

**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 September 24, 2016 Blessed Virgin Mary

4:00 PM Confessions
5:00 PM Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, September 25, 2016 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Abbey Marie Coutu req. by Norm & Ella Mae Kuzel
10:30 AM Parishioner intentions in the intention book at the altar

Monday September 26, 2016 Sts. Cosmas & Damian, martyrs

NO MASS

Tuesday September 27, 2016 St. Vincent de Paul, priest

NO MASS

Wednesday September 28, 2016 St. Wenceslaus, martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz & companions, martyrs

9:00 AM Dave & Edith Perotti req. by their family

Thursday September 29, 2016 Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, archangels

NO MASS

Friday September 30, 2016 St. Jerome, priest, doctor of the Church

9:00 AM Ross Jacobeno req. by Mackie
9:30 AM Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Saturday October 1, 2016 St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin, doctor of the Church

4:00 PM Confessions
5:00 PM

Sunday, October 2, 2016 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Lauren Lafontaine req. by her family
10:30 AM Arthur Choquette req. by his family

Offertory: \$ 2,212.00 Catholic Elem. Schools: \$ 743.00
Today's second collection is for monthly extraordinary expenses.
Next weekend' second collection will be for the Diocesan Cradle Fund.
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 October 1 & 2

5:00pm Lector: Steve Wengloski
Eucharistic Minister: Sharon Nejako
Altar Servers: Nicholas Barret, Steven Bardes
8:00am Lector: Kathy Pellerin
Eucharistic Minister: Rick Kane
Altar Servers: Christian & Jack Terwilliger
10:30am Lector: Angela Coentlin
Eucharistic Minister: Paul Pelletier
Altar Servers: Erika Densman & Becca Wheaton

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
Airman Emerson Flannery, U.S. Navy

Prayer for our Men and Women in Military Service

O Prince of Peace, we humbly ask for 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 Msgr. Thaddeus Malanowski, Msgr. Kevin Randall, Rev. Roland Cloutier, Rev. Mark Masnicki, Rev. Richard Sliwinski, Rev. Krzysztof Drybka OSPPE, Msgr. Henry Archambault, Rev. George Richards, Jr., Rev. Jose Rizal DiMapilis OP, Rev. James Thaikootathil, Rev. Richard Ricard, Rev. James Sucholet, Rev. Christopher Feeney, V. Rev. Michael Phillipino.
OGlory to the Blood of Jesus. May Your priests be happy, may they be esteemed a thousand times, privileged to drink of the Fountain of the Savior each day. (Mother Catherine Aurelia, foundress)



Thank you to the Knights of Columbus and Ladies Guild for hosting the Polish Dinner on September 17th. Thank you to the parishioners who purchased tickets and supported this event. Much appreciation goes to the committee (Kevin, Steve, Ella Mae, Sandra, Jennie, Lorraine & Kathy) and all the volunteers who made this event happen. Rachel Bosse was the winner of the 50/50 raffle. Thank you to Roberto's Log Cabin and The Farmer's Cow for their donations. The proceeds of \$1450 will be going to the church. Barbara, Ladies Guild President

MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES

- ❖ **Parish Picnic: September 25th**, after the 10:30 Mass
- ❖ **Life Teen Sunday** September 25. Mass @ 5pm followed by dinner, lots of fun, raffle. St. Andrew Church
- ❖ **Life Teen Sunday October 2.** Mass @ 5pm No activity. St. Andrew Church

ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

- ✓ **Charismatic Prayer Meeting** every Tuesday at 2 PM Spiritual Renewal Center, 11 Bath Street, Norwich, CT (860-887-0702)
- ✓ **Twenty-sixth Annual Blue Mass For All Law Enforcement Officers Sunday, September 25, 2016, at 10:15 a.m.** All law enforcement officers (federal, state, and municipal, active and retired) and their families are invited to the Twenty-fifth Annual Blue Mass and Reception, Sunday, September 20, 2015, in the Cathedral of Saint Patrick, 10:15 a.m. All parishioners are cordially invited to attend this Mass. Bishop Cote, the Bishop of Norwich, will celebrate the Mass and Deacon Clifford Thermer of Saint Brigid and Saint Helena Parishes, in West Hartford, Connecticut in the Archdiocese of Hartford will serve as the homilist, will deliver the homily. Norwich Police Chief Louis J. Fusaro, Sr. (Ret.), and Groton Town Police Chief Louis J. Fusaro, Jr., are the Blue Mass Co-Chairs. For more information, please call Chief Louis Fusaro, Chief L.J. Fusaro, or Monsignor Brown at 860-887-9294, ext. 232.
- ✓ The Norwich **40 Days-For- Life** campaign will begin with a Vigil Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral this Tuesday, September 27, at 7 PM. Bishop Michael R. Cote will be the Principal Celebrant and Reverend Brian C. Maxwell will be the homilist. Following Mass, 40 Days for Life Team members will be available to answer any questions, sign-up. Parishes and individuals, and distribute campaign materials. The 40 Days for Life this year runs from Wednesday, September 28th through November 6th. It is hoped that all Parishes will "Adopt-A- Day" and participate by encouraging parishioners to pray, fast, and sign-up to attend the peaceful prayer vigil held outside the Planned Parenthood facility at 12 Case St. in Norwich. For further information, please contact Fr. Brian's team at (860) 841-4357
fatherbrians40days@gmail.com The Secret - is to change hearts! The monthly Diocesan Pro-Life Mass will take place at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on Saturday, October 1 at 8:30 A.M. Please join our celebrant Rev. Ray Introvigne 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. Providing Help Creating Hope Catholic Charities, Diocese of Norwich supported by St. Joseph Church and the Knights of Columbus, Council #14 cordially like to invite you to attend
- ✓ **BEGINNING EXPERIENCE WEEKEND** ~ Widowed, separated and divorced wanting help in resolving the pain and grief of losing the marriage relationship and creating a more peace-filled future are encouraged to attend a Beginning Experience weekend September 30 – October 2 at St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield, CT. Catholic based, the weekend helps participants deal with the natural grief process and offers an opportunity, through God, for turning pain of loss into an experience of positive growth. For more information, contact Victoria at 860-993-7866, or call the Catholic Family Services office at 848-2237, ext. 306.
- ✓ **New Lector & Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.** Workshop Saturday, October 1, 2016 from 9:30am to 12:30pm at St. Columba Parish Hall, junctions of Rtes. 66 & 87 in Columbia. Register by September 23 at [HYPERLINK "mailto:worship@norwichdiocese.net"](mailto:worship@norwichdiocese.net)
- or worship@norwichdiocese.net or call 860.848.2237 x203. Fee is \$10
- ✓ October 1st Saturday, **Pro-Life Mass** at the Cathedral of St. Patrick at 8:30am will be followed by the Rosary, both at the Cathedral and at Planned Parenthood. Then a light brunch will be served and two speakers (10 am-12 noon) will discuss "Politics and Abortion, Single Issue Voting...?" Free will offering. For more information please go to www.facebook.com/CT.R2L.East.CT or email BJDaly@aol.com or call **860-861-1895**. Thank you.
- ✓ On Saturday, October 8th, the Cathedral of St. Patrick will host **a day with Dr. Edward Sri** from 9:30 am until 3:30 pm. Dr. Sri is a theologian and author that regularly appears on EWTN. Tickets are \$20/adults, \$10/students and religious are free with advanced registration. Lunch is included. For more information or for clergy/religious to advance register, please go to <http://bit.do/Dr-Edward-Sri> or email BJDaly@aol.com or call **860-861-1895**. Thank you.
- ✓ **Firefighters/Ems Mass** On Saturday, October 15, 2016, at 5:00 p.m., Bishop Cote will celebrate Mass for all Firefighters/EMS personnel, in the Cathedral of Saint Patrick. Each year, brothers and sisters of all faiths gather to thank God for their calling, to pray for their safety, and to remember their fallen colleagues. 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. The Homilist will be Deacon Robert Dio, Diocese of Worcester. Reception immediately following. 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** – All couples married 25 & 50 years or celebrating any significant anniversary year are invited to attend a **Silver and Gold Jubilee Anniversary Mass** at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on Sunday, October 23 at 2 P.M. Come and renew your wedding vows in a Pontifical Mass celebrated by Bishop Michael R. Cote. Family and friends are invited to share in this special testimony and witness to love and marriage. Light refreshments will be served following the Mass in the Cathedral Hall. Register through your parish. For more information call the Catholic Family Services Office at 860-848-2237, Ext. 306.
- ✓ **Eucharistic Holy Hour for Vocations:** October 27 @ St. Maurice in Bolton from 6-7 pm.
- ✓ **For those who bring Holy Communion to the sick & homebound.** Workshop Saturday October 29, 2016 from 9:30am to 12:30pm at St. Columba Parish Hall, junctions of Rtes. 66 & 87 in Columbia. Register by October 14 at [HYPERLINK "mailto:worship@norwichdiocese.net"](mailto:worship@norwichdiocese.net) or worship@norwichdiocese.net or call 860.848.2237 x203. Fee is \$20 (includes Ritual Book).
- ✓ Please join Bishop Cote at the **Seventh 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, October 30, 2016 at the Mystic Marriott Hotel, 625 North Road, Groton, Connecticut. This year's honorees are: Mother Mary David Riquier, S.C.M.C., Principal, Academy of the Holy Family, Baltic, CT; Attorney Michael E. Driscoll, representing the law firm of Brown Jacobson, P.C. as

Diocesan Counsel for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Norwich; and Mr. William J. Russell, C.P.A., recently retired Diocesan Finance Officer, after serving 12 years with the Diocese of Norwich. Tickets are \$150/person and will be available for purchase until October 17, 2016. All proceeds benefit Catholic Elementary Schools within the Diocese. For tickets and more information, please contact Kathy Gaito at 860-886- 1928 ext. 15, kgaito@norwichdiocese.net or visit www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org.

- ✓ **NEW WAY TO HELP OUR PARISH!** Use your IRA to support our Parish, the Diocese or your favorite Diocesan Ministry! If you are 70 ½ years old, you can now make a direct transfer of up to \$100,000 from your IRA to a qualified charity, such as our Parish, without having to pay income taxes on the money. The law allowing this was made permanent by President Obama when he signed the PATH Act last December. If you are interested in making such a gift, please contact Mary Ellen Mahoney, Development Manager- Major Gifts at mamahoney@norwichdiocese.net or (860) 886-1928, ext. 14 for more information.

PASTA FOR HOPE & SILENT AUCTION

DATE: Saturday, October 29th

TIME: 5:00pm – 7:30pm

PLACE: St. Joseph Church Hall, 99 Jackson Street, Willimantic, CT **COST:** \$10.00 Adults \$6.00 Children Under 12 Children 3 years of age and under eat for FREE. Children of all ages are encouraged to dress in their Halloween Costume.

Tickets can be purchased at any Catholic Charities Office or by contacting 860-889-8346, extension 266 / lauramalone@cfsn.org / www.cfsn.org

Checks can be mailed to Catholic Charities/331 Main Street/Norwich, CT 06360/Attention: Business Office

St Faustina's Miracle – The Digan's Tell Their Story

Maureen Digan and her husband, Deacon Bob Digan, will be speaking about the miracle that led to Sister Faustina's Canonization. Hear Maureen Digan and her husband Deacon Bob Digan tell their incredible story about the miracle that changed their lives and led to Sister Faustina's Canonization. And, learn what it means for you. The talk will take place at Our Lady of the Lakes Church, 752 Norwich Salem Turnpike, Montville, CT 06370, on Sunday October 9, 2016 at 2:00pm. There will be a short reception in the Church Hall after the talk. It is open to everyone; there is no need to sign up in advance. While there is no charge, there will be an opportunity for a voluntary free will offering. For information, call Our Lady of the Lakes Church at [860-859-1575](tel:860-859-1575).

Save the Date

Women's ACTS Retreat

October 6-9, 2016

Ender's Island

"Stand up and go;

Your faith has saved you."

Sponsored by St. Agnes Parish

On Saturday, October 1st, Connecticut Right to Life-Eastern CT Chapter will be hosting two speakers. They will be discussing the importance of considering LIFE when it comes to the future of our country...John Horvat II (vice president of TFP- Tradition, Family, Property) and also Edmund Peterson (former press secretary to Alan Keyes) will be speaking in the school hall located next to St. Mary's Church. Located at 70 West Main Street, Baltic, CT. "Politics and Abortion, Single Issue Voting...?" Starting at 10 am. Free will offering. For more information please go to www.facebook.com/CT.R2L.East.CT or email BJDaly@aol.com or call [860-861-1895](tel:860-861-1895).

Save your hanging flower pots!

The Ladies Guild will again make cemetery

arrangements. Please donate your EMPTY hanging flower pots/baskets from your fall flowers for use in this

fundraiser. PLEASE EMPTY

ALL DIRT & old flowers from

the pots. You may leave them near the side door of the church garage. Thank you. Please contact Barbara 642-7168 with any questions.



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The Bereavement Ministry at Andrew Church, Colchester "Journey to Healing" is offering a special program to help those going through the loss of a loved one. October 7, 2016. Deacon Michael Puscas will offer a program titled "Good Grief - Bad Grief".

"The "Good Grief – Bad Grief" program combines PowerPoint slides with a participant handbook to briefly explore the topic of grief and loss. During the program, participants will view and discuss the grief life cycle, the notion of "loss" and the triggers for launching the grief life cycle. In addition, the program will clearly define the difference between grief that is life-giving, and grief that is life-draining. Finally, the program will help participants understand how long it takes to get through the life cycle and what is considered a "normal" emotional response."

The complementary program will start at 4:45pm with soup and sandwich followed by the presentation at 5:30pm.

Since refreshments will be furnished and handouts will be available we request that participants register by contacting Cathy Russi [860-887-9621](tel:860-887-9621) or crussi45@sbcglobal.net or Penny Godbois [860-537-4046](tel:860-537-4046) or crafterpen@att.net

We hope you can join us as we try to provide guidance and support to those going through a difficult time.

Golf For Life – CareNet Pregnancy Resource Center of SECT will be held on Saturday, October 15 at Pequot Golf Course in Stonington. Registration & breakfast at 6:30AM

Your choice of playing one round or playing all day. Golf with friends & raise needed funds. For more information or to sign-up contact Cyndy DeCosta @ cyndy@carenetsect.org or 860.449.0386.

Defending Our Religious Liberty Sept. 25, 2016

The Catholic Church invests in the common good. It runs and operates schools, hospitals, universities, charities and social services. Our government and society have long relied on them for help and taken advantage of the vast network that churches and religious institutions provide to aid people in need and to help form good citizens. But, when we are told we've got to stop being who we are, to put aside our beliefs, or plainly go against our conscience in order to be allowed to contribute to the common good, we must speak out. 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.

The 9th Annual Catholic Men's Conference will be held Saturday, October 22 at Goodwin College in East Hartford. To register go to www.ctcatholicmen.org Ticket price is \$40, includes box lunch. Tickets for sale on line & at the door Doors open at 8:00am, Vigil Mass at 4:00pm



Blessing of Animals

St. Francis of Assisi

Born 1181

Died 1226

All pets accompanied by their owners (young & old) will be welcomed at St. Francis of Assisi Parish's Annual Blessing of the Animals to be held on Sunday, October 9, 2016 at 1:00pm, gathering near the Statue of Saint Francis in front of the Church.

All pets MUST be leashed or caged

PROGRAMS AT ENDERS ISLAND

www.EndersIsland.com 860.536.0565

Mystic, CT

- ❖ Thursday Evening Enrichment with Grace Zazzan Sept. 29 @ 5:30pm Byzantine Iconography
- ❖ Argia Fall Sunset Cruise with Fr. Tom Hoar & Bob Goosens Sunday October 2 @ 5:00pm
- ❖ Tuesday Evening Enrichment with John Brodeuyr Tuesday October 4 @ 5:30pm Gregorian Chant
- ❖ SAI 512 Russian Iconography with Susan Kelly VonMedicus Sunday October 29 @ 7:00pm Prosopon School of Iconography
- ❖ Day of Recollection with Deacon Tom Evrard Monday October 10 @ 10:00am Sigh of Jonah

GROW*WINDHAM is searching for a Garden Coordinator to lead the development of a new urban community "market garden" in Lauter Park in Willimantic, CT. For details visit www.growwindham.org or call 860.423.4534.

St. Andrew/St. Francis Parish Mission

Fr. Daniel Renaud, OMI will be here for the Parish Mission

October 15 thru October 19.

Theme is: Living an Authentic Spirituality of Perfection: Faith in Action in the Letter of James.

More details will follow.

SAVE the DATE