

**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 May 28, 2016 Blessed Virgin Mary
2:00 PM Wedding: Adam Lafontaine & Denisse Tafur
4:00 PM Confessions
5:00 PM Henry & Mary Malinowsky req. by their family
**Sunday, May 29, 2016 Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
(Corpus Christi)**
8:00 AM Arthur Vaughn req. by the Dyer family
10:30 AM Margaret Austin req. by her family
Monday May 30, 2016 Memorial Day
8:00 AM Memorial Day Mass for deceased men & women of
the military
Tuesday May 31, 2016 Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
NO MASS
Wednesday June 1, 2016 St. Justin, martyr
9:00 AM People of the Parish living & deceased
Thursday June 2, 2016 Sts. Marcellinus & Peter, martyrs
NO MASS
Friday June 3, 2016 Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
9:00 AM Those parishioners who are ill
9:30 AM Chaplet of Divine Mercy
**Saturday June 4, 2016 Immaculate Heart of the Blessed
Virgin Mary**
4:00 PM Confessions
5:00 PM Carolyn Sharpe req by her family
Sunday, June 5, 2016 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 AM
10:30 AM Helene Bibeau req. by the Fauteux family

Offertory: \$ 2,110.30 Building & Maintenance: \$ 654.00
Today's second collection is for St. Bernard School.
Next weekend's second collection is for monthly extraordinary
expenses.
A very sincere thanks to all those parishioners who make-up
their offertory while away.

**Every Thursday ~ Adoration at 8:30 ~ Rosary at 6:00 ~
Benediction at 7:00pm.**

Weekend of June 4 & 5
5:00pm Lector: Bob Nejako
Eucharistic Minister: Pam Flaherty
Altar Servers: Nicholas Barrett, Nina Gardella
8:00am Lector: Norm Kuzel
Eucharistic Minister: Kathy Walden
Altar Servers: Anthony & Emily Pomerleau
Wayne Woodward
10:30am Lector: Maureen Polana
Eucharistic Minister: Paul Pelletier
Altar Servers: Becca Chesters & Marianne Clippinger

Military Service Honor Roll

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
Sgt. Chad Pellerin, U.S. Army Dubai
Airman Emerson Flannery, U.S. Navy

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 — We pray for Rev. John Gwudz, Rev. Mark Curesky OFM Cv, Rev. David Zercie MSA, Rev. Tadeusz Zadorozny, Rev. Jonathan Ficara, Rev. Frank McKenna, V. Rev. Ted Tumicki, Rev. Charles McGrail, Rev. Raymond Introvigne, Rev. Robert Buongiorno, and all priests. Heavenly Father, the responsibility of Your priests is great. May the love of our Blessed Savior abound in their hearts. Glory to the Blood of Jesus! (Mother Catherine Aurelia, foundress)

Ladies Guild Graduating Senior Award

Any graduating high school senior who is a member of St. Francis Parish may apply for the Ladies Guild annual Graduating Senior Award. The maximum award is \$200. Applications are found at the church entrances or contact Barbara at bobbi.w@charter.net to be emailed a copy. Please return by June 5th.



The Lebanon Faith Community invites our young people who are graduating from high school in 2016, their family and friends, regardless of church affiliation, to a

Baccalaureate Service Sunday, June 5th at 7:00 p.m. at the Redeemer Lutheran Church, 328 Village Hill Road. A light reception will follow the service. Graduates are requested to come in cap and gown and to arrive by 6:45pm. All are Welcome.

Knights of Columbus Graduating Senior Award

Applications are available at Church entrances.

MEETINGS:

Knights of Columbus Thursday June 2 @ 7pm

Holy Family Summer Camp Theme: Oceans of Mercy

The Sisters of Charity of our Lady Mother of the Church are having their annual Summer Camp from July 28-July 31 located at Holy Family Motherhouse in Baltic, CT. The Camp is for girls from ages 11-15. Come join us for a wonderful spiritual experience and lots of fun! Contact Sister Mary Kathleen, SCMC at 860.423.5122 or smarykathleen@gmail.com or Sister Rafael, SCMC at 860.822.8241. All forms are on our website: www.sistersofcharity.com God Bless you and we hope that the Ocean of Christ's Mercy fills you with peace and joy.

Golf Tournament On Friday, June 17, 2016, the Baltic Knights of Columbus are sponsoring the SJS Golf Tournament, a charity Golf event to benefit St. Joseph Catholic School in Baltic, CT. It will be held at Mohegan Sun Golf Course, includes golf, cart, prizes, lunch & dinner. 11:30 BBQ Lunch & Registration 1:00 PM Shotgun Start Tee Off 6:00 PM Dinner, Awards & Silent Auction Sponsorship opportunities also available...it promises to be a great event for the school and the community. For more information, to make a donation or to register for the June 17th SJS Charity Golf Tournament please go to: www.kofcbaltic.org or call 860-576-0714 We look forward to seeing you there and we THANK YOU for your support!!!



BABY BOTTLES FOR LIFE Take an empty baby bottle with you on Mother's Day. Fill them with check, currency or coin. Return them by Father's Day June 19th. Help protect the unborn. Support Care Net Pregnancy Resource Center. Involve your children! Show them by example that all life is

precious and loved. Empty baby bottles can be found at the side entrance.

Father's Day cards with Mass intention requests are available at the side entrance of Church. Please return the request as soon as possible. Your intentions will be remembered in the Masses on Father's Day.



Defending Our Religious Liberty May 29, 2016

On May 16th, the U.S. Supreme Court unanimously vacated the decisions before it, remanding the cases to the lower courts with instructions to afford the parties the opportunity to work out an alternative approach to the mandate. In the meantime, the Court forbade the government from imposing taxes or penalties on the organizations for failure to provide the required "notice" and "certification" or otherwise to trigger the "accommodation."

Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz, President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, says he is very much encouraged by this unanimous decision.

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 state representatives. Let them know that the mandate is in violation of our First Amendment right to religious freedom.

CHRISTIAN MUSIC CONCERT WITH EVENING PRAYER

(VESPERS) performed by the popular Christian Folk Group Jerusalem Road, will be held in St. Joseph Church Hall at 7 PM on Saturday, June 11. Don't miss this opportunity to celebrate God's Mercy as a community of faith. Free will donations will be gratefully accepted the night of the concert.

ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

- ❖ **Charismatic Prayer Meeting** every Tuesday at 2 PM Spiritual Renewal Center.
- ❖ **RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT WEEKENDS** If you are silently grieving or suffering from an abortion, experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a **Rachel's Vineyard Retreat** June 10-12 in Litchfield, CT. Participation is totally confidential. For more information, call 203-631-9030 or e-mail mlaffin@prolifeministry.org or visit the national website at www.rachelsvineyard.org. **"PROJECT RACHEL"** is our Diocesan ministry for anyone seeking healing and forgiveness. Priests in the **Project Rachel** ministry are there for you with God's Grace and Mercy. Call 860-848-2237, ext 306. All inquiries are confidential.
- ❖ **Mass of Healing and Individual Prayer:** Mondays June 13th, June 27th at 2 pm Spiritual Renewal Center, 11 Bath Street, Norwich, CT (860-887-0702)
- ❖ **Healing and Freedom Conference** – June 11th from 9:00am to 5:00pm. Fr. Ray Introvigne, Judith Hughes and team Call to register: 860-887-0702 (Attendance is Limited) Spiritual Renewal Center, 11 Bath Street, Norwich, CT
- ❖ **Blue Mass Breakfast Fundraiser, Sunday, June 12, 2016 at Billy Wilson's Restaurant**
57 Broadway, Norwich from 9:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m. MENU: Eggs, sausage wrap, pancakes, orange juice, home fries! The tickets for the breakfast are at no cost. However a donation to help defray the costs associated with the Blue Mass is appreciated. To benefit the Blue Mass Committee to defray expenses associated with the Annual Mass honoring law enforcement personnel. For more information or tickets please call Monsignor Brown at 860-887-9294, ext. 232 or Ms. Becky Cady 860-887-9294, ext. 235.
- ❖ **Eucharistic Holy Hour for Vocations ~ June 24 at St. Patrick Cathedral, Norwich from 7-8pm.**
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- ❖ **Marriage Encounter Weekend** ~ Married Couples give your marriage a well-deserved vacation. Plan to go on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and come back with a marriage that is refreshed and fully of energy! A weekend away renews the romance and excitement you experienced during your dating days. It will help you enjoy life with a new closeness to each other and with God. To register for the July 8-10 weekend in Manchester or for more information call 860-376-0440 or visit www.wmect.org.

Our CCD classes ended the school year with an assembly in the Lebanon Elementary School Gym. A check for \$3,196.58 was presented to Marilyn Lowney for the Haitian Health Foundation. Monies raised this year will provide two Happy Houses and four goats for Haitian families.



What does the Haitian Health Foundation do? Programs Sponsored include:

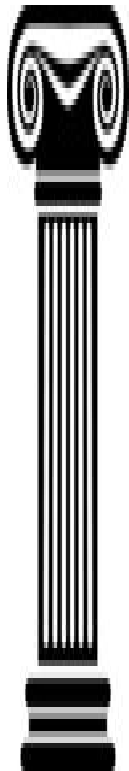
- ❖ 650 female breeding goats were distributed this past year. Training was provided to needy families for nutritional purposes and helping them create commerce by selling the offspring in the market. The training provides instructions on how to care for goats, breeding the goats for a herd and microenterprise advice. According to the US Department of Agriculture, goat meat is reported to be the healthiest red meat available, low in fat and cholesterol and high in protein. Goat meat is the most widely consumed meat in the world.
- ❖ The Haitian Health Foundation also has distributed 438 fruit trees and many vegetable plants to the Happy House recipients. Many of these fruit trees and plants have medicinal properties, as well as providing food.
- ❖ A restavek (meaning “to stay with”) is a child, often as young as 4 in Haiti who is sent by his or her parents to live in another household to work as a domestic servant because their parents lack the resources required to support the child. These children are not allowed to go to school and do not receive proper care. Due to the support of many generous people, HHF has, in the past year alone, identified 432 children living in restavek conditions who are now in school and receiving free health and dental care. In addition, parents are provided with support in an effort to avoid (due to their desperate needs) sending their children away. There are over 300,000 child slaves in Haiti.
- ❖ HHF provides radiology services. These are the only radiology services available on a consistent, daily basis to the local community. HHF provides the only dental X-ray service in the entire Grand’Anse district, bringing an unequalled resource to the region.
- ❖ Child malnutrition is endemic in rural Haiti, and it causes many health problems, including mental and physical stunting, which affects the child throughout adulthood. This year over 2,000 malnourished children in the area that the HHF covers, were identified. The HHF is providing nutritious milk and high protein foods.
- ❖ 36,485 health care consultations were performed at the clinic this past year.
- ❖ 3,316 children enrolled in the 2014-2015 school year (tuition, uniforms and books.)
- ❖ 202 houses were built this past year benefitting approximately 1,414 people.

The HHF began as a small outreach in 1982 and has grown into today’s Haitian Health Foundation, a world class outreach that provides a variety of services to nearly 250,000 people. Because of your donations countless lives in rural Haiti have been positively changed ~ on person at a time.

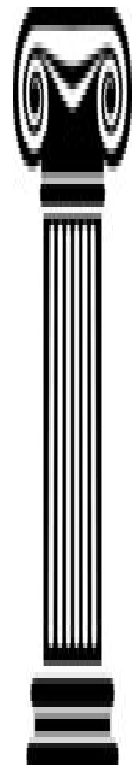
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THANK YOU

The Ladies Guild would like to thank its members and the St. Francis parishioners who baked for our Bake Sale last weekend and to all who supported us in purchasing items. The Sale was a huge success and we hope to join the Knights again next year when they hold their plant sale.



ALL LADIES OF THE PARISH ARE INVITED TO
THE
LADIES GUILD JUNE BANQUET
MONDAY, JUNE 13, 2016



JOIN US AT APOLLO PIZZA RESTAURANT AND
GRILL, RTE. 32, SOUTH WINDHAM, CT
COCKTAILS 6 PM, DINNER 6:30 PM
WE ARE ORDERING OFF THE MENU WITH
SEPARATE CHECKS
SOFT DRINKS, COFFEE, TEA & DESSERT WILL
BE COMPLIMENTS OF THE LADIES GUILD
FOR HEADCOUNT PLEASE RSVP TO
LORRAINE PARIS, 860-334-0757, BY JUNE 7TH
IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND



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