

**We are pleased and honored
To welcome you to
St. Francis of Assisi Parish**
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Rev. Benjamin Soosaimanickam, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Michael Puscas



**MASS
INTENTIONS**

Saturday October 24, 2015 St. Anthony Mary Claret, bishop

4:00 PM Confession

5:00 PM Rev. Daniel C. Cronin req. by Julie & Dennis
Hoddinott

Sunday, October 25, 2015 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Margaret O'Neill req. by C. Wheaton

10:30 AM Vicki Rovers req. by Janice Palmer

Monday October 26, 2015 Weekday

NO MASS

Tuesday October 27, 2015 Weekday

NO MASS

Wednesday October 28, 2015 Sts. Simon & Jude, apostles

9:00 AM Rev. Timothy Valliere

Thursday October 29, 2015 Weekday

NO MASS

Friday October 30, 2015 Weekday

9:00 AM Healing for Mackie req. by her family

Saturday October 31, 2015 Blessed Virgin Mary

4:00 PM Confession

5:00 PM Paul Puhlick Jr. req. by Roberta Anthony

Sunday, November 1, 2015 All Saints

8:00 AM Charlotte McComber req. by Roddy & Betsy

10:30 AM George Boone 12 yr. anniversary req. by Mackie

Monday, November 2, 2015 All Soul's Day

9:15 AM For All Souls intentions of the parishioners

Offertory: \$ 2,158.80

Monthly extraordinary: \$ 591.00

Today's second collection is for building & maintenance.

Next weekend's second collection is for St. Bernard School.

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 31 & November 1

5:00pm Lector: Anne Staebner

Eucharistic Minister: Sharon Nejako

Altar Servers: Steven Bardes

8:00am Lector: Norm Kuzel

Eucharistic Minister: Jim Dyer

Altar Servers: Sam, Jack, & Christian Terwilliger

10:30am Lector: Greg Jones

Eucharistic Minister: Wally Gagnon

Altar Servers: Nicholas Barrett, Becky Kovach

PAVING PLEDGE UPDATE

Pledges received to date total \$57,505.00

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

Paving is scheduled to begin October 26.

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
1st Lt. Miles N. Snelgrove USMC 2nd Batt. 6th Marines

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 October 25 – October 31 – Rev. Albert Giaquinto, Rev. Tomasz Albrecht, Rev. V. Antony Alaharasan, Rev. Stanley Szczapa, Rev. George Villamthanam CST, Rev. John Gallagher OFM Cap, All Priests, Rev. Edward Konopka, V. Rev. Michael Phillippino, Rev. Victor Chaker, Rev. Richard Archambault, Rev. Rafal Kandora OSPPE, Rev. Walter Nagle – 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.

❖ **CHILDREN'S MASS: DATE CHANGE** Grade 1 will be helping at the 10:30am Mass on Sunday October 25th. Refreshments in the meeting room following the Mass.

MEETINGS

Parish Advisory Council Wednesday Nov. 4 @ 6:30pm

Knights of Columbus Thursday Nov 5 @ 7:00pm

30th Anniversary as a Parish Reception Sunday November 8th

Liturgy Committee Wednesday November 11 @ 6:30pm

Thanksgiving Food Basket Delivery Saturday November 14.

COLLECTION OF TOILETRIES

If you have collected shampoos, lotions, or other toiletries from hotels while away on a trip that you have not used, please bring them to St. Francis Church. We are also collecting twin zippered mattress pads and Pampers size 4 and up. We will have baskets at each entrance for your donations. These items will be donated to the Holy Family Shelter and to the No-Freezer Shelter in Willimantic.



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 is no 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.

Also---

The Ladies Guild will be selling cemetery arrangements in December. We will be in need of greens. If you or someone you know has plans to prune your holly bushes or evergreens this fall, please consider waiting and supply us with the greens we will need. Please contact Barbara @ 860-642-7168, or bobbi.w@charter.net if you will be able to supply greens for this annual fundraising project.



GIVING BASKET

Turkeys needed for the Thanksgiving Baskets. Please call the parish office before delivering. Baskets are to be delivered on November 14th.

It is time to replenish our food supplies in preparation for Thanksgiving Food Baskets. We ask that those able and willing to donate consider the following items that are needed: Gravy, Stuffing, Cranberry Sauce, Jelly, Peanut Butter, Flour, Sugar, Pie Crusts and Fillings, Bread and Cake Mixes, Spices, Vegetable Oil, Frostings, Canned Vegetables, Soups, Tuna, Canned Fruits, Chef Boyardee, Mac & Cheese, Cereals (hot or cold), Jell-O, Puddings, Pasta, Pasta Sauce, etc.

As always, we are thankful for food donations of all types. Your continued support of this program has helped many of our friends and neighbors when they have stumbled upon difficult times. Thank You.

Men's ACTS Retreat, November 12-15, 2015

St Andrew and St Patrick Parishes are sponsoring a men's ACTS retreat on November 12th thru the 15th. Local Catholic men have organized an A.C.T.S. (Adoration, Community, Theology, and Service) retreat weekend to be held at Immaculata Retreat House in Willimantic. The retreat begins Thursday evening, November 12th in the St Andrew's Parish hall, Colchester and ends Sunday, November 15th at St Andrew's 11 a.m. mass. Transportation to and from Immaculata will be provided. Contact: John Blaschik, 860-334-7044, jb-ehvfd.ct@snet.net; Howard London, 860-334-5747; or John Legato, 860-537-2739; or Bert Bosse, 860-642-3994; or Bruce Bouley, 860-642-9921 for more information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

- **Mass of Healing** is offered at the Spiritual Renewal Center 11 Bath Street Norwich, CT on October 26th. Mass is at 2:00 PM. Fr. Ray is the Celebrant and a healing prayer by Judith.
- 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.
- **30th Anniversary Celebration** Diocese of Norwich Outreach to Haiti is thirty years old this fall! We are celebrating this milestone on November 7, 2015. All are invited to attend - especially the many people that have helped in this ministry over the last 30 years. Besides celebrating 30 years of service to and relationship with the Haitian people, we are also honoring a few of the many individuals who have played large roles in leading our efforts in this ministry. Honorees: Most Reverend Daniel P Reilly; Monsignor James Carini; Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Petruzzi Mass at 4:00 pm at Mercy High School, Middletown, CT, celebrated by Most Reverend Michael R Cote, followed by reception and dinner. Cost \$60 per person, \$50 for religious. For more information on the celebration call 860-887-1019, or visit our website at www.outreachtohaiti.org
- **Healing and Freedom Conference** will be presented on Saturday, November 7th at the Spiritual Renewal Center 11 Bath Street Norwich, CT- **Please note the date change.** Conference will begin at 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Donation is \$25.00. Pre-registration is required. Please call Spiritual Renewal Office (860) 887-2702.
- **KICK OFF EVENT FOR YOUNG ADULTS WITH CHRIS PADGETT** If you are looking for a faith building night out, please join us on Friday, November 13th at 7pm in the basement of the Cathedral to hear the music and wit of Chris Padgett. We will discuss the wonders and difficulties of Catholicism in today's culture. If you would like to purchase tickets, please contact Liza Roach at lroach@norwichdiocese.net or call (860)848-2237. Young Adults are adults ages 18 to 39, but we do not card.
- **Holy Hour for Vocations:** Nov. 19 at Notre Dame in Durham from 6-7pm.

13th Annual St. Patrick's School Italian Night -

You are cordially invited to attend the 13th Annual St. Patrick's School Italian Night to be held November 14th, at 5:30 p.m. in the Church basement. Tickets are \$8.00 and children under 5 years old eat free. The menu includes pasta, homemade meatballs, salad, bread, dessert and beverages. All proceeds will benefit St. Patrick Cathedral School. Purchase your tickets early due to limited seating. If you wish to purchase tickets, please contact Jennifer Daley at 860-324-3133 or 860-887-3491.

CHRISTMAS FAIRS



- ❖ **St. Andrew Olde Tyme Christmas Fair**
Friday November 6th 4-8pm and Saturday
November 7th 9am-2pm
- ❖ **Yuletide Festival**, Nov. 7, 2015 from 8:00 am
- 2:00 pm @ St. Mary Church, 218 Providence
St., Putnam, Large raffles, vendors,
Christmas Café, Handmade articles,
homemade baked goods, Live music,
Christmas café.
- ❖ **Kris Kringle Christmas Fair**: Saturday
November 14th from 9am – 4pm at STs. Peter
& Paul Church Hall, 181 Elizabeth Street,
Norwich.

Open Houses at Catholic Schools

- **St. Joseph School in Baltic Open House**
Wednesday October 28 from 9-11:30am. For further
information contact Sr. Mary Patrick @ 860.822.6141.
- **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
- **St. Bernard School (grades 6-12)** 1593 Norwich –
New London Tpke, Uncasville CT 06382
860.848.1271
E-mail: admissions@saint-bernard.com OPEN
HOUSE Sunday October 25 from 1-3pm
- 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.
- Xavier High School will have an Open House on
Thursday November 5th from 6:00-7:30pm. The
Entrance Exam will be offered on November 7 and
November 14 at 8 am.
Visit www.xavierhighschool.org/admissions to register.
Questions? Contact Nicholas Grasso, Director of
Admissions (860-346-7735 ext. 743).

**Our CCD classes have begun their
Project for Haiti.**

You can help a build a Happy House!

Every contribution helps.

OUR GOAL: \$ 1,250.00.

Each grade will have a jar to collect loose
change. Just send your loose change in each
CCD class to add to the jar. A jar will also be
available in Church for parishioners to make
donations. This project will be ongoing for the
entire school year. **Working together Saint
Francis can provide a Happy House for
Haiti.**

Defending Our Religious Liberty Oct. 18, 2015

When listening to the upcoming presidential debates, it is important to hone in on the candidates' positions regarding freedom of religion and rights of conscience.

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.

Defending Our Religious Liberty Oct. 25, 2015

Pope Francis has emphasized that "religious freedom is not simply freedom of thought or private worship. It is the freedom to live according to ethical principles, both privately and publicly."

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First Holy Communion Class – Grade 2 -

**Beginning Oct. 31/Nov 1, all First Holy
Communion Students must sign the Mass
Attendance sheet in the in the Sacristy. As
part of their sacramental preparation, Mass
attendance is mandatory. If you attend a
Sunday away, bring that Parish's bulletin
and give to Mr. Hay.**

Called to Protect Workshop for Parents and Families of

Saint Francis of Assisi Church Lebanon

**In compliance with the Diocese of Norwich Safe
Environments Awareness and Education
Program, a Called to Protect Workshop for
Parents and Families will be held at Saint Francis
of Assisi Church in the Church on Thursday
evening, November 5th at 7:00pm.**

**If you plan to attend, please RSVP by signing up
at the side entrance of Church by Wednesday,
October 28th.**

St. Andrew Youth Group Meetings

www.standrewym.org

Sunday Oct, 25 Life Teen Mass 5pm followed
by dinner & a Life Night

Sun. Nov. 1 Life Teen Mass 5pm followed by
dinner & a Life Night

35th Anniversary

Save the Date! November 8 at the 10:30 Mass, we will joyfully celebrate Saint Francis' 35th Anniversary of the dedication & blessing of the church as well as the becoming an independent parish.

There will be a reception prior to the Mass. Watch for more details.

- Do you remember the first time you saw Saint Francis on West Town Street?
- Or walked into the church?
- Do you have a favorite memory of being here? A favorite priest, a certain event?
- Do you remember the 'little white church on the Green on Route 87'?

We are collecting "memories" to mark the 35th anniversary of Saint Francis becoming a parish.

It can be a small or large remembrance.

There are pages at the entrances and the children have been given pages as well, to make a drawing or write something.

Please return the pages by November 1st; there is a folder in the sacristy to place them in.

Questions, contact Barbara at 860-642-7168 or bobbi.w@charter.net.

Coping with Grief for the Holidays: All groups free of charge. Newcomers welcome through the second meeting date. Pre-registration required.

Dates: Tuesdays Nov, 17, 24, Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 2015 & Jan 5, 2016 @ L7M Cancer Center, 230 Waterford Parkway South, Waterford, CT. from 5:30- 7:00pm.

OR

Mondays, Nov. 16, 23, 30, Dec. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2015 & Jan. 4, 2016 @ Center for Hospice Care, 227 Dunham Street, Norwich from 5:30 – 7:00pm.

Call 860.848.5699 to register.

Parish Bulletin E-mailed to You

If you would like the parish bulletin emailed to you, a friend, or a college student away from home, please e-mail the parish office a request to be put on the email list.

Note: Our current list has been lost due to the work on the new web page. Please re-submit your name if you wish to continue receiving bulletins by E-mail.

***Parish Email address:
cheryl@stfrancisassisilebanonct.org***

LIVE NATIVITY

All children of our churches & community re invited to participate in the Lebanon Churches & Franklin Congregational Church combined Ecumenical LIVE NATIVITY, Saturday December 19 at 3:00pm on the Lebanon Green. Participants please assemble at 2:30pm.

There are no speaking roles. Everyone will sing Christmas Carols together.

The youth have been asked to portray ANGELS and SHEPHERDS. No fancy costume necessary – very simple attire is fine, such as:

ANGELS: White sweatshirt, wings*, tinsel halo. *to make a simple paper plate wing visit:

<http://m.wikihow.com/Make-Angel-Wings>.

Shepherds: Dark hooded sweatshirt, tea towel with rope, and walking stick.

In case of inclement weather the event will be held inside of the Congregational Church Fellowship Hall. In case of severe weather, tune into Channel 3.

If interested in participating please contact Anne McAwley-LeDuc @ 860.642.1786, a.mccawley.leduc@charter.net



KRISTALLNACHT OBSERVANCE

10:30-NOON, SUN., NOVEMBER 1

Temple Bnai Israel, 345 Jackson St., Willimantic

On Nov. 9, 1938, Nazi Germany and Austria instigated attacks against Jewish synagogues, businesses and homes. Known as the "Night of Broken Glass," almost 200 synagogues were destroyed, over 8,000 Jewish shops were sacked and looted, and tens of thousands of Jews were removed to concentration camps. It was the beginning of one of the most brutal and destructive chapters in the history of the Jewish people.

Temple Bnai Israel will commemorate Kristallnacht on Sunday, November 1, with a story symbolizing the resilience and redemption of the Jewish people. The program will feature a Torah Scroll rescued from the looting of synagogues in the former Czechoslovakia, how it made its journey to us, and became a part of our Jewish Temple family. With a video, reading from the revered scroll which serves as the Temple's memorial to those who perished in the Holocaust, hands on art, the program is oriented to the participation of children and their families.

This is the 20th anniversary of the Czech Scroll's becoming part of the Temple family. Please join us to "rewelcome" the Czech scroll and to learn its story. We invite everyone in the community to participate. A light brunch plus special treats for children will be served.