

**We are pleased and honored  
To welcome you to  
St. Francis of Assisi Parish  
67 West Town Street, Lebanon, CT 06249  
Telephone: 860.642.6711 Fax: 860.642.4032  
Rev. Mark Masnicki, Pastor  
Rev. Richard Breton  
Deacon Michael Puscas**



**Saturday April 14, 2018 Easter Weekday**

4:00 PM Confessions

5:00 PM Robert Burns req. by Irene Burns

**Sunday April 15, 2018 Third Sunday of Easter**

8:00 AM Souls in Purgatory

10:30 AM People of the parish living & deceased

11:30 AM Baptism Amelia Seng

**Monday April 16, 2018 Easter Weekday**

NO MASS

**Tuesday April 17, 2018 Easter Weekday**

NO MASS

**Wednesday April 18, 2018 Easter Weekday**

9:00 AM Living & Deceased members of the Canavan family  
Req. by Mackie

**Thursday April 19, 2018 Easter Weekday**

NO MASS

**Friday April 20, 2018 Easter Weekday**

9:00 AM Jean Kenerson Roberts req. by Pam Roberts

**Saturday April 21, 2018 St. Anselm, bishop, doctor of the Church**

4:00 PM Confessions

5:00 PM William Strede req. by the Lavin family

**Sunday April 22, 2018 Fourth Sunday of Easter**

8:00 AM

10:30 AM Arthur Choquette req. by his family

***Our Sanctuary light is lit for the intention of good health for the Soucy & Fauteux families. Please remember them in your prayers at Mass and throughout the week.***

Offertory: \$ 2,500.00 Extraordinary Expenses: \$ 646.00  
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 1.adorers, please consider omitting to a specific hour. Contact Dennis Girard @ 860.334.9894 or dennisgirard51@gmail.com

**Weekend April 21 & April 22**

5:00pm Lector: Carole Briggs

Eucharistic Minister: Pam Flaherty

Altar Servers: Steve Bardes, C.J. Frank

8:00am Lector: Jim Dyer

Eucharistic Minister: Rick Kane

Altar Servers: Emily & Anthony Pomerleau

10:30am Lector: Roger Proulx

Eucharistic Minister: Julie Hoddinott

Altar Servers: Drew Taylor, Nicholas Barrett

***Grades 3 & 5 will be assisting at the 10:30am Mass on April 22nd.***

**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

1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Miles N. Snelgrove USMC 2<sup>nd</sup> Batt. 6<sup>th</sup> Marines

AM2 Emerson Flannery, U.S. Navy

Seaman Alex R. Paris, U.S. Navy

LCPL Chad Wengloski, U.S. Marines

CTN3 Jonah Swett, U.S. Navy

ITSA Rocky Spedaliere Jr., U.S. Navy

2<sup>nd</sup> 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.*

Dear Parishioners,

It is with great pleasure that I extend our thanks to our Ladies Guild for all their hard work over the past years. With monies raised from their fund raisers, the Guild has purchased padded cushions for all the pews in Church. In November 2017, members of the Ladies Guild met with representatives from two companies who sold pew cushions. Guild members approved to purchase pew cushions for the entire church from Artech Church Interiors. The contoured, padded cushions are made to fit the pews by the same company that we purchased from in 1996. Thank you to Jennie Brewster, Rachel and Bert Bosse for cleaning the pews before the cushions arrived and everyone who helped unload and place them once they were delivered.

Please enjoy the comfort of the cushions, it may take a little time to soften up. With respect and good care of each cushion, they are guaranteed to last for years to come.

The Ladies Guild's generosity and dedication to St. Francis of Assisi parish is a true sign of their faithfulness. I encourage all ladies of the parish to join this wonderful group of hard working ladies. I know that we will enjoy the pew cushions for many years to come. Again, I thank all of these ladies for their generosity to St. Francis.

With God's blessings,

*Fr. Mark*

**APOSTOLATE OF PRAYER** — We pray for Rev. Richard Crawley OFM Cp, Rev. William Olesik, Rev. Michael Phillippino, Rev. P. Grzegorz Jednaki, Rev. Gerald Kirby, Rev. Walter Nagle, Rev. Leo Almendra, Rev. James Thaikootathil, Rev. Stephen Gulino, Msgr. Michael Donohue, Rev. Elson Kattookaran MS, Rev. Brian Converse. We also pray for the priests who have left the ministry.

Father, recall to our priests that they hold between their hands the Most Precious Treasure of the Church: the Blood of the Sacred Victim. Enkindle in them the fire of love of Christ as they do Your work. (Ven. Mother Catherine Aurelia, foundress)



### Annual Layette Program

The Norwich Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will hold its 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Layette Program on Sunday April 22<sup>nd</sup>, starting at 2 PM, at Christ the King Church, 1 McCurdy Road, Old Lyme.

All women of the Diocese are welcome to attend. We are collecting **new** baby items such as baby clothes from Newborn to Toddler 3T, as well as blankets, diapers, etc. The collection box will be located at the side entrance, till after the 1030 mass on Sunday, April 22, 2018. Baby items are greatly needed by our Norwich Diocese families and will be donated to Catholic Charities to distribute. Representatives of Catholic Charities will be in attendance to gratefully accept our donations. Thank you in advance for your generosity. Sandra Spedalieri Committee Chair person

### Junk in Your Trunk



### Ladies Guild JUNK IN THE TRUNK SALE

Saturday April 28<sup>th</sup>, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Rear parking lot

HAVE SOMETHING TO SELL?

Rent a parking space and sell your treasures out of your trunk or bring a table.

NOW ACCEPTING BOOKINGS

SPACE MUST BE BOOKED IN ADVANCE

Contact Estelle to book a space!

(Deadline: April 16)

@ 860-420-7221 or [estelle7moodus@yahoo.com](mailto:estelle7moodus@yahoo.com)

\$20 for a single (8'W x 16'L) space; \$30 for a double (17'W x 16'L) space

(Cars, vans, pickups only: no trailers allowed - All vehicles must fit in the space provided)

**My Father's House Eucharist Retreat** from Saturday April 28 to Sunday April 29. A retreat full of fiery preaching, anointed music, & powerful prayer! Presented by Rocco Fortunato, Catholic Speaker and Evangelist. Founder of Spread the Blaze & guest speaker on Catholic Radio.

For more information visit [www.spreadtheblaze.com](http://www.spreadtheblaze.com)

### Bishop Daniel P. Reilly's 90th Birthday, May 2018

The Knights of Columbus in Worcester, Mass are honoring Bishop Reilly and combing a Fundraiser for the Health Care Facility (Notre Dame Health Care Facility), Where he is a resident. A luncheon will be held in his honor on Saturday, May 12, 2018 at 12noon at St. John High School, 378 Main Street, Shrewsbury, Mass. Tickets are \$45 per person. Please send any ticket request with a stamped envelope and money to: Bishop Reilly 90th Celebration, 206 Quinsigmond Avenue, Shrewsbury, Mass 01545 "If you plan to come, please order early as we are expecting a grateful attendance!" Any questions call Fr. Ray Introvigne at [1-860-887-0702](tel:1-860-887-0702)

### ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

- ✓ **Charismatic Prayer Meeting** every Tuesday at 2 PM Spiritual Renewal Center, 11 Bath Street, Norwich (860-887-0702).
- ✓ **28<sup>th</sup> Annual White Mass for Healthcare Workers & Caregivers** Sunday, April 15 at 9am in the Cathedral of Saint Patrick. Brunch to follow in the Cathedral Auditorium. Featuring Sr. Rita Johnson, S.S.M.N.D. who will deliver the David P. Lauler, M.D. & Joan M. Lauler, B.S.N. lecture. A donation of \$25 per person is requested. For more information, to make a reservation, or to reserve table, please call 8560.88.9294, ext. 100.
- ✓ **Eucharistic Holy Hour for Vocations** April 19 from 6-7pm at St. Luke in Ellington.
- ✓ **Marriage Help** – If your marriage has become troubled and stressed, unloving or uncaring, or, if you are divorced or separated but want to try again, the **Retrouvaille** program can help. Retrouvaille provides tools to communicate better, resolve conflicts fairly and re-discover why you fell in love. The next local Retrouvaille weekend is **April 20-22, 2018**. For information, call confidentially 1-800-470-2230, email [cherylandsteve@cox.net](mailto:cherylandsteve@cox.net), or go to the website [www.helpourmarriage.com](http://www.helpourmarriage.com) for information and registration.

**Save the date! Please come and join us as we help Father Richard celebrate his 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination. Receptions will be held in the meeting room after all Masses April 21 and 22**

Diocese of Norwich Outreach to Haiti Annual Fundraiser Join Bishop Cote at the Diocese of Norwich Outreach to Haiti annual Charity Gala, Saturday, April 28, at A Villa Louisa, Bolton CT.

RSVP on-line [www.outreachtohaiti.org](http://www.outreachtohaiti.org). or call Outreach to Haiti 860 800 3601. Proceeds benefit the Diocese's long-standing mission in Haiti: nutrition & feeding programs, medical care, orphanages, and education program. The evening features Dr. Jacquet, Outreach Clinic Director, a silent auction, cocktails and dinner. The price is \$100. Thank you for your support!

**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 May 4-6 at St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield, CT.** The fee for the Catholic-based weekend is \$265, which covers food, lodging, materials and a follow-up event. *For more information call Maureen at 860-285-8685 or Victoria at 860-993-2384, or visit [www.beginningexperience.org](http://www.beginningexperience.org).*

### 10<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MULTI-FAMILY TAG SALE

The St. Andrew Church Choir will be holding their 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Multi-Family Tag Sale on Saturday, April 21st, from 8:30am – 2:00pm in the Church Hall. All proceeds from the Tag Sale will benefit the local Food & Fuel Banks and the Colchester Free Community Lunch Program. If you have any items that you would like to donate to this worthwhile event, all donations will be accepted on **Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup>** from 1:00-7:00pm in the Parish Hall. There is also room for up to 20 families to reserve a space to sell their own tag sale items. The cost is \$20.00 for two (2) six foot tables. Set up will be on Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup> from 1:00pm – 7:00pm. For table rental and donation information, please contact Carol at 860-303-1842

### Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center Programs

860.760.9705 [www.holyfamilyretreat.org](http://www.holyfamilyretreat.org)

303 Tunxis Road, West Hartford

Alive with Beauty Weekend Retreat: Fri. – Sun. April 20-22



### 8 Wine, Wisdom and Why Night “The Young Adult Edition”

**April 24, 2018 from 7-9 pm**

*Learn more about your faith and share some fellowship with other young adult Catholics. Although the*

*evening is geared toward questions and concerns of our 21-39 year olds, all adults are welcome!*

*Join us for an evening of questions and answers about our Faith! Ask questions about Church teachings, prayers, rituals as well as any other Faith Traditions you have always wondered about!*

A panel of experts ready to answer any questions include:

*Bishop Michael Cote, Bishop of the Norwich Diocese*

*Sr. Elissa Rinere CP, Chancellor of the Norwich Diocese*

*Deacon Chris Deskus, Director of Prison Ministry Office,*

*Norwich Diocese*

*Mr. Paul Kieda, Morality/Ethics Teacher, Xavier High School, Middletown*

**St. Mary Church Hall, Portland** RSVP Via email [faihevents@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:faihevents@norwichdiocese.net) or via phone 860-848-2237, ext. 304. Wine donations for this event are being accepted at the Bishop Flanagan Ministry Center at 199 Broadway, Norwich.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter** “Brothers and sisters, I should like you to be free of anxieties.” Let us learn to calm our anxieties about our spouses by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekend is Jul 6-8, 2018 in MANCHESTER, CT. For more information, call Dennis & Jane Lamondy at [860-481-3720](tel:860-481-3720) or visit them at <https://www.mectw.org/>.

### Safe Environments Abuse Prevention Training

In the Diocese of Norwich, all volunteers who have regular contact with minors, all employees, all clergy, and all religious, are required to complete safe environments training.

This training is also available to any parishioner or parent of a parochial school child, regardless of whether or not they wish to volunteer at their parish or school.

The Diocese of Norwich offers two Praesidium programs. Both cover the same material just in different formats. You can take the on-line program, *Armatus*, or attend a one-time DVD presentation, *Called to Protect*. Please contact Cheryl at the parish office in order to be enrolled, or for more information.

*Our children’s safety is the responsibility of all Catholics.*

Dear Friends:

We have some wonderful news to share with you. God has chosen a beautiful family, HENRY, SUZANNE & SHANE BOMBRIA from Columbia, CT as the NEW OWNERS of Merciful Saviour Gift Shop!!! The mission lives on!!! PRAISE BE TO GOD ---- Our prayers have been answered!!! We extend our prayers and best wishes to them as they begin their preparations.

Merciful Saviour will be open for business until MAY 31, 2018 and will briefly close for renovations and Restocking. A GRAND REOPENING WILL BE ANNOUNCED FOR EARLY SEPTEMBER! More details will follow in the Four County Catholic, Local Newspapers and your Church Bulletins and Announcement Boards.

We want to personally thank each and every one of you who have supported this ministry during the past 21 years with your friendship, love, prayers and patronage. May you be blessed for your generosity and kindness. We will have many beautiful memories to take with us as we journey forward! It is our hope and prayer that you will continue to support the Bombria Family and their new ministry in the days and years ahead so that God’s plan will be accomplished through them and this store.

With gratitude and love, Ed and Marie Fusco

**YOUNG PEOPLE, HELP THE POPE:** Attention Parents and Grandparents PASS THIS ON TO THE YOUTH IN YOUR LIFE! Young people ages 16 – 29, Catholic and non-Catholics, are invited to participate via social media. The Pope wants to hear ideas, feelings and recommendations from our youth on the topic: “Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment”. Young people from all around the world, can participate by responding to 15 Hashtags using their social media (Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook) which are listed online at: <http://www.synod2018.va/content/synod2018/en/pre-synodal-meeting/15---hashtags-for-comments.html>

### **“The Father Wound”**

Announcing a special adult education program at St. Andrew Church on Sunday, April 29, 2018 at 12:00 Noon right after the 11:00 am Mass. Deacon Michael will present an educational program on the subject of “The Father Wound”. The father wound is the absence or withholding of love from your birth father. The wound can be caused by neglect, absence, abuse, control, and withholding love. Deacon Michael will explain the Father Wound and how you can heal from the wound and/or prevent wounding your own children. Finally the program will help you develop a healthy and close relationship with God our Father. This educational program is for all adults and parents regardless of your relationship with your birth father. Adults only are preferred due to the nature of the subject matter.



### **75<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

**IN ORDER TO BE LISTED IN THE COMMEMORATIVE BOOK, DONATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY APRIL 15<sup>TH</sup>, THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY DONATED.**

*Please use the envelope that was provided in the mailing to return your donation.*

*Checks are made out to "Saint Francis of Assisi", with 75th Anniversary on the memo line.*

**Please mail to: 75th Anniversary Celebration, P.O. Box 75 Lebanon, CT 06249-0075**

#### **PHOTOS STILL NEEDED!**

**There is another story behind a photo...**

Have you looked at a photo and saw something else happening in the background?

Do you have wedding, baptism or Holy Communion photos from the Route 87 Church?

You would not believe what stories the backgrounds in these photos are telling us – especially interior photos, they tell the story of Church renovations that occurred over a number of year. Please see if you have some to share.

#### **BIRTHDAY & Anniversary Recognitions**

At the August 25, 2018 parish picnic we would like to recognize those in our parish who are the **OLDEST, YOUNGEST, AND THE NEWLY MARRIED.**

If you qualify for any of the above categories please contact Barbara at [bobbi.w@charter.net](mailto:bobbi.w@charter.net) by April 15<sup>th</sup>.

130 days to go to the August 22 start of our celebration!

#### **63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Norwich Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Convention**

All women in the Diocese of Norwich are cordially invited to attend the 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Norwich Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Convention on Saturday, May 19, 2018 at St. Matthew Church, 111 Tolland Green, Tolland, CT beginning at 9:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.. The guest speaker will be Sr. Elissa Rinere, C.P., J.C.D., Chancellor of the Diocese of Norwich. To register please send your name, address, church, city, email and phone number to: Judy Pappagallo, 199 Broadway, Norwich, CT 06360. Cost is \$25 per person, includes lunch & materials, choose Chicken or Vegetarian. Make check out to Norwich Diocesan CCW. Deadline for registrations, May 8, 2018. Forms can be found at the church entrances.

#### **YOUR SUPPORT FOR DEFENDING RELIGIOUS LIBERTY HAS BEEN GREATLY APPRECIATED**

Thank you for helping to protect religious freedom by including the "Defending Our Religious Liberty" announcements in your parish bulletins over the years. Your efforts have undoubtedly motivated congressional representatives and senators to issue changes. Recently, the new administration has taken and will continue to take steps to modify the federal health care mandate. For this reason, we are discontinuing these announcements. "Defending Our Religious Liberty" #318 was the last announcement. Thank you again for backing this endeavor.

**Enders Island ~ Mystic 860.536.0565**  
Bereavement Mini-Retreat Sunday April 29-Wednesday May 2nd. \$315pp <http://enders.is/BereavementMini>

**Bring a Friend to Church Weekend** is April 21 & 22. Bring a friend, family member or loved one to Church with you. Share your faith with someone who is important to you! WHY...

- ❖ Time out for reflection on the past week
- ❖ Personal time away from the world and all its stress
- ❖ Meet a worshipping community of believers eager to welcome you
- ❖ Being reminded of how much God loves you, unconditionally
- ❖ Receive a blessing just for being you

**We hope to see you at Mass on Saturday & Sunday!**

#### **SAINT FRANCIS'S ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR WAIM**

No matter what your financial needs are, there are always those who are less fortunate. W.A.I.M. (Windham Area Interfaith Ministry) helps families from many backgrounds and many different situations. This year we are collecting household items such as:

##### **New:**

- Towels (all sizes and types)
- Blankets (any size)
- Queen/King size sheets
- Kitchen Gadgets

##### **Gently Used:**

- Flatware
- Small kitchen appliances
- Cookware
- Small luggage bags
- Coffee pot 10 cups or more

These can be dropped off in the church parking lot on May 5 & 6 before and after all Masses. Just meet us in the back church parking lot at the gray Ford Pick-up truck.