

**JANUARY 10, 2016
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9, 2016

4:00 Diane Baio – req. by the Family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2016

8:00 Mary E. Navin – req. by Deirdre & Jim Howard

10:00 Dr. Iain Campbell – req. by the Family

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

5:00 Dorothy Silver – req. by the Family

MONDAY JANUARY 11, 2016

7:00 Kara Timilty – req. by Margaret, Sebastian & Katie

8:00 Roger Pelletier – req. by Deb, Rod & Nick

12:05 Diane Pizzoferrato – req. by the Ladies Guild

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2016

7:00 For Our Parishioners

8:00 Ray Cashman – req. by Lenore Beebe

12:05 Mattie Silas – req. by Shaun Callahan

6:00 **Vespers**

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2016

7:00 For Franciscan Center Ministry

8:00 Anna Cabral

12:05 Adrienne Vos Winkel – req. by Helen & Jack Martins

THURSDAY JANUARY 14, 2016

7:00 For Catherine's Place Ministry

8:00 Celeste Braceland – req. by Chris & Jim Orcutt

12:05 Patricia Zipps – req. by Annette & Art Corey

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15, 2016

7:00 For Our Parishioners

8:00 For Franciscan Center Ministry

12:05 Thomas E. Shea – req. by Jean & Gerry Shea

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, 2016

4:00 Ben Abile – req. by Joe DiStefano

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 2016

8:00 Robert Carmine – req. by his Mother, Nancy Ficocelli

10:00 George Sanford – req. by Mimi Sanford

11:45 Elaine LePage – req. by Anita Ellis

5:00 Helen Erdos – req. by Pat Mullane & John Teahan

PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS
Frances Henry; Kathleen Olmstead

TODAY WE PRAYED FOR: all involved with our Prayer Network. Every day as a prayer request is called in to the office (860-756-4034, ext. 162) or emailed to prayer@spsact.org, our network members pray for the needs expressed. If you are interested in joining this ministry, please contact Trudi in the Volunteer Ministry office.

FR. MIKE JONES. OFM

For those parishioners who remember Fr. Mike, his sister, Monica Olivette passed away on January 2, 2016 from pancreatic cancer. Condolences may be sent to Fr. Mike at: Saint Mary of the Angels Friary, 1821 White Street, Anderson, SC 29624-3419

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



DANACIA, MALACHY and JOSEPH, children of Martin & Luke Nowakowski-McDonald

SISTER PARISH UPDATE



Five parishioners will be traveling to Haiti to participate in the dedication of St. Genevieve Church on January 24.

The feast of St. Genevieve will be celebrated here at home on Sunday, January 31 at the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

If you are interested in reviewing the results of the Sister Parish Survey and formulating recommendation, please contact Eric Henon, ehenon@cox.net. This work is limited to two or three meetings.

Sister Parish Committee

**ALL ARE WELCOME RETREAT
Friday-Sunday, April 15-17, 2016
Mercy Center, Madison, CT**

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: February 29, 2016



2017 MASS BOOK

The Mass Book for 2017 is now open. Please call the parish office to schedule a Mass.

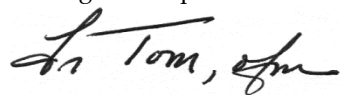
Dear Parishioners and Friends at
St. Patrick-St. Anthony and St. Genevieve,

May the Lord give you peace.

The shepherds have returned to their fields, the Magi have returned to their homes and the story of the birth of Jesus has been re-told. What is left to do but to consider how this year's experience of Christmas has changed us. We have been touched by generosity and shared gifts. The amazing generosity of all who participated in the giving trees, the liturgies, and the prayer of the season give witness to our embodiment of the experience of God. I thank you and invite you to reflect on the many gifts of this year's remembrance of the Nativity of the Lord.

This weekend we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. Jesus is baptized by John in the Jordan. John's baptism was a baptism of repentance. Jesus enters into the waters polluted by those sinners and tax collectors who had gone before him. In these waters he takes to himself the brokenness and fragility of the human experience. As we pray at each liturgy, *Lamb of God you take (away) the sin of the world*, we recall his taking our human struggles and raising us up out of the waters with him. The struggles may not go away, but he shares in them with us. This is the place of communion for us with him. Unlike John's baptism, our baptism into Christ is not so much about sin - in spite of what you have been told - it is about the graciousness of God that gives God's very self to us in the shared Spirit. It is not so much that we are set free of sin as it is that we, like Mary, are full of grace. Let us give thanks for the grace of our baptism through which we, filled with grace, are sharers in God's divine life. The response to the question of how we each share that life is revealed in how we live the unique gift of God that we are. Many people can tell us who they think we are, only we in the presence of God can stand and affirm - "I am (strength, beauty, wisdom, forgiveness, compassion, love, wonder, awesome, generous, good...)" In this Jubilee Year our focus is on the goodness of God, the tenderness of God. We turn from sin to recognize that we are graced. Our attention and energy is on the lived experience of being graced by God.

I thank you for all you do. I want to particularly thank those who responded to my request for an increase in your weekly gift to the parish. While we have eliminated the dreaded "second collections each month" our need remains. I ask that, if you have not had time to consider increasing your weekly gift, you do what is within your means to help support the many ministries that reveal God's gracious presence. I 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

Jesus whom God called "my beloved Son," is also the "servant" of whom Isaiah speaks in the first reading. We who are baptized in Christ must follow His example and use our time and resources in the service of God and neighbor.

LIVING STEWARDSHIP

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who answer their baptismal call to **belong more deeply** by placing their gifts and resources, their very selves, at God's service not only in the Church but in the world.

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-singers and singers alike. We have room for everyone!

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

SPSA Men's Fellowship Group Meeting Wednesday, January 20 at 7 p.m. in the Franciscan Center

Happy New Year! At our meeting a program on the life of Padre Pio will include a film and a subsequent discussion to be led by Dan Lareau. For those not familiar with Padre Pio, he was a Capuchin friar, priest, stigmatist and mystic, now venerated as a saint of the Roman Catholic Church.

All are welcome - men & women. Refreshments will be provided by members of the SPSA Men's Fellowship Group. There is no fee! We hope to see you there.

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:

- Jan. 21** *The Archivist* by Martha Cooley
 - Feb. 18** *My Brilliant Friend* by Elena Ferrante
 - Mar. 17** *The Narrow Road to the Deep North* by Richard Flanagan
 - Apr. 21** *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman
 - May 19** *The Silence of Bonaventure Arrow* by Rita Leganski
- Date/Time:** Thurs., Jan. 21 – 7 to 8:30 p.m.
Place: Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry



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

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

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

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

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Di Ciccio & Filomeno Families

FAITH SHARING

Jesus: Pilgrimage – will continue on January 13, 20 & 27 at 12:45 p.m. in the Franciscan Center.

THANK YOU FOR FEEDING THE BIRDS



The members of the Secular Franciscan Order would like to thank you for participating in our project of feeding the birds for Christmas. It is a simple action, but even in the little things we honor God for His wondrous creation. Francis of Assisi knew the glory of creation and praised God for it.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Please call the parish office to register

Wake Up The World! – Thurs., Feb. 4; 7:00 p.m.

Pope Francis called for a year focused on the giftedness and commitment of men and women religious around the globe. The yearlong celebration will come to a close on World Consecrated Life Day, Feb. 2, 2016. Please consider joining us for an evening of prayer and sharing with women religious from the Hartford area. Sisters from the Daughters of the Holy Spirit, Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur, Sisters of St. Joseph and the Sisters of Mercy will gather with us.

MOMS Night Out: Food for the Body...Food for the Soul – Thurs., Feb. 11; 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Take this opportunity for a NIGHT OUT for yourself! Brought back by popular demand, Sebastian Kolodziej, chef and trainer at the House of Bread, will cook for us and teach us time-saving recipes and creative cooking tips just in time for Valentine's Day! During dessert, we will reflect upon our ministry of motherhood.

This program is designed for MOMS of all ages and we encourage you to bring a friend.

Offering: \$10.00; limited seating available – reserve your spot early!

Sponsored by the Women of Hope Ministry

READINGS – JAN. 11-17, 2016

- Mon. 1 Sm 1:1-8; Mk 1:14-20
- Tues. 1 Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28
- Wed. 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:22-39
- Thurs. 1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45
- Fri. 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mk 2:1-12
- Sun. Is 62:1-5; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

COLLECTION AMOUNTS

- Weekly – Jan.2-3 \$15,752.00**
- Holy Day – Mary, Mother of God \$ 2,889.00**
- On-line Giving – Dec. 28-Jan. 3..... \$ 5,757.00**
- Total available for operating budget..... \$24,398.00**



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.