

**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 August 26, 2017 Blessed Virgin Mary

4:00 PM Confessions

5:00 PM Nick Wengloski req. by his family

Sunday, August 27, 2017 Twenty-first Sunday - Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Antoinette Johnston & Stella Ploszaj req. by Fr. Mark

10:30 AM James Nowosad req. by the Stygar family

Monday August 28, 2017 St. Augustine, bishop, doctor of the Church

NO MASS

Tuesday August 29, 2017 Passion of St. John the Baptist

NO MASS

Wednesday August 30, 2017 Weekday

9:00 AM Carolyn Piccotti req. by Mackie

Thursday August 31, 2017 Weekday

NO MASS

Friday September 1, 2017 Weekday

9:00 AM Galleno Piccotti req. by Mackie

Saturday September 2, 2017 Blessed Virgin Mary

4:00 PM Confessions

5:00 PM Maurice Pelletier req by his family

Sunday, September 3, 2017 22nd Sunday - Ordinary Time

8:00 AM

10:30 AM James Nowosad req. by Cheryl & Becca

Monday September 4, 2017 Labor Day

9:00 AM Sanctification of human labor

Offertory: \$ 2,021.00 Assumption: \$ 289.00
Today's second collection is for building maintenance.
Next weekend's second collection is for the National Combined Diocesan Collection.

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 September 3 & 4

5:00pm Lector: Bob Nejako

Eucharistic Minister: Sharon Nejako

Altar Servers: CJ Frank & Steve Bardes

8:00am Lector: Rosanne Coffey

Eucharistic Minister: Jim Dyer

Altar Servers: Christian & Jack Terwilliger

10:30am Lector: Maureen Polana

Eucharistic Minister: Paul Pelletier

Altar Servers: Nicholas Barrett, Gabriela & Felipe Mastroluca

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
CTN3 Jonah Swett, U.S. Navy
Seaman Recruit Rocky Spedaliere
2nd Lt. Tyler McGuire, U.S. Air Force

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. Juan A. Palacio, Msgr. Richard LaRocque, Rev. Christopher Zmuda, Rev. Edward Wisneski, Rev. Russell Kennedy, Rev. Jose Rizal Dimapilis OP, Rev. Wojciech Pelczarski SDS, Rev. Francis Rouleau, Rev. Thomas Sickler MS, Rev. Peter Liszewski, Rev. George Busto CO, Rev. Peter Langevin, Rev. Raymond Introvigne, Rev. Tadeusz Zadorozny.

Father, enkindle in Your priests a hunger for the glory of Jesus, and for the love of souls. May Your priests be happy, may they be esteemed a thousand times, privileged to drink of the Fountain of the Savior each day. (Ven. Mother Catherine Aurelia, foundress)

MEETINGS

- 75th Anniversary Meeting Monday August 28 @ 6:30pm
- Guild Executive Board Meeting Wednesday August 30 @ 6:30pm
- CCD Teacher Meeting Thursday. August 31 @ 6:30pm
- Parish Advisory Council Wednesday Sept. 6 @ 6:30pm
- Knights of Columbus Thurs. Sept. 7 @ 7pm

RCIA to begin: If you, a family member or friend is considering becoming Catholic or learning more about the Catholic faith, the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) will begin on Sunday, September 10 at St. Andrew Church. Classes are held after the 9:30am Mass in the classroom attached to the rectory. All are welcome to learn more and journey deeper into the Catholic faith. For more information or questions, contact John or Nicole Peck at 860.537.6981 or at jnpeck@mac.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

- ✓ **Charismatic Prayer Meeting** every Tuesday at 2 PM Spiritual Renewal Center, 11 Bath Street, Norwich, CT (860-887-0702).
- ✓ **TRUST IN THE MERCY OF GOD'S LOVE** ~ If you are carrying the grief and sorrow of past abortions and seek healing and forgiveness, call **Project Rachel**, a post-abortion healing ministry. Priests in the **Project Rachel** ministry are there for you with God's Grace and Mercy. Call **860-861-4439**. All calls are confidential.
- ✓ **Healing Mass** Monday, August 28, 2017 Spiritual Renewal Center, 11 Bath Street, Norwich.
- ✓ **The monthly Diocesan Pro-Life Mass** will take place at The Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on **Saturday, September 2 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. A brunch in the Cathedral Hall will follow the Rosary this month.
- ✓ **Blue Mass Steak Dinner Fundraiser** Friday, September 8, 2017 East Great Plain Fire Department, 488 New London Turnpike, Norwich 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Steak – Baked Potato – Salad – Bread & Butter – Soda & Water \$20.00 Adults \$10.00 Children 12 and under *The Blue Mass is celebrated at the Cathedral on September 24, 2017, 10:15 a.m., for all law enforcement personnel and their families.* This fundraiser helps to defray expenses associated with the Annual Blue 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.
- ✓ On Sunday, September 10, 2017, at 8:45 a.m., Bishop Cote will celebrate **Mass for Those Dedicated to Education**, in the Cathedral of Saint Patrick.
Currently, the Planning Committee for this Mass is seeking additional members to assist in preparing this very meaningful tribute to Educators and to become an active member of the planning committee. The next meeting of the Mass Committee will be held on June 26, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. in the Bishop Hines Conference Room of the Chancery. Please join us in planning the 22nd Annual Mass for Those Dedicated to Education. Contact Mrs. Rebecca McDougall at 860-887-9294.
- ✓ **Diocese of Norwich Outreach to Haiti Golf Charity Event** Join Bishop Cote at the Diocese of Norwich Outreach to Haiti annual Charity Golf Tournament which will be held Saturday, September 16. at Wintonbury Hills Golf Course - Ranked #6 Municipal Golf course in the USA by Sports Illustrated Golf.com. On-line registration www.outreachtohaiti.org. or call Outreach to Haiti **860 800 3601**. Proceeds benefit the Diocese's mission in Haiti: nutrition & feeding programs, medical care, orphanages, education and efforts to rebuild the medical clinic & mission house in Port-au-Prince. The event includes golf, lunch & dinner. Thank you for your support!
- ✓ **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 Saint Patrick in Norwich on Sunday, September 17th at 2:00pm. Come and renew your commitment to live your marriage in holiness 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.
- ✓ **ATTENTION ALL GOLFERS:** Catholic Charities 12th Annual Golf Tournament will be held on **Wednesday, September 20th** at the Fox Hopyard Golf Club in East Haddam CT. Entry fee of \$175.00 includes: green fees, cart, lunch, dinner buffet and awards. Registration begins at 10:30 AM; Lunch at 11:30 AM, Shotgun Start at 1:00 PM and Dinner Buffet/Awards at 6:00 PM. Sponsorships are available! Funds raised at the tournament help support those most in need throughout Eastern Connecticut. For more information, contact **Christine Jackel**, Development Coordinator via phone at: 860-886-1928 x12 or via e-mail: cjackel@norwichdiocese.net
- ✓ **Holy Hour for Vocations** September 21 St. John, Old Saybrook 6-7pm
- ✓ **Twenty-seventh Annual Blue Mass For All Law Enforcement Officers Sunday, September 24, 2017, at 10:15 a.m.** All law enforcement officers (federal, state, and municipal, active and retired) and their families are invited to the Twenty-seventh Annual Blue Mass and Reception, Sunday, September 24, 2017, 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 Christopher Deskus, Director of Prison Ministries, Diocese of Norwich, and Deacon at Saint Jude Church, Willington and Saint Philip Church, Ashford, will be the Homilist. Groton Town Police Chief Louis J. Fusaro, Jr. and Norwich Police Chief Patrick Daley are the Blue Mass Co-Chairs. For more information, please call Chief L.J. Fusaro, Chief Daley, or Monsignor Brown at 860-887-9294, ext. 232.
- ✓ **Upcoming Workshop for New Lectors & Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** Saturday, September 30 from 9:30am to 11:30am St. Patrick Parish Hall, 47 W. High Street, East Hampton, CT 06424. Register by September 23 at worship@norwichdiocese.net or call 860.848.2237 x302. Fee is \$10.
- ✓ **SAVE THE DATE Saturday, October 21, 2017 HOW TO HAVE THE BEST LITURGICAL MUSIC IN YOUR PARISH GIVEN WHAT YOU HAVE – AND DON'T HAVE** For presiders, music ministers, choirs, cantors, RCIA Teams, catechists, liturgy committees, all who love to sing! Come to meet and learn from renowned composer and liturgist Tom Kendzia. St. Mathias Parish Center, East Lyme, CT 9:00 to Noon. Cost: \$10 Registration materials available in September.
- ✓ **Connecticut Catholic Men's Conference** Saturday, October 21, 2017 at St. Paul Catholic High School in Bristol. 8am – 5pm. Tickets at www.ctcatholicmen.org Cost \$45. Theme "You will be my witness"
- ✓ **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** "After the fire there was a tiny whispering sound. When he heard this, Elijah hid his face in his cloak and went and stood at the entrance of the cave." Help each other hear God's plan for your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next WWME Weekends are Nov 3-5, 2017 in Manchester, CT and

Sep 15-17, 2017 in Huntington, NY. For more information, call Dennis & Jane Lamondy at [860-4813720](tel:860-4813720) or visit us at <https://www.mectw.org/>.

**Programs at My Father's House – 39 N, Moodus Rd,
Moodus Mfh.moodus@gmail.com 860.873.1906**

- ❖ October 7 Retreat on the Rosary
- ❖ November 18 Thanksgiving Retreat
- ❖ December 9 Retreat on Our Lady of Guadalupe

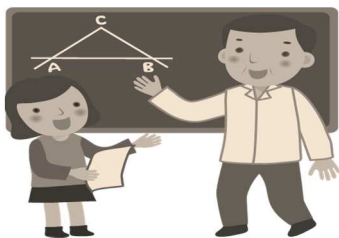
Kris Kringle Fair

Saturday, November 11, 2017
Sts. Peter & Paul Church
181 Elizabeth Street, Norwich

Vendors wanted for the annual Kris Kringle Fair from 9am-4pm. Spaces available at \$25 each, including 8 foot table & chairs. To apply, please call 860.889.2794. Application and information will be sent to you. Application deadline is September 30.

PARENTS PLEASE TAKE NOTE: IT IS TIME TO REGISTER FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL!

Forms are available from the parish office, and at the entrances of Church.



Sunday School Begins September 10th.

Classes are held from 9:00am to 10:00am at the Elementary School. Grade 9 classes are held at the same time in the Church.

Teacher's assistants are needed for grades 4, 5, 7, and 8.

Parents of children in these grades, please consider volunteering as an assistant.

U-R qualified if you are over 16 (to be an aide) and a practicing Catholic who attends weekend Mass. We will help you with the rest of the job and help you to easily get certified to work with our youth. Call Jim Hay, the DRE at 860.886.1882 or the parish office at 860.642.6711.

CT Right to LIFE, Eastern Chapter, presents Melissa Ohden...On September 16, 2017 at 10am at Christian Fellowship Church in Hampton CT (Scotland CT) Come hear HER powerful story... Melissa Ohden, wife, mother, speaker, abortion survivor...Author of *You Carried Me*. Doors open at 9am. Q & A to follow. Book signing. Vendors. Lunch included.

For TICKETS or info: <http://bit.do/Melissa-Ohden-CT-RTL-E> Childcare available - email sancloutier@juno.com for details.

Please join us for the **9th Annual Race to End Hunger** in our Community on September 16th, 2017. It is a certified 5K run/walk with all proceeds going to the local Food and Fuel Banks and the Free Community Lunch Program. **The course begins at the Colchester town hall on Norwich Ave. at 9:00 a.m. with same day registration starting at 8.**

You may also register at www.RunReg.com, pick up a registration form at Sunshine Bike/Run located on Lebanon Ave., or contact Jamie Roach-Decker at atjrdmdd@comcast.net Registration cost is \$20.00 and prizes will be awarded to top 3 finishers in all age groups. We encourage teams of 3 or more to enter and compete for a trophy. The first 100 to register also receive a free T shirt.

We once again we will have a slice of wonderful apple pie waiting for you at the finish line as well as other refreshments provided by the St. Andrews Choir, who sponsors the race, and the Bacon Academy Culinary Arts program. We are pleased to announce that Ana Cara will once again be providing live music and chair massages will be available. Hope you can join us for a good cause!

DEAR PARISHIONERS: WE ARE CURRENTLY 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).

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

Meetings are on the first Wednesday every other month at 6:30pm beginning in September and ending in May.

Life Teen News: On Sunday, September 24th, we are having a huge celebration for our 15th anniversary of our Life Teen program. If you are a Life Teen alumni in ANY way, former teen core, meal coordinator, music minister...etc., please email Carol Petit at carolannpettit1@gmail.com with your current email and mailing address.

Defending Our Religious Liberty AUG 27, 2017

For four years, the Little Sisters of the Poor and many other faith-based nonprofit groups have patiently asked the government to do the right thing and let them serve the poor. In a pluralistic society like ours, people should be free to serve the common good without compromising their moral or religious convictions. The HHS mandate requiring employers to cover contraceptive and abortion-inducing drugs and devices, has tested this country's commitment to a healthy pluralism. Let us pray that change to the law safeguards religious liberty.



Annual Parish Picnic

Sunday

September 10

Immediately Following the

10:30am Mass

Help is need in running games for the children, please contact Cheryl.
More information to come.

The Knights of Columbus and Ladies Guild will be sponsoring their 3rd **Polish Dinner** on October 14th, 5-7 at the FSC. The number of tickets is limited and advance tickets are required—none will be sold at the door. Tickets go on sale September 1st after all Masses. \$18 per person; meal includes: 1 Golumpki (Stuffed Cabbage), 3 Pierogis, kielbasa, sauerkraut, vegetable, bread, dessert & drink. All proceeds will go to St. Francis Parish.
Or contact Kathy at 860-617-9577 before October 8th.



Saturday, October 21, 2017 COMPOSER AND LITURGIST TOM KENDZIA: How to make the best use of musical resources of your parish. Come all presiders, music ministers, choirs, cantors, RCIA Teams, catechists, Liturgy committees, all who love to sing! **St. Mathias Parish Center, East Lyme, CT 9:00 to Noon Register by October 16th.**

Cost: \$10 Registration materials available at www.Norwichdiocese.org
Or call 860-848-2237

Saturday, September 23rd, 2017

St. Andrew Church

Proudly Presents MISGIVINGS

A "Divine" Comedy of belly laughs, blessings, blarney and bingo

Join Father Patrick Aloysius Misgivings for this divine presentation of stories and one liners about growing up Catholic. From miracles and marriage counseling to bazaars and birth control, nothing escapes the good father's razor sharp Irish wit. This hilarious, interactive comedy includes a collection, a raffle and even an actual Bingo game.



St. Andrew Parish Hall

128 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, CT

Doors open: 6:30pm Showtime: 7:00pm

\$20 (Last day to buy tickets will be September 18th)

For Reservations and information please call the Parish Office at 860.537.2355

Next weekend our parish will take up the **National Combined Collection** which benefits: **The Catholic Communication Campaign, The Annual Appeal for the Holy Father (Peter's Pence), The Retirement Fund for Religious, and Catholic University of America.** These collections provide the Holy Father with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world; helps provide prescription medications, nursing care, and more for our senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests; and offers students an excellent education in a faith-filled atmosphere grounded in Catholic intellectual tradition. The communication campaign, of which half the proceeds stay in our Diocese, helps spread the Gospel message through Internet, television, radio, and print media. Registered parishioners will receive a mailing with more detailed information. Please read the material and if you are so inclined, bring your gift envelope to Mass next weekend, September 2/3, 2017. (Gift envelopes and an informational brochure are also available at the church.) Your support of these needs of the Universal Church will truly make a difference. Please be as generous as your means allow.

Thank you to Alicia Lamb, Estelle Elliott, Kathy Walden, Katie Pomerleau, Sarah Buskey and Barbara Wengloski for hosting the 2017 Steeple Chase rest stop at St. Francis benefiting WAIM and Perception Programs. Also, to Ella Mae Kuzel for her cookie contribution. St. Francis has hosted a rest stop for the bike tour's entire 26 years. Despite the heat & humidity, 148 riders came through on their first stop on either the 50, 62.5 or 100 mile routes and enjoyed a variety of snack items including the most popular, homemade oatmeal raisin cookies. Thank you everyone!

Soda Booth Fundraiser

Thanks to the effort of our reliable and repeat volunteers, this year's soda booths raised \$2,500.00. Because this is a parish effort, we are looking forward to seeing new faces step up next year to help in any way possible. Our couple of newbie volunteers this year reacted with "Gee, we didn't realize this could be so much fun." See what you are missing? Your assistance will take the pressure off of those who spend much of the 3 days working very hard at the Fair. Any help you can give from stocking soda, setting up and breaking down the booths or even just a (3?) hour shift selling soda will be appreciated. The money raised has benefited our church in many ways and if that is to continue, we need you to help out.

Success is a team effort. Let's make it happen next year.

St. Francis Ladies Guild

Lebanon Fair Soda Booth committee chair

Praise, Worship, and Healing Prayer Service

Nothing uplifts the soul like praising and worshiping God! Come and rejoice for answered prayer, seek prayer for yourself or for a burden you're carrying for someone else. Join us on Thursday evening, September 7th, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Andrew Church for an evening of praising and worshiping God with music, teaching, witnessing, and prayer. If desired, you may also meet with a prayer team for personal, intercessory, or healing prayer. This service will be held on the first Thursday every month, immediately following Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

A photo album of the 21 goats you donated through your generosity to Haitian Health Foundation and their grateful recipients may be found at the side entrance of Church. Your generosity has made a difference in the lives of people terribly impacted by Hurricane Matthew. Even now, the area continues to suffer and HHF continues to provide health care, food, and food security strategies, reconstruction of houses and support of micro-enterprise opportunities. As you know, Hurricane Matthew's winds and flooding killed most of the animals in our catchment area, including goats. In the month following the hurricane, it has been very difficult to find breeding goats for sale. Goats are an important part of recovery after Hurricane Mathew. Recipients can breed their goats and sell or barter the offspring, providing some income as well as animal protein. When the HHF sent the photos of the 21 goats, they also sent a heartfelt thank you for reaching out to vulnerable people trapped in poverty.

Thank You to our Ladies Guild for the purchase of new carpet for the Sanctuary. The carpet had become worn and wrinkled, the wiring for the overhead projection screen had been laid above the floor when the screen was added many years ago. Our insurance company's annual risk management assessment had listed this situation as a trip & fall hazard. Through their hard work and your generous support of the Ladies Guild functions, the Guild was able to pay for the wiring to be run through a conduit under the floor and for the removal of the old carpet and installation of the new carpet. Thank you also to Glenn Stygar and to Manuel Rodrigues who handled the electrical work.

Catholic Elementary School Collection

This September 9th and 10th the Annual Catholic Elementary School Collection will be conducted throughout the Diocese. Last year over \$90,000 was raised from this in-pew collection. Appropriately titled, *Faith for the Future*, the collection recognizes that our futures truly do belong to the children we are educating in our schools today. Our 11 Diocesan elementary schools offer families a safe and nurturing environment in which to entrust their children's academic, social and moral growth, preparing them to become the future leaders of our church and communities.

Donation envelopes will be available in church. Please be generous in your support. Your contribution will help provide a Christ-centered and academically excellent Catholic education for students in our Diocese.