

**We are pleased and honored**

**To welcome you to**

**St. Francis of Assisi Parish**

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Deacon Michael Puscas



**MASS  
INTENTIONS**

**Saturday May 14, 2016 St. Matthias, apostle**

4:00 PM Confessions

5:00 PM Theresa Baran req. by M/M William Molnar

**Sunday, May 15, 2016 Pentecost Sunday**

8:00 AM Paul Smart req. by the Bosse family

10:30 AM JoAnne Pomerleau req. by her family

**Monday May 16, 2016 Weekday**

NO MASS

**Tuesday May 17, 2016 Weekday**

NO MASS

**Wednesday May 18, 2016 St. John I, pope, martyr**

9:00 AM Dom Jacobeno req. by Mackie Boone

**Thursday May 19, 2016 Weekday**

NO MASS

**Friday May 20, 2016 St. Bernardine of Siena, priest**

9:00 AM Dave & Edith Perotti req. by their family

9:30 AM Chaplet of Divine Mercy

**Saturday May 21, 2016 St. Christopher Magallanes, priest & companions, martyrs**

4:00 PM Confessions

5:00 PM Rose Miller req. by the Ladies Guild

**Sunday, May 22, 2016 Most Holy Trinity**

8:00 AM Aurora Eusebio Estrella req. by the Coutu & Kuzel families

10:30 AM Janet Gagnon req. by her family

Offertory: \$ 2406.15

Monthly Extraordinary: \$ 595.00

Ascension: \$ 223.60

Next weekend's second collection is for Building & Maintenance. 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 May 21 & 22**

5:00pm Lector: Dick Lataille

Eucharistic Minister: Sharon Nejako

Altar Servers: Steve Bardes, C. J. Frank,  
Bradley Wiczorek

8:00am Lector: Jim Dyer

Eucharistic Minister: Norm Kuzel

Altar Servers: Anthony & Emily Pomerleau  
Wayne Woodward

10:30am Lector: Paul Pelletier

Eucharistic Minister: Wally Gagnon

Altar Servers: Becca Chesters, Marienne Clippinger



**Wedding Banns //**

*Roddy McComber & Betsy Petrie*

*Adam Lafontaine & Denisse Tafur*

**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 Our Holy Father, Rev. Jose Rizal DiMapilis OP, Rev. James Thaikootathil, Rev. Richard Ricard, Rev. James Sucholet, Rev. Christopher Feeney, V. Rev. Michael Phillippino, Rev. Gerald Kirby, Rev. Martin Noe, Rev. Brian Maxwell, Rev. Walter Nagle, Rev. Justinian Rweyemamu, Rev. Joseph Tito. Mary Immaculate...we know you are blessing our priests. Dear Mother, cover with your material mantle those whom Jesus has honored with the authority and dignity of His priesthood. (Mother Catherine Aurelia, foundress)

**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.

**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](mailto: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](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.

**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](http://www.kofcbaltic.org) or call 860-576-0714 We look forward to seeing you there and we THANK YOU for your support!!!

### **Evening for Parents Wednesday, May 25, 6-9 p.m.,**

*Parenting Upstream: How to Live a Faith-Filled Family Life in the Face of a "Throwaway Culture,"* with Liza and Ben Peters. Explore how to live out the Catholic vocation of parenthood in the midst of the messiness of raising a family. \$40 per person/ \$60 per couple - **includes dinner**. Call to register - 860-760-9705 or register online at [www.holyfamilyretreat.org](http://www.holyfamilyretreat.org) Holy Family Retreat Center, West Hartford.



**BABY BOTTLES FOR LIFE** Take an empty baby bottle with you on Mother's Day. Fill them with check, currency or coin. Return them by Father's Day June 19<sup>th</sup>. Help protect the unborn. Support Care Net Pregnancy Resource Center.

Involve your children! Show them by example that all life is precious and loved. Empty baby bottles can be found at the side entrance.

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

- ❖ **Charismatic Prayer Meeting** every Tuesday at 2 PM Spiritual Renewal Center.
- ❖ **Eucharistic Holy Hour for Vocations ~ May 19 at St. Mary in Portland from 6-7 pm.**
- ❖ **Position Vacancy** Full time Director of Office of Faith Events in Norwich, Diocese of Norwich. Job description available on request. Deadline for application is May 31, 2016. Send letter of application, resume, references, and salary expectations to: Office of the Chancellor, Diocese of Norwich, 201 Broadway Norwich, Connecticut 06360 Attention: Monsignor Brown.
- ❖ **Blue Mass Breakfast Fundraiser Sunday, June 12, 2015** Billy Wilson's Restaurant, 57 Broadway, Norwich. 9:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m.  
MENU: Eggs, sausage wrap, pancakes, orange juice, home fries!  
The tickets for the breakfast are at no cost. However a donation to help defray the costs associated with the Blue Mass is appreciated.  
To benefit the Blue Mass Committee to defray expenses associated with the Annual Mass honoring law enforcement personnel. For more information or tickets please call Monsignor Brown at 860-887-9294, ext. 232 or Ms. Becky Cady 860-887-9294, ext. 235.
- ❖ **Marriage Encounter Weekend** ~ Married Couples give your marriage a well-deserved vacation. Plan to go on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and come back with a marriage that is refreshed and fully of energy! A weekend away renews the romance and excitement you experienced during your dating days. It will help you enjoy life with a new closeness to each other and with God. To register for the July 8-10 weekend in Manchester or for more information call 860-376-0440 or visit [www.wmect.org](http://www.wmect.org).

### **Defending Our Religious Liberty May 15, 2016**

The Catholic Church has always been a provider and advocate for accessible, affordable and life-affirming health care. Had the federal government made accommodations to protect religious freedom for all Americans, dozens of lawsuits filed around the country challenging it could have been avoided.

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.

**Open House at St. Joseph School in Baltic Monday May 16 from 9 – 11:30am. Visit classes, speak with parents and teachers. Information: Sr. Mary Patrick 860.822.6141.**

**Youth Group (www.standrewym.org)**

**Life Teen High School youth Ministry Gr. 8-12.**

**Sun. May 15** Life Teen Mass followed by dinner and a huge Pentecost Sunday Adoration.

**Sun. May 22** Life Teen Mass followed by dinner and the last regular life night of the year.

**The Edge – Middle School Youth Group Grades 6-8**

**Sat. May 14** May Edge night in St. Andrew Hall 7:00 – 9:15 pm. Last Edge night of the year.

Meeting @ St. Andrew Church.

## *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.*

## MEETINGS

- ✓ Ladies Guild Monday May 16 Mystery Ride. Meeting at the Church parking lot at 4:30pm.
- ✓ Saturday May 21 Ladies Guild Bake Sale & Knights of Columbus Plant Sale. 9am – 6pm
- ✓ Sunday May 22 Knights of Columbus Plant Sale 9am to 3pm.

### **Ladies Guild Graduating Senior Award**

Any graduating high school senior who is a member of St. Francis Parish may apply for the Ladies Guild annual Graduating Senior Award. The maximum award is \$200. Applications are found at the church entrances or contact Barbara at [bobbie.w@charter.net](mailto:bobbie.w@charter.net) to be emailed a copy. Please return by June 5th.



## 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.

## BAKE SALE



The Ladies Guild will be holding a Bake Sale on May 21st in conjunction with the Knights' Plant Sale. Parishioners are asked to bake for this event.

Requested items are finger foods such as cookies, cakes, brownies, breads, pies or anything yummy! Please place cookies in packages of 2 or 6.

Baked goods may be dropped off at the church after 9:00 a.m. Saturday May 21<sup>st</sup>. If there are items still available, we will sell on Sunday until everything is gone.



All ladies of the parish are invited to join the Ladies Guild on their annual Mystery Ride Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. Please be at the church parking lot 4:30 p.m.

and bring money for supper.

Questions, please contact Barbara at 860-642-7168.





Thank you to this year's cleaning crew for First Holy Communion:  
 Rachel, Jennie, Barbara D, Estelle, Ella Mae, Anne, Kathy and Barbara W.  
 The church smells and looks wonderful.  
 Thank you all for your

dedicated time.

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



We would like to thank our Ladies Guild for the purchase of new cinctures to go with our new wheat colored altar server robes. With monies donated to the Guild in memory of Fern Gardner, the ladies purchased

16 cinctures ~ 4 each of white, green, red, and purple. Their dedication to our parish is very much appreciated.

**PARISH GIVING:**

We currently have ten parish families taking advantage of online banking automatic bill pay. Their regular automatic payment helps to make our offertory becomes more stable because there are no missed offertory donations due to sickness, weather, vacation. The expense for offertory envelope packets for those using online banking bill pay is eliminated. Please consider joining them. All you would need to do would be to contact your bank and ask to set up online banking and automatic bill pay.

**HAPPY HOUSE Goal-\$1250**

**What Money is going towards**

Originally to build one house for a Haitian family, but now can afford 2 homes, along with 4 goats.

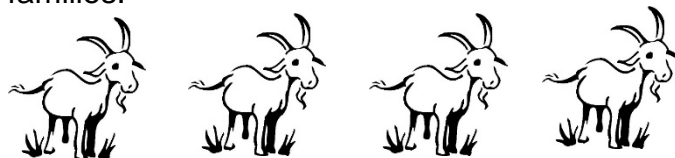
**What was Earned- \$ 3,125.60**

**How were the monies earned?**

- ✓ Many announcements at Masses
- ✓ Collection jars at each Church entrance
- ✓ Class collections Grade Pre-K thru Grade 8
- ✓ Individual donations made
- ✓ Eighth Grade Pledge Walk around the Lebanon Green
- ✓ Original goal was matched by a generous parish family

**Information on Haiti-**

Haiti is home to 10.32 million people in the world, but is one of the poorest countries. There are virtually no heating or water systems. In 2010 they suffered great loss from a 7 magnitude earthquake. Many people lost their homes and to this day, many still are homeless. The money that is being donated will provide homes for two families. Our gift of chickens, goats, and pigs will provide food for many of the families.



*Thank You*