

Haiti in our Hands

Compassion and solidarity for the people of Haiti



Monthly Newsletter

February 2023

Fair Trade With Singing Rooster



**Singing Rooster Haitian
Coffee & Chocolate**

Molly Nicaise led a session at the Parish Twinning Program of the Americas August conference entitled “Addressing the needs of the poor through sustainable Community Development.” As co-founder and CEO of Singing Rooster Coffee, Nicaise has over 14 years of experience building this income generating business partnership in Haiti. She is a dynamic speaker, passionate about Fair Trade pricing, and helping the Haitian farmers invest in their community.

Their website says, “Singing Rooster is a social enterprise nonprofit working side-by-side with small producers: Haitian coffee farmers, Haitian cacao (chocolate) producers, and Haitian artists.” Singing Rooster is able to pay their farmers, producers and artists Fair Trade wages and still offer coffee, chocolate and oil drum art at wholesale prices for groups like ours to use in fundraisers to support other communities in Haiti.

We ordered Christmas ornaments made from oil drums back in November and sold them at the Book & Bake Sale. This month we offered coffee and chocolate from Singing Rooster for sale. With all the troubles in Haiti right now, Nicaise worries about her business partners. In an email this month, she wrote, “Haiti has a long road ahead. So what do we do? We help each other. We cheerlead and support the good work of those who have championed for the poor for decades. We remind ourselves to whom much is given, much is expected.”

News From Chauffard

“Life in Haiti has become truly difficult and difficult. We don’t know what to do. Thank you very much for your support! May God continue to fill you with all his blessing!!!”

From Father Louis Raymond, February 2023

The Parish Twinning Program of the Americas director, David Siler, sent an encouraging email on February 13. He recently traveled to Cap Haitian and reports that life is more secure in northern Haiti, and several US churches are visiting their twin parishes this spring.

Upcoming Events

March 4: Chicken & Biscuit Takeout Dinner
Reservations Required, Sign-up Genius:
www.stmichael-stpeter.org

Wednesdays in March: Soup Suppers
Free will offering to Haiti

Friday March 24: Doug’s Fish Fry To Go
Velasko Road parking lot, 11am - 6 pm

April 21-23: Book Sale/Bottle & Can Drive

For more information, call
Kate McMahon at 315-214-1569.

**Supporting the Church of the Immaculate Conception,
Chauffard, Haiti, Father Raymond, Parish Priest**

Chicken & Biscuit Takeout Dinner

Food by

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SKANEATELES

Saturday March 4
from 4 - 7 pm

\$15 per person

Chicken & gravy, biscuit, green beans,
coleslaw, cranberry sauce, cookie dessert

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

Sign up on the church website
(stmichael-stpeter.org) or call 315-663-4580

PICKUP: Church of St. Michael & St. Peter Basement

Corner of Velasko Road and West Seneca Turnpike,
Onondaga Hill (enter from Velasko Road)

In support of our twin parish in Chauffard, Haiti