

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



**MASS
INTENTIONS**

Saturday November 14, 2015 Blessed Virgin Mary
4:00 PM Confession
5:00 PM Carolyn Sharpe req. by her husband
Sunday, November 15, 2015 33rd Sunday in ordinary Time
8:00 AM Ed Coutu req. by Norm & Ella Mae Kuzel
10:30 AM Julia Coscia req. by her family
Monday, November 16, 2015 St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude, virgin
NO MASS
Tuesday November 17, 2015 St. Elizabeth of Hungary, religious
NO MASS
Wednesday November 18, 2015 Dedication of the Basilica of Sts. Peter & Paul, apostles; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, virgin
9:00 AM Healing for Sean req. by a friend
Thursday November 19, 2015 Weekday
NO MASS
Friday November 20, 2015 Weekday
9:00 AM Healing for Mary req. by a friend
Saturday November 21, 2015 Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
4:00 PM Confession
5:00 PM Mary Lou Ross & Julia Ayres req. by the Dyer family
Sunday, November 22, 2015 Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe
8:00 AM Anthony & Margaret Combe req. by their daughter
10:30 AM Doris A. Finelli req. by Alan & Janice Palmer

Offertory: \$ 2493.95
Monthly extraordinary expenses: \$ 663.00
Today's second collection is for our own fuel fund.
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 November 21 & 22
5:00pm Lector: Anne Staebner
Eucharistic Minister: Jim Hay
Altar Servers: Grace Gardella, Elizabeth Spedaliere
8:00am Lector: Jim Worth
Eucharistic Minister: Betsy Petrie
Altar Servers: Jack & Christian Terwilliger
10:30am Lector: Paul Pelletier
Eucharistic Minister: Wally Gagnon
Altar Servers: Becca Chesters, Anna Campbell

PAVING PLEDGE UPDATE

Pledges received to date total \$59,025.00
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 15 thru Nov. 21: Rev. Edward Dempsey DBA, V. Rev. David Choquette, Rev. Arul Peter, Rev. Joseph Whittel, Rev. Michael Gill, Rev. Frank McKenna, Rev. Brian Converse, Rev. Leo Almendra, V. Rev. Gregoire Fluet, Rev. Thomas Hoar SSE, Rev. John Antonelle, Rev. Kevin Reilly—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.

MEETINGS

**Living Rosary Sunday Nov. 15 following
8am Mass on the Rosary Path at the
Parish House**

Ladies Guild Monday Nov. 16 @ 7:00pm
All Parishioners are invited to join the Ladies Guild on Monday, November 16th at 7pm in the church as they welcome Mary Ellen Mahoney, Development Manager for the Norwich Diocese who will present "Catholic Wills and Giving", a general overview on ways you can support your Parish through planned gifts. We look forward to an informative evening. Refreshments will be served after the program; Ladies Guild meeting will follow.

**Grades 2 & 5 will be helping at the 10:30am
Mass on Sunday November 22nd.
Refreshments following the Mass in the
meeting room.**

The Ladies Guild will again be selling cemetery arrangements. Orders will be taken the weekends of November 21-22 and 26-27th. The arrangements are \$10.00 each and come with a bow.

Checks are to be made payable to *Saint Francis Ladies Guild*. Arrangements can be picked up after all masses the weekend of December 5-6th in the church garage. Questions, please contact Barbara at 860-642-7168

or bobbi.w@charter.net.

Thank you to everyone who donated their used pots; this project would not be possible without your contributions.



GIVING BASKET

It is time to replenish our food supplies in preparation for Christmas 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.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Jim and Mary-Alice Piro for their donation of an article regarding Father Edward Davis to the St. Francis Museum. Also thank you to Glenn Coutu for donating stone steps for the museum entrance. These items are appreciated. The museum will be closed for the winter; we hope that parishioners will visit when it is open next year. Barbara Wengloski

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

- **Mass of Healing** November 23 at 2 PM. Spiritual Renewal Center. Fr. Ray Celebrant, Judith will have a healing prayer. Individual prayer available- 860-887-0702.
- **Praise, Prayer and Worship** every Tuesday afternoon at 2 PM Spiritual Renewal Center.
- **Holy Hour for Vocations:** Nov. 19 at Notre Dame in Durham from 6-7pm.
- **On Sunday, December 13, 2015, Bishop Cote will open the Holy Year of Mercy at the Cathedral of Saint Patrick 10:30 a.m. with a special celebration of the Eucharist. During this celebration representatives from every parish of the diocese will be commissioned as Disciples of Mercy. We will also have the traditional ritual of opening the Holy Door of Mercy. All parishioners are cordially invited to participate in this Diocesan Celebration of Mercy. Following the Mass, a reception will be held in the Cathedral Auditorium. All are invited to participate.**
- **Advent Diocesan Prayer Gathering** December 15th at 7:30 PM at St. Mary's Church Hall, Portland. Great music teaching by Fr. Paul Bourdreau, Pastor and Hospitality. Hosted by Light of Christ Prayer Community. All are welcome.

The Franklin Congregational Church and the Lebanon Ecumenical Clergy invite you to a Community Faith Event. The **annual Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service** will be held at the Franklin Congregational Church, 31 Meetinghouse Lane, Franklin, on Sunday November 22nd, 2015 at 7:00pm. The message will be by Lebanon Baptist Church Pastor Tom Cowger. Please bring a non-perishable food or a toiletry item for Lebanon's Neighbors Helping Neighbors.



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.**

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.



MUSIC TO WARM THE HEART WINTER CONCERT FOR WAIM

Sunday December 6 at 3:00pm.
Proceeds to benefit WAIM
Saint Paul Episcopal Church
Windham Center

ST. ANDREW ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOTE: Time CHANGE: Christmas around the World



Dinner Concert

The St Andrew Principal choir, in cooperation with Doreen's Dance Center, will present a festive Christmas

Dinner Concert Friday, December 4 (snow date Sat Dec 5.) Choir members, in international costumes, will be performing traditional Christmas music from many countries! Special bonus: Fr Mark will sing in Polish, and Fr Ben will sing a song from India! Dinner concert tickets are \$28 (\$25 seniors and children 10 and under). Concert/dessert only tickets (no dinner) \$15 each. **Menu:** Polynesian Spinach salad, Tropical fruit salad, Vegetable fried rice, Beef stroganoff, Chicken Saltimboca, Honey glazed green beans, gourmet dessert! Please phone Joanne Cannella [860 531 8717](tel:8605318717) to reserve individual tickets or tables of 8. **Note change: Dinner begins 6:00. Doors open at 5:30.** Concert only ticket purchasers should arrive at 7:15 for 7:30 concert. There will be a cash bar (beer/wine) from 5:30-7 pm, since the Diocese has asked that parishes discontinue BYOB.

Photographs of the Nativity Scenes taken at the 2015 St. Andrew Passion Play have been transformed into "professional looking" Christmas cards. Cards are on display at the doors of the Church. They are available for sale after Masses.

St. Andrew Youth Group www.standrwym.org

Life Teen High School Youth
Sun. Nov. 15 Life Teen Mass 5pm, dinner & life night
Sun. Nov. 22 Life Teen Mass 5pm, dinner & life night

The Edge Middle School Youth Grades 6-8
Sat. Dec. 12 from 7pm to 9:15pm – snow date Dec. 19

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### CareNet Pregnancy Resource Center invites ladies of the parish to the **Annual Ladies Christmas Tea & Basket Raffle**

'Prolife Around the World'

Saturday November 21 from 11am to 1pm  
Admission is \$10 per adult  
\$5 per child ages 5-12  
Contact CareNet 860.449.0386  
[cyndy@carenetsect.org](mailto:cyndy@carenetsect.org)

### **Annual Christmas Auction & Basket Raffle**

St. Joseph School, Baltic  
Saturday December 5  
Doors open at 4:30pm Raffle 6:15pm  
Live Auction follows the raffle  
Fully loaded theme baskets, museum memberships, gift certificates, and much more!  
Dinner is hosted by the knights of Columbus starting at 5pm for \$5 per person. \$20 per family. For more information, please call 860.822.6141.

## Memory Page submission extended!

- 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 35<sup>th</sup> 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 15th; there is a folder in the sacristy to place them in.

Questions, contact Barbara at 860-642-7168 or [bobbi.w@charter.net](mailto:bobbi.w@charter.net).

Are you looking for a prayerful way to begin your Advent? The Sisters of Charity of Our Lady Mother of the Church will host **Solemn Vespers** at Holy Family Motherhouse Chapel, 54 West Main Street, Baltic on Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00pm. Vespers will be followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, after which a light supper will be served. All are welcome. For more information and to make a reservation for supper, please call Sister Mary Grace or Sister Joan Clare at 860.822.8241.

**Second Annual Toy Swap** We will be accepting donations of new or gently used, clean toys (books, puzzles, games, etc.) on Wednesday, December 9 from 3 pm – 6 pm at the Lebanon Community Center. Appointments can be made for other days/times.



The Toy Swap will be Friday Dec. 11 from 6-8pm at the Community Center.

**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.**

## Parish Bulletin E-mailed to You

***If you would like the parish bulletin emailed to you, a friend, or a college student away from home, e-mail the parish office a request to be put on the email list.***

**Parish Email address:  
[cheryl@stfrancisassisilebanonct.org](mailto:cheryl@stfrancisassisilebanonct.org)**

## MASS INTENTIONS

We have several open Masses during 2015. You may have a Mass said for a variety of intentions: for a deceased loved one, in celebration of a marriage, anniversary, birthday, in thanksgiving, for a special intention, for world peace, etc.

To request a Mass intention, please call Cheryl in the parish office during office hours.

## 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

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## Defending Our Religious Liberty Nov. 15, 2015

The U.S. Supreme Court has agreed to hear seven pending cases challenging the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) mandate to cover contraception, sterilization, and abortifacients. These cases include dozens of religious schools, universities, and charities, including the Little Sisters of the Poor, who run nursing homes across the country for the poor and elderly. Let us pray that the Court will rule in favor of our First Amendment rights.

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.