAVIER HIGH SCHOOL 2ND QUARTER HONOR ROLL

Congratulations to parishioner Ian Gelberg who
achieved high honors at Xavier High School for the 2nd
quarter.

OPEN HEARTS
GAY & LESBIAN MINISTRY

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

Families & Friends of the Gay & Lesbian Community

Next Meeting: March 1, 2016 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.



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...more than just soup!

**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

THE FAMILY ROSARY

The Family Rosary Group is expanding! Please join us each Sunday after the 10 a.m. Mass in the Chapel to pray and meditate with this wonderful instrument and learn about our Lady, the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Group will be conducted by the Ladies Guild and Gina Ghirardi. All are welcome!

COLLECTION AMOUNTS

Weekly – Feb. 13/14..... \$11,736.00
On-line Giving – Feb. 8-14..... \$ 5,823.00
Total available for operating budget..... \$17,559.00
Little Sisters of the Poor \$ 5,006.72



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.

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 Parish Center at St. Patrick-St. Anthony on February 28th to learn more about the Secular Franciscan Order. We will pray the rosary at 1:30, followed by our meeting at 2:00. Fr. Tom Gallagher will be our guest speaker, then we will be discussing paragraphs 50-75 from Joy of the Gospel by Pope Francis.

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 3:45 p.m. in the Franciscan Center.

READINGS – FEB. 22-28, 2016

Mon. 1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19
Tues. Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12
Wed. Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28
Thurs. Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31
Fri. Gn 37:3-4, 13a, 17b-28a; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Sun. Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

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.