

**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 October 7, 2017 Our Lady of the Rosary

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

Sunday, October 8, 2017 27th Sunday - Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Abbey Marie Coutu req. by Norm & Ella Mae Kuzel
10:30 AM Arthur Choquette req. by his family
1:00 PM Blessing of Animals

**Monday October 9, 2017 St. Denis, bishop & companions,
martyrs: St. John Leonardi, priest**

NO MASS ~ Parish Office is Closed

Tuesday October 10, 2017 Weekday
NO MASS

Wednesday October 11, 2017 St. John XXIII, pope

9:00 AM Joan Lyon for good health req. by Mackie

Thursday October 12, 2017 Weekday
NO MASS

Friday October 13, 2017 Weekday

9:00 AM Rev. Leoncio T. Almendra

Saturday October 14, 2017 St. Callistus I, pope, martyr

1:00 PM Wedding Wallace Gagnon & Sandra Grillo
4:00 PM Confessions
5:00 PM

Sunday, October 15, 2017 28th Sunday - Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Deceased members of the Clinch & Kuzel families
req. by Norm & Ella Mae Kuzel
10:30 AM

*This week's Sanctuary Candle is lit in memory of Maurice Soucy.
Please remember him in your prayers at Mass and throughout
the week.*

Wedding Banns III: Wallace Gagnon & Sandra Grillo

Offertory: \$ 2,784.01 Cradle Fund: \$ 628.75
Today's second collection is for the Mission Combined Appeal.
Next weekend's second collection is for Hurricane Harvey Relief.
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 October 14 & 15

5:00pm Lector: Carole Briggs
Eucharistic Minister: Pam Flaherty
Altar Servers: Steve Bardes, CJ Frank
8:00am Lector: Rosanne Coffey
Eucharistic Minister: Kathy Pellerin
Altar Servers: Emily Pomerleau, Sarah Dungan
10:30am Lector: Don Dubiel
Eucharistic Minister: Pat Dubiel
Altar Servers: Felipe & Gabriela 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 Bishop Michael R. Cote, Rev. Mark Curesky OFM Cv, Rev. Joseph Tito, Rev. Luis Agudelo, Rev. Alfred Irving, V. Rev. Michael Phillippino, Rev. Walter Nagle, Rev. C. Paul Boudreau, V. Rev. Richard Ricard, Rev. Thomas Griffin, V. Rev. Gregory Galvin, Rev. Leon Susaimanickam, Rev. John Welch MS.
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. (Ven. Mother Catherine Aurelia, foundress)

**St. Andrew & St. Francis
Parish Mission
October 9-11, 2017
The Mass
Christ's Singular and Eternal Sacrifice
Monday, October 9th**

Mass 7:00pm at St. Andrew

Tuesday, October 10th

6:00pm Talk at St. Francis

7:00pm Mass at St. Andrew

Wednesday, October 11th

7:00pm Mass at St. Andrew

Presented By

Fr. Richard D. Breton



The Ladies Guild invites all parishioners to a Presentation by Deacon Michael Puscas on Marian Apparitions, Monday October 16th at 6:30 in the church. The regular meeting will follow in the meeting room.

Just Cupcakes! Bake Sale by the Ladies Guild after all Masses the weekend of October 21/22nd. Stop by and buy your favorite.



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.

The **Mission Combined Collection** this weekend supports missionary works in Latin America, Asia, Africa and parts of the United States. Generous gifts made to today's Collection will fund catechesis, seminarian formation and pastoral programs for the Church in Latin America, assist poor mission dioceses here at home in the United States by funding essential ministries, including seminary education and lay ministry training with the Catholic Home Missions Appeal, help proclaim the Gospel and offer hope in countries devastated by war or natural disasters through the World Mission Appeal, and provide grants to dioceses to operate schools, parishes and other missionary services that build the Body of Christ in Native American, Alaska Native, and African-American Catholic communities. Please give today with a joyful and generous heart. Your support will truly make a difference.

Meetings:

Parish Mission Oct. 9 – Oct. 11
Polish Dinner Sat. Oct. 14
Coffee & Donuts after the 8am Mass Sunday Oct. 15
Ladies Guild Monday October 16 @ 6:30pm

CHILDREN'S MASS: 10/15/2017 at the 10:30am Mass. Refreshments following the Mass in the meeting room. Grades K & 8 assisting.

**Lebanon Ecumenical Clergy Sponsored Event:
An Informational Guide to use in Preparation of Death.**

No Charge.
Place: Lebanon Senior Center
Date: October 24, 2017
Time: 12:45pm
Lunch served at 12 noon
Reservations call the Senior Center at 860.642.3040
Speakers: Clergy, Lawyers, Sexton and others
"Time well Spent"

**St. Francis of Assisi – Born 1181 - Died 1226
BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**

All pets accompanied by their owners (young & old) will be welcomed at St. Francis of Assisi Parish's Annual Blessing of the Animals to be held on Sunday, October 8, 2017 at 1:00pm, gathering near the Statue of Saint Francis in front of the Church. All pets MUST be leashed or cage



Defending Our Religious Liberty Oct. 8, 2017

The HHS mandate tries to force faith-based employers — including religious charities, schools and pro-life advocacy organizations such as the March for Life — to facilitate the coverage of drugs and devices that go against our moral mandate to respect the dignity of every human person, born and unborn. If a solution is not reached, these nonprofit organizations could face millions of dollars in fines from the federal government for non-compliance with the HHS mandate. Let us pray that in revising the HHS mandate, religious rights of the Catholic Church will be safeguarded.

ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

- ✓ **Charismatic Prayer Meeting** every Tuesday at 2 PM Spiritual Renewal Center, 11 Bath Street, Norwich, CT (860-887-0702) .
- ✓ **ANNUAL DIOCESAN MASS OF REMEMBRANCE –** The Annual Diocesan Mass of Remembrance to honor children who have died from stillbirths, miscarriages or abortions, whether recently or years ago, will take place **Tuesday, October 10**, at 7 P.M. at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich. Bishop Michael Cote will be the main celebrant. The Mass of Remembrance is an opportunity for family members to memorialize and honor the dignity of the precious lives of pre-born

children. Light refreshments will be served following the Mass. For more information, call the Catholic Family Services Office at 860-848-2237, Ext. 306.

- ✓ **Holy Hour for Vocations October 12 at St. Mary, Groton 6pm – 7pm**
- ✓ **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.
- ✓ **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. The next weekend in Connecticut is October 20-22 in Litchfield, CT. For more information call 203-631-9030 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.
- ✓ **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 KENZIA** **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"

- ✓ **BEGINNING EXPERIENCE WEEKEND** ~ If you are widowed, separated or divorced and want help in resolving the pain and grief of losing the marriage relationship and create a more peace-filled future, consider attending a **Beginning Experience weekend October 27-29 at St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield, CT.** The fee for the Catholic-based weekend is \$235, which covers food, lodging, materials and a follow-up event. *For more information, contact Victoria at 860-993-2384 or Maureen at 860-285-8685 or visit www.beginningexperience.org/connecticut.*
- ✓ **8th Annual Seton Scholarship Dinner** Please join Bishop Cote at the Eighth 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 29, 2017 at The Riverhouse at Goodspeed Station, 55 Bridge Road, Haddam Connecticut. This year's honorees are: **Ms. Sharon Briere, Principal, St. Joseph School, North Grosvenordale, CT; Mrs. Robin Holtsclaw, Claims/Risk Manager, representing Catholic Mutual Relief Society; and Mr. James Leone, Theology Teacher, St. Bernard School, Uncasville, CT.** Tickets are \$150/person and will be available for purchase until October 16, 2017. All proceeds benefit Catholic elementary school students within the Diocese in the form of tuition assistance. For tickets and more information, please contact Kathy Gaito at 860-886-1928 ext. 15, kgaito@norwichdiocese.net or visit www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org.
- ✓ **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 www.myfathershousect.org 860.873.1906

- ❖ October 26 Msgr. Robert Batule \$10 "Church & Culture"
- ❖ A Personal Relationship with Jesus October 13 @ 7:30pm thru October 15 to 2:30pm \$150pp
- ❖ October 28 Health & Healing Retreat 9:45am – 4pm \$45pp includes continental breakfast & lunch
- ❖ October 28 Frank Runyeon \$25 performing the Sermon on the Mount
- ❖ 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.

40th Anniversary Party
To Celebrate Spiritual Renewal Ministry
St. Patrick Cathedral Auditorium
Sunday, October 8th, 2-4pm All Are Invited!

All women of the parish are invited to join the **Norwich Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (NDCCW)**. Membership is only \$5. Membership Drive begins the weekend of Sept. 23 & 24 thru the end of October. Many men donate to the Membership Drive and are listed as supporters. We are truly grateful to them. The Norwich Council of Catholic Women was started in 1955 by Bishop Bernard J. Flanagan, the first Bishop of Norwich. Bishop Flanagan designated the NDCCW as the official women's organization of the diocese. The money collected through the membership drive is divided up as follows: 60% of the dues collected is given to Catholic Charities at our Annual Convention in May (a check for \$16,629 was given his year); 15% of what is collected in each deanery stays in that district for operating expenses; 20% of what is collected goes to the Norwich Diocesan CCW for operating expenses; 5% is given to the National Council of Catholic Women. The Norwich Diocesan CCW and its seven Districts are all affiliated with the National Council of Catholic Women., You may drop your membership envelope in any collection basket. Envelopes may be found at Church entrances.

Permanent Deacon Formation Program

The Diocese of Norwich intends to start a new Permanent Diaconate Formation Class. A deacon is ordained and missioned by Christ through the bishop to minister to the needy and the poor and to be a minister of Word and Sacrament, working in obedience to his bishop and in close fraternal cooperation with priests. The deacon is a sacramental sign of this service and he solemnly promises to be a living example of such service for others. The first step is the identification of potential Candidates for the five-year Permanent Diaconate formation program. If you are college educated, under the age of 55, and feel called by the Holy Spirit to begin investigating a vocation to the Permanent Diaconate then please discuss this with your pastor and send an email to director@norwichdeacons.org no later than **Sunday November 5, 2017**.

Webinar: Enjoying our Faith October 18 at 7:00pm. In this webinar, you will participate in education to envision fun as part of creating new disciples of Christ, practical ways to integrate fun in faith life, ways to evangelize youth, children and families with fun, and share ideas with colleagues from other parishes on ways they have created discipleship through faith fun. To register, Email Liza at Iroach@norwichdiocese.net

ACTS Retreat for Men - Nov 2nd-5th, 2017 Sponsored by St Andrews & St Patrick's Church, Colchester-East Hampton CT Retreat Location: Immaculata Retreat House, Willimantic. Catholic men present an ACTS weekend retreat under the guidance of clergy. The retreat begins Thursday evening and ends on Sunday at 11:00AM Mass at St Andrews followed by a reception in the hall. There are registration forms at the exits of the Church. Want to know more? Call Craig T Wilson 860-334-6636 or email acts2017@gmail.com or visit www.actsct.org Enjoy a beautiful weekend away strengthening your faith, building friendships and having fun.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OPEN HOUSES

East Catholic High School Come visit East Catholic High School during our **Open House** this year on *Thursday, November 2, 2017 at 6:45 p.m.* The **Entrance Exam** for eighth graders will be given on the following Saturday, November 11, 2017 at 8 a.m. at East. Pre-registration for the exam is advised but not required. Visit www.echs.com or call our Admissions office at 860-649-5336 x6456 for more information!

Saint Bernard School 1593 Norwich-New London Turnpike, Uncasville cbrown@saint-bernard.com 860-848-1271

One of the first impressions our new students have when coming to campus is the sense of being a part of something greater – a sense of being part of a close-knit community of faculty, staff, and students – a sense of “family”. At Saint Bernard School, students in grades 6-12 benefit from a unique and leading edge curriculum. Our learning community, which is infused with the teachings of the Catholic Church as well as the traditional Xaverian values of humility, compassion, trust, zeal, and simplicity, inspires students to form a greater sense of self, of others, and of purpose. **Information Sessions** Saturday, October 21st 10am – Noon and Thursday, November 9th 6pm **Placement Testing** Saturday, November 4th 8:30am – Noon and Saturday, November 18th 8:30am – Noon Accepting Applications for fall 2018 **Apply Today**

Mercy High School 1740 Randolph Road Middletown, CT **Open House** for Middle School and Transfer Students Sunday, November 5, 2017_1:00-4:00 pm 1:00 p.m. Presentation by the Administration. Mercy High School is a Catholic diocesan college preparatory high school for young women. Students from over 51 communities across Connecticut and Foreign Countries are challenged to grow academically, emotionally, socially, aesthetically and spiritually. Mercy is committed to providing a challenging educational experience in a safe and nurturing environment.

Entrance Exam for the Class of 2022 Mercy High School Saturday, November 11, 2017 1740 Randolph Road Middletown, CT 8:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. Pre-register at www.mercyhigh.com

The Mercy High School Yellow Rose Auction (an auction of goods and services) is Saturday, October 21, 2017. Tickets are \$50 per person include hot and cold hors d'oeuvres, catered dinner, homemade desserts and all beverages, including wine and beer. Please join us for a fun evening from 6 pm to 10 pm at Mercy High School 1740 Randolph Road Middletown, CT. For tickets or information call 860-347-8957 or online at: www.mercyhigh.com

FATIMA HOLY HOUR OCTOBER 19TH

HOLY HOUR commemorating the 100th anniversary of the APPARITIONS of OUR BLESSED MOTHER AT FATIMA – **Thursday October 19, 2017, 6:00 p.m.** at St. Andrew Church.

Pope Francis has set Nov. 27, 2016 to Nov. 26, 2017 as a Jubilee Year of Our Blessed Mother's Apparitions at Fatima. The Holy Father has granted us an opportunity to receive a plenary indulgence throughout this Jubilee Year.

In conjunction with the Jubilee Year, The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a HOLY HOUR where the faithful will be able to join in a celebration of prayer in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To obtain the indulgence the faithful must also go to confession and communion, pray for the intentions of the Holy Father and invoke Our Lady of Fatima.

Please set aside the time and join us for this beautiful tribute to Our Blessed Mother.