

OCTOBER 4, 2015
TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2015

4:00 Concetta Gianni – req. by the Family

7:00 **Transitus of St. Francis of Assisi**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2015

8:00 James & Virginia Jordan – req. by Anita Ellis

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

11:45 Deceased Members of the Formica Family – req. by Jo-Ann & Richard

5:00 Joan Marie Montovani – req. by the Montovani Family

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2015

7:00 For Franciscan Center Ministry

8:00 Betty Proulx – req. by Don & Anne Rowe

12:05 Frank Giardino

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2015

7:00 For Catherine's Place Ministry

8:00 Muriel Bessette – req. by Tony & Maria Retartha

12:05 Ruth McHugh – req. by the Abramo Family

6:00 **Vespers**

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2015

7:00 For Our Parishioners

8:00 Arcade Bonin – req. by Don & Joanne Fenton

12:05 Salvatore Gianni – req. by the Family

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2015

7:00 For Franciscan Center Ministry

8:00 For Catherine's Place Ministry

12:05 Larry Lavin – req. by the Brennan Family

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2015

7:00 For Our Parishioners

8:00 For Franciscan Center Ministry

12:05 Conrad Rosal & Family – req. by Maria Rosal

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2015

4:00 Brian Mahoney – req. by the Family

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2015

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

10:00 Jane Wamester – req. by Mimi Sanford

11:45 Margaret Kennedy Samolyk, 2nd anniversary – req. by the Family

5:00 Donato Monaco – req. by the Monaco Family

Please Remember The Sick In Your Prayers:
Giacomo Vella

Please pray this week for all students, parents and teachers, returning to routine – especially those within our Religious Education programs, including Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Traditional and Family Catechesis, the 7th & 8th grade, and the Confirmation program.

READINGS –OCTOBER 5-11, 2015

Mon. Jon 1:1-2:2, 11; Lk 10:25-37

Tues. Jon 3:1-10; Lk 10:38-42

Wed. Jon 4:1-11; Lk 11:1-4

Thurs. Mal 3:13-20b; Lk 11:5-13

Fri. JI 1:13-15, 2:1-2; Lk 11:15-26

Sun. Wis 7:7-11; Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



CLAIRE, daughter of Donald and Brynna Perrault
KASSANDRA-ROSE, daughter of Kenneth and Kristin O'Hara



SISTER PARISH UPDATE

Since Sept. 20th date for the dedication of the church was postponed, there is one question asked by everyone: "What is the new date?" After our meeting with Fr. Philippe, PROCHE and the engineer of the construction firm, it was proposed that the work should be done completely and then we can sit down to set the date. All agreed. So without additional delays, the dedication date could be set around January 2016. You will be kept updated. In general, the church building is done – they are working now on the finishing touches and the outside. See the photos on our church bulletin board.

Between 25 and 30 people are taking part in a three month program "ALFA" (adult literacy) in the village. Stay tuned - more updates will be shared. God bless you!

Peace and All Good

Sister Parish Committee

CLARE
Gallery

"Grace Before Dying": An Exhibition of Human Dignity and Transformation

ARTIST RECEPTION - Tues., Oct. 13 – 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Artist Lori Waselchuk will speak at 7:00 p.m.

****Second Chance** to view a powerful documentary FILM: "Music from the Big House" Monday, Oct. 19, 6:45-8:45 p.m.**

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

May the Lord give you peace.


Happy Feast of St. Francis!

This weekend we celebrate St. Francis and continue our celebration of the 25th anniversary of the friars in Hartford. It is our privilege to be here with you. We are especially grateful to Fr. Andrew who came with Fr. Jerome in 1990. The life and energy of the parish community is astounding. We are truly blessed in the good work that the Lord is accomplishing.

As we celebrate St. Francis, we consider the plight of the migrants around the world. Francis desired with all his heart to live the Gospel. I am sure that the image from Matthew 25 is central to the living of the Gospel. Jesus noted, "when I was a stranger, you welcomed me." In the last few weeks, I have been in touch with Senator Blumenthal's office to ask for his insight and assistance in our response to the many people fleeing persecution, war, and poverty - the migrants/refugees around the world. I am happy to say that on Monday, Oct. 5, Senator Blumenthal will have a press conference here at the Franciscan Center at 11:00 AM. I invite you to attend and participate in this gathering. He is committed to assisting as he can in this crisis. We are committed to the Gospel that engages us to welcome the stranger in as much as "whatever you did for the least ones, you did for me.

We are also hosting a gathering on Monday evening Oct. 5 at the Franciscan Center to engage in conversation with Sr. Caryn Crooke, regarding a Franciscan response to *Laudato Si'*, the papal document on our responsibility for the environment. Francis had a love of all creation in as much as he realized the vestiges of God in everything/everyone God has created. I hope you can join us to participate in the experience and be enlivened by the witness of Sr. Caryn, who has spent many years encouraging loving concern for the one St. Francis called, "our sister, Mother Earth."

Finally, the papal visit that seemed to end on a high note took a turn as it was revealed that Pope Francis had met with the Kentucky county clerk who was sent to jail for contempt of court. It is disheartening to many that this was kept secret and only revealed after his return to Rome. I encourage you who are disheartened to not let this incident diminish the knowledge that God's grace will always prevail. Perhaps in this encounter, where she experienced compassion, she might herself discover greater compassion. This encounter also highlights the Pope's statement on his return flight regarding conscientious objection as integral to public life. In calling attention to conscience, we are all reminded of the primacy of conscience within our understanding of what it means to belong within the church. We each have the Spirit of God dwelling within our hearts who speaks to us the words of life and calls us to the courage that enables us to be authentic disciples. Francis of Assisi followed his conscience in embracing the leper and befriending the sultan - both of which were excommunicable offences. I thank you for your courage - be strong.



A big thank you to all who joined us for last week's celebration of the Friars' presence for 25 years! Many came to join us and all were involved! From the Volunteer Ministry office, a special thank you to all who helped set up, serve and cleanup! Bravo!

- It is our joy and delight to praise God. This praise is the work of every member of the community and the life of the community itself. We are grateful for all the ways that you share your gifts as we gather for Mass each week. All are welcome! We invite you to consider committing yourself, if you have not already, to participate in one of the many ministries that help us all to pray. There are ways of sharing your gifts whether you are young or not so young. All are welcome! How wonderful for us all to hear the Word of God come alive in the gifts of our musicians, choirs, cantors and Lectors. I am sure you have noticed our younger lectors and cantors! We are blessed with Altar Servers (including parent-child teams) who lead the procession and prepare the altar. Ushers greet us as we enter and orient new comers to our church. Sacristans are often behind the scenes making sure that everything is set for our prayer. Gift Bearers and Ministers of the Eucharist help us to feast on the Bread of Life. Your gifts are needed, please consider how you might help us to pray, praise and celebrate God's wonderfully abiding presence. To find out about one of these ministries, call Trudi in the Volunteer Ministry office.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

The phrase in today's Psalm, "May you see your children's children," is really a prayer for a long life. The good steward knows that every day is a gift from God to be lived with joy and thanksgiving. "May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives."

LIVING STEWARDSHIP

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who celebrate and enjoy the gift of family through our community-wide events such as last week's picnic on Saturday.

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!

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:

- Oct. 15** *The Silent House* by Orhan Pamuk
- Nov. 19** *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd
- Date/Time:** Thurs., Oct. 15 – 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 Hose 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: October 11, 2015 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.

**LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR
1st Oktoberfest/German Dinner/Christmas Tag Sale – Oct. 16, 17 & 18 – 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

Germanfest Dinner – Sat., Oct. 17 – 11a.m. – 2 p.m.

**To be held at St. Joseph's Residence,
1365 Enfield Street, Enfield, CT**

**Contact Sr. Frances at 860-741-0791 or
www.littlesistersofthepoorconnecticut.org**

YOUTH ROSARY GROUP

Please join us for the next Youth Rosary Group in Our Lady of the Angels Chapel on Sundays at 11:00 – 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 three classes are scheduled as follows:

- Oct. 18: The Our Father, Part 2
- Nov. 22: The Our Father, Part 3
- 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 bulletin for more classes to come!

OPEN HOUSE – EAST CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
Come visit East Catholic High School during our Open House on Thurs., Nov. 5 at 6:45 p.m. The entrance exam for 8th graders will be given on Sat., Nov. 14 at 8 a.m. at East Catholic High. Pre-registration for the exam is advised but not required. Visit www.echs.com or call our Admissions office at 860-649-5336 x6456 for more information.

PART-TIME JOB OPPORTUNITY

A Spanish teacher is needed at Saint Augustine School, 20 Clifford Street, Hartford, CT. Please call Mrs. Helen Treacy, Principal at 860-249-5661 for more details.

SPSA EMMAUS MINISTRY FOR GRIEVING PARENTS

We are hosting our third annual retreat day on **Saturday, October 24, 2015** for parents who have lost a child who died (at any time). Your acknowledgement of the parent's ongoing experience is gift. Flyers are in the literature rack at the back of the church. Contact Fr. Tom or Natalie, Jacky and Nate's mom at jjnwelsh@cox.net.

COLLECTION AMOUNTS

Weekly – Sept. 26/27	\$14,183.00
On-line Giving –Sept. 21-27	\$ 3,286.50

TOTAL: \$17,469.50



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

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St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church.**