

**We are pleased and honored
To welcome you to
St. Francis of Assisi Parish**
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Rev. Mark Masnicki, Pastor
Rev. Benjamin Soosaimanickam, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Michael Puscas



**MASS
INTENTIONS**

Saturday October 31, 2015 Blessed Virgin Mary
4:00 PM Confession
5:00 PM Paul Puhlick Jr. req. by Roberta Anthony
Sunday, November 1, 2015 All Saints
8:00 AM Charlotte McComber req. by Roddy & Betsy
10:30 AM George Boone 12 yr. anniversary req. by Mackie
Monday, November 2, 2015 All Soul's Day
9:15 AM For All Souls intentions of the parishioners
Tuesday November 3, 2015 Weekday
NO MASS
Wednesday November 4, 2015 St. Charles Borromeo, bishop
9:00 AM Maurice Pelletier req. by his wife
Thursday November 5, 2015 Weekday
NO MASS
Friday November 6, 2015 Weekday
9:00 AM Paul & Isabella Maffiolini req. by Paul & Anne Maffiolini
Saturday November 7, 2015 Blessed Virgin Mary
4:00 PM Confession
5:00 PM Francesco Germano req. by his family
Sunday, November 8, 2015 32nd Sunday in ordinary Time
8:00 AM Tessie Walden req. by her family
10:30 AM 35th Anniversary of St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Offertory: \$ 2,401.00
Building & maintenance: \$ 716.00
Today's second collection is for St. Bernard School.
Next weekend's second collection is for monthly extraordinary expenses.
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 November 7 & 8
5:00pm Lector: Anne Staebner
Eucharistic Minister: Jim Hay
Altar Servers: Nicholas Barrett, Nina Gardella
8:00am Lector: Norm Kuzel
Eucharistic Minister: Rick Kane
Altar Servers: Sam & Christian Terwilliger
10:30am Lector: Greg Jones
Eucharistic Minister: Guild/Knights
Altar Servers: Anna Campbell, Becca Chesters

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. Miles N. Snelgrove USMC 2nd Batt. 6th Marines

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 November 1 thru Nov. 7: All Deceased Priests, Our Holy Father, Rev. Christopher Feeney, Rev. Mark Curesky OFM Cv, Rev. Timothy Roth MIC, Msgr. Thaddeus Malanowski, Rev. James Sucholet, Msgr. Richard LaRocque, Rev. Richard Sliwinski, Rev. Paul Ramen, Rev. Bruce Quinn OFM Cap, Msgr. Robert Brown — 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: Grade 7 will be helping at the 10:30am Mass on Sunday Nov. 1st. Refreshments in the meeting room following the Mass**

MEETINGS
Parish Advisory Council Wednesday Nov. 4 @ 6:30pm
Knights of Columbus Thursday Nov 5 @ 7:00pm
Called to Protect Workshop Thurs. Nov. 5 @ 7pm in Church
30th Anniversary as a Parish Reception from 9-10am at the Parish House on Sunday November 8th
Liturgy Committee Wednesday November 11 @ 6:30pm
Thanksgiving Food Basket Delivery Saturday Nov. 14.

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.



GIVING BASKET

Turkeys needed for the Thanksgiving Baskets. Please call the parish office before delivering. Baskets are to be delivered on

November 14th.

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.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH.

- **30th Anniversary Celebration** Diocese of Norwich Outreach to Haiti is thirty years old this fall! We are celebrating this milestone on November 7, 2015. All are invited to attend - especially the many people that have helped in this ministry over the last 30 years. Besides celebrating 30 years of service to and relationship with the Haitian people, we are also honoring a few of the many individuals who have played large roles in leading our efforts in this ministry. Honorees: Most Reverend Daniel P Reilly; Monsignor James Carini; Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Petruzzi Mass at 4:00 pm at Mercy High School, Middletown, CT, celebrated by Most Reverend Michael R Cote, followed by reception and dinner. Cost \$60 per person, \$50 for religious. For more information on the celebration call 860-887-1019, or visit our website at www.outreachtohaiti.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.
- **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.
- **Holy Hour for Vocations:** Nov. 19 at Notre Dame in Durham from 6-7pm.

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.

CHRISTMAS FAIRS



- ❖ **St. Andrew Olde Tyme Christmas Fair** Friday November 6th 4-8pm and Saturday November 7th 9am-2pm
- ❖ **Yuletide Festival**, Nov. 7, 2015 from 8:00 am - 2:00 pm @ St. Mary Church, 218 Providence St., Putnam, Large raffles, vendors, Christmas Café, Handmade articles, homemade baked goods, Live music, Christmas café.
- ❖ **Kris Kringle Christmas Fair:** Saturday November 14th from 9am – 4pm at STs. Peter & Paul Church Hall, 181 Elizabeth Street, Norwich.

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.
- Xavier High School will have an Open House on Thursday November 5th from 6:00-7:30pm. The Entrance Exam will be offered on November 7 and November 14 at 8 am.
Visit www.xavierhighschool.org/admissions to register. Questions? Contact Nicholas Grasso, Director of Admissions (860-346-7735 ext. 743).

Our CCD classes have begun their Project for Haiti.



You can help a build a Happy House!
Every contribution helps.

OUR GOAL: \$ 1,250.00.

Each grade will have a jar to collect loose change. Just send your loose change in each CCD class to add to the jar. A jar will also be available in Church for parishioners to make donations. This project will be ongoing for the entire school year.

Working together Saint Francis can provide a Happy House for Haiti.

First Holy Communion Class – Grade 2 -

Beginning Oct. 31/Nov 1, all First Holy Communion Students must sign the Mass Attendance sheet in the in the Sacristy. As part of their sacramental preparation, Mass attendance is mandatory. If you attend a Sunday away, bring that Parish's bulletin and give to Mr. Hay.

St. Andrew Youth Group Meetings

www.standrewym.org

Sunday Oct, 25 Life Teen Mass 5pm followed by dinner & a Life Night
Sun. Nov. 1 Life Teen Mass 5pm followed by dinner & a Life Night

Thank You

I would like to thank the following for their donations to the St. Francis Museum:

Norm and Ella Mae Kuzel for the Prie Dieu; Kathy and John Walden for a commemorative candle and Mass booklet from Pope Frances' visit to Philadelphia.

These items are very much appreciated and a wonderful addition to our collection of museum items.

Thank you again, Barbara Wengloski

Coping with Grief for the Holidays: All groups free of charge. Newcomers welcome through the second meeting date. Pre-registration required.

Dates: Tuesdays Nov, 17, 24, Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 2015 & Jan 5, 2016 @ L7M Cancer Center, 230 Waterford Parkway South, Waterford, CT. from 5:30- 7:00pm.

OR

Mondays, Nov. 16, 23, 30, Dec. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2015 & Jan. 4, 2016 @ Center for Hospice Care, 227 Dunham Street, Norwich from 5:30 – 7:00pm.

Call 860.848.5699 to register.

LIVE NATIVITY

All children of our churches & community re invited to participate in the Lebanon Churches & Franklin Congregational Church combined

Ecumenical LIVE NATIVITY, Saturday December 19 at 3:00pm on the Lebanon Green. Participants please assemble at 2:30pm.

There are no speaking roles. Everyone will sing Christmas Carols together.

The youth have been asked to portray ANGELS and SHEPHERDS. No fancy costume necessary – very simple attire is fine, such as:

ANGELS: White sweatshirt, wings*, tinsel halo. *to make a simple paper plate wing visit: <http://m.wikihow.com/Make-Angel-Wings>.

Shepherds: Dark hooded sweatshirt, tea towel with rope, and walking stick.

In case of inclement weather the event will be held inside of the Congregational Church Fellowship Hall. In case of severe weather, tune into Channel 3.

If interested in participating please contact Anne McAwley-LeDuc @ a.mccawley.leduc@charter.net or 860.642.1786.



Defending Our Religious Liberty Nov. 1, 2015 The Catholic Church's opposition to the Health & Human Services mandate is the fact that we are forced to comply with provisions that are contrary to our religious beliefs. Historically, the Church has delivered quality health care to all people who need it through our Catholic hospitals and social service programs. What we oppose is authorizing or paying for procedures that violate Catholic teaching. If you haven't done so already, please voice your opposition to the federal health care mandate by calling U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Sylvia Mathews Burwell at 202-205-5445, and your elected representatives. Let them know that the mandate is in violation of our First Amendment right to religious freedom.

Windham Area Interfaith Ministry (WAIM)
Contact: Victoria Nimirowski 860-456-7270 ext 11

The 24th annual Walk for Warmth in Willimantic is on November 22 at 2:15 p.m. Sponsored by Windham Area Interfaith Ministry, this event raises funds to help folks with their heating bills. It is a two mile walk and starts and ends at St. Mary Church at 46 Valley Street in Willimantic. Registration begins at 1 p.m. at St. Mary's School, and the Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at the church starts at 1:30 p.m. Walkers are required to raise sponsorships to participate (a minimum donation of \$20 is needed for each walker). For pledge forms and more information, visit www.waimct.org.

Lost & Found

A gold coin shaped earring was found at the dinner dance last weekend. If anyone is missing it, please call Jennie Brewster at 860-642-7146

Thank You

We sincerely thank our parishioners and community friends for supporting our dinner dance last weekend. As you know, this maybe our last dinner dance for a while as the Fire Safety Complex will be used as a temporary town library. Your continual support over the past several years of this event, has made for an enjoyable time and has helped support our parish.

We truly appreciate your part in making this event such a success!!

Jennie Brewster & Alicia Lamb
Dinner/Dance Committee, Co-Chairs

Healing and Intercessory Prayer Service

Are you or someone you know in need of special prayer? Do you seek healing for yourself or a loved one? Are you in need of a job or discernment regarding the path you should take? Would you like to seek intercessory prayer for a burden you're carrying for someone else?

There will be a prayer service on Thursday, November 5th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Andrew Church. This powerful evening will give participants an opportunity to join others in prayer, listen to scripture readings, confidentially offer personal prayer requests, praise God with uplifting music and, if desired, meet with a prayer team for personal prayer. Everyone is invited to join us.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held all day on Thursdays at St. Andrew. Come early for the prayer service and participate in private adoration and the reposing of the Blessed Sacrament

Free Rosary Repair Service:

We have lots of parts. Send your broken rosaries in padded envelope to: Betty & Dick Holden, 7 Crane Place, Simsbury, CT 06070. (May – October)

They will be repaired and returned to you within the week of receipt. Donations of old and broken rosaries are also accepted which will be repaired and sent on to the missions. Include a note indicating repair and return to me or this is a donation. 860.658.6330 or email HoldenBnD@comcast.net. (Nov-April 7930 Estero Blvd #502 Fort Meyers Beach FL 33931)

WE CAN HELP

To report inappropriate contact of any kind by a representative of the Diocese of Norwich or for assistance to victims, please call: 1.800.624.7407

We wish to bring it to your attention that there are a great many people attending Mass on weekends that suffer from asthma, allergies or are undergoing chemotherapy. Colognes, after shave and fragrances can aggravate these conditions. Please be considerate.