

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



**MASS
INTENTIONS**

Saturday November 12, 2016 St. Josaphat, bishop, martyr

4:00 PM Confessions

5:00 PM Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, November 13, 2016 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Margaret & Anthony Combe

10:30 AM Souls in Purgatory

Monday November 14, 2016 Weekday

NO MASS

Tuesday November 15, 2016 St. Albert the Great, bishop,

doctor of the Church

NO MASS

Wednesday November 16, 2016 St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude, virgin

9:00 AM Rev. James Maltese

Thursday November 17, 2016 St. Elizabeth of Hungary,

religious

NO MASS

Friday November 18, 2016 Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter & Paul, apostles; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, virgin

9:00 AM Rev. Esllyn Joseph Drummond

9:30 AM Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Saturday November 19, 2016 Blessed Virgin Mary

4:00 PM Confessions

5:00 PM Ed Bigenski req. by Alicia Lamb

Sunday, November 20, 2016 Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe

8:00 AM Deceased members of the Petrie & McComber

families req. by Betsy & Roddy

10:30 AM Julie Coscia req. by her family

Offertory: \$ 2,425.00 St. Bernard School: \$ 501.00

Today's second collection: Monthly Extraordinary Expenses.
Next weekend's second collection is for the Parish fuel fund.
There will be a third collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, U.S.A.

A very sincere thanks to all those parishioners who make-up their offertory while away.

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

Weekend of November 19 & 20

5:00pm Lector: Richard Lataille

Eucharistic Minister: Sharon Nejako

Altar Servers: Nina Gardella & Elizabeth Spedalieri

8:00am Lector: Rosanne Coffey

Eucharistic Minister: Norm Kuzel

Altar Servers: Anthony & Emily Pomerleau

10:30am Lector: Roger Proulx

Eucharistic Minister: Richard Lataille

Altar Servers: Becca Wheaton & Marianne Clippinger



**Second Banns
David Seng &
Marissa Haralson**

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
Seaman Alex R. Paris, 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. Peter Liszewski, Rev. Augustine Naduvilekoot, Rev. Mark O'Donnell, Rev. John Marciniak, Rev. Dennis Mercieri, Rev. George Villamthanam CST, Rev. Grzegorz Brozonowicz, Rev. Izydor Sadowski SDB, Rev. Edward Konopka, Rev. Martin Jones, Rev. John Welch MS, Rev. Michael Smith.

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

O, Jesus, I pray for Your faithful and fervent priests; for Your priests laboring at home or abroad in distant mission fields; for the lonely and desolate priests. (Mother Catherine Aurelia, foundress)

Meetings & Activities

- **Delivery of Thanksgiving Baskets
Saturday November 19**
- **Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service
Sunday Nov. 20th 7:00pm at St. Francis Church**
- **Ladies Guild Monday November 21 @ 7:00pm**



The Ladies Guild will again be making cemetery arrangements at the end of November. We are in need of greens, especially pines. If you or someone you know has plans to prune your holly bushes or evergreens this fall, please consider supplying us with the greens we will need. Please contact Barbara, 860-642-7168, or bobbi.w@charter.net if you will be able to supply greens for this annual fundraising project.

Lebanon Holiday Gift Program

Our Christmas Tree is up with holiday gift tags. Please take a tag and bring the gift back to Church with the tag by **November 27th**. Please do not wrap the gift as the families are provided gift wrap. Your participation is greatly appreciated.



ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

- ✓ **Charismatic Prayer Meeting** every Tuesday at 2 PM Spiritual Renewal Center, 11 Bath Street, Norwich, CT ([860-887-0702](tel:860-887-0702)).
- ✓ **Eucharistic Holy Hour for Vocations:** November 17 at St. Bridget of Kildare, Moodus from 6-7pm.
- ✓ **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.

➤ **Saint Bernard School Grades 6-12** (1593 Norwich New London Turnpike, Uncasville). Open house November 15 6pm-8pm. For more information contact 860.848.1271, email admissions@saint-bernard.com or visit www.saintbernardschool.org

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.

Rescheduled DATE: Part II of Sr. Elissa Rinere's Workshop on POPE FRANCIS & God's Mercy will be held on THURSDAY, November 17, 2016. It will be held at the Cathedral of St. Patrick (Lower Church Hall), 213 Broadway, Norwich, CT, from 6:30-8:30. ALL ARE WELCOME! If you were unable to attend Part I we would love to see you at Part II! Any questions or concerns contact the Office of Faith Events, 860-848-2237, ext. 312.

Holy Family Retreat Center, West Hartford - Advent Day or Evening Retreat: Be My Light – Mother Teresa's Journey of Doubt and Hope, with Dr. Brandon Nappi - Wednesday, Dec 7, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. or 6-9 p.m. Shortly after Mother Teresa died in 1997, her secret journals were published expressing a woman of intense paradox. Even as she lived out the Christian life in heroic radiance, she was accompanied by extreme doubt, struggle and dryness in the spiritual life. In this retreat, we'll examine Mother Teresa's incredible contribution to the history of spirituality and discover the constructive role doubt can play in our own Advent journey toward hope and light. \$40, includes meal. [860-760-9705](tel:860-760-9705). www.holyfamilyretreat.or

"A Christmas Carol" Musical December 2, 3
 As the "Year of Mercy" comes to a close, St Andrew Church, Colchester, will present one of the greatest stories of redemption and mercy ever told, the tale of the transformation of Ebenezer Scrooge, in Charles Dickens' immortal "A Christmas Carol." This spiritually uplifting musical includes a cast of talented performers from Connecticut and Rhode Island, and will be directed by Nathan Caron. The cast includes a 60 voice choir. Special performances will be by Fr Richard Breton (playing a 19th century clergyman) and Deacon Michael Puscas (playing the part of Ebenezer Scrooge) Tickets are limited to 300 each performance, and will be available beginning Nov 7 by calling Jeannine Gilbert at 860 977-9416

What: "A Christmas Carol" musical
 When: Friday December 2, 7pm,
 Saturday December 3 1pm matinee, and 7pm
 Doors open 30 minutes prior to each
 Performance

Where: St Andrew Hall
 Tickets: General admission (ages 13-61) \$10
 (\$12 at the door)
 Reduced admission (12 and under, 62 and
 Over) \$8 (\$10 at the door)
 Phone: (beginning Nov 7) Jeannine Gilbert
 860 977 9416

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Next week November 19-20 2016, the triennial collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, U.S.A. will be taken up at all Masses. The Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA (AMS) was established by Saint John Paul II in 1985 to provide the Catholic Church's full range of pastoral ministries to those in the United States Armed Forces. The mission of the Archdiocese is to "serve those who serve" by providing the same pastoral care and services as any other Catholic diocese to Catholics serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, enrolled in U.S. Military Academies, undergoing treatment at any of the 153 Department of Veterans Affairs' Medical Centers in the U.S., Puerto Rico and Guam, working in civilian jobs for the federal government beyond U.S. borders, and the families of these populations.

The AMS is the only source of Catholic chaplains for the U.S. military and Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Centers. All told, the AMS and its endorsed priests and deacons are responsible for pastoral service to approximately 1.8 million Catholics. While the salaries and retirement of military and VA chaplains are paid for by the government, the AMS receives no funding from the military or the government in support of programs and services vital to the mission and ministry of the AMS, including Vocations, Evangelization and Catechesis, Sacramental Records, Tribunal and Veterans Affairs.

Unlike a conventional diocese, the AMS has no parishes or parish registries. The AMS has no weekly collections and relies solely on the generosity of private donations to support its aforementioned programs and services. The Office of Sacramental Records currently maintains over 3 million records as the AMS maintains all records of sacraments celebrated on U.S. Military Installations and at VA Medical Centers since 1920 at the Edwin Cardinal O'Brien Pastoral Center in Washington, D.C.

Last year, Pope Francis told military ordinaries from around the world that "The role of military chaplains is to accompany and support [those in need] on the journey, to be a comforting and brotherly presence for them all." (Pope Francis, Address to participants in the 8th Humanitarian Course, 26.X.15.) Your support of the National Collection for the AMS will bring the Gospel, the sacraments and other forms of spiritual support to men and women who serve our Country and defend our freedoms, including parishioners and families from our own diocese.

Thank you, in advance, for your generosity.

With gratitude and prayerful best wishes, I am,

Faithfully in Christ,
Michael R. Cote
Bishop of Norwich

Defending Our Religious Liberty Nov. 13, 2016
Now that the elections are over, we must keep in mind the gift of religious freedom and our duty to defend and exercise it as faithful citizens. 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 newly elected representatives. Let them know that the mandate is in violation of our First Amendment right to religious freedom.



The Lebanon Faith Communities and the Franklin Congregational Church invite you to a Community Faith Event.

The annual Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service will be held at Saint Francis of Assisi, 67 West Town Street, Lebanon, on Sunday November 20th at 7:00pm.

Please bring a non-perishable food or toiletry item for Lebanon Neighbors Helping Neighbors.

Emmanuel adoration on Dec. 18th

There will be adoration on Sunday, Dec. 18th from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. What a beautiful way to start Christmas week. Every one of every age is invited. Music will be provided by Emily Kubena from St. Francis and Andre Toussaint from St. Andrew. Speaker will be Sean Norris. Sean is from St. Andrew Parish and graduated in 2006. He has been doing ministry and speaking since his graduation from Franciscan University in 2011. There is NO cost to this event.

MASS INTENTIONS

We have several open Masses during 2016. You may have a Mass said for a variety of intentions: for a deceased loved one, in celebration of a marriage, anniversary, birthday, in thanksgiving, for a special intention, for world peace, etc.

To request a Mass intention, please call Cheryl in the parish office during office hours.



Parish Giving

SEEKING - PARISH ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Consideration for candidates to the Parish Advisory Council shall be by Letter of Intent.

- (a) Active parishioners are eligible.
- (b) Parishioners may nominate any interested parishioner, including themselves.
- (c) Must be a Roman Catholic.
- (d) Must be a practicing Catholic in accordance of Canon Law.
- (e) Must be Confirmed (meaning, has received the Sacrament of Confirmation).
- (f) Meetings are held every other month beginning in September and ending in May.

An eligible parishioner interested in becoming a chosen member of the Parish Advisory should be nominated by making his or her interest known to the Fr. Mark, who will verify and confirm that such individual is eligible and is a Catholic in good standing.

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

WE CAN HELP

To report inappropriate contact of any kind by a representative of the Diocese of Norwich or for assistance to victims, please call: 1.800.624.7407

We wish to bring it to your attention that there are a great many people attending Mass on weekends that suffer from asthma, allergies or are undergoing chemotherapy. Colognes, after shave and fragrances can aggravate these conditions. Please be considerate.

Located in the Chapel/Cry Room, Our Lending Library is now open at all times.

We have a good selection of Catholic reading material available.

Please stop by before or after Mass and choose a title and grow in your faith.

