

We are pleased and honored

To welcome you to

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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Rev. Mark Masnicki, Pastor

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Deacon Michael Puscas



**MASS
INTENTIONS**

Saturday September 19, 2015 St. Januarius, bishop, martyr

4:00 PM Confession

5:00 PM Patricia Spedaliere req. by her family

Sunday, September 20, 2015 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Betty Mackey on the occasion of her birthday req.
by C Wheaton

10:30 AM Francesco Germano req. by the family

11:30 AM Baptism

Monday September 21, 2015 St. Matthew, apostle, evangelist

NO MASS

Tuesday September 22, 2015 Weekday

NO MASS

Wednesday September 23, 2015 St. Pius of Pietrelcina, priest

9:00 AM For the people of the parish, living & deceased

Thursday September 24, 2015 Weekday

NO MASS

Friday September 25, 2015 Weekday

9:00 AM Souls in Purgatory

Saturday September 26, 2015 Sts. Cosmas & Damian, martyrs

4:00 PM Confession

5:00 PM Lauren Lafontaine req. by her family

Sunday, September 27, 2015 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Abbey Marie Coutu req. by Norm & Ella Mae Kuzel

10:30 AM Rita DeCaprio req. by her husband

Sacrificial Giving

Offertory: \$ 3,053.00

Building Maintenance: \$ 580.00

Today's second collection is for Catholic Elementary Schools.

Next weekend we will collect envelopes for the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Membership.

A very sincere thanks to all those parishioners who make-up their offertory while away.

St. Andrew Church – Colchester on Thursdays ~ Adoration at 8:30 ~ Rosary at 6:00pm...Benediction at 7:00pm.

Weekend of September 26 & 27

5:00pm Lector: Steve Wengloski

Eucharistic Minister: Jim Hay

Altar Servers: Steven Bardes, Wayne Woodward

8:00am Lector: Ella Mae Kuzel

Eucharistic Minister: Kathy Walden

Altar Servers: Anthony Pomerleau

10:30am Lector: Paul Pelletier

Eucharistic Minister: Dick Lataille

Altar Servers: Nicholas Barrett, Erika Densman

MEETINGS

CCD 1st^{class} Sunday September 20 9-10am

Ladies Guild Pot Luck Monday Sept. 21 @ 6:30pm

Polish Dinner Friday September 25 5:30-7:30pm at the Fire Safety Complex

Military Service Honor Roll

SW1 John P. Dyer Jr. U.S. Navy

LCPL Alex Bielawa, U.S. Marines

Lt. Colonel William J. Girard, U.S. Army

Sgt. Derek Keegan, U.S. Army

Major Michael A. Goba, U.S. Army JAG

E-5 Francis Orcutt, U.S. Army

HMC Heather S. Gardipee, U.S. Navy

Pvt. Zachary Berquist, U.S. Army

Pvt. First Class Jacob Grzanowicz

Sgt. Justin A. VonEdwins, U.S. Army

Sgt. Robert Massicotte U.S. Army

Pvt. First Class Jordan Anderson U.S. Army

Prayer for our Men and Women in Military Service

O Prince of Peace, we humbly ask Your protection for all our men and women in military service. Give them unflinching courage to defend with honor, dignity, and devotion the rights of all who are imperiled by injustice and evil. Guard our churches, our homes, our schools, our hospitals, our factories, our buildings and all those within from harm and peril. Protect our land and its peoples from enemies within and without. Grant an early peace with victory founded upon justice. Instill in the hearts and minds of men and women everywhere a firm purpose to live forever in peace and good will toward all. Amen.

APOSTOLATE OF PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

This week, September 20– September 26 —. Let us pray for our priests – Rev. Justinian Rweyemamu, Rev. Arthur Archer, Rev. David Zercie MSA, Rev. George Richards Jr., Rev. Stephen Gulino, Rev. Richard Breton, Rev. Michael Giannitelli, Rev. Jan Swiderski, Rev. Joseph Tito, Rev. Jude Surowiec OFM Cv, V. Rev. Dennis Perkins, Rev. Elson Kattookaran MS, Rev. Thomas Ahern, Rev. Brian Maxwell. – We pray for our priests: for sanctity of their souls; and for perfect love, that they be the Voice of Christ. May they be a channel for His Precious Blood, always acting through love. (Mother Catherine Aurelia, foundress)

We also pray for any priests who have left the ministry.

Our parish website is currently unavailable. We are in the process of upgrading the site.



We are collecting the following items for WAIM: Gently used winter coats, new pillows, blankets, towels, are most needed but any household items would be greatly appreciated. A truck will be at the Church parking lot before and after Masses on October 17th and 18th for the drop off of your donation items.

- ❖ **CHILDREN'S MASS:** Grades K & 8 will be helping at the 10:30am Mass on Sunday September 27th. Refreshments in the meeting room following the Mass.

PAVING PLEDGE UPDATE

Pledges received to date total \$53,305.00

If you have not yet pledged, extra pledge cards are available at the Church side entrance.



Save your hanging flower pots
The Ladies Guild will once again be making cemetery arrangements. Please consider donating your hanging flower pots/baskets or pots from your fall flowers for use in this fundraiser.

There need to empty the dirt. Please leave near the side door of the church garage. Thank you. Please contact Barbara 642-7168 with any questions.

All ladies of the parish are invited to the Guild Potluck Supper Monday September 21st, 6:30 in the meeting room.



Please bring a dish to share. A signup sheet can be found at the side entrance of the church. Meeting to follow dinner.

This is an opportunity to see what the Guild is about. If you are not already a member, you are under no obligation to join.

The Knights of Columbus, Ladies Guild & Saint Francis Parish

**A Taste of Poland—Polish Dinner,
FRIDAY September 25th,**

5:30-7:30 at the Fire Safety Complex.

Meal includes: 1 Golumpki (Stuffed Cabbage), 3 Pierogies, Kielbasa, Sauerkraut, Vegetable, Bread, Dessert & Drink. \$15 per person



There are a limited number of tickets.

Advance Tickets are required and are being offered to St. Francis Parishioners before the general public. Contact Kathy at 860.617.9577 by September 16th. All proceeds will go to the Church.

Lebanon Volunteer Fire Department Open House

Saturday, October 3, 2015

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Fire Safety Complex, Goshen Hill Road

**Representatives from
Lebanon Volunteer Fire Department
Windham Hospital Paramedics
CT State Police
Lebanon Police
Lifestar Medical Helicopter**

**Live Demonstrations including
Life fire extinguisher use
Smoke Trailer
Jaws of Life and more**

For more information call Betsy Petrie 450 2225

ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

- **Next Married Couples Retreat** Improve an already good thing. Repair what has suffered from neglect; Increase the grace of your sacramental bond; Give yourselves a gift of joy. **Date:** September 25-27, 2015 **Begins** 5:30pm Friday- **ends** Sunday noon **Cost** \$360 per couple (ask if help is needed) **Includes:** Mass, conferences, time for Confession, Quiet & couple time, surprises, prayer/ adoration, 5 meals, private room w shower/toilet. **Location:** Immaculata Retreat House 289 Windham Road/Willimantic CT 06226 Office (860) 423-8484 Fr. Ron (612) 750-4275
- **Healing Masses** Spiritual Renewal Services, 11 Bath Street, Norwich, CT 06360 **Monday, September 28th at 2:00 PM** Mass is held on first floor Celebrant: Father Ray and Judith Hughes with concluding prayers for spiritual healing.
- **Position: Part-time Coordinator, Office of Catholic Family Services, Diocese of Norwich:** The part-time coordinator oversees Roman Catholic marriage preparation programs, plans liturgical celebrations, and serves as a resource person for several Catholic family life organizations. Eligibility: practicing Catholic, knowledge of Church teachings, organizational skills, Bachelor's Degree or its equivalent in Theology/Religious Studies. Application Deadline: September 28, 2015. For job description and application process, please write Office of Chancellor, 201 Broadway, Norwich, CT 06360.
- **Diocesan Pro-Life Mass at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on Saturday, October 3rd ~ 8:30 a.m.** Please join us and our celebrant Rev. Ray Introvigne at Mass as we pray to end abortion and for the healing for those who have had an abortion. Following the Mass, the Rosary will be prayed both at the Cathedral and Planned Parenthood. A brunch in the Cathedral Hall will follow the Rosary this month.
- **Rebuild your Parish:** October 3, 2015 from 8:30am to noon. St. Bernard School, 1593 Norwich-New London Turnpike, Uncasville. For more information call the Office of Faith Events at 860.848.2237 ext. 312. This presentation is about how parishes have brought new life and increased attendance. Fr. Michael White & Tom Corcoran, co-authors of **Rebuilt** and **Tools for Rebuilding**. Registration deadline is September 28. Send name, phone number, parish name and address along with a check payable to Office of Faith Events 199 Broadway Norwich, CT 06360. Cost \$10/person \$40 per 4 or more.
- **Executive Director-Catholic Charities, Diocese of Norwich, Inc.:** Practicing Catholic with good understanding of Catholic social teaching, Master's Degree in Social Work or Business Administration with related experience in human service field. The candidate must have strong management experience and excellent professional and interpersonal skills to provide leadership. Apply no later than October 16, 2015. Resume and cover letter including salary requirements and 3 references should be sent to: Vicar General, 201 Broadway, Norwich, CT 06360.
- On Saturday, October 17, the Diocesan Office of Worship will conduct a **workshop for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** who bring Communion to the sick in their homes, in hospitals or nursing homes. Registration deadline is October 7th. Fee: \$20. Place: St. Patrick Parish, East Hampton. For more information call 860-848-2237x203 or go to www.norwichdiocese.org for registration form.

- Twenty-third Annual Mass for Firefighters/EMS Personnel** Saturday, October 17, 2015, at 5:00 p.m. On Saturday, October 17, 2015, at 5:00 p.m., Bishop Cote will celebrate Mass for all Firefighters/EMS personnel, in the Cathedral of Saint Patrick. Assembly at Chelsea Parade for the line-up and the procession (to the Cathedral) of all personnel and apparatus will begin at 3:00 p.m. Heather Mislivets-Ahern, Emergency Manager, Mashantucket Pequot Fire Department, and Robert Ziegler, President, Emergency Resource Management, are the Mass Committee Co-Chairs. The Homilist will be Deacon Wayne Sandford, Deacon at St. Therese Church, North Haven and Past Chief of the East Haven Fire Department. All companies, departments, and personnel and their families are cordially invited to participate. For more information call, Mrs. Terri Zampini at 860-887-9294, x265, or Monsignor Brown at x232.
- SAVE THE DATE NOTICE** Office of Worship Registration Information to Follow in September **Workshop for Eucharistic Ministers who Bring Communion to the Sick and Homebound** Saturday, October 17, 2015 9:00 AM to Noon St. Patrick Parish, East Hampton

Workshop for New Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers
Saturday, October 24, 2015 9:00 AM to Noon St. Joseph Parish, Willimantic
- CT Catholic Men's Conference 2015** Annual Connecticut Catholic Men's Conference, Saturday October 24th from 8am – 5pm at Goodwin College, East Hartford. Come join hundreds of Catholic men from our three dioceses. The day includes talks by four inspiring speakers, holy Mass with our priests and bishops, confessions heard throughout the day by many priests a, good music, opportunity to meet great men and priests from our dioceses. Our theme this year is **Family Man**. Come and learn more about your faith! The tickets are \$40. Ticket includes lunch and may be purchased at our website www.CTCatholicMen.org or by calling 860.484.7950. Speaker information, directions to Goodwin College are also on the site. See you there on the last Saturday of October.
- RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT WEEKENDS**
"I did not think the sorrow and wounds from my abortion, could be healed". Healing and forgiveness can begin with a **Rachel's Vineyard Retreat**. Retreat Oct. 16-18 in RI and Spanish Oct. 23-25 in RI call 401-421-7833 ext.118. Retreat Oct. 30-Nov. 1 in CT call 203-631-9030. rachelsvineyard.org **"PROJECT RACHEL"** is our Diocesan ministry for anyone seeking healing and forgiveness. Priests in **Project Rachel** ministry are there for you with God's Grace and Mercy. Call 860-889-8346 ext.283. All inquiries are confidential.
- The Silver and Gold Jubilee Anniversary Mass Sunday, October 18, 2015 -- 2:00p.m. Cathedral of St. Patrick** Inviting all couples married 25 & 50 years or a significant anniversary in renewal of your wedding vows at the Pontifical Mass celebrated by Bishop Michael R. Cote at the Cathedral of St. Patrick. Family members are invited to share in your celebration. A reception follows the Mass. Please contact Cheryl in the parish office to register. Registration deadline is October 13.

40 Days for LIFE
Sept. 23 – Nov. 1

Our 9th consecutive year of running this round-the-clock prayer vigil to raise awareness for the sanctity of LIFE here in Norwich, CT. Please prayerfully consider your participation in this important campaign

To sign up online or for more information please visit www.40daysforlife.com/norwich or call Brian Daly at BJDaly@aol.com or 860-822-1788

We pray for an end to abortion here in CT and in our Nation and we ask that you prayerfully discern your personal role in this Fall's 40 Days for LIFE campaign...Thank you!

Saturday October 10

Scott Hahn

St. Patrick's Cathedral in Norwich is presenting "A Day with Scott Hahn" from 930 am to 330 pm.

Scott Hahn, a professor of Biblical Theology and a Catholic convert, will speak about "Evangelizing Catholics: The Bible, The Eucharist and the New Evangelization." The Healing Power of Confession" & "Angels and Saints"

For more information and tickets, please call Karen at 860-303-0513



Kris Kringle Christmas Fair: Saturday November 14th from 9am – 4pm at STs. Peter & Paul Church Hall, 181 Elizabeth Street, Norwich. Vendor spaces available at \$25 each. Call 860.887.9857 for application.

Application deadline is October

HARVEST OF HOPE: A Cafemantic-catered wine tasting event to benefit WAIM. Sample select wines from Bombadill's Spirit Shop, beers from Willimantic Brewing Company and perfectly paired appetizers showcasing fare prepared by Cafemantic's Jonathan Hudak.

Saturday, September 26th, 2015 from 7-10pm @ 750 Main Street, Willimantic. Tickets are limited. \$50/person in advance; \$60/door. On sale @ www.waimct.org; 860.456.7270 ext. 11, & Cafemantic.

Mercy High School,

1740 Randolph Road, Middletown, CT.

Open House will be Sunday, November 1, 2015 at 1:00pm.

Entrance Exam for the Class of 2020 will be Saturday, November 14, 2015 from, 8am – 11:15am. Testing fee is \$30.00. Register at www.mercyhigh.com

Lebanon Historical Society's **49th Annual Antiques Show** **Don't Miss the 49th ANNUAL ANTIQUES SHOW ON THE LEBANON GREEN** at the Intersection of Routes 207 & 87 in Lebanon. **Held on SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 26th, 9am to 3pm. Held rain or Shine. Admission is \$5.00, children under 12 are free. Up to 80 antique dealers, refreshments available all day, free parking.** This event is sponsored by the Lebanon Historical Society. For additional information you may call the Lebanon Historical Society at 860-642-6579.

VENDORS WANTED

Yuletide Festival
Nov. 7, 2015
8:00 am - 2:00 pm
St. Mary Church
218 Providence St.
Putnam, Ct
Please contact:
Jean Ryan 860 928 5014

My dear sisters in Christ,

Next weekend, September 26-27, 2015, the annual Membership Campaign for the Norwich Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will be conducted throughout the Diocese of Norwich. Every woman in our diocesan family is invited to renew their membership in the Council or to join this outstanding organization for Catholic women. By joining the Council, women give witness to the importance of their faith as well as to values that shape their lives as Catholic Christians.

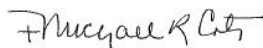
The Council urges every woman to become a member. Membership in the Council links you with women across the Diocese in its four (4) counties, New London, Middlesex, Tolland, and Windham, and Fishers Island. It also is a means to be informed of the Council's programs. While ever grateful to all the women who join the Council, I am thankful to the men throughout the Diocese who support its good works by their generous donations to the Membership Campaign.

Membership in the Council continues its vital work by supporting, empowering, and educating all Catholic women "in spirituality, leadership and service." The Council addresses major topics that affect the Church, society, and the family.

As the Membership Campaign is conducted, we pray that Our Lady Queen of the Rosary will intercede with her Divine Son to bless it with success by opening the hearts of women across the Diocese to join in the prayer, work, and life of the Norwich Diocesan Council of Catholic Women.

Through the intercession of Our Lady of Good Counsel, our Diocesan Council's Patroness, may the Lord bless you and your loved ones!

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Bishop of Norwich

Outreach to Haiti - Ride to Rebuild

A small team from the Diocese of Norwich Outreach to Haiti (OTH) will start a 6-day, 339-mile bike ride, touching five of the six New England states, on September 28th, to raise awareness and funds in order to rebuild facilities in Haiti. The course will start in Kittery, ME and go past all 11 parishes/schools in CT twinned with Haitian parishes/orphanages/schools. To get more information on OTH, the need for and details of the ride, and to donate, go to www.outreachtohaiti.org/ride-to-rebuild.

Please join us for Rebuild your Parish with Fr. Michael White and Tom Corcoran on Saturday, October 3rd from 8:30am – 12:00pm at St. Bernard School in Uncasville, CT. The presentation will appeal to Catholic Church Pastors, Leaders, community members, etc. who want to bring new life to their parish. Come hear the story of a parish who tripled in attendance from 1,400 to 4,000. Fr. Michael and Tom Corcoran will tell you how this community grew and how you can do it too! The cost is \$10 per person or \$40 for 4 or more, if you wish to register please contact the Office of Faith Events at Dhartley@norwichdiocese.net or (860)848-2237 ext. - 304.

Parish Mission – St. Andrew and St. Francis of Assisi – October 5th -7th **“Pope Francis and the Message of Mercy”**

Pope Francis is called "The Pope of Mercy." He has declared an entire year beginning on December 8, 2015 for us to reflect on this important theme.

Our parish mission will be a response to pope's invitation to look closely at God's mercy in new and creative ways and how we might live that message more fully in our daily lives in today's world. Come hear Fr. Anthony Ciorra, noted author and educator, from Sacred Heart University speak on this timely subject. Please mark your calendars for the Parish Mission, October 5th 7Pm, St. Andrew; October 6th, 6Pm St. Francis of Assisi, and 7:30PM St. Andrew; October 7th 7Pm, St. Andrew.

For more information about Fr. Ciorra; google “Anthony Ciorra”

Defending Our Religious Liberty SEPT. 20, 2015

In the church's opposition to the Health & Human Services mandate of the Affordable Health care act, the issue is our forced compliance with provisions that are contrary to our religious beliefs. Historically, the Church has delivered quality health care to all people who need it through our Catholic hospitals and social service programs. What we oppose is authorizing or paying for procedures that violate Catholic teaching.

If you haven't done so already, please voice your opposition to the federal health care mandate by calling U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Sylvia Mathews Burwell at 202-205-5445, and your elected representatives. Let them know that the mandate is in violation of our First Amendment right to religious freedom.