

**We are pleased and honored
To welcome you to
St. Francis of Assisi Parish**
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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday January 2, 2016 Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, bishop, doctors of the Church

4:00 PM Confession

5:00 PM For the people of the parish living & deceased
Sunday, January 3, 2016 Epiphany of the Lord.

8:00 AM Wanda Hofmann req. by Norm & Ella Mae Kuzel

10:30 AM Raoul Pomerleau req by his family

**Monday January 4, 2016 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, religious
NO MASS**

**Tuesday January 5, 2016 St. John Neumann, bishop
NO MASS**

**Wednesday January 6, 2016 St. Andre Bessette, religious
9:00 AM Louis Roccato req. by a friend**

**Thursday January 7, 2016 St. Raymond of Penyafort, priest
NO MASS**

Friday January 8, 2016 Christmas Weekday

9:00 AM Yolanda Roccato req. by a friend

Saturday January 9, 2016 Christmas Weekday

4:00 PM Confession

5:30 PM Mary Pudlo req. by the Ladies Guild

Sunday, January 10, 2016

8:00 AM Wanda Hofmann req. by Betsy Petrie & Roddy McComber

NO 10:30 AM MASS

Offertory 12/20: \$ 2,788.00

Offertory Christmas 12/25 & My Christmas Gift, Offertory 12/27 & Building Maintenance, Offertory 1/3/16 & monthly extraordinary to be reported January 10 due to early submissions of bulletins.

Second collection today 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 January 9 & 10

5:30pm Lector: Dick Lataille

Eucharistic Minister: Pam Flaherty

Altar Servers: Steven Bardes, Bradley Wiczorek

8:00am Lector: Rosanne Coffey

Eucharistic Minister: Peggy Stygar

Altar Servers: Anthony Pomerleau, Wayne Woodward

10:30am NO MASS

**Change in Mass Times:
January 9 & 10, 16 & 17, 23 & 24
Saturday 5:30pm Sunday 8:00am ONLY**

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 Bishop Michael R., Cote, Rev. Gerald Kirby, Rev. Martin Noe, Rev. Brian Maxwell, Rev. Walter Nagle, Rev. Justinian Rweyemamu, Rev. Joseph Tito, Rev. Tomasz Albrecht, Rev. William Olesik, Rev. Elson Kattookaran MS, Rev. Stephen Gulino, Msgr. Michael Donohue, Rev. Timothy Roth MIC. — May each day of this New Year bring our priests more good to do, more souls to save and more holy influence to spread around them by word and by deed. Father, we pray for our priests: for the sanctity of their souls and for perfect love, that they may be the voice of Christ. (Mother Catherine Aurelia, foundress)

We also pray for any priests who have left the ministry.

PAVING PLEDGE UPDATE

Pledges received to date total \$62,025.00.

Our goal is \$67,000.00.

If you have not yet pledged, extra pledge cards are available at the Church side entrance.

Trip to India with Fr. Ben

Pleasant time and Peaceful days with different cultures. South and North India. 12 days in October 2016. In south – St. Thomas tomb, Place of His martyrdom, Loudres of east basilica, Famous Hindu Temples, Cultural programs, Elephant rides on the Western Ghats Mountain. In the North- New Delhi, Agra Taj Mahal and famous Monuments and Jaipur beautiful palaces. More details will be in the coming month.

Additional Christmas flowers



in memory of the Carbone & Flanigan families, Steven Jurovaty, Richard & Louise Pratt, Ken & Tessie Walden, Norman Pellerin, Anthony & Margaret Combe, Peg & Stan Jusyk, Joseph Worth, Nancy Cavanna, deceased members of the Grecki & Sikora families.



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.

MEETINGS

Parish Advisory Council Wednesday January 6 @ 6:30pm

Knights of Columbus Thursday January 7 @ 7pm

Liturgy Committee Wednesday January 13 @ 6:30pm

East Catholic High School Make-up Exam for eighth graders who were unable to take the first exam... Saturday January 9th at 8am. Exam will be given at East Catholic High School, 115 State Road, Manchester, CT Pre-registration is recommended but not required. Non-refundable fee of \$25 is required. Questions: call 860.649.5336 x6238 or x6456.

Defending Our Religious Liberty Jan. 3, 2016

We must remember that when the Supreme Court rendered its decision about the federal health care mandate, it upheld it as a tax, and did not rule on the First Amendment aspect of the mandate. This is why the Supreme Court has agreed to hear seven cases challenging the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) mandate. Let us pray that when they hear these cases they preserve our right to religious freedom. 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.

ST. ANDREW YOUTH GROUP

Life Teen for high school youth Sun Jan. 3rd Mass followed by dinner and Adoration with Fr. Matt from Boston and worship leader Katie Kegler from New town.

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.

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.

PARISH GIVING

Did you know that you can have your weekly offering automatically sent to the parish with online banking automatic bill pay through your bank?



Some parishioners have requested this and we would like to offer this convenience to you.

No need to find your check book and write out a check.

No need to stop by the ATM.

No need to remember your weekly envelope.

You can choose how much and how often to give.

Your contributions would still be recorded for tax purposes.

BENEFITS FOR SAINT FRANCIS

Offertory becomes more stable.

No more missed offertory due to sickness, weather or vacation.

Expense for offertory envelope packets for those using online banking bill pay would be eliminated.

All you would need to do would be to contact your bank and ask to set up online banking and automatic bill pay.

Questions: Please contact Cheryl in the parish office at 860.642.6711