

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



**MASS
INTENTIONS**

Saturday January 9, 2016 Christmas Weekday
4:00 PM Confession
5:30 PM Mary Pudlo req. by the Ladies Guild
Sunday, January 10, 2016 Baptism of the Lord
8:00 AM Wanda Hofmann req. by Betsy Petrie & Roddy McComber
NO 10:30 AM MASS
Monday January 11, 2016 Weekday
NO MASS
Tuesday January 12, 2016 Weekday
NO MASS
Wednesday January 13, 2016 St. Hilary, bishop, doctor of the Church
9:00 AM Angela Collura req. by a friend
Thursday January 14, 2016 Weekday
NO MASS
Friday January 15, 2016 Weekday
9:00 AM Rose Collura req. by a friend
Saturday January 16, 2016 Blessed Virgin Mary
4:00 PM Confession
5:30 PM
Sunday, January 17, 2016 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 AM George Boudreau req. by Norm & Ella Mae Kuzel
NO 10:30 AM MASS

Offerory 12/25: \$ 2,396.85 Christmas Gift Parish: \$ 1381.00
Offerory 12/27: \$ 2026.25 Building & Maintenance: \$ 598.00
Solemnity of Mary: \$ 722.00
Offerory 1/3/16: \$ 2,171.00 Monthly Extraordinary: \$ 670.25

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 16 & 17
5:30pm Lector: JoAnn Hay
Eucharistic Minister: Jim Hay
Altar Servers: Grace Gardella, Elizabeth Spedalieri
8:00am Lector: Rick Kane
Eucharistic Minister: Gregg Lafontaine
Altar Servers: Jack & Christian Terwilliger
10:30am NO MASS

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

2015 Contributions statements available in the parish office.

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
Sgt. Chad Pellerin, U.S. Army Dubai

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.

Dear Parishioners,

I am very pleased to announce that through the generosity of The Hugh Leander Adams, Mary Trumbull Adams & Hugh Trumbull Adams Town Memorial Fund, we have received a grant of \$40,000.00 to be used toward finishing our paving project. We will receive the grant in two installments of \$20,000.00 per year and have received the first installment. We plan to complete the paving of the driveways during the summer.

Our parish is very fortunate to have received such a generous gift from The Hugh Leander Adams, Mary Trumbull Adams & Hugh Trumbull Adams Town Memorial Fund.

Through the prayers of our parishioners, God does provide.

What a tremendous beginning for 2016.

Fr. Mark

APOSTOLATE OF PRAYER Rev. William McCarthy MSA, Msgr. Richard LaRocque, Rev. Benjamin Soosaimanickam, Rev. Arthur Archer, Msgr. Thomas Bride, Rev. Edward Wisneski, Rev. Paul C. Boudreau, Rev. Thomas Ahern, Rev. John Gwudz, Rev. Mark Curesky OFM Cv, Rev. David Zercie MSA, Rev. Tadeusz Zadorozny. . — *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.

MEETINGS
Liturgy Committee Wednesday January 13 @ 6:30pm

PAVING PLEDGE UPDATE
Pledges received to date total \$64,025.00.
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.

Defending Our Religious Liberty Jan. 10, 2016
The Catholic Church needs to continue the fight for religious freedom so that she can promote a culture that is favorable to life from conception to natural death. 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

- Mass of Healing January 11th & 25th 2016 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.



THE ACADEMY OF THE HOLY FAMILY TOP LIFE CLUB PRESENTS PRO-LIFE CAFÉ ~ JANUARY 16, 2016

The Academy of the Holy Family Top Life Club is hosting a Pro-Life Café on Saturday, January 16, 2016 from 6:30-8:00 pm in Hanlon Hall at the Academy of the Holy Family, 54 West Main Street in Baltic. The evening includes entertainments presented by AHF students, talks, delicious food, and coffee. Please come to support AHF Top Life Club so we are able to bring our students to different conferences on Pro-Life topics and assist single moms who are most in need. Tickets purchased before January 4, 2016 are \$8.00 and tickets will be available at the door for \$10.00. RSVP before Monday, January 4, 2016 so we can plan for the event accordingly. If you are interested in participating with us in the entertainment or talks, please let us know. You can reach us by our emails or by phone at 860-822-9272 or 860-822-8241. Sister M. Kateri: skateri_history@ahfbaltic.org, Sister Mary Jane: smaryjane_math@ahfbaltic.org
Please join us in celebrating the gift of life.



Our CCD classes have begun their Project for Haiti. Our Goal: \$1250.00

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

The Lebanon Children's Clothing Wardrobe would like to thank the Lebanon Community for their continued generosity. The 2nd Annual Toy Swap was held on Friday, Dec 11 and 30 families participated. New toys were given to 92 children, and many more gently used toys were also chosen. A huge thank you goes out to the Lebanon Middle School (which collected over 140 sweatshirts that were made available the night of the Toy Swap) and The MOMS Club of Hebron, Columbia & Andover which donated toys to us from their recent toy swap collection. On Saturday, Dec 12, countless volunteers and The Lebanon Leos (under the guidance of Dick Tanger) helped moved the entire inventory of the LCCW out of the Lebanon Community Center and into the Redeemer Lutheran Church. We are excited about our new location at 328 Village Hill Rd, Lebanon.