

**We are pleased and honored
To welcome you to
St. Francis of Assisi Parish**
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Deacon Michael Puscas



**MASS
INTENTIONS**

**Saturday October 17, 2015 St. Ignatius of Antioch, bishop,
martyr**

4:00 PM Confession
5:00 PM Patricia Spedaliere req. by her family
Sunday, October 18, 2015 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 AM Deceased members of the Clinch & Kuzel families
10:30 AM Mary Pudlo req. by her family

**Monday October 19, 2015 Sts. John de Brebeuf & Isaac
Jogues. Priests & companions, martyrs**

NO MASS
Tuesday October 20, 2015 St. Paul of the Cross, priest
NO MASS

Wednesday October 21, 2015 Weekday
9:00 AM For the Souls in Purgatory

Thursday October 22, 2015 Blessed John Paul II, pope
NO MASS

Friday October 23, 2015 St. John of Capistrano, priest
9:00 AM Rev. Timothy Valliere

Saturday October 24, 2015 St. Anthony Mary Claret, bishop
4:00 PM Confession

5:00 PM Rev. Daniel C. Cronin req. by Julie & Dennis
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Sunday, October 25, 2015 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 AM Margaret O'Neill req. by C. Wheaton
10:30 AM Vicki Rovers req. by Janice Palmer

Offertory: \$ 2,338.17
Combined Missions: \$ 1,088.11
Today's second collection is for monthly extraordinary expenses.
Next weekend's second collection is for building & maintenance.
A very sincere thanks to all those parishioners who make-up their offertory while away.

St. Andrew Church – Colchester on Thursdays ~ Adoration at 8:30 ~ Rosary at 6:00pm...Benediction at 7:00pm.

Weekend of October 24 & 25
5:00pm Lector: Bob Nejako
Eucharistic Minister: Carole Briggs
Altar Servers: Nina Gardella, Wayne Woodward
8:00am Lector: Ells Mae Kuzel
Eucharistic Minister: Peggy Stygar
Altar Servers: Anthony Pomerleau
10:30am Lector: Angela Corentin
Eucharistic Minister: Dick Lataille
Altar Servers: Anna Campbell, Erika Densman

PAVING PLEDGE UPDATE
Pledges received to date total \$57,505.00
If you have not yet pledged, extra pledge cards are available at the Church side entrance.

Military Service Honor Roll
SW1 John P. Dyer Jr. U.S. Navy
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
Sgt. Justin A. VonEdwins, U.S. Army
Sgt. Robert Massicotte U.S. Army
1st Lt. Mile N. Snelgrobe USMC 2nd Batt. 6th Marine

Prayer for our Men and Women in Military Service
O Prince of Peace, we humbly ask 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 FOR PRIESTS
This week October 18 – October 24 – Rev. Nicholas Mbogo, Msgr. Anthony Rosaforte, Rev. Izydor Sadowski SDB, Rev. Halbert Weidner, V. Rev. Ignatius Manfredonia FI, Rev. George Busto Co, Rev. Thomas Sickler MS, Rev. Michael Sequeira, Msgr. Henry Archambault, Rev. Samuel Fuller OFM Cap, V. Rev. Laurence LaPointe, Rev. William Flynn, Rev. Keith Shuley, Rev. Richard Ricard – Mary Immaculate, let us love you fervently and open our hearts to the dew of your grace, for we know that you are blessing our priests. (Mother Catherine Aurelia, foundress)
We also pray for any priests who have left the ministry.

❖ **CHILDREN'S MASS: DATE CHANGE** Grades 1 & 6 will be helping at the 10:30am Mass on Sunday October 27th. Refreshments in the meeting room following the Mass.

MEETINGS
Sunday Oct 18 Safe Environments @ CCD Classes
Monday Oct. 19 Ladies Guild @ 7pm
Wednesday Oct 21 Liturgy Committee @ 6:30pm

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL UPDATE:
Our goal has been surpassed.
Goal: \$ 22,900
Reported returns: \$ 23,176
We are truly grateful to those who responded with such kindness and generosity.

COLLECTION OF TOILETRIES
If you have collected shampoos, lotions, or other toiletries from hotels while away on a trip that you have not used, please bring them to St. Francis Church. We are also collecting twin zippered mattress pads and Pampers size 4 and up. We will have baskets at each entrance for your donations. These items will be donated to the Holy Family Shelter and to the No-Freeze Shelter in Willimantic.



Save your hanging flower pots. The Ladies Guild will once again be making cemetery arrangements. Please consider donating your hanging flower pots/baskets or pots from your fall flowers for use in this fundraiser.

There is no need to empty the dirt. Please leave near the side door of the church garage. Thank you. Please contact Barbara 642-7168 with any questions.

Also---

The Ladies Guild will be selling cemetery arrangements in December. We will be in need of greens. If you or someone you know has plans to prune your holly bushes or evergreens this fall, please consider waiting and supply us with the greens we will need. Please contact Barbara @ 860-642-7168, or bobbi.w@charter.net if you will be able to supply greens for this annual fundraising project.



Men's ACTS Retreat, November 12-15, 2015

St Andrew and St Patrick Parishes are sponsoring a men's ACTS retreat on November 12th thru the 15th. Local Catholic men have organized an A.C.T.S. (Adoration, Community, Theology, and Service) retreat weekend to be held at Immaculata Retreat House in Willimantic. The retreat begins Thursday evening, November 12th in the St Andrew's Parish hall, Colchester and ends Sunday, November 15th at St Andrew's 11 a.m. mass. Transportation to and from Immaculata will be provided. Contact: John Blaschik, 860-334-7044, jb-ehvfd.ct@snet.net; Howard London, 860-334-5747; or John Legato, 860-537-2739; or Bert Bosse, 860-642-3994; or Bruce Bouley, 860-642-9921 for more information.

WEB PAGE UPDATE



We are progressing with our Web Page and hope to have it up and running as soon as possible.

In the process of setting up the web page, our e-mail site had to be shut down and re-activated. In this process all of our e-mail addresses were lost. If you were receiving parish bulletins by email, please re-submit your e-mail address so the e-mail bulletin list can be re-created.

Thank you so very much for your patience with this process.

ATTENTION PARENTS

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, October 18, 2015 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.

Called to Protect Workshop for Parents and Families of

Saint Francis of Assisi Church Lebanon

In compliance with the Diocese of Norwich Safe Environments Awareness and Education Program, a Called to Protect Workshop for Parents and Families will be held at Saint Francis of Assisi Church in the Church on Thursday evening, November 5th at 7:00pm.

If you plan to attend, please RSVP by signing up at the side entrance of Church by Wednesday, October 28th.

GIVING BASKET



It is time to replenish our food supplies in preparation for Thanksgiving Food Baskets.

We ask that those able and willing to donate consider the following

items that are needed:

Gravy, Stuffing, Cranberry Sauce, Jelly, Peanut Butter, Flour, Sugar, Pie Crusts and Fillings, Bread and Cake Mixes, Spices, Vegetable Oil, Frostings, Canned Vegetables, Soups, Tuna, Canned Fruits, Chef Boyardee, Mac & Cheese, Cereals (hot or cold), Jell-O, Puddings, Pasta, Pasta Sauce, etc.

As always, we are thankful for food donations of all types. Your continued support of this program has helped many of our friends and neighbors when they have stumbled upon difficult times. Thank You.

PRAYER POST CARD

FOR OUR SEMINARIANS & POSTULANTS

Join us in praying for our seminarians/postulants at your convenience. Take a post card from the holder for any or all of our seminarians/postulants. Pray for that seminarian/postulant write a brief note if you choose and drop it in the mail, Let your future priests/sisters know you are supporting them and ask them to pray for you. May God continue to send us shepherds after His own Heart.

Our Seminarians/Postulants are:

- Rev. Mr. Jeffrey Ellis – 4th year Theology
- Rev. Mr. Peter Langevin 4th year Theology
- Rev. Mr. Thomas Griffin 4th year Theology
- Mr. Juan Aguirre 4th year Theology
- Rev. Mr. Ronald Blank 2nd year Theology
- Mr. Frank Gilbert 2nd year Theology
- Mr. Michael Bovino 2nd year Philosophy
- Mr. Normand Laflamme 1st year Philosophy
- Mr. Dharen Brochero 1st year English
- Mr. Michael Castiblanco 1st year English
- Mr. Sebastian Pena 1st year English
- Ms. Stephanie Twedt 1st year Postulant
- Ms. Shannon Cawley 1st year Postulant

ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

- **Workshop for New Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** Saturday, October 24, 2015 from 9:30 to Noon Registration begins at 9:00 St. Joseph Parish, 99 Jackson Street, Willimantic 06226 Fee \$10
Registration form at: worship@norwichdiocese.net or call 860-848-2237x203
- Life in the Spirit will be presented on DVD's beginning Wednesday October 21st at the Spiritual Renewal Center, 11 Bath Street, Norwich, CT 06360. Two sessions held each week 2 pm and 7 pm. The series runs for 7 weeks. Fr. Ray and Judith will facilitate. Please call 860-887-0702 to register. A Free Will Offering will be accepted.
- **CT Catholic Men's Conference 2015** Annual Connecticut Catholic Men's Conference, Saturday October 24th from 8am – 5pm at Goodwin College, East Hartford. Come join hundreds of Catholic men from our three dioceses. The day includes talks by four inspiring speakers, holy Mass with our priests and bishops, confessions heard throughout the day by many priests a, good music, opportunity to meet great men and priests from our dioceses. Our theme this year is **Family Man**. Come and learn more about your faith! The tickets are \$40. Ticket includes lunch and may be purchased at our website www.CTCatholicMen.org or by calling 860.484.7950. Speaker information, directions to Goodwin College are also on the site. See you there on the last Saturday of October.
- Mass of Healing is offered at the Spiritual Renewal Center 11 Bath Street Norwich, CT on October 26th. Mass is at 2:00 PM. Fr. Ray is the Celebrant and a healing prayer by Judith.
- Please join Bishop Cote at the Sixth 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, November 1, 2015 at The Riverhouse at Goodspeed Station, 55 Bridge Road, Haddam, Connecticut. This year's honorees are Brother Lawrence Harvey, CFX, Sister Mary A. McCarthy, RSM and Mrs. Kathleen R. Clancy. Tickets are \$150/person. All proceeds benefit Catholic Schools within the Diocese. Opportunities for sponsorship and program advertising are available. For tickets and more information, please contact Kathy Gaito at 860-886-1928 ext. 15, kgaito@norwichdiocese.net or visit www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org.
- Healing and Freedom Conference will be presented on Saturday, November 7th at the Spiritual Renewal Center 11 Bath Street Norwich, CT- **Please note the date change**. Conference will begin at 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Donation is \$25.00. Pre-registration is required. Please call Spiritual Renewal Office (860) 887-2702

CHRISTMAS FAIRS:

- ❖ **Yuletide Festival**, Nov. 7, 2015 from 8:00 am - 2:00 pm @ St. Mary Church, 218 Providence St., Putnam, CT.
- ❖ **Kris Kringle Christmas Fair**: Saturday November 14th from 9am – 4pm at STs. Peter & Paul Church Hall, 181 Elizabeth Street, Norwich.
- ❖ **St. Andrew Olde Tyme Christmas Fair** Friday November 6th 4-8pm and Saturday November 7th 9am-2pm



Career Opportunity:

The Knights of Columbus is seeking a Field Agent for a career opportunity representing their insurance company programs. We offer a complete benefits package with this full-time position. In order to qualify, one must be eligible for membership in the Knights of Columbus. For more information, please call Tom Kenny, General Agent, at 860.434.7002 or e-mail your resume to thomas.kenny@koc.org

40 Days for LIFE Sept. 23 – Nov. 1

Our 9th consecutive year of running this round-the-clock prayer vigil to raise awareness for the sanctity of LIFE here in Norwich, CT. Please prayerfully consider your participation in this important campaign

To sign up online or for more information please visit www.40daysforlife.com/norwich or call Brian Daly at BJDaly@aol.com or 860-822-1788

We pray for an end to abortion here in CT and in our Nation and we ask that you prayerfully discern your personal role in this Fall's 40 Days for LIFE campaign...Thank you!

Open Houses at Catholic Schools

- **Mercy High School, 1740 Randolph Road, Middletown, CT. Open House** will be Sunday, November 1, 2015 at 1:00pm. **Entrance Exam for the Class of 2020** will be Saturday, November 14, 2015 from, 8am – 11:15am. Testing fee is \$30.00. Register at www.mercyhigh.com
- **St. Bernard School (grades 6-12)** 1593 Norwich – New London Tpke, Uncasville CT 06382 860.848.1271
- E-mail: admissions@saint-bernard.com OPEN HOUSE
- Sunday October 25 from 1-3pm
- Come visit **East Catholic High School** during our OPEN HOUSE on Thursday November 5, 2015 at 6:45pm. The entrance exam for eighth graders will be given on Saturday November 14, 2015 at 8am at East Catholic High School. 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.

13th Annual St. Patrick's School Italian Night -

You are cordially invited to attend the 13th Annual St. Patrick's School Italian Night to be held November 14th, at 5:30 p.m. in the Church basement. Tickets are \$8.00 and children under 5 years old eat free. The menu includes pasta, homemade meatballs, salad, bread, dessert and beverages. All proceeds will benefit St. Patrick Cathedral School. Purchase your tickets early due to limited seating. If you wish to purchase tickets, please contact Jennifer Daley at 860-324-3133 or 860-887-3491.

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THEY MAKE THIS BULLETIN POSSIBLE.**

35th Anniversary

Save the Date! November 8 at the 10:30 Mass, we will joyfully celebrate Saint Francis' 35th Anniversary of the dedication & blessing of the church as well as the becoming an independent parish.

There will be a reception prior to the Mass. Watch for more details.

- Do you remember the first time you saw Saint Francis on West Town Street?
- Or walked into the church?
- Do you have a favorite memory of being here? A favorite priest, a certain event?
- Do you remember the 'little white church on the Green on Route 87?

We are collecting "memories" to mark the 35th anniversary of Saint Francis becoming a parish.

It can be a small or large remembrance.

There are pages at the entrances and the children have been given pages as well, to make a drawing or write something.

Please return the pages by November 1st; there is a folder in the sacristy to place them in.

Questions, contact Barbara at 860-642-7168 or bobbi.w@charter.net.

Faith, Reason and Genomics: Preambles for the Dialogue Between Evolution and Creation The Fall Aquinas Lecture at St. Thomas Aquinas Chapel, Storrs, features Fr. Nicanor Austriaco, O.P., Ph.D., S.T.D., Associate Professor of Biology at Providence College, at 7:30 PM on Monday, October 26, in the Aquinas Student Center, 46 North Eagleville Road on the UConn Storrs campus. Admission is free. Fr. Austriaco will discuss faith and reason, which in the 1998 encyclical *Fides et Ratio* Pope St. John Paul II likened to "two wings on which the human spirit rises to the contemplation of truth," and recent insight into evolution from contemporary research in genomics. In exploring the dynamic interplay between faith and reason, Fr. Austriaco will address not only why God chose to create through evolution, but also how that process continues and for what end God created us. Come and learn more about the complementary roles of science and religion in understanding our origin and purpose.

KICK OFF EVENT FOR YOUNG ADULTS WITH CHRIS PADGETT

If you are looking for a faith building night out, please join us on Friday, November 13th at 7pm in the basement of the Cathedral to hear the music and wit of Chris Padgett. We will discuss the wonders and difficulties of Catholicism in today's culture. If you would like to purchase tickets, please contact Liza Roach at lroach@norwichdiocese.net or call (860)848-2237.

Young Adults are adults ages 18 to 39, but we do not card.

Last weekend the Mission Combined Collection for the World Mission Appeal, U.S. Bishop's Appeal for Latin America, Black and Indian Missions, and the Catholic Home Mission Appeal was taken up in our Parish.

If you were unable to bring your gift envelope, extras are available at (state the place where the envelopes can be found). Your support of the missionary needs of the Universal Church is greatly appreciated.

Your contribution can be placed in the collection basket next weekend or mailed directly to the parish. Thank you for your generosity in the past and thank you for what you will do now to help our missionaries continue their vital work.

Fall Clean-Up



Last Saturday's parish grounds clean-up went very well. We accomplished a lot in a few hours by working together and what a difference it made!

We'll have another day in the spring to trim shrubs & trees (it is not the right time of year to do that now).

We thank our workers for their help: Jennie Brewster, Diane & Fran Malozzi, Kevin Cwikla, Barbara & Steve Wengloski, Bob Nejako, Kathy & John Walden, Richard Coffey, & Joan Grecki.

We especially thank Joan Grecki for her many hour of hard work on the grounds over the summer and these past couple of weeks readying the grounds for the clean-up.

We also thank Cub Scout Pack 58 for their service project to Saint Francis. The Cubs and their leaders were here last Monday spreading mulch around our flower and shrub beds.

Thank you to all for a job well done!

Diocese of Norwich - Internal Auditor/Parish Services Position Available

Diocese of Norwich seeks a degreed accountant (BS, BA, Finance or Accounting) with 3 years' experience. Duties include auditing parish/school accounts and providing resources in an on-line QuickBooks environment. Must be proficient in all phases of QuickBooks including payroll and related taxes, all MS programs, have strong interpersonal skills and an understanding and respect for the hierarchy of the Catholic Church. Send resume, 3 letters of reference, and salary requirements to Finance Office Search, 201 Broadway, Norwich, CT 06360 by October 23, 2015.