

**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 September 9, 2017 St. Peter Claver, priest

4:00 PM Confessions

5:00 PM Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, September 10, 2017 23rd Sunday - Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Sierra Sekator Stanton req. by her family

10:30 AM People of the parish living & deceased

Monday September 11, 2017 Weekday

NO MASS

Tuesday September 12, 2017 The Most Holy Name of Mary

NO MASS

**Wednesday September 13, 2017 St. John Chrysostom,
bishop, doctor of the church**

9:00 AM Rose Collura req. by Mackie

Thursday September 14, 2017 Exaltation of the Cross

NO MASS

Friday September 15, 2017 Our Lady of Sorrows

9:00 AM Russell Piccotti req. by Mackie

**Saturday September 16, 2017 Sts. Cornelius, pope, &
Cyprian, bishop**

12 Noon Baptism

4:00 PM Confessions

5:00 PM

Sunday, September 17, 2017 24th Sunday - Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Gretchen Tellier req. by her family

10:30 AM

Offertory: \$ 2,026.18 National Combined: \$ 1,803.38
Today's second collection is for Catholic Elementary Schools.
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 September 916 & 17

5:00pm Lector: Richard Lataille

Eucharistic Minister: Pam Flaherty

Altar Servers: Steve Bardes & CJ Frank

8:00am Lector: Jim Dyer

Eucharistic Minister: Betsie Petrie

Altar Servers: Christian & Jack Terwilliger

10:30am Lector: Sandy Grillo

Eucharistic Minister: Wally Gagnon

Altar Servers: Becca Wheaton

MEETINGS

CCD Begins September 10 9-10am Elementary School
Liturgy Committee moved to Wed. Sept. 20 @ 6:30pm

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 Bishop Michael R. Cote, Msgr. Leszek Janik, Rev. Richard Sliwinski, Rev. Jeffrey Ellis, Rev. Edward Dempsey DBA, V. Rev. David Choquette, V., Rev. Dennis Perkins, Our Holy Father, Rev. Joseph Ashe, Msgr. Michael Donohue, Rev. George Villamthanam CST.

We pray for our priests: for the sanctity of their souls: and for perfect love that they may be the Voice of Christ. May they be a channel for His Precious Blood, always acting through love. (Ven. Mother Catherine Aurelia, foundress)

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

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.

BLOOD DRIVE

Lebanon Senior Center Community Room

37 West Town Street, Lebanon

Wednesday, September 13 1:00pm – 6:00pm

For an appointment, please visit redcrossblood.org or

call 1.800.733.2767

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.
- ✓ **Diocese of Norwich Outreach to Haiti Golf Charity Event** Saturday, September 16 at Wintonbury Hills Golf Course. On line registration www.outreachtohaiti.org. Or call Outreach to Haiti 860.800.3601. Proceeds to 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 and dinner – all for the price of \$150. 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
- ✓ **YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY TRAINING** September 23rd from 10am – 3pm at St. John's Church in Monteville. Young Adult Ministry focuses on ages 18-39. The training will teach about where Young Adults fit into the scope of the traditional Church and why they are so important. Give ideas about best practices for Young Adult Ministry and help with methods of sustaining it. If you would like to join us, please email Liza Roach at lroach@norwichdiocese.net with your name, address, and number.
- ✓ **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.
- ✓ **Healing Mass Monday September 25, 2017 at 2pm Spiritual Renewal Center, 11 Bath Street, Norwich.**
- ✓ **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.
- ✓ **Pontifical Mass for the Diocesan Partnership on Disability** Join us for a Celebration of the Liturgy for people living with disabilities; for their family, friends, care-givers, co-workers, support staff and health care professionals. **Principal Celebrant Bishop Michael R. Cote Saturday September 30, 2017 @5:00 p.m. The Cathedral of St. Patrick, 213 Broadway, Norwich** *sign language provided for Mass and reception presentation* Presentation & Reception to follow in Cathedral Hall For more information or to RSVP for the reception, please contact the Office of Faith Events, 860-848-2237 x304 or faithevents@norwichdiocese.net
- ✓ **AREA YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM LEADERSHIP TRAINING** On Sunday, October 1st from 1pm – 7pm at St. Joseph's Church in New London, there will be Leadership Training, by Tom East from the Center for Ministry Development, for youth and adults who would like to collaborate with area churches to do Youth Ministry. The training will teach youth and adults how to be leaders and how to plan effective youth ministry events. If you would like to join us, please contact your Catechetical Leader about a recommendation to the training or contact Liza Roach at lroach@norwichdiocese.net
- ✓ **Mass of Healing and Anointing** Sunday, October 1, 2017 St. Mary Church, Portland at 2pm Celebrant - Fr. Ray Introvigne Healing Prayer - Judith Hughes Prayer Teams available for personal prayer
- ✓ **Annual Red Mass – Sunday October 1 at 10:30am in St. Patrick Cathedral** (213 Broadway, Norwich). For judges, lawyers, paralegal, law students, all involved in administration of justice, legislators, public officials, civic leaders and all interested persons. Reservations are required for the Breakfast Reception at the Bishop's Residence. Please RSVP for the Breakfast Reception to Terri at the Chancery at 860.887.9294.
- ✓ **MINISTERING TO GENERATION Z AND THEIR FAMILIES Workshop** Hartford Date Friday October 13 from 10am-3pm at St Jerome Church, 1010 Slater Road, New Britain. Providence Date Saturday October 14 from 10am-3pm at Cathedral of SS. Peter & Paul Parish Hall, 30 Fenner Street, Providence, RI. Register online at <https://www.cmdnet.org/genz-locations>
- ✓ **Twenty-Fifth Annual Mass for Firefighters/EMS Personnel.** On 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.

Assembly at Chelsea Parade for the line-up and the procession (to the Cathedral) of all personnel and apparatus will begin at 3:30 p.m. The Homilist will be Reverend Robert Marciano, Pastor, Saint Kevin Parish, Warwick, RI. 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](tel:860-887-9294), x265, or Monsignor Brown at x232.

- ✓ **Unlocking the World of Jesus & the Bible** Come for a day long presentation by Speaker Tom Smith, Director of the Denver Catholic Biblical School. Discover the meaning of discipleship, unlock the Gospels with a new understanding of idioms and images in the Bible. **Saturday, October 21, 2017, Christ the King Church, Old Lyme, from 9 a.m. to 2p.m. \$35 (includes lunch).** For more information please contact the Office of Faith Events, 860-848-237 x304 or manicholas@norwichdiocese.net
- ✓ **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
- ✓ **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 [860-481-3720](tel:860-481-3720) or visit us at <https://wwmectw.org/>.

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

- ❖ September 14 Holy Spirit Breakfast \$10 Gary Agnew presenting the History of Alcoholics Anonymous
- ❖ October 5 Holy Spirit Breakfast \$10 Bud Macfarlane presenting St. Faustina and Divine Mercy
- ❖ October 7 Retreat in honor of the Rosary \$45
- ❖ October 26 Msgr. Robert Batule \$10 "Church & Culture"
- ❖ October 28 Frank Runyeon \$25 performing the Sermon on the Mount
- ❖ November 18 Thanksgiving Retreat
- ❖ December 9 Retreat on Our Lady of Guadalupe

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.

Center for Hospice Care Grief Support Schedule.

All groups are free of charge. Pre-registration required by calling 860.848.5699.

- ❖ **Yoga for Grief and Coping with Loss** Mondays September 11, 18, 25 October 2, 16, & 23 from 5:30-7:00pm Center of Hospice Care, 227 Dunham Street, Norwich
- ❖ **Coping with the Loss of a Spouse/Partner** Tuesdays September 12, 19, 26 October 3, 10, & 17 from 5:30-7:00pm Center of Hospice Care, 227 Dunham Street, Norwich
- ❖ **Coping with the Loss of a Loved One** Every 1st & 3rd Tuesday Sept. 5 thru Dec. 19 from 10-11am at Mystic/Noank Library, 42 Library Street, Mystic.
- ❖ **Grieving the Loss of a Loved One due to Addiction** Every 2nd Thursday from Sept. 14 thru Dec. 14 from 5:30-7:00pm at Center of Hospice Care, 227 Dunham Street, Norwich
- ❖ **Coping with Grief and the Holidays** (Two Sessions) Tuesdays Nov. 21 – Jan. 2 from 5:30-7:00pm at Center of Hospice Care, 227 Dunham Street, Norwich. Location of 2nd session to be announced.

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.

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!

MISGIVINGS: A "Divine" Comedy of belly laughs, blessings, blarney and bingo. Saturday, September 23rd, 2017 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**

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.

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 ARE ON SALE NOW AFTER ALL MASSES through October 8th. \$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.



SAVE YOUR HANGING FLOWER POTS!

The Ladies Guild will again make cemetery arrangements. Please donate your EMPTY hanging flower pots from your summer/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. Please contact Barbara at 642-7168 with any questions. Thank you.

Last weekend the **National Combined Collection** which benefits: The Retirement Fund for Religious, The Annual Appeal for the Holy Father, The Catholic Communications Campaign, and Catholic University of America was taken up in our Parish. To all those who made a gift, thank you for your generous response. If you did not bring your gift envelope to Mass last weekend or if you were away it is not too late to give! Extra envelopes are available at Church entrances. Your contribution can be placed in the collection basket next weekend or mailed directly to the Parish. Please be as generous as possible. Thank you.

Enders Island – Mystic

September day of Recollection, Thursday September 21 "Want to be a Prophet?" \$50 <http://enders.is/septemberdor> or call 860.536.0565.

Defending Our Religious Liberty #288 Sept. 3, 2017 In a letter to the U.S. Senate, the United States Conference for Catholic Bishops (USCCB) stated that it stands ready to work with Congress to address problems with the Affordable Care Act in ways that protect the most vulnerable among us. They said, "The Catholic Church remains committed to ensuring the fundamental right to medical care, a right which is in keeping with the God-given dignity of every person, and the corresponding obligation as a country to provide for this right. Health care debates must not be reduced to only those elements which appear most politically expedient; those without a strong voice in the process must not bear the brunt of attempts to cut costs."

Defending Our Religious Liberty Sept. 10, 2017 In a letter to the U.S. Senate, the United States Conference for Catholic Bishops (USCCB) urged them to respect life when changing the health care mandate. The USCCB says no health care reform plan should compel us or others to pay for the destruction of human life, whether through government funding or mandatory coverage of abortion. Long-standing "Hyde Amendment" protections must extend to any relevant health care plan in order to prevent federal funding of abortion and not as a temporary fix or future promise.

Religious Education Program Curriculum on Maintaining Safe Environments

The Office for Safe Environments of the Diocese of Norwich has mandated that a curriculum on maintaining safe environments be implemented into the Religious Education Program each year.

In compliance with that mandate our CCD teachers will be discussing safe environments on Sunday, September 24 with their individual classes during regular class time from 9:00 – 10:00 AM.

If a parent does not wish to have their child attend the safe environment program, their child will be able to attend a separate class.

Questions: please contact Jim Hay at 860.886.1882.

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