

**We are pleased and honored  
To welcome you to  
St. Francis of Assisi Parish**  
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Deacon Michael Puscas



**MASS  
INTENTIONS**

**Saturday December 26, 2015 St. Stephen, first martyr**

4:00 PM Confession

5:00 PM Mary Pudlo req. by Pauline Mrowka

**Sunday, December 27, 2015 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**

8:00 AM Margaret O'Neill req. by John & Kathy Walden

10:30 AM Arthur Choquette req. by his family

**Monday December 28, 2015 The Holy Innocents, martyrs**

**NO MASS**

**Tuesday December 29, 2015 St. Thomas Becket, bishop, martyr**

**NO MASS**

**Wednesday December 30, 2015 6<sup>th</sup> day within the octave of the Nativity of the Lord**

9:00 AM Mary Pudlo req. by C Wheaton

**Thursday December 31, 2015 Sylvester I, pope, New Year's Eve**

5:00 PM Souls in Purgatory

**Friday January 1, 2016 New Year's Day Solemnity of Mary**

8:00 AM Souls in Purgatory

**Saturday January 2, 2016 Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, bishop, doctors of the Church**

4:00 PM Confession

5:00 PM

**Sunday, January 3, 2016 Epiphany of the Lord**

8:00 AM Wanda Hofmann req. by Norm & Ella Mae Kuzel

10:30 AM Raoul Pomerleau req by his family

Offertory 12/13/15: \$ 2104.50  
Diocesan Fuel Fund: \$ 246.00  
Offertory for 12/20, 12/25 & 12/27 to be reported in January due to early submission of the bulletin.  
Second collection is for Building Maintenance.  
Second collection next weekend will be for monthly extraordinary expenses.  
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 January 2 & 3**

5:00pm Lector: Steven Wengloski

Eucharistic Minister: Sharon Nejako

Altar Servers: Nicholas Barrett, Nina Gardella

8:00am Lector: Jim Worth

Eucharistic Minister: Rick Kane

Altar Servers: Sam & Christian Terwilliger

10:30am Lector: Mark Bauer

Eucharistic Minister: Paul Pelletier

Altar Servers: Becca Chesters, Anna Campbell

**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  
1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Miles N. Snelgrove USMC 2<sup>nd</sup> Batt. 6<sup>th</sup> 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** Rev. William Olesik, Rev. Luis Agudelo, Msgr. Michael Donohue, Rev. Francis Rouleau, Rev. Joseph Castaldi, Rev. Patrick McCorry, Rev. Edward Wisneski, Rev. Sylva LeCours, Rev. Jonathan Ficara, Msgr. Leszek Janik, Our Holy Father, Rev. Christopher Feeney, V. Rev. Michael Phillippino. — May each day of this New Year bring our priests more good to do, more souls to save and more holy influence to spread around them by word and by deed. Father, we pray for our priests: for the sanctity of their souls and for perfect love, that they may be the voice of Christ. (Mother Catherine Aurelia, foundress)

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

**PAVING PLEDGE UPDATE**

**Pledges received to date total \$62,025.00.**

**Our goal is \$67,000.00.**

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

**Change in Mass Times:**

**January 9 & 10, 16 & 17, 23 & 24**

**Saturday 5:30pm**

**Sunday 8:00am ONLY**

**Trip to India with Fr. Ben**

Pleasant time and Peaceful days with different cultures. South and North India. 12 days in October 2016. In south – St. Thomas tomb, Place of His martyrdom, Loudres of east basilica, Famous Hindu Temples, Cultural programs, Elephant rides on the Western Ghats Mountain. In the North- New Delhi, Agra Taj Mahal and famous Monuments and Jaipur beautiful palaces. More details will be in the coming month.

## **CHRISTMAS FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF:**

Bill Brewster  
Michael A. Zemantic & family  
Regina Boisvert  
Margaret & Robert O'Neill  
Catherine Fritz  
Chester & Isabelle Stygar  
Maurice Pelletier  
Jim Mackey  
Stanley Krawiec  
James & Peg Mackey  
Irene & Roger Therrien  
Nellie & Bill Shanley  
Michael Jones  
Nicholas Wengloski  
Rita DeCaprio  
Laurie & Kiena Judd  
James Leon & Ursula Arpin  
Joe Bendoraitis  
All our family & loved ones  
Alexander Getman  
Paul & Josephine Mathieu  
Mom & Dad Elliott  
Lauren Lafontaine  
M/M Isidore Wengloski  
M/M Kazimierz Wieczorek  
Andrew Drzyzdzyk  
Stanley & Edward Pozarycki  
William & Margaret Fries  
Roy Showalter  
Charles Garthwait  
Viatuer Morin  
Antoni Gutowski



Albert & Rita Granier  
John Kane  
Kathy Chambers  
Real Leclair  
Mary Dicello  
Richard Chalifoux  
Stanley Dudar  
Paul Wengloski  
Joyce Wengloski  
Irene Brown  
Clara Schnell  
Arthur Choquette  
Kaye Macht  
Connie Arseneault  
"Cookie"  
Claire Morin

## **AND DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE:**

Kalinowski family	Foley & Dyer families
Albrecht & Anastasio families	Malinowsky family
Oliveira & Medeiros families	Leone Family
Sharpe & Montstream families	Ciarca family
Clinch & Kuzel families	Horan & Smith families
Flannery & Coutu families	Garrahy family
Gingras & Boudreau families	Cote family
Perotti family	Chester family
Wheaton family	Lynch family
Smutko family	Mickiewicz family
Haralson family	Nejako family
Hull family	Armstrong family
Ernest Bastien family	Trani family
Bosse & Lavertu families	Dudar family
Brisson & Lataille families	Kulynyck family
Pelletier family	Tarvano family
Valliere & Diette families	Edgar family

New Year's Eve prayer party at Sacred Heart Church  
Taftville December 31st at 6:30 PM. We will have praise,  
prayer and Mass. Come and join us.

### **MEETINGS**

Parish Advisory Council Wednesday January 6 @ 6:30pm  
Knights of Columbus Thursday January 7 @ 7pm

### **Defending Our Religious Liberty Dec. 27, 2015**

The passage of the federal health care mandate was supposed to provide affordable health care to all Americans. By many accounts, this is not the case, and in the process our First of Amendment Right, which is supposed to safeguard our religious freedom has been taken away.

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.

### **Parish Office Hours:**

Due to New Year's, the week of December 27, the parish office hours will be Tuesday & Thursday 9:00am – 2:30pm and Sunday 8:00am to noon.

The Knights of Columbus Museum at 1 State Street in New Haven is featuring its 11<sup>th</sup> annual Christmas exhibition: Joy to the World: Creches of Central Europe.

This exhibit includes 75 Nativity scenes on loan with origins in seven different countries: Austria, Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Poland, Slovak Republic and Slovenia. Also on display are creches from the museum's permanent collection, including a 120 square foot Neapolitan diorama. Also on exhibit is the Christmas Tree Festival, which includes 24 trees decorated with handmade ornaments and trim by Catholic school students from across Connecticut.

The museum and its gift shop are open 10am to 5pm daily (except Christmas Eve & Christmas) with free admission and parking. For more information: 203.865.0400 or [kofcmuseum.org](http://kofcmuseum.org)

Related events:

Sunday December 27 Feast of the Holy Family from 12 noon to 3pm Christmastime Family Day: a festive opportunity to visit the museum's shows during the Christmas weekend with visiting family and friends. There will be live music from "Joyful Noise", children's crafts and refreshments.

Saturday, January 16 at 2pm "The Polish Nativity: A Beautiful Palace for the King of Kings," a presentation by Connecticut artist and iconographer Marek Czarnecki.

East Catholic High School Make-up Exam for eighth graders who were unable to take the first exam. Saturday January 9<sup>th</sup> at 8am. Exam will be given at East Catholic High School. Pre-registration is recommended but not required. Non-refundable fee of \$25 is required. Questions: call 860.649.5336 x6238 or x6456.