

**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 May 13, 2017 Our Lady of Fatima

4:00 PM Confessions

5:00 PM All Mothers Living & Deceased

Sunday, May 14, 2017 Fifth Sunday of Easter ~ Mother's Day

On this Mother's Day we remember and pray for all mothers, living & deceased

8:00 AM Gene Grecki req. by the Stygar family

10:30 AM Jo Anne Pomerleau req. by her family

Monday May 15, 2017 St. Isidore

NO MASS

Tuesday May 16, 2017 Easter Weekday

NO MASS

Wednesday May 17, 2017 Easter Weekday

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

Thursday May 18, 2017 St. John I, pope, martyr

NO MASS

Friday May 19, 2017 Easter Weekday

9:00 AM People of the parish living & deceased

Saturday May 20, 2017 St. Bernadine of Siena, priest

4:00 PM Confessions

5:00 PM

Sunday, May 21, 2017 Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM Gene Grecki req. by C. Wheaton

10:30 AM Arthur Choquette req. by his family

Offertory: \$ 2,563.81 Seminarian Collection: \$ 703.50
Today's second collection is 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.

Adoration of our Lord. Jesus is the Friend who never abandons us.
(St. Luigi Guanella) Adoration begins at 8:30am following the 8:00am Mass on Thursdays and continues until Benediction at 7:00pm at St. Andrew Church. There is always a need for faithful adorers, please consider omitting to a specific hour. Contact Dennis Girard @ 860.334.9894 or dennisgirard51@gmail.com

Weekend May 20 & 21

5:00pm Lector: Bob Nejako

Eucharistic Minister: Pam Flaherty

Altar Servers: Steve Bardes, C.J. Frank

8:00am Lector: Rosanne Coffey

Eucharistic Minister: Gregg Lafontaine

Altar Servers: Christian & Jack Terwilliger

10:30am Lector: Sandy Grillo

Eucharistic Minister: Wally Gagnon

Altar Servers: Erika Densman, Becca Wheaton,
Gabriela Mastroluca

**Please save the date: We will hold a reception on
Sunday June 25th from 2-4pm for Father Mark's
25th Ordination Anniversary. More information
will be coming.**

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
SFC Justin A. VonEdwins, U.S. Army
Sgt. Robert Massicotte U.S. Army
1st Lt. Miles N. Snelgrove USMC 2nd Batt. 6th Marines
AM3 Emerson Flannery, U.S. Navy
Seaman Alex R. Paris, U.S. Navy
LCPL Chad Wengloski, U.S. Marines
Seaman Jonathan Wengloski, 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.

St. Francis Confirmation Class

- Friday May 19 Confirmation Rehearsal 5:30pm at St. Andrew Church
- Saturday May 20 Confirmation 11:00am at St. Andrew Church
- Saturday May 20 & 21 Knights of Columbus Plant Sale before and after all Masses.
- Saturday May 20 Ladies Guild Bake. There will also be a table with handmade napkins, scarves, baby blankets, bib clothes and TEDDY Bears and other assorted stuffed animals.



APOSTOLATE OF PRAYER — We pray for Bishop Michael R. Cote, V. Rev. Laurence LaPointe, Rev. Brian Converse, Rev. V. Antony Alaharasan, Rev. Brian Romanoski, Rev. Augustine Naduvilekoot, Rev. Arthur Archer, Rev. Michael Sequeira, Rev. Keith Shuley, Rev. Gerald Kirby, Rev. Krzysztof Drybka OSPPE, Rev. Anthony Gruber, Rev. James Sucholet.

*Mary Immaculate, we know you are blessing our priests. Dear Mother, cover with your maternal mantle those whom Jesus has honored with the authority and dignity of His priesthood.
(Ven. Mother Catherine Aurelia, foundress)*

An Ecumenical Community Day of Prayer Service of Remembrance will be held on Tuesday May 23rd, 7:00pm at the Redeemer Lutheran Church, 321 Village Hill Road. We will be remembering those who have passed and those currently serving in our military. Please contact Cheryl in the parish office with name, rank, and branch of service of those from town who are currently serving or deployed in the military; the names will be read at the service. The event is sponsored by the Lebanon Ecumenical Clergy and Franklin Congregational Church

12 Goats for Haiti: Collected to date \$ 2,702
The collection jar will be out in Church until
May 21.

Grades 1 & 4 will be assisting at the 10:30am Mass on Sunday May 14. Refreshments following the Mass in the meeting room.

ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

- ✓ "Like" the **Office of Faith Events Diocese of Norwich** page on Facebook and stay informed of all our upcoming faith-filled events for Youth, Young Adults, Adults, and Families.
www.facebook.com/ofenorwichdiocese
- ✓ **Charismatic Prayer Meeting** every Tuesday at 2 PM Spiritual Renewal Center, 11 Bath Street, Norwich, CT (860-887-0702) .
- ✓ **Healing Mass:** Monday, May 22, 2017 at 2PM, Spiritual Renewal Center, 11 Bath Street, Norwich
- ✓ **Holy Hour for Vocations:** May 18 at St. Matthias in East Lyme from 6-7pm
- ✓ **7 Myths about the Catholic Church & Science** ~ a four week DVD based series. The series opens at 7pm in the rectory meeting room on Wednesday May 10 & continues on May 17, 24, & 31. Register by April 30 at 860.464.7251 secretary@ololgforg. \$8 fee for the participant's book may be paid in advance or at the first meeting.
- ✓ **Please join us on Wednesday, May 31, 2017, at 7:00 pm at the Chancery as we begin planning the 25th Annual Firefighters/EMS Personnel Mass** scheduled for Saturday, October 14, 2017, 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. For more information call, Mrs. Terri Zampini at 860-887-9294, x265, or Monsignor Brown at x232.

WAIM is looking for gently used Prom dresses and accessories. For example, clutch bags, high heel shoes and jewelry. Drop off at donation warehouse; Riverside Dr. off Bridge ST. in Willimantic. Donations would be needed by May 20th.

Mercy High School is sponsoring a **\$25,000 Education Raffle** Anyone can win! The \$25,000 is tax free and can be used at any accredited school in the U.S. (grades K – College) and for student loan payments. Tickets are \$100. The drawing is Wednesday, May 17th during the Mercy Spring Concert you do not need to be present to win. Only 650 tickets will be sold. For information, or to order a ticket, go to www.mercyhigh.com or call Mercy at 860-347-8957. Join us for the Mercy Spring Concert – May 17th at 7 pm. The concert is free and open to the public!

Get M-Powered! Join the Mercy High School Summer Program 2017 Programs and clinics are available for girls rising to grades 5th – 9th Basketball, Cultural Awareness, Field Hockey, Higher Achievement, Soccer, Theatre Arts, and Vocal!
 Please visit www.mercyhigh.com for specific program information and online registration or call 860-346-6659 and request a brochure be sent to you.



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 18th. Help protect the unborn. Support Care Net Pregnancy Resource Center. Involve your children! Show them by example that all life is precious and loved. Join our Baby Bottle Campaign. Your donation brings Mother's Day to our clients. Or fill a virtual bottle at www.psclife.org. You choose the amount. \$5 fills a bottle with pennies, \$15 fills a bottle with nickels, \$40 fills a bottle with dimes, and ^\$60 fills a bottle with quarters. Empty baby bottles can be found at the side entrance.

Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center
 303 Tunxis Road, West Hartford, CT 06107-3119
 Phone: 860.521.0440 | Fax: 860.521.1929
 Email: info@holysfamilyretreat.org

Music Ministers' Evening Retreat: A Singing Church a Praying Church, with Fr. David Cinquegrani - Tuesday and Wednesday, June 6 and 7, 6-9 p.m. (same program both evenings). Music can melt and reshape our spirits and move us from singing to praying, from musical expression to deep relationship with God and one another. Ministers of music, their choirs, friends and family are invited to join us for this wonderful evening that includes a delicious dinner, presentation with singing, and celebration of the Eucharist. \$30 NPM members, \$40 non-members, includes dinner. Clergy no cost.

Ladies Guild Graduating Senior Award

Any graduating high school senior who is an active member of St. Francis Parish may apply for the Ladies Guild annual Graduating Senior Award. This Award is based on academic record, activity in school and community, and most importantly, devotion to your Parish. The maximum award is \$200. Applications are found at the Church entrances or contact Barbara at bobbie.w@charter.net to be emailed a copy. Please return by June 4th.

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All ladies of the parish are invited to join the Ladies Guild on their annual **Mystery Ride Monday, May 15th**. Please be at the Church parking lot between 4:45 and 5:00pm. We will leave promptly at 5:00pm. Please bring money for supper. A Sign-up sheet is at the side Church entrance. Questions, please contact Barbara at 860.642.7168.

Hit a "home run" for Catholic Charities!

Join Catholic Charities at Dodd Stadium in Norwich on **Friday, June 23rd game time 7:05 PM** to see the CT Tigers vs. the Aberdeen Ironbirds. Executive Director Ed Tessman will throw out the first pitch! It is a great opportunity to bring a group from your parish to enjoy the game, see a great fireworks display after the game **and support those most in need!** Tickets are \$10.00/each. Contact Sue Connelly at 860-889-8346 to purchase tickets. For more information, please contact Christine Jackel, Development Coordinator via e-mail at cjackel@norwichdiocese.net or by phone 860-886-1928.

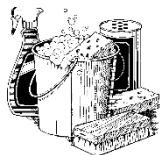
Defending Our Religious Liberty #272

May 14, 2017

The fight for religious freedom is not a Catholic issue, not a Jewish issue, not an Orthodox, Mormon, or Muslim issue. It is an American issue. The passage of the Affordable Care Act has imposed dangerous implications on all religions. If we allow the government to have the final say on what type of health care coverage a religious organization must provide, we are basically enabling them to interfere in all religious liberty concerns in areas such as immigration and humanitarian services.

Let us pray that as lawmakers make changes to the current mandate that it return the safeguards that protect religious freedom in the Constitution of the United States.

Thank you to Rachel, Barbara D, Linda, Ella Mae, Peg and Kathy for coming out today to help clean the church.



As always it smells so good after it is cleaned and the windows sparkle!

Thank you for your time and dedication.

Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labor. Ecclesiastes 4:9

IT IS TIME TO REGISTER FOR CCD CLASSES

We are now accepting registrations for the 2017-2018 CCD Classes. Registrations are due August 1st. Forms are available from your child's current

CCD teacher, the parish office, and at the entrances of Church.

Please return registrations ASAP.



St. Philip the Apostle Church, Route 44 (64 Pompey Hollow Road) in Ashford, CT will be holding its Annual Used Book Sale Fundraiser, May 13-28, 2017, Saturday & Sunday 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Monday to Friday 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. History, fiction, non-fiction, cookbooks, children's, religious, classics, Specials, etc. 40,000 books from which to choose! Hardcover \$1.00, soft covers \$.50.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP ~ A Catholic-based Bereavement Support group will meet the 3rd Thursday of each month at three alternating diocesan parishes. The next meeting is **Thursday, May 18** from 7-8:30 P.M. at **St. Mary's Parish Center, 34 North Main St., Jewett City, CT.** For more information, contact Catholic Family Services at 860-848-2237, ext. 306.



PLANT SALE

Sponsored By

Lebanon Knights of
Columbus #9653

Saturday May 20

From 9am – 6pm

And Sunday May 21

From 9am to 3pm.

The Knights will be selling

**flower plants ~ veggie plants ~ shrubs ~
and more! Also large Raffle table with many
great items.**

**Local Lebanon Honey &
Maple Syrup.**

Free Coffee

HELD AT: St. Francis of Assisi Church
67 West Town St., Lebanon, Ct.

BAKE SALE & Handcrafted Items

The Ladies Guild will be holding a Bake Sale on May 20th in conjunction with the Knights' Plant Sale. Parishioners are asked to bake for this event.

Requested items are finger foods such as cookies, cakes, brownies, breads, pies or anything yummy! Please place cookies in packages of 2 or 6 and please identify all items.

Baked goods may be dropped off at the church after 9:00 a.m. Saturday May 20th.

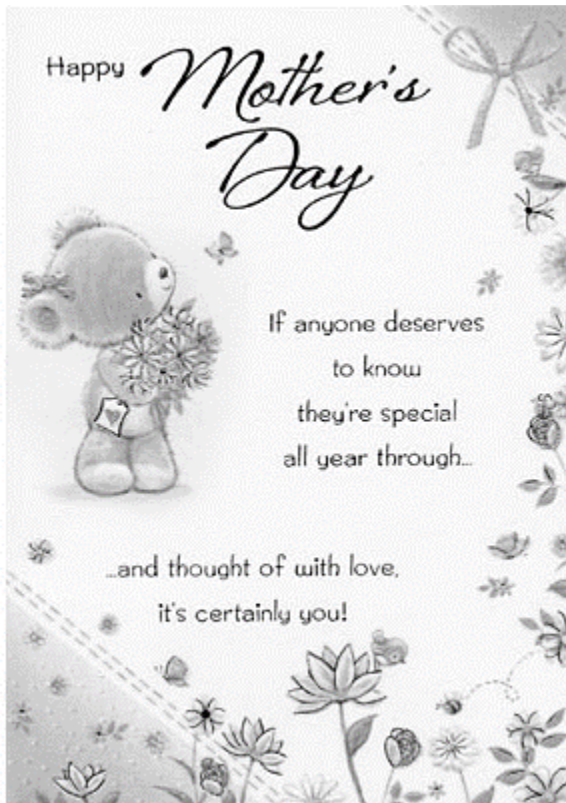
Handcrafted items will also be sold. Napkins, scarves, baby blanket, bib

clothes, and TEDDY Bears and other assorted stuffed animals.

If there are items still available, we will sell on Sunday until everything is gone.



We wish every Mother of our Parish a very Happy Mother's Day.



Mother's Day Remembrances ~ Living Mothers

Shawn Smith	Sherrilyn Flannery
Shayla Coutu	Shirleen Garrahy
Shannon Kuzel	Alice Kuzel
Leah Prescott	Alisa Carlson
Mary Horan	Jacy Worth
Vicki Duff	Sara Cooper
Marisa Seng	Lynn Johnson
Jacqie Cooper	Susan Pion
Anastasia L. Getman	Louise Getman
Alexis Burgess	Cynthia Paris

Mother's Day Remembrances ~ Deceased Mothers

Erma Kuzel	Mary Clinch
Margaret Rea	Cecile Pion
Gladys Lariviere	Barbara Longo
Frances Flaherty	Helen Werner
Theresa Wengloski	Mary Wiczorek
Viola Smutko	Irma Smutko
Lena Gallicchio	Isabela Maffiolini
Frances Marotta	Lucy Seccareccia
Gretchen "Betty" Therrien	
Mary McGeever Petrie	
Charlotte Wojnar McComber	

Job Opportunities

APRN Catholic Charities, Diocese of Norwich is seeking a consulting psychiatric APRN to provide psychiatric evaluations, medication evaluations, and medication follow-up appointments for clients served at our Norwich and Middletown behavioral health clinics. Experience working with children desired, but not required. Connecticut license to practice as an APRN is required. If interested, please send your resume to Laura Malone at lauramalone@cdfs.org.

Full-time Clinical Site Supervisor (LCSW) - Norwich Catholic Charities is seeking a full-time Behavioral Health Clinical Site Supervisor for our Behavioral Health Clinic in Norwich. This person will be responsible for managing our outpatient behavioral health clinic in Norwich. Responsibilities include supervision of staff, quality assurance, and utilization management. This position requires direct service responsibilities. Requirements: MSW, LCSW with at least five year's post-graduate experience. Please email resume, cover letter and salary requirements to Laura Malone, Executive Assistant at lauramalone@cdfs.org

Fee for Service LCSWs - Catholic Charities, Diocese of Norwich, Inc. We are seeking **Licensed Clinical Social Workers (LCSW)** to provide fee for service clinical services for a diverse client population in our Norwich, Middletown, and New London Offices.

To apply:

Please email resume, cover letter, salary requirements, and the contact information for three professional references to Laura Malone, Executive Assistant at lauramalone@cdfs.org

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See the side bulletin board for details on a Principal Vacancy at St. John Paul II Regional, Diocesan PreK – 8 School in Middletown. Deadline is May 23 for submission of application.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

"And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love Him and reveal myself to Him." Expand your married love by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next WWME Weekends are Jul 7-9, 2017 in Manchester, CT and Nov 3-5, 2017 in Manchester, CT. For more information, call Dennis & Jane Lamondy at [860-376-0440](tel:860-376-0440) or visit us at <https://wwmectw.org/>.