

**We are pleased and honored  
To welcome you to  
St. Francis of Assisi Parish**  
67 West Town Street, Lebanon, CT 06249  
Telephone: 860.642.6711 Fax: 860.642.4032  
www.stfrancisassislebanonct.parishesonline.com  
Rev. Mark Masnicki, Pastor  
Rev. Benjamin Soosaimanickam, Parochial Vicar  
Deacon Michael Puscas



**MASS  
INTENTIONS**

**Saturday April 23, 2016 St. George, martyr; St. Adalbert,  
bishop, martyr**

4:00 PM Confessions

5:00 PM Theresa Baran req. by the Olsewski family

**Sunday, April 24, 2016 Fifth Sunday of Easter**

8:00 AM Richard Pratt req. by his family

10:30 AM Arthur Choquette req. by his family

**Monday April 25, 2016 St. Mark, evangelist**

NO MASS

**Tuesday April 26, 2016 Easter Weekday**

NO MASS

**Wednesday April 27, 2016 Easter Weekday**

9:00 AM Rev. Bruce Quinn OFM Cap

**Thursday April 28, 2016 St. Peter Chanel, priest, martyr; St.**

**Louis Grignion de Montfort, priest**

NO MASS

**Friday April 29, 2016 St. Catherine of Siena, virgin, doctor of  
the Church**

9:00 AM Jennifer Chesters req. by her family

9:30 AM Chaplet of Divine Mercy

**Saturday April 30, 2016 St. Pius V, pope**

4:00 PM Confessions

5:00 PM Bill Brewster req. by his family

**Sunday, May 1, 2016 Sixth Sunday of Easter**

8:00 AM John & Mary Clinch req. by Norm & Ella Mae Kuzel

10:30 AM Virginia Hartley req. by the Palmer family

Offertory: \$ 2,082.00

Today's second collection is for building & maintenance.

Next weekend's second collection is for the Seminary.

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 30 & May 1**

5:00pm Lector: Anne Staebner

Eucharistic Minister: Jim Hay

Altar Servers: Steve Bardes, Bradley Wiczorek

8:00am Lector: Ella Mae Kuzel

Eucharistic Minister: Betsey Petrie

Altar Servers: Christian & Jack Terwilliger

10:30am Lector: Paul Pelletier

Eucharistic Minister: Wally Gagnon

Altar Servers: Erika Densman, Anna Campbell

**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

Airman Emerson Flannery, U.S. Navy

**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 Rev. George Villamthanam CST, Rev. Grzegorz Brozonowicz, Rev. Izydor Sadowski SDB, Rev. Edward Konopka, Rev. Martin Jones, Rev. John Welch MS, Rev. Michael Smith, Rev. Kevin Reilly, Rev. Anthony Gruber, Rev. Russell Kennedy, V. Rev. Dennis Perkins, Rev. Gregory Galvin, Rev. Roger Lamoureux OMI, Rev. Thomas Sickler MS. 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.



- ✓ Sunday May 1 Children's Mass Grades K & 6 helping @ 10:30am. Refreshments following Mass in the Meeting Room.
- ✓ Monday May 2 First Confession for the second grade class @ 6pm
- ✓ Wednesday May 4 Parish Advisory Council @ 6:30pm
- ✓ Thursday May 5 Knights of Columbus @ 7pm
- ✓ Friday May 6 First Holy Communion Rehearsal @ 6pm
- ✓ First Holy Communion Saturday May 7 @ 10:30am
- ✓ Living Rosary Sunday May 8 @ 9am meeting at the Rosary Path at the Parish House
- ✓ Liturgy Committee Wednesday May 11 @ 6:30am

**Trip to Incredible India**



12 days from October 16<sup>th</sup> to 27 - 2016  
 South and North India.  
 Cost: \$ 3,450.00 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  
 Email- benjaminvin@yahoo.com.

**Citizen of the Year Nomination**

Nominations for the 2016 Lebanon Citizen of the Year Award are being sought. This award was established by the Lebanon Bicentennial Commission and was first presented in 1974. His award is presented to an individual of good character who has made significant volunteer contributions to the community; this may include time volunteered to clubs, organizations, churches and hospitals. Any person who wishes to submit a nomination may pick up or request a nomination form from the Office of the First Selectman, Lebanon Town Hall, or download it from the web at: [www.lebanonct.gov](http://www.lebanonct.gov). Nominations will be accepted up until Monday, May 16, 2016 at 4:00pm and may be mailed or delivered by hand in a **sealed envelope clearly marked "Citizen of the Year Nomination"** to the Lebanon Town Hall, Office of the First Selectman, 579 Exeter Road, Lebanon, CT 06249. **Original signatures are required on the nomination forms or letters.** The Lebanon Citizen of the Year will be chosen by ballot by the Town's past recipients of the award. The name will be announced during the ceremonies following the Memorial Day Parade on May 28, 2016. In the event of inclement weather and the parade is cancelled, the ceremony will be held at the Lyman Memorial High School gymnasium beginning at 10am. There is no rain date.

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 Mother's Day cards with Mass intention requests are available at the entrances of Church. Please return the request as soon as possible. Your intentions will be remembered in the Masses on Mother's Day.



**Youth Group ([www.standrewym.org](http://www.standrewym.org))**  
**Life Teen High School youth Ministry Gr. 8-12.**  
**Sun. April 24 5pm Life Teen Mass followed by 1st annual parents Life Night**  
 Meeting @ St. Andrew Church.



**Our CCD Project for Haiti Ends Today**  
**OUR GOAL: \$ 1,250.00.**  
**Collected to date 1,293.09**

Our CCD children wish to thank everyone who has contributed towards their goal. May 1 the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class will walk the Green to earn pledge amounts they have collected to be added to our goal.

All ladies of the Parish are invited to the **61<sup>st</sup> Norwich Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Annual Convention** Saturday May 14<sup>th</sup> at St. Andrew's Church, Colchester. Be the Voice of Catholic Women: *Sowers of Hope*. The day begins at 9 a.m. with coffee and registration and goes until 2:30. The keynote speaker is Rev. Brian Maxwell, Spiritual Advisor for the NDCCW and Missionary of Mercy appointed by Bishop Michael Cote. A celebration of the Eucharist with Bishop Cote and lunch will follow. \$25.00 includes lunch and materials. The deadline to register is May 2, 2016. Registration forms can be found at the church entrances.

**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER:** You are invited to come and pray for God's protection and healing for our country. **Meeting at the Flagpole on the Lebanon Green** during either of two times on May 5th at 7am and/or 5pm. Each hour long event is on a drop-in basis...please come and go as your schedule dictates.

**NEW One-Day-Retreat!** (Saturday, May 21, 2016)  
(8:45am – 5:00pm includes 4:15 Sat. Vigil Mass)

In this hands-on, practical retreat; you will learn how to build a personal relationship with Christ, how God speaks through the bible and catechism, and how we can speak to God and listen to God every day!

Cost of \$45 includes coffee and donuts and a buffet lunch. Speakers are ACTS teammates (Dan Leone: prior retreat director & his wife Debbie, Dom Marrara & Bill Ziegenhagen both past ACTS leaders) and Tony Coscia and Fr. Bill McCarthy. Open to all men & woman (age 13 plus, with adult supervision).

There will be time for audience questions and answers.

Register at My Father's House; 39 N Moodus Rd; Moodus, CT 06469, Tel. 860-873-1906 or at mfh.moodus@gmail.com

### **Holy Family Summer Camp 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 or Sister Rafael, SCMC at 860.822.8241. All forms are on our website: www.sistersofcharity.com God Bless you and we hope that the Ocean of Christ's Mercy fills you with peace and joy.

### **ST. ANDREW CHOIR'S 8<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MULTI-FAMILY TAG SALE**



Are you getting spring fever?? It's that time of year again...when the St. Andrew Choir holds their Giant Indoor Annual Multi-Family Tag Sale. The date is Saturday, May 7th from 8:30 AM to 2:00 PM in the church hall on Norwich Avenue in Colchester. Table rentals are \$20 and you will be provided with (2) six foot tables. Space is limited so please call early to reserve your spot. The hall will be open on Friday, May 6th for table set-up. Weather permitting, you can also set up outside if you choose. We will also be taking donations (housewares, books, toys, sporting, antiques/collectables, jewelry, small furniture) from the community as the choir will be renting a space to sell these items. All proceeds from these sales go right back into the Colchester community Food & Fuel Bank Programs. All donations are tax deductible. These items can be brought to the church hall on May 6th as well. For further information about donations and/or tag sale rental forms, please contact Carol at 860-303-1842 or Addie at 860-267-2968. Hope to see you there!!

Thank you, The St. Andrew Choir

**Beginning Experience Retreat Weekend** for divorced, widowed, or separated. This weekend is designed for those who wish to resolve the pain and grief of losing the marriage relationship and create a more peace-filled future.

May 13 -15 at the Archdiocesan Center at St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield, CT. The weekend fee is \$235 per person, which includes the program and materials, all meals on Saturday and Sunday and two night's stay. For more information and an application for yourself or for a friend, please call 860.993.7866 or 845.373.8202.

[www.beginningexperience.org/connecticut](http://www.beginningexperience.org/connecticut)

### **Gołabki (Stuffed Cabbage) Dinner at St. Joseph Church, 120 Cliff St. Norwich!**

Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 to 6:30pm, St. Joseph Church will be sponsoring a traditional Gołabki dinner. Full meal; 2 Gołabki, mashed potatoes, green beans, dinner roll, drink and dessert! Adults \$9.00, Senior/Child, 1 Gołabki \$7.00. Pre-orders tray of 8 Gołabki for \$12.00 are now being taken, please call Kasia at 860-608-3545 or Kathy at 860-889-6921. Bring your family and friends and join us in the church hall.

The Sisters of Charity of Our Lady Mother of the Church invite girls in 2nd and 3rd grades to our Share-A-Day with the Sisters From 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at Holy Family Motherhouse in Baltic, CT. This special day features a May Crowning by the girls and includes recreation, talks, activities and prayers with the Sisters. Please R.S.V.P. by May 11th. Respond or contact for more information to Sister Mary Jacinta. Telephone (860)822-8241 or email srmaryjacinta@gmail.com or write to Holy Family Motherhouse, PO Box 691, Baltic, CT 06330. Hope to see you there!

### **Golf Tournament**

On Friday, June 17, 2016, the Baltic Knights of Columbus are sponsoring the SJS Golf Tournament, a charity Golf event to benefit St. Joseph Catholic School in Baltic, CT. It will be held at Mohegan Sun Golf Course, includes golf, cart, prizes, lunch & dinner. 11:30 BBQ Lunch & Registration 1:00 PM Shotgun Start Tee Off 6:00 PM Dinner, Awards & Silent Auction Sponsorship opportunities also available...it promises to be a great event for the school and the community. For more information, to make a donation or to register for the June 17th SJS Charity Golf Tournament please go to: www.kofcbaltic.org or call 860-576-0714

We look forward to seeing you there and we THANK YOU for your support!!!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

- ❖ **Charismatic Prayer Meeting** every Tuesday at 2 PM  
Spiritual Renewal Center.
- ❖ **Mass of Healing and Individual Prayer:** Monday, April 25th and May 9th at 1:00PM Spiritual Renewal Center, 11 Bath Street, Norwich, CT (860-887-0702)
- ❖ **Free Parenting Webinar** -- A free one-hour webinar entitled **Parenting in a Sexualized Culture** is being hosted by the Religious Alliance Against Pornography, an ecumenical/interreligious group with Catholic participation through the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Secretariat of Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth. The webinar will provide useful advice, strategies, and biblical understanding for parents, grandparents and all who minister to children to help them thrive in a sexualized, digitized age. The dates for the webinar are **Thursday, April 21 at 12 P.M.**, and **Tuesday, April 26 at 9 P.M.** Free registration is available at <http://bit.ly/ParentingWebinar> For more information, contact the Catholic Family Services Office at 860-848-2237, ext. 306.
- ❖ You are invited to our **9th 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.
- ❖ **24-30 is National Infertility Awareness Week.** The Creighton Model Fertility Care System, which is based on our Catholic faith, provides new hope for couples who are going through the experience of infertility or low fertility. Not only does this system inform couples of when they are most fertile, it also aids in identifying factors that may be contributing to infertility. For more information, please contact Jennifer Tress at 860-466-9612 or [jen.tress@gmail.com](mailto:jen.tress@gmail.com).
- ❖ **Eucharistic Holy Hour for Vocations** April 28 at St. Mary Star of the Sea in New London 7-8pm.
- ❖ A Life in the Spirit will be offered at Immaculata Retreat House in Willimantic on Monday May 2 at 7 pm. This is a DVD series which will run for 7 weeks. Contact is John Bass 860-642-6547. All are welcomed.
- ❖ **Summer Programs at Mercy High School:** Register at [www.mercyhigh.com](http://www.mercyhigh.com)
  - **Higher Achievement Program for girls rising to 7th & 8th grades.** Academic Skills, sports, crafts, robotics, arts, community service. Monday July 11 – Friday July 22 9am – 3pm
  - **Theater Arts Program for girls rising to 6th through 9th grades.** Creative and interactive musical theater experience that will focus on Musical Theater performance, special effects, makeup, and costuming. Monday July 18-Friday July 22 9am-3pm.
  - **2016 Basket Ball Clinic for girls rising to 5th through 9th grades.** Monday July 25-Friday July 29 9am-12 noon.
  - **2016 Soccer Clinic for girls rising to 5th through 9th grades.** Monday July 18-Thursday July 21 5pm-7pm



## PLANT SALE

*Sponsored By*

Lebanon Knights of  
Columbus #9653

**Saturday May 21**

**From 9am – 6pm**

**And Sunday May 22**

**From 9am to 3pm.**

**The Knights will be selling**

**flower plants ~ veggie plants ~ shrubs ~  
and more! Also large Raffle table with many  
great items.**

**HELD AT: St. Francis of Assisi Church  
67 West Town St., Lebanon, Ct.**

**Our Ladies Guild will also be there selling  
baked goods.**

**Catholic Charities, Diocese of Norwich is actively looking for a Finance Manager.** The individual is responsible for the Agency's financial management functions including the bookkeeping and accounting, accounts receivable and accounts payable, billing and payroll functions. The Finance Manager will prepare monthly financial reports as well as grant proposals. Strong financial accounting and non-profit background desired. BA in accounting preferred. Resume, cover letter, salary requirements and the contact information for three professional references should be sent to: Edward J. Tessman, Catholic Charities Diocese of Norwich at [EdwardTessman@ccfsn.org](mailto:EdwardTessman@ccfsn.org)

### *A Gift for the Family*

**Tuesday May 17  
Lebanon Senior Center  
12:45pm (after lunch)**

**Join us in a discussion lead by the local Clergy on  
how to prepare your final arrangements.**

- ✓ **How to start the conversation with your family**
- ✓ **Wills**
- ✓ **Advanced Directives**
- ✓ **Service Planning**

**Invited guests include the Town of Lebanon Sexton,  
Cremation Society of Connecticut, Attorneys Renee &  
Tim Wentworth and local Clergy members.**

**Join us for lunch (12pm, \$4) or just stop by. Please  
call 860.642.3040 to save a spot for lunch.**



Knights of Columbus, Council 9653  
**MOTHERS DAY BREAKFAST**

Sunday, May 1, 2016

8:00am to 11:00am

Fire Safety Complex

Goshen Hill Road, Lebanon, CT

**BUFFET STYLE**

**As Always, Mothers are half price**



**Please join the CCD classes for a Living Rosary Sunday May 8th at 9:00am on the St. Francis of Assisi Rosary Path by the Marianne Jean Fortin Parish House. In case of inclement weather the Rosary will be said inside the Church.**

ENDERS ISLAND PROGRAMS, located at 1 Enders Island, Mystic, CT. For details and/or to register call 860.536.0565

- Mural Painting Workshop with Chady Elias begins Sunday May 1 at 7pm
- May Day of Recollection with Sr. Eugenia Brady, SJC begins Wednesday May 11 at 10am.
- Deacon Couples Retreat with Deacon Michael & Mary Frances Berstene begins Friday May 13 at 7pm
- Calligraphy Workshop with Valerie Weilmuenster begins Sunday May 15 at 7pm

My Father's House Retreat Center ~ 39 N Moodus Road, Moodus. For reservations, call Dottie @ 860.873.1906...**A Day of Prayer with Host Marty Rotella.** \$40 including Mass & Lunch. April 30 from 9am – 3pm.

Make-up Entrance exam – East Catholic High School for eighth graders. May 5<sup>th</sup> at 8am. Pre-registration recommended but not required. Non-refundable fee of \$25. Call admissions office at 860.649.5336 X6238 or x6456.

A LIFE IN THE SPIRIT will be offered at Immaculata Retreat House in Willimantic on Monday May 7, 7:00 pm. This is a DVD series which will run for 7 weeks. Contact is John Bass 860-642-6547. All are welcomed.

**Defending Our Religious Liberty April 24, 2016**

The government continues to try to fine the Little Sisters of the Poor while exempting plans covering tens of millions of people. One in three Americans does not have a plan covered by this mandate. The government exempted large corporations like Exxon and Pepsi and its own health care plans for military families and the disabled. This means that over 100 million Americans are outside of the mandate. Then, why can't religious organizations be exempt as well?

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.