

**JULY 24, 2016**  
**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**SATURDAY, JULY 23, 2016**

**4:00** Johanna Pace – req. by Joe DiStefano

**SUNDAY, JULY 24, 2016**

**8:00** Carmen Vargas Cardona – req. by Janette Mourlier

**10:00** Fr. Jim Hynes, ofm, 65<sup>th</sup> birthday – req. by Joyce & John Lemega

**11:45** In thanksgiving to St. Cristina – req. by Rosemarie Perkoski

**5:00** Jerene Luna – req. by her Sister

**MONDAY, JULY 25, 2016**

**7:00** Mary S. Fritz – req. by Don & Donna Moore

**8:00** John M. Gibbons, Jr. – req. by, Mary Gibbons

**12:05** Teresa D'Esopo – req. by the Ladies Guild

**TUESDAY, JULY 26, 2016**

**7:00** Frederick Peyser, Jr. – req. by Mary Gibbons

**8:00** In thanksgiving to St. Anne – req. by Rosemarie Perkoski

**12:05** Dr. Gregory Sheehan – req. by Friends

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 27, 2016**

**7:00** Lawreen McCann – req. by the Harrington Family

**8:00** Intentions of André Bascome – req. by Hazel Singh-Patrick

**12:05** In thanksgiving to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel – req. by Rosemarie Perkoski

**THURSDAY, JULY 28, 2016**

**7:00** David Kerr - req. by Mary Gibbons

**8:00** Maeve O'Leary – req. by Lee Callahan & June Staunton

**12:05** Thomas Trudell – req. by Syl & Janice Ciraulo

**FRIDAY, JULY 29, 2016**

**7:00** Wilson & Arlene da Silva – req. by Carlos Costa

**8:00** Helen Collins – req. by Jerry Mason

**12:05** Intentions of the Maiorini/Urbanucci Family – req. by the Family

**SATURDAY, JULY 30, 2016**

**4:00** Maria Brito – req. by Teresa Carvalho

**SUNDAY, JULY 31, 2016**

**8:00** Selena Mason – req. by Sebastian Kolodziej & Michael Taylor

**10:00** John Lemega, 47<sup>th</sup> anniversary – req. by the Family

**11:45** Kathy Gerardi – req. by Laura Dwyer

**5:00** Annamae & James Kerrigan – req. by Daughter Nancy Kerrigan Jarasek

**PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS**

*John Gelberg; Fr. Andrew Giardino, ofm; Infant  
Seamus Hansen; Bruce May;  
Katherine Nel*

**PLEASE REMEMBER THE DECEASED IN YOUR PRAYERS**

*Rosalie Malone  
Mike Moreau*

**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.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Baptisms*

**ELEANOR**, daughter of Matthew and Cara Quinn



**SISTER PARISH UPDATE**

*This is a reflection of Bob Wiatr's trip to Haiti in March 2013.*

First of all, I did a lot more than just visit our sister parish. I got to see how the people of Haiti, rich and poor, live. I learned what their daily lives are like, and how resilient and adaptive they are to living with earthquakes, floods, and lack of an effective

government. I even got to see some donated vehicles from CT including cars, school buses, and trucks that are being put to good use.

I visited orphanages and Haiti's only hospital that is open seven days a week, twenty-four hours a day. That hospital is dedicated to providing medical services to the poorest children. Some orphanages had children who weren't really orphans but sent by their parents who didn't have the means to take care of them and wanted them to have a chance at a better life.

At our sister parish I got to see the minimalist buildings that are the school rooms and the temporary church. I met the dedicated staff that is doing a fantastic job teaching in the parish school.

I would encourage all of you to consider going on one of the parish trips to Haiti. You will learn about Haiti, its people, and our sister parish.

Let me address some of the things that may concern you about making the trip.

You might say "Oh a trip like this would take a lot of planning." Well it doesn't. I didn't even plan on making this trip until two weeks before it departed when I replaced someone who planned to go but had to drop out. The staff that plans the trip takes care of the arrangements. There is very little you need to do.

You may say "I'm not sure about eating Haitian food." Well I can tell you that the food is excellent, and there's plenty of it.

You may say "I really don't know any of the people that are going." Well I didn't either but made some special, lasting friendships.

You may say "Oh it would be dangerous, and I could get sick." There were never any problems of personal safety, and a nurse was one of the travelers.

Or lastly you may say "Being without electricity and running water sounds difficult." This only occurred while at our sister parish, and there was always plenty of water for bathing and safe drinking water available. There was even a generator that ran each evening for a few hours providing light and an opportunity to charge anything that needed it.

So give it some serious thought. It's a very rewarding spiritual experience as well a learning experience both about Haiti and yourself.

**PEACE CIRCLES**

Wed. July 27, Aug. 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 – 12:35-1:35 p.m. in the Chapel following 12:05 p.m. Mass and 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Franciscan Center.

*"Send Thy peace, O Lord, our Father and Mother, that we Thy children on earth may all unite in one family."*  
(Hazel Inayat Khan)

Dear Parishioners and Friends at

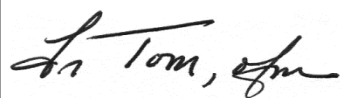
St. Patrick-St. Anthony and St. Genevieve,  
May the Lord give you peace.

I hope you are enjoying the summer. The longer days and opportunities for outdoor activities are great opportunities to connect with friends and family. I am delighted by the number of visitors we have had over the last several weeks. I thank you for encouraging your guests to join you at our weekend celebrations of the Eucharist. This is a vibrant community of faith.

Some have been wondering what is happening with Catherine's Place. We are looking into several options to continue the ministry that began there several years ago. We were taken by surprise that Mercy was shifting their program and with little notice moved every one of our guests. So, it is not surprising that it would take some time to find a good fit for renewing the ministry. We are actively researching new possibilities and I will keep you posted as things unfold. I am grateful for the outpouring of concern and the commitment to new ways of ministering within a population that is struggling. We have been greatly blessed in the women who have been a part of this ministry.

I thank everyone who was able to join us on Tuesday evening for the time of prayer, healing and commissioning for peace making in our world. The mission continued on Wednesday with Prayer Circles. I am grateful to you for your participation in the times of prayer. I also realize that we were able to get the readings and prayer experiences out via our e-mail so that those confined to home, travelers, and vacationing families would be able to participate in this time of prayer. Our prayer is that we would be changed, transformed, in these difficult and violent times; that we not become bitter, complacent, or vengeful but rather more open-minded, engaged, and committed to the restoration of goodness in our communities and our world.

You may have noticed in Fr. Kevin's letter last week the mention of the Pardon of Assisi. We will celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of the Angels of the Portiuncula on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. For those of you who have been to Assisi, you know that the Portiuncula (the little portion) is an incredibly beautiful chapel within the huge Basilica. It was the place of prayer for Francis and the early friars, the place where the Order grew, and where Francis died. This is the 8<sup>th</sup> centenary of the Pardon of Assisi, for 8 hundred years this has been a time and place of healing. Now, all Franciscan churches participate in this graced time. I invite you to mark the date and plan to pray with us. Where a Pope will declare a Holy Year and specifically unseal the "Holy Doors" on special occasions, this privilege has been a part of our tradition and celebrated annually. It is time to celebrate, *open hearts - open minds - and open doors*, together.



- From preparing/serving meals for various church functions to serving at the House of Bread, our Ministry of Hospitality takes on many forms. One such form is the nighttime volunteer Church Secretary position. This

part of the Ministry of Hospitality during the weekday evenings from 4 to 8 p.m. With a smile, ministers will be the nighttime "Face of our Parish" by answering the phone and doors, doing light office work and helping visitors find their program location. Please consider becoming part of our Ministry of Hospitality. For more information, please contact Trudi in the office.

- Consider helping during Mass. We are seeking Altar Servers who assist the Presider during the service. Ten year olds and older please consider serving in this unique capacity. Contact Trudi in the office to find out more!

#### STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

*Jesus is describing God's immeasurable generosity when He says in today's gospel, "Whoever asks, receives; whoever seeks, finds; whoever knocks, is admitted." But it should also be the description of us as Christian stewards – those seeking to follow Christ by using our gifts in service to others.*

#### LIVING STEWARDSHIP

We are grateful this week for all stewards who embrace God's mercy, striving to make God's mercy visible in our world by sharing it with others.

#### ADULT FAITH FORMATION

*Please call the parish office to register.*

#### **Summer Nourishment – How Do We Know Mercy in Our Lives?** – Tues. July 26; 12:30-12:55 p.m.

Presenter:

7/26 – Becky Webber, Sandwich Ministry, House of Bread Thrift Store

Offering: \$5.00

#### **Servanthood – Leadership for the Third**

**Millennium** - Wed. July 27 & Aug. 3; 6:30-8:30 p.m.

An opportunity this summer to explore the concepts of Servant Leadership. Come and sample Servant Leadership topics revealed in this acclaimed book by Episcopal Bishop, Right Reverend Bennett Sims.

Facilitator: Laura Dwyer

Free Will Offering

**"Come & See" information session for Servant Leadership Beginnings" program will be held on Wed. July 27 at 6:00 p.m.**

#### SPSA MEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP

On Fri., Aug. 26 at 6 p.m., we will be hosting a BBQ in the Friary Meeting Room of the Urban Center. Join us for a hot dog and/or hamburger and chips as we hear Bill Walsh, Associate Retreat Director at Holy Family Retreat Center explain "The Benefits of Attending Retreats." Men & Women are welcome. Please invite a friend. Register by calling the parish office.

**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:**

**Aug. 18**      *Station Eleven* by Emily St. John Mandel

**Date/Time:**    Thurs., Aug. 18 – 7 to 8:30 p.m.

**Place:**            Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry

OPEN HEARTS  
GAY & LESBIAN MINISTRY

**Next meeting: TBA**

**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.

**EMMAUS GRIEVING PARENTS  
SUMMER MEETING DATES**

Parents who lost a child prior to or soon after birth will gather on July 24 at 6:15 p.m. in the Franciscan Center.

All parents who have lost a child are invited to gather in the Franciscan Center on August 18 at 10:30 a.m.

**SPIRITUAL DIRECTION MEETING**

Each Tuesday at **1:00 p.m.** in the Franciscan Center a Spiritual Direction meeting will take place. **Next meeting: July 26.** The focus for reflection will be the Gospel for the upcoming Sunday. All are welcome! Please join us.

**READINGS – JULY 25-31, 2016**

- Mon.    2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 20:20-28
- Tues.   Jer 14:17-22; Mt 13:36-43
- Wed.    Jer 15:10, 16-21; Mt 13:44-46
- Thurs.   Jer 18:1-6; Mt 13:47-53
- Fri.      Jer 26:1-9; Jn 11:19-27
- Sun.     Eccl 1:2, 2:21-23; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21



**DONATIONS NEEDED**

The following donations at the House of Bread are needed:

- Coffee, Sugar, Paper Napkins,
- Paper Towels, Spices and
- Mayonnaise.

We deeply appreciate your kind support and generosity.

[www.hobread.org...more](http://www.hobread.org...more) than just soup!

**PRAYER NETWORK**

Our Prayer Network is available to receive your prayer requests. You are invited to call the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry, 756-4034, x-162, with prayer intentions that will be handled with care and in a confidential manner. At x-162, please leave a message containing your intention. It is not necessary to give the name of the individual for whom prayers are being requested, but it would be helpful if you could give some idea of the situation about which members of the Prayer Network will be praying. This extension is checked daily and the intentions are called out over the network as quickly as possible.

**Also, e-mail requests can now be made to [prayer@spsact.org](mailto:prayer@spsact.org).**

**SECOND COLLECTION – JULY 23/24, 2016**

The second collection this weekend will be for the Archdiocesan Mission Appeals. Brother Charles Gamen, OCD will speak to us on behalf of the Discalced Carmelite Friars Mission in Kenya.

**COLLECTION AMOUNTS**

- Weekly – July 16/17..... \$17,783.50**
- On-line Giving –July 11-17..... \$ 5,469.50**
- Total available for operating budget ..... \$23,253.00**



To register for Online Giving, please visit our website: [WWW.SPSACT.ORG](http://WWW.SPSACT.ORG).

We're still here while you're on vacation. Use On-Line Giving to schedule recurring or one-time donations.

**Need help signing up for On-Line 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.***