

**We are pleased and honored
To welcome you to
St. Francis of Assisi Parish**
67 West Town Street, Lebanon, CT 06249
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Rev. Mark Masnicki, Pastor
Rev. Benjamin Soosaimanickam, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Michael Puscas



**MASS
INTENTIONS**

**Saturday October 15, 2016 St. Theresa of Jesus, virgin,
doctor of the Church**

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

Sunday, October 16, 2016 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Deceased members of the Clinch & Kuzel families
req. by Norm & Ella Mae Kuzel

10:30 AM Parishioners of the parish living & deceased

**Monday October 17, 2016 St. Ignatius of Antioch, bishop,
martyr**

NO MASS

Tuesday October 18, 2016 St. Luke, evangelist

NO MASS

Wednesday October 19, 2016 Sts. John de Brebeuf & Isaac

Jogues, priests & companions martyrs

9:00 AM Matt & Mary Jacobeno req. by Mackie

Thursday October 20, 2016 St. Paul of the Cross, priest

NO MASS

Friday October 21, 2016 Weekday

9:00 AM Diane & Greg Shaffer req. by Mackie

9:30 AM Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Saturday October 22, 2016 St. John Paul II, pope

4:00 PM Confessions

5:00 PM Fern Gardiner req. by her family

Sunday, October 23, 2016 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Joanna Formica req by the Paris family

10:30 AM 48th wedding anniversary Paul & Christine Pelletier

This week's Sanctuary light is lit in memory of Annette Fauteux. Please remember her in your prayers at Mass today and throughout the week.

Offertory: \$ 2,454.00 Mission Combined: \$ 1,343.00
Today's second collection will be for monthly extraordinary expenses. Next weekend's second collection is for building & maintenance. 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 21 & 22

5:00pm Lector: Bob Nejako

Eucharistic Minister: Carole Briggs

Altar Servers: Nina Gardella & Elizabeth Spedalieri

8:00am Lector: Jim Dyer

Eucharistic Minister: Kathy Walden

Altar Servers: Emily & Anthony Pomerleau

10:30am Lector: Roger Proulx

Eucharistic Minister: Richard Lataille

Altar Servers: Becca Wheaton & Marianne Clippinger

MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES

- ❖ Parish Mission Oct. 15 ~ 19
- ❖ Farewell Fr. Ben Sunday October 16 3pm-5pm at the Marianne Jean Fortin Parish House
- ❖ Ladies Guild Monday Oct. 17 @ 7pm

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 Rev. John Gwudz,

Rev. Mark Curesky OFM Cv, Rev. David Zercie MSA, Rev. Tadeusz McKenna, Rev. Jonathan Ficara, Rev. Frank McKenna, V. Rev. Ted Tumicki, Rev. Charles McGrail, Rev. Raymond Introvigne, Rev. Robert Buongiorno, Rev. Michael Sequeira, Msgr. Anthony Rosaforte, Rev. Richard Archambault, Rev. Patrick Martin.

Mary Immaculate look upon our priests as the children of your love. For being the sweet Mother of Jesus, they may listen to you attentively when you speak to them. Let them love you fervently and open their hearts to the dew of your grace, for we know that you are blessing our priests. (Mother Catherine Aurelia, foundress)

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.

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

Life Teen Oct. 16 & 23 – Mass at 5pm followed by dinner & Life Night

ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

- ✓ **Charismatic Prayer Meeting** every Tuesday at 2 PM Spiritual Renewal Center, 11 Bath Street, Norwich, CT (860-887-0702)
- ✓ **Mass of Healing:** Monday October 24th Two Sessions, 2PM and 7PM Spiritual Renewal Center, 11 Bath Street, Norwich, CT (860-887-0702) Individual Prayer offered by Fr. Ray and Judith. All are invited.
- ✓ **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. The weekend healing process includes discussions, Living Scriptures with meditations, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service and Mass. Participation is confidential and offers an opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion. Upcoming weekends are: October 21-23 in Litchfield, CT, call 203-631- 9030; October 28-30 in Stockbridge, MA, call 413-452- 0661; in Rhode Island October 28-30 in English call 401-351- 7730, or October 21-23 in Spanish call 401-742- 1510 or visit the national website at www.rachelsvineyard.org. "PROJECT RACHEL" is our Diocesan ministry for anyone seeking healing and forgiveness from an abortion. Priests in the Project Rachel ministry are there for you with God's Grace and Mercy. Call 860-861-4439. All inquiries are confidential.
- ✓ **SILVER AND GOLDEN JUBILEE ANNIVERSARY MASS** – 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 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.
- ✓ **Twenty-Fifth Annual Red, White and Blue Mass** Sunday, November 6, 2016, at 10:15 a.m. On Sunday, November 6, 2016, at 10:15 a.m., Bishop Cote will celebrate Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Patrick for all military personnel, those who are active, in the reserves and Veterans. The purpose of this celebration is to honor

our service men and women as we recognize the many sacrifices made by the families and loved ones of our military. The theme for the 2016, Red, White and Blue Mass is Connecticut's Submarine Century. The Homilist will be Deacon Robert P. Hayes. The Mass Committee Chairs are BG CT Edward J. Waitte, (Ret.) and Mr. David K. Harding, U.S. Merchant Marine. For more information call, Monsignor Brown or Mrs. Rebecca McDougal at 860-887- 9294.

- ✓ **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 mehmahoney@norwichdiocese.net or (860) 886-1928, ext. 14 for more information.

A part-time (25 Hours per week) position is available for a Development Coordinator at the Diocese of Norwich Outreach to Haiti. Major responsibilities include fund-raising, and donor development. Email info@outreachtohaiti.org for the complete job description and qualifications. Application with resume is due by October 21, 2016.

Catholic Charities Diocese of Norwich invite you to join us for dinner! **Pasta for Hope & Silent Auction** supported by the Knights of Columbus, Council #14, will be held Saturday October 29 at St. Joseph Church Hall, 99 Jackson Street, Willimantic. Adults \$10.00, Children under 12 \$6.00 and those 3 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 ext. 266, email lauramalone@ccfsn.org or visit our website at www.ccfsn.org.

National Make A Difference Day: National Make a Difference Day weekend is October 22nd and 23th 2016. This year will be the eight year Saint Andrew Parish Family will take part in the national day of caring. In the past we have helped our neighbor to the south. Many items and funds were donated to the Haitian Health Foundation. We will continue to support the people in Haiti. This year we will also have a second project people can get involved with. The new project this year will be the Hospice House in Norwich. Looking for volunteers and ideas to help make a difference. If you have any questions, contact Cathy Russi at [860-887-9621](tel:860-887-9621) or crussi45@sbcglobal.net

PROGRAMS AT ENDERS ISLAND
www.EndersIsland.com 860.536.0565
Mystic, CT

- ❖ SAI 512 Russian Iconography with Susan Kelly VonMedicus Sunday October 29 @ 7:00pm Prosopon School of Iconography

The women of the diocese are invited to **“A Morning for Women with Our Merciful Savior”** at the Cathedral of St. Patrick, Norwich, on Saturday, October 22, 2016. The day begins at 9:00 AM with a presentation by Fr. Brian Maxwell, Missionary of Mercy, his topic is Heart to Heart on the Beautiful, Healing Sacrament of God's Love and Divine Mercy. There will be an opportunity to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation. Bishop Michael Cote will celebrate a Mass at 10:00 AM. Refreshments will be served in the Cathedral auditorium after the Mass. Reservations may be made by calling Helen Connell at 860-848- 8998 or Nancy Prochorena at 860-739- 7691 or email: judypappa@hotmail.com

“How to Have Daily Conversations With God As The True Friend He Really is” Presented at MY FATHER'S HOUSE, 39 N. Moodus Rd. Moodus, Connecticut 06469. Thursday Oct.13 and again on Oct.27, 2016 – 7: PM Sharp through 8:30:PM. Cost is FREE and PRE-registration is required. All are welcome (age 13 through 190). We will ask for a free-will-offering at the end of the lecture. E-mail TonyREG777@aol.com to Pre-register and let us know: your name, phone number, how many people in your group, and which Oct. date you'll attend). ONLY register by phone if you don't have email – by calling My Father's House at **860-873-1906**

Programs at Holy Family Retreat Center, West Hartford -
860-760-9705. www.holyfamilyretreat.org

Your Faith at Work: Authenticity and the Spiritual Life, with Sr. Elaine Betoncourt Thursday, Nov 3, 7:30-8:30 a.m. (optional Mass at 7 a.m. in Public Chapel). Thomas Merton wrote, “For me to be a saint means to be myself.” Join Sr. Elaine in exploring the theme of authenticity and what it means to be an authentic person and a true Christian. \$25, includes breakfast

How to Be “Positively” Stressed, with Ken Steller Saturday, Nov 5, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. When stress becomes overwhelming, it can negatively affect health, productivity and relationships. Understanding what stress is and specific ways to manage it are the keys to being “positively” stressed. \$65, includes lunch.

ONE NIGHT! CT Right to LIFE is bringing the movie, VOICELESS to Eastern CT! On October 28th at Lisbon Landing movie theater at 7pm! Located at 160 River Road in Lisbon CT Purchase your tickets online at <http://bit.do/voiceless-ct-east> for \$15/person. Or in person at Merciful Saviour Gift Shop in Colchester CT. (\$15) Please help spread the word. See you on Friday, October 28th! Thank you! You can watch the movie trailer here <http://voicelessthemovie.com/>

Pope Francis & God's Mercy
A two session course presented by Sr. Elissa Rinere, CP, JCD Director of the Office of Worship and the Office of Pastoral Planning
Thursday Evening, October 20th & 27th, 2016 (6:30pm-8:30pm) @ Cathedral of St. Patrick (Lower Church Hall) 213 Broadway Norwich, CT 06360
(This course will be repeated on March 16 & 23, 2017 at St. Joseph Parish, Willimantic from 10 am – 12 pm)

PARISH MISSION October 15-19
“Living an Authentic Spirituality: Faith in Action” with FR. Daniel Renaud. OMI. of the Immaculata Retreat House.

SCHEDULE:

Saturday & Sunday, October 15 & 16 – Introduction to theme of Mission. Regular Weekend Mass Schedule in Colchester & St. Francis

Monday, October 17 – 8:00 AM Mass – St. Andrew

7:00 PM Conference at St. Andrew

Tuesday, October 18 – 8:00 AM Mass – St. Andrew followed by Sacrament of Reconciliation until 2:00 Pm

6:00 Conference at St. Francis

7:00 PM Mass at St. Andrew followed by Conference

Wednesday, October 19 – 8:00 AM Mass- St. Andrew

7:00 PM Conference at St. Andrew

Based on the letter of St. James, Fr. Daniel will outline concrete ways of being and doing that will positively impact our faith lives and the lives of others. The Mission will consist of three evening talks, also priests will be available for the sacrament of Reconciliation (See the schedule above). This Mission is free of charge, free will offering gladly accepted. We hope to see you all for this inspirational Mission.

St. Andrew Christmas Fair November 4th & 5th in the parish hall (128 Norwich Avenue, Colchester)
Friday Nov. 4th 4pm to 8pm.
Saturday Nov. 5th 9am – 2pm

Featuring

Friday Night Traditional Turkey Dinner

4pm Seniors \$8

5pm General Public \$10 adults ~ \$4 children 3-10 ~ Under 3 free

Bake Shoppe Baskets & More * Little Gift Shop * Crafters * Special Gifts of Christmas * Tea Cup Raffle

Kid's Corner

Santa Friday 4:30pm – 6:30pm & Saturday 10am - noon
St. Andrew Children's Choir Saturday 10 am
Questions please call 860.537.2355

Kris Kringle Christmas Fair at Sts. Peter & Paul Church, 181 Elizabeth St, Norwich. Saturday, November 12 from 9am to 4pm. Featuring crafters, bake sale, theme baskets, refreshments & luncheon available.

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- **Saint Bernard School Grades 6-12** (1593 Norwich New London Turnpike, Uncasville). Open house October 22 12noon – 2pm & November 15 6pm-8pm. For more information contact 860.848.1271, email admissions@saint-bernard.com or visit www.saintbernardschool.org
- **East Catholic High School** (115 New State Road, Manchester). Open House Thursday November 3 @ 6:45pm. Entrance exam for eighth graders Saturday November 12 @ 8am at East Catholic High School. Pre-registration advised but not required. Visit www.echs.com or Admissions 860.649.5336 x6456 for more information.
- **Mercy High School** (1740 Randolph Road, Middletown). Open House Sunday November 6 @ 1pm. Entrance exam for class of 2021 Saturday November 12 8am – 11:15am. Testing fee is \$30.00. Pre-register www.mercyhigh.com Make-up date Saturday November 19.



Men's ACT Retreat Weekend
 November 3-6
 @ Immaculata Retreat House in
 Willimantic.
 Sponsored by
 St. Francis of Assisi Church ~ Lebanon
 St. Andrew Church ~ Colchester
 St. Patrick Church ~ East Hampton
 Contact Bert Bosse for more information @
 860.642.3994

Defending Our Religious Liberty Oct. 16, 2016

Recently, Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore, chairman of the USCCB's Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty, decried comments made by Martin Castro, chairman of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, who said that the phrases "religious liberty" and "religious freedom" were "code words" used to discriminate. "Today, Catholic priests, religious and laity can be found walking the neighborhood streets of our most struggling communities in places abandoned by a 'throwaway culture' that has too often determined that quick profits matter more than communities. We are there offering education, health care, social services, and hope, working to serve as the 'field hospital' Pope Francis has called us to be. We wish we were there in even greater numbers, but we are there to humbly offer the full promise of America to all. Rest assured, if people of faith continue to be marginalized, it is the poor and vulnerable, not the Chairman and his friends, who will suffer," said Lori. 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.

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Harvest of Hope: Enjoy special wine tastings & hors d'oeuvres, accompanied by music, a silent auction, and spectacular friends, as we support the mission of WAIM. Saturday Nov 5th from 5-8pm. 750 Main Street, Willimantic. Tickets \$65 per person available at www.waimct.org or contact waimharvest@gmail.com

Last weekend the **Mission Combined Collection** for the World Mission Appeal, U.S. Bishop's Appeal for Latin America, Black and Indian Missions, and the Catholic Home Mission Appeal was taken up in our Parish. If you were unable to bring your gift envelope, extras are available at (state the place where the envelopes can be found). Your support of the missionary needs of the Universal Church is greatly appreciated. This collection is an opportunity to share your faith and strengthen the church at home and abroad. Your contribution can be placed in the collection basket next weekend or mailed directly to the parish. Thank you for your generosity in the past and thank you for what you will do now to help our missionaries continue their vital work.

Closing Celebration of the Extraordinary Jubilee. Bishop Cote will celebrate the closing of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy on Sunday, November 13, 2016, 10:25 a.m., Cathedral of Saint Patrick, Norwich. Participants are asked to bring an item of food or personal hygiene items for the needy in the area. These donated items will be presented prior to this Mass. For further information call Ms. Becky Cady at 860-887-9294, ext. 235.

MY FATHER'S HOUSE HOSTS A FAMILY EVENT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2016 from 2:00 - 4:00 P.M.
 JOIN US AS WE EXPLORE SOME OF THE MOST POPULAR SAINTS OF OUR TIME. WE WILL BEGIN WITH A SHORT PRESENTATION ON "WHAT ARE SAINTS AND HOW THEY CAN HELP US WITH OUR EVERYDAY WALK WITH JESUS". WE WILL LEARN ABOUT TWO OF THE YOUNGER SAINTS AND HOW THEIR LIVES LED THEM DOWN THE PATHWAY TO SAINTHOOD. ST. FRANCIS WILL BE OUR "SAINT OF THE DAY" (A FREE BLESSED PET MEDAL WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR THE FAMILY DOG OR CAT, ETC.) WE WILL HAVE REFRESHMENTS WITH A VERY SPECIAL DESSERT! (Shhhhhh, it's "saint bones") CALL FOR MORE INFORMATION 860-873-1906 NO CHARGE

Thank you to all who made donations to Saint Bernard School during the May 2016 collection. Monies collected will be used toward The Hendricks Challenge to support upgrades and renovations to our school. Your donation will directly support upgrades planned for the lower level hallways to include new lighting, ceiling, and flooring. It is a great time to be a Saint and we are so fortunate to have you as part of our Saints family. On behalf of our entire community, thank you for your gift to Saint Bernard School. I invite you to visit campus and see the great things happening around the school. I would look forward to offering you my thanks in person.
 Best Regards,
 Donald Macrino, Headmaster