

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 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

Monday September 28, 2015 St. Wenceslaus, martyr; St.

Lawrence Ruiz & companions, martyrs

NO MASS

Tuesday September 29, 2015 Sts. Michael, Gabriel, &

Raphael, archangels

NO MASS

**Wednesday September 30, 2015 St. Jerome, priest, doctor of
the Church**

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

**Thursday October 1, 2015 St. Therese of the Child Jesus,
virgin, doctor of the Church**

NO MASS

Friday October 2, 2015 Holy Guardian Angels

9:00 AM Souls in Purgatory

Saturday October 3, 2015 Blessed Virgin Mary

4:00 PM Confession

5:00 PM Dr. Richard Williams req. by Stan & Theresa Baran

Sunday, October 4, 2015 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Maurice Pelletier req. by C. Wheaton

10:30 AM Arthur Choquette req. by his family

Sacrificial Giving

Offertory & Catholic Elementary School to be reported next week due to early submission of the bulletin to the printer.

Today's second collection is for monthly extraordinary expenses.

We will also collect envelopes for the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Membership.

Next weekend's second collection is for the Diocesan Cradle Fund.

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 October 3 & 4

5:00pm Lector: Steve Wengloski

Eucharistic Minister: Carole Briggs

Altar Servers: Grace Gardella, Nina Gardella

8:00am Lector: Jim Worth

Eucharistic Minister: Norm Kuzel

Altar Servers: Sam, Jack & Christian Terwilliger

10:30am Lector: Mark Bauer

Eucharistic Minister: Wally Gagnon

Altar Servers: Anna Campbell, Becca Chesters

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

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 27 – October 3 – Rev. Krzysztof Drybka OSPPE, Rev. John Gwudz, Rev. Gregory Mullaney, Rev. Raymond Introvigne, Rev. Gregory Galvin, Rev. Wojciech Pelczarski SDS, V. Rev. Douglas Mosey CSB, Rev. Anthony DiMarco, Rev. Grzegorz Brozonowicz, Rev. Jose Rizal DiMapilis OP, Rev. Augustine Naduvilekoot, Rev. Tadeusz Zadorozny, Rev. Thomas Smith. – Mary Immaculate, let us love you fervently and open our hearts to the dew of your grace, for we know that you are blessing our priests. (Mother Catherine Aurelia, foundress)

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



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.**

MEETINGS

CCD Sunday September 27 @ 9-10am

Knights of Columbus Thursday October 1 @ 7pm

**Parish Mission Saturday October 3 – Wednesday
October 7**

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.

**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

- **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 Introigne 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.
- **Holy Hour for Vocations: October 15** St. Paul in Waterford from 6-7pm

- **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

**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

VENDORS WANTED Yuletide Festival

Nov. 7, 2015 from 8:00 am - 2:00 pm

St. Mary Church, 218 Providence St., Putnam, CT
Please contact:

Jean Ryan 860 928 5014

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"

PARISH PICNIC

On behalf of the parish, I would like to thank our Knights of Columbus and Ladies Guild members for planning and running our recent parish picnic. I also want to thank Bruce & Randy Bouley for managing the games for the children, Ella Mae Kuzel for acting as museum docent, and the many parishioners who came and gave a helping hand.

Parishioners who were able to attend our picnic had a good time and look forward to next year's picnic.

A job well done by all.

Fr. Mark

*****Save the Date*****

**Harvest Moon Dinner Dance
Italian Style**

Sat., October 24, 2015

Food ~ Music ~ Fun

More information to follow.

**Questions call: Jennie Brewster 860-642-7146 or
Alicia Lamb 860-465-7603**

Cradle Fund October 3 and 4, 2015. Because of the increasing demands on the Cradle Fund and because of the Church's commitment to provide for needy, expectant mothers, please give generously to support this appeal. The care of expectant mothers and newborns warrants a sacrificial gift. Their need is our responsibility. Our assistance is a means of making tangible our pro-life convictions. This year, using the proceeds from the 2014 Cradle Fund Collection and with the help of additional donations, the Fund made grants to pro-life agencies and pregnancy support programs as well as direct assistance to expectant mothers. Now in its thirty eight year, the Cradle Fund is used to assist needy, expectant mothers in caring for their unborn or newly born children. It also provides financial support for birthright programs. But each year the demands on the Fund become more numerous. Please bring this need to the attention of your parishioners and thank them for their generosity. This appeal will be the focus of the second collection on Respect Life Sunday (October 3 and 4, 2015).

The following are grants from the Cradle Fund for the past year:

Birthright of Greater Westbrook \$ 3,000.00
 Birthright of Windham \$10,000.00
 Care Net Pregnancy Resource Center of SECT \$ 3,000.00
 Catholic Charities \$15,000.00
 Haitian Health Foundation \$ 2,000.00
 Madonna Place \$15,000.00
 ABC Women's Center \$ 3,000.00
 IHSP – Diaper Bank of NECT \$ 2,000.00
 Caring Family Services \$ 3,000.00
 Diocese of Norwich Outreach to Haiti \$ 4,000.00

Please join Bishop Cote at the Sixth Annual Seton Scholarship Dinner honoring the recipients of the *Most Reverend Michael R. Cote, D.D. Award for Contributions to Catholic Education* to be held at 4 PM on Sunday, November 1, 2015 at The Riverhouse at Goodspeed Station, 55 Bridge Road, Haddam, Connecticut. This year's honorees are Brother Lawrence Harvey, CFX, Sister Mary A. McCarthy, RSM and Mrs. Kathleen R. Clancy. Tickets are \$150/person. All proceeds benefit Catholic Schools within the Diocese. Opportunities for sponsorship and program advertising are available. For tickets and more information, please contact Kathy Gaito at 860-886-1928 ext. 15, kgaito@norwichdiocese.net or visit www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org.

Come visit East Catholic High School during our OPEN HOUSE on Thursday November 5, 2015 at 6:45pm. The entrance exam for eighth graders will be given on Saturday November 14, 2015 at 8am at East Catholic High School. 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.

HARVEST FEST: A celebration supporting The Academy at Mount Saint John. Saturday October 3 from 5-9pm. Live music by BluesGrass, and tours of the Academy. Harvest Dinner Buffet served at 6:30pm. Traditional autumn fare, desserts, coffee & tea. Wine, Beer & soft drinks all evening. Please join us at the Academy at Mount Saint John, 135 Kirtland Street, Deep River CT. Featured: MSJ Alum John William Tuohy, author of *No Time to Say Goodbye: A Memoir of a Life in Foster Care*. Autographed books will be offered for sale. \$75 per person, \$400 table of 6, \$500 table of 8. For more information call 860.343.1335 or 860.343.1331 arescoj@mtstjohn.org or stewartc@mtstjohn.org



Parish Giving

Did you know that you can have your weekly offering automatically sent to the parish with online banking automatic bill pay through your bank?

Some parishioners have requested this and we would like to offer this convenience to you. No need to find your check book and write out a check.

**No need to stop by the ATM.
 No need to remember your weekly envelope.**

You can choose how much and how often to give. Your contributions would still be recorded for tax purposes.

BENEFITS FOR SAINT FRANCIS

**Offertory becomes more stable.
 No more missed offertory due to sickness, weather, vacation.**

Expense for offertory envelope packets for those using online banking bill pay would be eliminated.

All you would need to do would be to contact your bank and ask to set up online banking and automatic bill pay.

Questions: Please contact Cheryl in the parish office at 860.642.6711

Come to the Sukkah, A SHELTER OF PEACE. Share a community pot luck on Sunday October 4 at 3:30pm. All welcome. If you are able, please bring a dish to share. Windham No-Freeze Shelter, 75 Bridge Street, Willimantic, CT. For more information contact Temple Bnai Israel at 860.423.3743.