

**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 21, 2017 Blessed Virgin Mary

4:00 PM Confessions
5:00 PM Michael & Amy Goba in celebration of their recent marriage req. by Christopher & Trish Goba Churchill

Sunday, October 22, 2017 29th Sunday - Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Parishioners who are ill
10:30 AM 49th Wedding Anniversary Paul & Christine Pelletier

Monday October 23, 2017 St. John of Capistrano, priest

NO MASS

Tuesday October 24, 2017 St. Anthony Mary Claret, bishop

NO MASS

Wednesday October 25, 2017 Weekday

9:00 AM Alan A. Fafard req. by Bill & Claire Bussiere

Thursday October 26, 2017 Weekday

NO MASS

Friday October 27, 2017 Weekday

9:00 AM Narcisa Guillen for good health req. by Mackie

Saturday October 28, 2017 Sts. Simon & June, apostles

4:00 PM Confessions
5:00 PM Albert Baran req. by Stan Baran

Sunday, October 29, 2017 30th Sunday - Ordinary Time

8:00 AM
10:30 AM

This week's Sanctuary Candle is lit for Jean Maurice Soucy on the occasion of his birthday. Please remember him in your prayers at Mass and throughout the week.

Offertory: \$ 2,111.75 Hurricane Harvey: \$ 586.57
Bake Sale @ Antique Show: \$ 870.45
Today's second collection is for building maintenance.
Next weekend's second collection is for monthly extraordinary.
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

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



Grades 1 & 7 will be assisting at the 10:30am Children's Mass on Sunday October 29. Refreshments following Mass in the meeting room.

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 Spedaliero
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 Msgr. Thaddeus Malanowski, Rev. Arul Peter, V. Rev. Peter Fehlner, Rev. Elson Kattookaran MS, Rev. John Gwudz, Msgr. James Carini, Rev. Izydor Sadowski SDB, Msgr. Kevin Randall, Rev. Richard Breton, Rev. Michael Gill, Rev. Brian Maxwell, Rev. Jonathan Ficara, Rev. Frank McKenna, Rev. Leo Almendra.
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)

Weekend October 28 & 29

5:00pm Lector: Richard Lataille
Eucharistic Minister: Sharon Nejako
Altar Servers: CJ Frank, Nina Gardella
8:00am Lector: Jim Dyer
Eucharistic Minister: Rick Kane
Altar Servers: Christian & Jack Terwilliger
10:30am Lector: Sandy Gagnon
Eucharistic Minister: Wally Gagnon
Altar Servers: Erika Densman, Becca Wheaton

An Ecumenical Community Prayer Service will be held on Tuesday October 24th, 7:00 p.m. at the Saint Francis of Assisi Church. The event is sponsored by the Lebanon Ecumenical Clergy and Franklin Congregational Church.

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.

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"

ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

- ✓ **Charismatic Prayer Meeting** every Tuesday at 2 PM Spiritual Renewal Center, 11 Bath Street, Norwich, CT (860-887-0702).
- ✓ **Healing Mass at 2pm** Monday, October 23, 2017 Spiritual Renewal Center 11 Bath Street, Norwich
- ✓ **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 or visit us at <https://www.mectw.org/>.
- ✓ **Workshop for the Bereaved** ~ The Diocesan Catholic Family Services Office is sponsoring two workshops for the bereaved entitled: **Praying Your Goodbyes.** Both workshops will include time for private reflection, prayer and journaling, and will give participants suggestions on how to navigate the upcoming holidays, and discover ways to grow through the experience of their loss. It will be offered on two separate dates: **Saturday, November 4** from 11 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. at St. Joseph Parish Hall, 99 Jackson St., Willimantic, and the second **Sunday, November 19** from 1:30 to 4 P.M. at St. Francis of Assisi Church Hall, 10 Elm St., Middletown. There is no cost for either workshop, but registration is required. To register for one of the two dates, call Marianne Nicholas at 860-848-2237, ext. 304 or email her at manicholas@norwichdiocese.net.
- ✓ **The monthly Diocesan Pro-Life Mass** will take place at St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Church, 70 W. Main St., Baltic, on **Saturday, November 4 at 8 A.M.** Please join our celebrant **Rev. Joseph Tito** 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. **Please note the change of time and place for the Mass.**
- ✓ **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 is confidential and offers an opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion. Upcoming weekends are: **November 3-5** in Stockbridge, MA, call 413-452-0661; a Spanish weekend will take place in North Providence, Rhode Island **November 17-19** call 401-351-7730 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.
- ✓ **Twenty-Sixth Annual Red, White and Blue Mass** Sunday, November 5, 2017, at 10:15 a.m. On Sunday, November 5, 2017, 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 2017, Red, White and Blue Mass is **United States Coast Guard.** The Homilist will be Father Daniel L. Mode who is a Naval Chaplain with the rank of Captain. Father Mode is currently serving as commander of the Chaplain Corps U.S. Navy. He is a former Coast Guard Chaplain at the Academy in New London. 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.
- ✓ **Holy Hour for Vocations November 12 at Christ the King, Old Lyme 6pm – 7pm**

Caregivers Spirituality Support Group:

People who are caregivers need a spiritual support network! Unfortunately most caregivers are unable to get to a meeting because there is no one to take care of their loved one for an evening. So the Office of Faith Events will be moving to an on-line program where people can access information, inspiration and eventually share their thoughts and frustrations in a blog format. We expect to have the information link available soon with the blog format to follow sometime in early 2018. For more information contact Andrea Hoisl, 860-848-2237, ext.312 or ahosil@norwichdiocese.net.

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

HAM & BEAN DINNER

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 4th
First Baptist Church of Lebanon
5pm – 7pm

Adults – 10yrs	\$10.00
Children – 4yrs	\$ 5.00
Under	Free

RAFFLE BASKETS

ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT
NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

Sponsored by the Lebanon area
churches

Soup's on at Redeemer Lutheran Church!

Come join us Sunday,
November 5th,
5:00 – when the soup's gone!
321 Village Hill Road
Lebanon, CT

Sponsored by Redeemer Lutheran Youth to benefit the
Windham No Freeze Shelter.

\$5.00 donation buys the bowl, eat as much soup as you can eat!

ACTS Retreat for Men - Nov 2nd-5th, 2017 Sponsored by St. Andrews & St. Francis, co-sponsored by St Patrick's Church, Colchester-Lebanon-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 Bert Bosse 860.423.3994 or Richard Kubena 860.337.0054 or email acts2017@gmail.com or visit www.actsct.org
Enjoy a beautiful weekend away strengthening your faith, building friendships and having fun.

THERAPEUTIC COUNSELING PROGRAM

This program provides counseling to individuals, couples, and families that need additional support.

- Are you or your family struggling with relationships?
 - Would you like assistance with personal problems?
 - Are you having a hard time at work or keeping a job?
 - Is your child having problems in school or with friends?
- If you answered yes to any of these questions, this program may help you resolve problems and improve relationships.

Am I Eligible?

This program is designed for individuals and families who are uninsured and meet income guidelines. To receive assistance through this program, individuals must legally reside in CT and be a U.S. citizen or qualified alien. For more information about the program please call Catholic Charities, Diocese of Norwich, 860-889-8346.

Additional Information:

This program is offered in partnership with the Connecticut Council of Family Service Agencies (CCFSA). CCFSA is Connecticut's only network of non-profit agencies focused exclusively on families. All of our member agencies are nationally accredited and form a statewide system of support for all phases of family life.

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 this 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.**

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](tel:860-649-5336) x6456 for more information!

Saint Bernard School 1593 Norwich-New London Turnpike, Uncasville cbrown@saint-bernard.com [860-848-1271](tel: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 Session** 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

Care Net Pregnancy Ladies Tea & Basket Raffle, Saturday, November 18 at St. Matthias Church, 317 Chesterfield Road, East Lyme from 11am – 1pm. Admission \$10 for adults & \$5 for girls 6-12. There will be wonderful raffle items, delicious tea and goodies and a special surprise entertainment. You will truly be blessed. This year raffle tickets can be purchased as www.psclife.org as well as at the door. The tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 6-12. Bring your favorite teacup (there will also be teacups available.)

Defending Our Religious Liberty October 22, 2017

According to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), the decision in early October to expand the HHS mandate exemption is a "return to common sense, long-standing federal practice, and peaceful coexistence between church and state." Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo, Archbishop of Galveston-Houston and President of the USCCB, and Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore, Chairman of the USCCB's Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty, are hailing the Trump Administration's announcement to provide a broad religious and moral exemption from the mandate requiring health insurance coverage of sterilization, contraception, and drugs and devices that may cause abortions.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus and Ladies Guild for hosting a very successful Polish Dinner on October 14th. Thank you to the parishioners who purchased tickets and supported this event. Much appreciation goes to the committee (Kevin, Steve, Barbara, Ella Mae, Sandra, Jennie, Lorraine & Kathy) and all the volunteers who made this event happen including our four young volunteers. Father Richard was the winner of the 50/50 raffle. Thank you to Roberto's Log Cabin and The Farmer's Cow for their donations and Gail "Wojo" Ladd for providing the music. The proceeds of \$1981.38 will be benefit the church.

Barbara, Ladies Guild President

Lebanon Children's Clothing Wardrobe

What an amazing day! I would like to thank all families for donating so generously; it was because of all your donations this past week that allowed us to not set a limit on clothing taken yesterday. We were blessed to be able to provide clothes for 149 families (371 children). I'd like to welcome 57 families that visited us for the first time.

I would like to thank all the volunteers that helped prepare for our event - starting Tuesday bringing all the clothing racks upstairs, sorting all the new donations throughout the week and bringing all the clothing racks back downstairs afterwards.

Our upcoming important dates: Thursday, November 2 from 4-6 we will be accepting donations.

Thursday, November 16 appointments can be made to pick up clothing between 4-6. Email lebanonccw@gmail.com to see what time slot is available.

Friday, November 17, TGIIF - Thank God Its Infant Friday. Infant shopping between 8:30-11.