

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



**MASS
INTENTIONS**

Saturday November 7, 2015 Blessed Virgin Mary

4:00 PM Confession

5:00 PM Francesco Germano req. by his family

Sunday, November 8, 2015 32nd Sunday in ordinary Time

8:00 AM Tessie Walden req. by her family

10:30 AM 35th Anniversary of St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Monday, November 9, 2015 Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

NO MASS

Tuesday November 10, 2015 St. Leo the great, pope, doctor

of the Church

NO MASS

Wednesday November 11, 2015 St. Martin of Tours, bishop

9:00 AM Healing for Wayne req. by a friend

Thursday November 12, 2015 St. Josaphat, bishop, martyr

NO MASS

Friday November 13, 2015 St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, virgin

9:00 AM Rev. Timothy Valliere

Saturday November 14, 2015 Blessed Virgin Mary

4:00 PM Confession

5:00 PM Carolyn Sharpe req. by her husband

Sunday, November 15, 2015 33rd Sunday in ordinary Time

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

10:30 AM Julia Coscia req. by her family

Offertory: \$ 2,788.00

St. Bernard School: \$ 473.00

All Saints: \$ 457.50

Today's second collection is for monthly extraordinary expenses.

Next weekend's second collection is for our own fuel 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 November 14 & 15

5:00pm Lector: Steve Wengloski

Eucharistic Minister: Sharon Nejak

Altar Servers: Steven Bardes, Bradley Wiczorek

8:00am Lector: Rick Kane

Eucharistic Minister: Gregg Lafontaine

Altar Servers: Anthony Pomerleau, Wayne Woodward

10:30am Lector: Roger Proulx

Eucharistic Minister: Pat Dubiel

Altar Servers: Becca Chesters, Erika Densman

PAVING PLEDGE UPDATE

Pledges received to date total \$58,225.00

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

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 November 8 thru Nov. 14: Bishop Michael R. Cote, Msgr. James Carini, Rev. Roland Cloutier, Rev. Mark O'Donnell, Rev. Benjamin Soosaimanickam, Rev. John Marciniak, Rev. Gerald Kirby, Rev. C. Paul Boudreau, Rev. Michael Smith, Rev. Leon Joseph Susaimanickam, Rev. Bartholomew Karwacki OFM Cv, Rev. James Thaikootathil, Rev. John O'Neill MS—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: Grade 7 will be helping at the 10:30am Mass on Sunday Nov. 1st. Refreshments in the meeting room following the Mass**

MEETINGS

35th Anniversary as a Parish Reception from 9-10am at the Parish House on Sunday November 8th

Liturgy Committee Wednesday November 11 @ 6:30pm

Thanksgiving Food Basket Delivery Saturday Nov. 14.

Ladies Guild Monday Nov. 16 @ 7:00pm

All Parishioners are invited to join the Ladies Guild on Monday, November 16th at 7pm in the church as they welcome Mary Ellen Mahoney, Development Manager for the Norwich Diocese who will present "Catholic Wills and Giving", a general overview on ways you can support your Parish through planned gifts. We look forward to an informative evening. Refreshments will be served after the program; Ladies Guild meeting will follow.

THANK YOU - COLLECTION OF TOILETRIES

Thank you to everyone who donated toiletry items for Holy Family Shelter. Your generosity is very much appreciated.



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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 bobbie.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** November 9, & 23 at 2 PM. Spiritual Renewal Center. Fr. Ray Celebrant, Judith will have a healing prayer. Individual prayer available- 860-887-0702.
- **Praise, Prayer and Worship** every Tuesday afternoon at 2 PM beginning November 3rd Spiritual Renewal Center.
- **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

Kris Kringle Christmas Fair: Saturday November 14th from 9am – 4pm at STs. Peter & Paul Church Hall, 181 Elizabeth Street, Norwich.



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.**

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.

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 McCawley-LeDuc @ a.mccawley.leduc@charter.net or 860.642.1786.



Windham Area Interfaith Ministry (WAIM)

Contact: Victoria Nimirowski 860-456-7270 ext 11

The 24th annual Walk for Warmth in Willimantic is on November 22 at 2:15 p.m. Sponsored by Windham Area Interfaith Ministry, this event raises funds to help folks with their heating bills. It is a two mile walk and starts and ends at St. Mary Church at 46 Valley Street in Willimantic. Registration begins at 1 p.m. at St. Mary's School, and the Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at the church starts at 1:30 p.m. Walkers are required to raise sponsorships to participate (a minimum donation of \$20 is needed for each walker). For pledge forms and more information, visit www.waimct.org.

CareNet Pregnancy Resource Center
invites ladies of the parish to the

Annual Ladies Christmas Tea & Basket Raffle

'Prolife Around the World'

Saturday November 21 from 11am to 1pm
Admission is \$10 per adult \$5 per child ages
5-12

Contact CareNet 860.449.0386
cyndy@carenetsect.org

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ



St. John Paul II once said the rosary is "among the finest and most praiseworthy tradition of Christian contemplation" and in his apostolic letter, Rosarium Virginis Mariae, that " with the Rosary, the Christian people sits at the school of Mary and is led to contemplate the beauty on the face of Christ and to experience the depths of His love. Through the Rosary the faithful receive abundant grace, as though from the very hands of the Mother of the Redeemer."

On November 15th, after the 8 o'clock Mass, we will be gathering at the Rosary Path at the parish house to pray a living rosary. Everyone is invited to join us in prayer as we meditate on the life of Christ through the heart and mind of our Blessed Mother Mary.

BLOOD-DRIVE

The need is constant. The gratification is instant. Lebanon Senior Center, West Town Street, Lebanon, CT on Wednesday November 11th From 1 to 5:45pm.

Sponsored by the Lebanon Lions Club.
Redcrossblood.org 1.800.REDCROSS

NOTE: Time CHANGE: Christmas around the World Dinner



Concert

The St Andrew Principal choir, in cooperation with Doreen's Dance Center, will present a festive Christmas Dinner

Concert Friday, December 4 (snow date Sat Dec 5.) Choir members, in international costumes, will be performing traditional Christmas music from many countries! Special bonus: Fr Mark will sing in Polish, and Fr Ben will sing a song from India! Dinner concert tickets are \$28 (\$25 seniors and children 10 and under). Concert/dessert only tickets (no dinner) \$15 each. Menu: Polynesian Spinach salad, Tropical fruit salad, Vegetable fried rice, Beef stroganoff, Chicken Saltimboca, Honey glazed green beans, gourmet dessert! Please phone Joanne Cannella [860 531 8717](tel:8605318717) to reserve individual tickets or tables of 8. **Note change: Dinner begins 6:00. Doors open at 5:30.** Concert only ticket purchasers should arrive at 7:15 for 7:30 concert. There will be a cash bar (beer/wine) from 5:30-7 pm, since the Diocese has asked that parishes discontinue BYOB.

The Lebanon Children's Clothing Wardrobe has some exciting news!



We are happy to announce that The Redeemer Lutheran Church congregation has invited our program to be housed at their facility. We look forward to this partnership giving us room to grow and many years of continued service to the

Lebanon community. They are in the process of preparing our space and we will keep you updated as things progress.

We are also pleased that we are the recipient of a grant from the Leo J. and Rose Pageau Trust. We were honored at a reception at the Windham Club in September. We look forward to utilizing these funds to further help our families with specific needs.

Saturday, Oct 17 was our most successful event to date! In just 3 hours, we served 82 families with 212 children. We would like to thank Cub Scout Pack 58 for collecting clothing and the Lebanon Leos for helping us move our inventory for the event. Thank you to the whole Lebanon Community for their generosity of donated clothing. This is truly a community project and a service that our town can be proud of.

Memory Page submission extended!

- 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 14th; there is a folder in the sacristy to place them in.

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

Defending Our Religious Liberty Nov. 8, 2015

The Catholic Church is not asking for special treatment when it comes to the federal healthcare mandate, she is simply asking that every American's right to religious freedom be protected. This right is not only about our ability to go to Mass on Sunday, or to pray the rosary at home. It is about adhering to the tenets of our faith, so that we can contribute to the common good of all Americans.

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.

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.**
- **Parish 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

ALL SOULS INTENTIONS

Barbara Palmer
Bette Rovers
Henry Palmer
James Lesson
Marie McGee
Emil & Erma Kuzel
John & Mary Clinch
Janet Lea Gertschitz
Ed & Christine Clark
Marcella Stander
Michelle McElroy
George Boudreau
Michael & Cecelia Nejako
Edward & Edith Armstrong
Jack & Leona McCormack
Theresa & Isidore Wengloski
Kazimierz & Mary Wieczorek
Jordan Haralson
Frank Smutko
Harry Haralson
Anton Smutko, Sr.
Helen Ardanowski
Estelle Biondi
Edward & Evelyn Desmarais
Theresa & Ben O'Hara
Henry & Mary Malinowsky
Hank & Jim Malinowsky
Christopher Malinowsky
John & Sophie English
Baby K
Catherine Macht
William & Margaret Fries
James Maffiolini
M/M Joseph Gallichio
M/M Frank Marotta
M/M John Termine
Rev. Adam Hildebrand
Joseph T. Grecki Jr.
Jim Mackey
Peg & Jim Mackey Sr.
Michael Jones
Margaret O'Neill
Mary Ellen Leab
M/M Hector Chicoine
Richard & Louise Pratt
Dave & Edith Perotti
Jennifer & Robert Chesters
Ronald Milikowski
Mr. Dennis Cormier
Mrs. Leah Bishop
Mrs. Patricia Cormier
Mr. Mark Cormier
Mrs. Euliah Woodward
Alexander A. Getman
Mary & Andrew Melnick
Therese Phaneuf
Real Leclair

Theodore T. Palmer
Jerry Rovers
Mary Lesson
Jimmy Lesson.
John McGee
Mary Kay Clinch
Nicholas Kuzel
Abbey Marie Coutu
Ed Coutu
Terry Jones
Tom Curry
Thomas Armstrong
George & Mildred Hull
John & Beatrice Flower
Richard & Edith Talbot
Paul Wengloski
Joyce Wengloski
Viola Smutko
Polly Haralson
Irma Smutko
Leona Piskadlo
Blanche Mickiewicz
Laura Bengiringo
Patricia O'Hara
Mary & Thomas Lavin
Kate Rittaco
Karen Kaplan
Steven Roach
Alice & Paul Piche
Edward Malinowsky
Roy Showalter
Constance Arseneault
M/M Paul Maffiolini Sr.
M/M Dino Seccareccia
M/M Bartalo Termine
Dominick Gramegna
Joseph & Helen Grecki
Al & Beatrice Sikora
Stanley Krawic
Irene & Roger Therrien
Nellie & Bill Shanley
Michael Campbell
M/M William Pfunder
Robert & Karen Snow
Ken & Tessie Walden
Bobby Churchill
Jolee Harrington
Arthur Choquette
Mrs. Edna Cormier
Mr. Norman Cormier
Mr. Michael Cormier
Mr. Jonathan Woodward
Baby Carol Jean Cormier
Bill Brewster
Raymond Boisvert
Robert Boisvert
Kathy Chambers

Deceased Members of the:

Werner family
Bosse & Lavertu families
Lataille family
Delorme family
Gladeau family
Aligata family
Hofmann family
Perotti family
Mastroluca family
Paris family

Dvorak family
Brisson family
Lafontaine family
Loiseau family
Pelletier family
Martineau family
Cote family
Wheaton family

Getman family

