

# *Divine Mercy Sunday*



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*Jesus I Trust In You*

**We are pleased and honored  
To welcome you to  
St. Francis of Assisi Parish**  
67 West Town Street, Lebanon, CT 06249  
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Rev. Mark Masnicki, Pastor  
Rev. Benjamin Soosaimanickam, Parochial Vicar  
Deacon Michael Puscas



**MASS  
INTENTIONS**

**Saturday April 2, 2016 Saturday within the Octave of Easter**

4:00 PM Confessions

5:00 PM Theresa Baran req. by her family

**Sunday, April 3, 2016 Sunday of Divine Mercy**

8:00 AM Nicholas Emil Kuzel req. by Norm & Ella Mae Kuzel

10:30 AM Dave & Edith Perotti req. by their family

3:00 – 4:00 PM Exposition of Blessed Sacrament at St.

Andrew Church in Colchester

**Monday April 4, 2016 The Annunciation of the Lord**

NO MASS

**Tuesday April 5, 2016 St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest**

NO MASS

**Wednesday April 6, 2016 Easter Weekday**

9:00 AM Anthony Jacobeno req. by Mackie Boone

**Thursday April 7, 2016 St. John Baptist de la Salle, priest**

NO MASS

**Friday April 8, 2016 Easter Weekday**

9:00 AM Jennifer & Robert Wheaton req. by family

**Saturday April 9, 2016 Easter Weekday**

4:00 PM Confessions

5:00 PM Theresa Baran req. by John Janowski

**Sunday, April 10, 2016 Third Sunday of Easter**

8:00 AM Robert Vos req. by the Palmer family

10:30 AM John Jr. Ziomek

Offertory Palm Sunday \$ 2,596.50  
Building Maintenance: \$ 658.50  
Offertory Easter: \$ Easter Priest: \$  
Today's weekend's second collection is for monthly  
extraordinary expenses.  
A very sincere thanks to all those parishioners who make-up  
their offertory while away.

**Every Thursday ~ Adoration at 8:30 ~ Rosary at 6:00 ~  
Benediction at 7:00pm.**

**Weekend of April 9 & 10**

5:00pm Lector: Dick Lataille

Eucharistic Minister: Pam Flaherty

Altar Servers: Steven Bardes, Bradley Wieczorek

8:00am Lector: Rosanne Coffey

Eucharistic Minister: Peggy Stygar

Altar Servers: Wayne Woodward

10:30am Lector: Greg Jones

Eucharistic Minister: Wally Gagnon

Altar Servers: Becca Chesters, Marianne Clippinger

**Meetings:**

**Knights of Columbus Meeting Thursday April 7 @  
7pm**

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

**Military Service Honor Roll**

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

1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Miles N. Snelgrove USMC 2<sup>nd</sup> Batt. 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

**APOSTOLATE OF PRAYER** — We pray for Our Holy Father, Rev. V. Antony Alaharasan, Rev. Paul Ramen, Rev. Christopher Zmuda, Rev. Joseph DeCosta, Rev. John Ashe, Rev. Thomas Hoar SSE, V. Rev. Ignatius Manfredonia FI, V. Rev. Douglas Mosey CSB, Rev. Richard Crawley OFM Cp, Msgr. Leszek Jani, and all priests. Father, recall to our priests that they hold between their hands the Most Precious Treasure of the Church: the Blood of the Sacred Victim. (Mother Catherine Aurelia, foundress)  
We also pray for any priests who have left the ministry.

**OLD PHOTOS/VIDEOS OF THE  
ROUTE 87 CHURCH WANTED!!**



In two years St. Francis will celebrate 75 years in Lebanon and the memories of the Route 87 church are slowly fading.

Do you have old photos of the Route 87 church? Inside or outside photos are appreciated.

Baptisms, First Communion, Confirmation, weddings of yourself or other members of your family?

Do you have old video of any of these occasions?

Please contact Barbara at 860-642-7168,

[bobbie.w@charter.net](mailto:bobbie.w@charter.net) if you have any to share.

Copies or originals are accepted and originals will be copied and returned.

If possible, please supply date and identify people in the photos.

**THE NEXT WOMEN'S ACTS RETREAT WEEKEND FOR ST. ANDREW, ST. FRANCIS & ST. PATRICK CHURCH WILL TAKE PLACE ON APRIL 14-17** at the newly renovated Immaculata Retreat Center in Willimantic. We invite all women to consider making this beautiful life-changing retreat. This is a three day, 3 night Catholic lay Retreat presented by women who have attended prior ACTS retreats. Retreat activities focus on Adoration, Community, Theology, and Service with the goals of renewing yourself spiritually and strengthening your faith and its application to your daily life, and to create lasting and supporting friendships. The cost of the retreat is \$230.00. Registration forms are located at the entrances to the Church. Please call Karen Bouley Director) @ 860.334.7090, or Virginia Hurlbert (Co-Director) @ 860.803.4220 (Retreat Director) @ 860.614.3901, Tracy London (Co- **Director** with any questions you may have. Registration forms are also available on the [www.actsct.org](http://www.actsct.org) website.

### **Holy Family Summer Camp 2016** **Theme: Oceans of Mercy**

The Sisters of Charity of our Lady Mother of the Church are having their annual Summer Camp from July 28-July 31 located at Holy Family Motherhouse in Baltic, CT. The Camp is for girls from ages 11-15. Come join us for a wonderful spiritual experience and lots of fun! Contact Sister Mary Kathleen, SCMC at 860.423.5122 or [smarykathleen@gmail.com](mailto:smarykathleen@gmail.com) or Sister Rafael, SCMC at 860.822.8241. All forms are on our website: [www.sistersofcharity.com](http://www.sistersofcharity.com) God Bless you and we hope that the Ocean of Christ's Mercy fills you with peace and joy.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH**

- ❖ **Eucharistic Holy Hour for Vocations** March 31 at St. Philip the Apostle in Ashford from 6-7pm
- ❖ **Mass of Healing and Individual Prayer:** Mondays, April 11th at 2:00PM Spiritual Renewal Center, 11 Bath Street, Norwich, CT (860-887-0702)
- ❖ **Charismatic Prayer Meeting:** Every Tuesday at 2:00pm Prayer, Praise and Worship the Lord Jesus! Spiritual Renewal Center, 11 Bath Street, Norwich, CT (860-887-0702)
- ❖ **Prayer Group Mass** will be held at St. Joseph Church, Rockville at 7:30 on April 6th. Sponsored by Life in the Spirit Prayer Group.
- ❖ **Marriage Preparation Classes for Engaged Couples:** Registration is currently underway for *God's Plan for a Joy-Filled Marriage*, a three-session marriage preparation class to be held Friday nights, **April 8, 15, 22, 2016**, from 6:30 to 9 P.M. at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, 10 Elm St., Middletown. For more information about the class or to register, call the Catholic Family Services Office at **860-848-2237, ext. 306**. The cost is \$60 per couple.
- ❖ Please join the Most Reverend Michael R. Cote D.D. on Saturday April 9<sup>th</sup> at the Mystic Marriott in Groton CT to celebrate **Catholic Charities 95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala**. The evening begins with a Silent Auction and Dinner. We will honor the following individuals: Humanitarian of the Year: Meg Gustafson; Community Servants of the Year: Willimantic Advisory Board; Honoring our Heritage Award: Jacqueline Keller and Catholic Charities Employee of the Year: Therese Fontaine. Tickets are \$100 if purchased before March 18 (\$125 after). Proceeds from this event allows Catholic Charities to continue our mission of providing services for our neighbors most in need in Eastern CT. To purchase tickets, contact Christine Jackel @ 860.886.1928 x12 or e-mail [cjackel@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:cjackel@norwichdiocese.net)

- ❖ **WORKSHOP** Life is Changed, Not Ended: How to Prepare a Funeral Saturday, April 9, 2016 at St. Catherine of Siena Parish, 243 Route 164 Preston, CT 06365 Registration at 8:45 AM. Program from 9:15 to 1 PM. Fee: \$10 For more information go to [www.norwichdiocese.org](http://www.norwichdiocese.org) Or call 860-848-2237x203 Registration forms on entrance tables of Church.
- ❖ Women of all ages are invited to enhance their journey of faith and build community by attending the Annual Women's Conference on Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am – 3:30pm at St. Bernard's High School. The day begins with Mass celebrated by Bishop Michael Cote, followed by the talented author and Blogger Kathy Irr to dazzle us, a catered lunch, reconciliation, and adoration. It is a great day for women's growth and faith life, so register today by contacting the Office of Faith Events – Marge Vanner at (860)848-2237 ex. 312 or [faithevents@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:faithevents@norwichdiocese.net).
- ❖ **April Day of Recollection** with Ms. Kathy Irr @ Enders Island, Mystic, CT. Begins Wednesday April 13 at 10:00am. "Get Out of the Boat". [www.endersisland.com](http://www.endersisland.com) 860.536.0565 **Retrouaille: Is your marriage tearing you apart? Is there little or no meaningful communication? Are you considering separation or divorce? For serious marriage building and repair: Retrouaille is a lifeline.** At a **Retrouaille** weekend couples are given tools to re-establish communication, work on their issues, gain new insights and heal. The weekend is presented by three married couples and a priest. A series of 6 post sessions follow the weekend phase. For more information or to sign up for the next weekend on **April 15** in the Hartford area, call 413-525-1634 or visit the Website at [www.retrouaille.org](http://www.retrouaille.org).
- ❖ You are invited to our **9<sup>th</sup> Annual Gala**, to be held April 23, 2016 at Great Neck Country Club, Waterford, CT. Reception at 6:00pm followed by dinner (4 menu options). Live and silent auction! MC's will be Fox 61 personalities John Charlton and Lorenzo Hall. Live entertainment during reception. For more details or to order tickets, see our website at [www.outreachtohaiti.org](http://www.outreachtohaiti.org), or call 860-887-1019 x817.
- ❖ **Eucharistic Holy Hour for Vocations** April 28 at St. Mary Star of the Sea in New London 7-8pm.

### **Trip to Incredible India**



12 days from October 16<sup>th</sup> to 27 -2016 South and North India. 12 days in October 2016. In south – St. Thomas the apostle's 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, famous monuments and Jaipur beautiful palaces. It includes all breakfast, lunches dinners and all entrance fees, and air tickets, and visa cost.

Cost \$ 3450.00 per person from New York double occupancy  
Hosted by Fr. Benjamin Soosaimanickam  
St. Andrew Church, Colchester  
For more information:  
Contact Fr. Benjamin 860.537.2355  
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**Holy Family Retreat Center, West Hartford.  
[www.holyfamilyretreat.org](http://www.holyfamilyretreat.org) 860-760-9705**

- ✓ Saturday, Apr 9, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. The Forgiveness Prayer, with Mary Dwyer. Come discover this prayer practice that opens the practitioner to God's presence and action and grace. \$65, includes lunch.
- ✓ Wednesday, Apr 20, 6-9 p.m. This Changes Everything: Laudato Si, Our Planet, and Our Common Future, with Patrick Carolan. A discussion of what the Pope's groundbreaking encyclical means to us as individuals, as a Church, and as a global family. Includes an engaging presentation and a prayer service for peace with musicians from Holy Family's music ministry. \$40, includes dinner.



**The Cross of Mercy** will be displayed for the entire Year of Mercy. The purpose of the Cross is to provide all our parishioners the opportunity to display their Works of Mercy. As you perform a Work of Mercy we ask you to write it down on the cards provided and using a push pin attach it to the Cross. The cards should be nameless. Cards, push

pins and pencils will be provided. Let's be mindful of the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy.

A great Act of Mercy would be to contribute to the Happy House project for Haiti in support of the catechism classes. Containers are available at both entrances.

Our annual gift of seeds will take place at all Masses on Divine Mercy Sunday. Packets of beans, squash, peas, pumpkins, & cucumbers will be available for parishioners to take.



**It's Time  
for the  
Garden**

## *Jubilee Year of Mercy*

### Corporal Works of Mercy

- To feed the hungry
- To give drink to the thirsty
- To clothe the naked
- To shelter the homeless
- To care for the sick
- To visit the imprisoned
- To bury the dead

### Spiritual Works of Mercy

- To convert sinners
- To instruct the ignorant
- To advise the doubtful
- To comfort the sorrowful
- To bear wrongs patiently
- To forgive injuries
- To pray for the living and the dead

### Defending Our Religious Liberty April 3, 2016

Critics who say the Catholic Church is against universal health care are misinformed. The Catholic Church is founded on the Corporal Works of Mercy and helping others. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has always advocated for health care. The Catholic Church is opposing the health care mandate, because it violates the First Amendment, which is supposed to safeguard freedom of religion.

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 state representatives. Let them know that the mandate is in violation of our First Amendment right to religious freedom.

### 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)**

## 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

## DIAL 2-1-1

Is your child in crisis?

Do you need immediate help with:

- A child who is angry and out of control?
- A child who is destroying property, breaking the law, or doing things that are life threatening?
- A child who is threatening to hurt him/herself or others?
- Any behavioral crisis involving a youth?

**DIAL 2-1-1 to get help NOW!**

**0You will be connected with EMPS – Crisis Intervention Services...a toll free confidential service connecting people to the health and human services they need. Staffed with counselors that are available immediately, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, in person or by phone. Helps resolve behavioral or emotional crises, at home, in school, wherever help is needed.**

**EMPS is a program funded by the State of Connecticut in partnership with United Way of Connecticut 2-1-1. [www.empsect.org](http://www.empsect.org)**



## Our CCD Project for Haiti.

**You can help a build a Happy House!**

Every contribution helps.

**OUR GOAL: \$ 1,250.00.**

**Collected to date 915.30**

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.**

Any extra funds collected will be used to purchase chickens, goats, or pigs.

**Divine Mercy Chaplet** We will begin reciting the Chaplet of Divine Mercy on Fridays beginning April 1<sup>st</sup> following the 9 A.M. Mass. Please join us.

## HOW TO PRAY THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

### Optional Opening Prayer

You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world.

O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.

*(Repeat 3 times)* O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in You!

### Our Father, Hail Mary and the Apostle's Creed

**For each of the five decades** *(On each "Our Father" bead of the rosary, pray)*

Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

*(On each of the 10 "Hail Mary" beads, pray)*

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

### Concluding prayer *(Repeat 3 times)*

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

### Optional Closing Prayer

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.

## SEEKING - PARISH ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Consideration for candidates to the Parish Advisory Council shall be by Letter of Intent.

- (a) Active parishioners are eligible.
- (b) Parishioners may nominate any interested parishioner, including themselves.
- (c) Must be a Roman Catholic.
- (d) Must be a practicing Catholic in accordance of Canon Law.
- (e) Must be Confirmed (meaning, has received the Sacrament of Confirmation).

A parishioner desiring to serve on the Parish Advisory Council should be nominated by making his or her interest known to the Pastor. The Pastor will verify and confirm that such individual is eligible and is a Catholic in good standing.



*Our Easter Flowers  
are donated in Memory of*

M/M Isidore Wengloski  
Joyce Wengloski  
John Kane  
Chester & Isabelle Stygar  
Charles Garthwait  
Constance Arseneault  
Roy Showalter  
Mark Showalter  
Fran Nichols  
Theresa Baran  
Bette Rovers  
Maurice Pelletier  
Dave & Edith Perotti  
Jennifer & Bob Chesters  
Viatuer Morin  
Antoni Gutowski  
Those who died in service of our country  
Marion Jones  
Colin Shaughnessy  
Mikki Viellieux  
Nancy Cavanna  
Stanley Dudar  
Stanley & Josephine Misinsky  
Regina Boisvert  
Nicholas Wengloski  
Marcy & Kent Werner  
Peg & Stan Jusyk  
Richard Chalifoux  
Pat Spedaliere  
Arthur Perazzini

Paul Wengloski  
M/M Kazmierz Wieczorek  
Robert & Margaret O'Neill  
Henry & Mary Malinowski  
For a special intention  
William & Margaret Fries  
Katherine Macht  
Janet Gagnon  
Virginia C. O'Mara  
Bill Brewster  
Carolyn Sharpe  
Rita E. DeCaprio  
Robert Wheaton  
Henry Dabkowski  
Claire Morin  
Steven Jurovaty  
Irene Brown  
Andrew Drzyzdzyk  
Julian Colelli  
Grandma Jones  
Michael Campbell  
John & Barbara Cwikla  
Catherine Fritz  
Richard & Louise Pratt  
Fern Gardner  
Raymond III  
Joe Worth  
Paul & Josephine Mathieu  
All our deceased friends  
Helen Brannan

*Deceased Members of the:*

Kalinowski family  
Medeiros family  
Lataille family  
Dyer family  
Anastasio family  
Leone family  
Desmarais family  
Pelletier family  
Paris family  
Schnell family  
Hull family  
Armstrong family  
Coutu family  
Clinch family

Oliveira family  
Brisson family  
Foley family  
Adamcewicz family  
Albrecht family  
Ciarcia family  
Cherhoniak family  
Getman family  
Pozarycki family  
Parker family  
Nejako family  
Ernest Bastien family  
Clark family  
Kuzel family

Olenick family  
Sikora Family  
Grecki family  
Elliott family  
Ancona family  
Kulynyck family  
Dudar family



*This year's Pascal Candle has been very generously donated with the intention of increasing fellowship during this Year of Mercy.*

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Eighth Grade Year of Mercy Project  
Third Corporal Work of Mercy ~ Clothe the Naked

## Clothing Drive



Our Eighth Grade along with our CCD classes are joining with the Lebanon Children's Clothing Wardrobe to collect gently used children's clothing for local families. We are looking for children's clothing sizes newborn through high school.

Please bring your donations with your children to CCD classes on Sunday April 3 & 10.

A box will be available for your donations at CCD and at the side entrance of Church.

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Parishioners are invited to join Father Brian Maxwell, missionary of mercy on the **Holy Year of Mercy Pilgrimage to the Shrines of Eastern Canada.**

September 5-10, 2016

\$1295

From Norwich, CT

Including Basilica of St Anne de Beaupre, Holy Doors of the Cathedral of Notre Dame de Quebec, Shrine of Saint Anne de Beaupre, Shrine of Our Lady of the Cape, Saint Joseph's Oratory & more.

Daily Mass at the Holy Sites

Information flyer may be found at Church entrances.