

**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  
Rev. Mark Masnicki, Pastor  
Rev. Benjamin Soosaimanickam, Parochial Vicar  
Deacon Michael Puscas



**MASS  
INTENTIONS**

**Saturday June 18, 2016 Blessed Virgin Mary**

4:00 PM Confessions

5:00 PM All Fathers living & deceased

**Sunday, June 19, 2016 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time Father's Day**

8:00 AM All Fathers living & deceased

10:30 AM All Fathers living & deceased

**Monday June 20, 2016 Weekday**

NO MASS

**Tuesday June 21, 2016 St. Aloysius Gonzaga, religious**

NO MASS

**Wednesday June 22, 2016 St. Paulinus of Nola, bishop; Sts.**

**John Fisher, bishop & Thomas More, martyrs**

9:00 AM Roxanne req. by C. Wheaton

**Thursday June 23, 2016 Weekday**

NO MASS

**Friday June 24, 2016 Nativity of St. John the Baptist**

9:00 AM People of the parish living & deceased

9:30 AM Chaplet of Divine Mercy

**Saturday June 25, 2016 Blessed Virgin Mary**

4:00 PM Confessions

5:00 PM

**Sunday, June 26, 2016 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM

10:30 AM Bert & Rachel Bosse 55<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary

***Our Sanctuary Lamp is lit with the intention of recovery of health for Jean Maurice Soucy. Please remember him in your prayers today and throughout the week.***

Offertory: \$ 2,196.00 For the Poor: \$ 671.00

Today's second collection is for building maintenance.

The Combined Collection for World Charities will be held next weekend. Your contribution will provide assistance to the Catholic Relief Services Collection, the Campaign for Human Development, Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, and The Holy Land. Most of you should have received information in the mail about this collection. Please read this material and bring your contribution envelope to Liturgy next week, June 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. Envelopes will also be available at church. Your support and generosity are essential to these programs of the Universal Church.

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.**

**CareNet Baby Bottles for Life are due Father's Day.**

**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. Victor Chaker, Rev. Brian Romanoski, Rev. Thomas Smith, Rev. Anthony DiMarco, Rev. John Gallagher OFM Cap, Rev. Jan Swiderski, Rev. Dariusz Dudzik, Rev. Joseph Whittel, Rev. Erik Lenhart OFM Cao, Rev. Francis Rouleau, Rev. Joseph Ashe, Rev. Leon Susaimanickam, Msgr. Brown, and Rev. Brian Converse.. We also pray for any priests who have left the ministry.

Heavenly Father, the responsibility of Your priests is great. May the love of our Blessed Savior abound in their hearts. Glory to the Blood of Jesus! (Mother Catherine Aurelia, foundress)

**Banns of Ordination**

The following deacons will be called to the Order of Priesthood on Saturday, June 25, 2016:

Rev. Mr. Juan Angel Aguirre  
Rev. Mr. Jeffrey Richard Ellis  
Rev. Mr. Thomas Patrick Griffin  
Rev. Mr. Peter Julian Langevin

Should you know of any reason why these men should not be ordained priests, please write to:

**The Most Reverend Michael R. Cote, Bishop of  
Norwich  
201 Broadway, Norwich, CT 06360**

**Weekend of June 25 & 26**

5:00pm Lector: Steve Wengloski

Eucharistic Minister: Jim Hay

Altar Servers: Nicholas Barrett, Nina Gardella

8:00am Lector: Jim Worth

Eucharistic Minister: Gregg Lafontaine

Altar Servers: Christian & Sam Terwilliger

10:30am Lector: Angela Coentin

Eucharistic Minister: Paul Pelletier

Altar Servers: Erika Densman, Becca Chesters

### Father's Day Intentions ~ deceased

Ernest Sunega	Joseph Foley
John Dyer	William Werner
Bill Brewster	Nicholas Wengloski
Dave Perotti	Robert Wheaton
Robert Chesters	James Maffiolini
Bartolo Termine	Paul Maffiolini Sr.
Dominick Gramegna	Joseph Gallicchio
Robert O'Neill	Chester Stygar
Stanley Dudar	John Cavanna
Tom Meegan	Emil Kuzel
John Clinch	

### Father's Day Intentions ~ living

Norman Kuzel	Robert Stander
Skip Kuzel	Stuart Lamson
Randy Smith	Kieran Flannery
Glen Coutu	Michael Garrahy
Shane Kuzel	Kenneth Boudreau
Gerald Cavanna	Gerald J. Cavanna Jr.
David Wheaton	

**Holy Family home and shelter is engaged in a 90 Day Challenge** to house 15 families between May 1 and July 31, 2016. To meet the challenge the shelter must raise funds for security deposits and 1st month rent. It is asking help in raising the money by asking for \$20 donations for this purpose. If you can be a part of the challenge by contributing, please mail a check to HFHS, P O Box 884, Willimantic, CT 06226 or use a credit card by visiting our web site [www.holyfamilywillimantic.org](http://www.holyfamilywillimantic.org). The 90 Day Challenge is part of an effort to house families quickly and end homelessness in the next few years.

**Giant tag sale coming soon.** This event will be hosted by the Sisters of Charity Our Lady Mother of the Church, Baltic CT in Saint Michael Center, 24 School Hill Road. Baltic, CT. Items include: antiques, house wares, tools, clothes, furniture, and much more. A tag saler's paradise. Save the date: June 24 4-8pm and June 25 9am—2pm.



### **25th Annual Steeple Chase Bike Tour**

August 20, 2016.  
20, 35, 50, 62.5 & 100 mile bike routes and a 5 mile walk through scenic northeastern CT. Ride

starts at Eastern CT State University Athletic Complex, 69 Mansfield City Road, Mansfield Center, CT. Registration opens at 7am.  
Info @ 860.450.7122  
Register @ [steeplechasebiketour.org](http://steeplechasebiketour.org)

### Defending Our Religious Liberty #225 June 19, 2016

As we prepare to celebrate the fourth annual "Fortnight for Freedom" from June 21 – July 3, 2016, let us remember the words that Pope Francis evoked during his visit to the United States last September: "American Catholics are committed to building a society which is truly tolerant and inclusive, to safeguarding the rights of individuals and communities, and to rejecting every form of unjust discrimination. With countless other people of good will, they are likewise concerned that efforts to build a just and wisely ordered society respect their deepest concerns and their right to religious liberty. That freedom remains one of America's most precious possessions. And, as my brothers, the United States Bishops, have reminded us, all are called to be vigilant, precisely as good citizens, to preserve and defend that freedom from everything that would threaten or compromise it."

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.

### **St. Mary Parish Family ACTS Women's Retreat ~ "Live in the Presence of the Lord" ~ July 14-17, 2016 @ Immaculata Retreat House, Willimantic, CT**

Are you longing for a deeper relationship with the Lord? Are you yearning to live in the presence of the Lord to experience His love and mercy? Join a fun and faith-filled retreat for women of all faiths! The retreat is designed to renew your spiritual life, strengthen your faith and its application in daily life while creating lasting friendships. Registration forms are available in the hall and at the Greeter stands.

Want to know more? Please call: Tina Mateo (860) 917-8576 or Deborah Gacek (860) 805-0567 or Denise Wojtyna 860-558-2822 [www.actsct.org](http://www.actsct.org)

**Holy Family Gift Shop** at 54 West Main Street in Baltic CT will be open on Saturday June 25th from 10am to 3pm. We have beautiful religious articles on sale and free gifts for children under 5 years old. Books, rosaries, medals etc. These make great gifts for all family members and friends. God bless you.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

### **SURF SHACK**

Catch the Wave of God's  
Amazing Love

June 20 -24th from 6-8:30pm  
Held at St. Andrew Church

VBS is open to all kids k-ready-6<sup>th</sup> grade. This year kids can come hang out with Skipper and Snappy the crab at the Surf Shack. They'll introduce you to Ty, Pixel and Epic at the surf factory where

they design and build surf boards that connect kids to God. Then get ready to explore God's Word through music, fun, and games!

Sign up through the St. Andrew website – [www.standrewscolchester.org](http://www.standrewscolchester.org) and click the Surf Shack logo. Please contact Tracy Wilson for further information or participation. Phone 860.334.6643 or Email: [wilsontracey9796@gmail.com](mailto:wilsontracey9796@gmail.com)



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

- ❖ **Charismatic Prayer Meeting** every Tuesday at 2 PM  
Spiritual Renewal Center.
- ❖ **Mass of Healing and Individual Prayer:** Monday June 27th ,  
July 11<sup>th</sup>, July 25<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm Spiritual Renewal Center, 11 Bath  
Street, Norwich, CT (860-887-0702)
- ❖ **Eucharistic Holy Hour for Vocations ~ June 24 at St.  
Patrick Cathedral, Norwich from 7-8pm.**
- ❖ **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.wwmect.org](http://www.wwmect.org).
- ❖ June is "Leave a Legacy" month in the Diocese of Norwich. It  
is a wonderful time to remind parishioners in the Diocese about  
the value of charitable estate planning. Some people choose to  
mark their legacy by requesting gifts made in memoriam to their  
parish, school, ministry or the Diocese in lieu of flowers upon  
their passing. Others include a bequest in their Will to their  
favorite Catholic organization. Still others opt to establish an  
endowment within The Catholic Foundation of the Diocese of  
Norwich to support a parish, school or ministry. If you are  
interested in learning more about how you can leave your  
legacy and support all of the good works that the Church is  
involved in, please contact Mary Ellen Mahoney, Development  
Manager, at (860) 886-1928 or  
[memahoney@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:memahoney@norwichdiocese.net) .

## **PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINES OF EASTERN CANADA**

We invite you to join Fr. Brian Maxwell- Missionary  
of Mercy and the Office of Faith Events when we  
journey to see the Shrines of Eastern Canada. The  
itinerary includes the beautiful Catholic places of  
worship such as the Holy Doors of the Cathedral of  
Notre Dame de Quebec, the Shrine of St. Anne de  
Beaupré, the Shrine of Our Lady of the Cape, Saint  
Joseph's Oratory and more. The trip will take place  
from September 5- 10, 2016 and the double  
occupancy price is \$1,295. To see the full brochure,  
please go to [http://www.norwichdiocese.org/office-  
of-faith-events.html](http://www.norwichdiocese.org/office-of-faith-events.html) or call Liza at (860)848-2237 ex.  
305 for more information. Deadline is the  
registration is July 15th.

Additional Father's Day Remembrances:  
Living: Robert Merrer & Kelsey Doherty



## **YEAR of MERCY ~ SPECIAL MASS**

**For parishioners of Saint Francis  
of Assisi and St. Andrew  
Parishes.**



**All parishioners are invited to enter the Holy  
Doors and participate in a special Mass for  
the Year of Mercy to be held at the Cathedral  
of Saint Patrick in Norwich on Tuesday July  
19, 2016 at 12 noon.**

***Seeking Vendors for St. Joseph Living Center's  
Annual Outdoor Fall Festival: Saturday, October 15,  
2016 from 10:00 to 2:00, 14 Club Road in  
Windham. Crafts, Art Work, Plants, Home Goods, Your  
Home Business (i.e. Avon, Pampered Chef, etc.), Tag  
Sale, Jewelry, Fabrics, Wood Working, and so on.***

*We are now taking applications for vendors. Call the  
Recreation Department for an application. 456-1107 ext.  
123 or 124. Leave a message with name, address and  
telephone number.*

## **FREE 1-hour lecture on "How to Listen to God and Follow His Directions Each Day."**

After Pentecost  
2,000 years ago ... practically all Christians were talking  
to God's Holy Spirit and following His directions. St.  
Paul's writings and the Acts of the Apostles in the bible  
give evidence of this. Come spend an hour and learn the  
easy steps many people now follow to Hear God's Voice  
and Directions in their daily lives. There will be free  
handouts and time to ask questions. You will be able to  
use these steps the very next day.

Presented by Tony Coscia on Thursday July 7, 2016 (7:  
PM-sharp to 8:15: PM) at St. Francis of Assisi Church,  
Lebanon, CT. All are welcome -- age 13 and  
over. (PRE-registration is required). Please send an E-  
mail to ([Tony2637@aol.com](mailto:Tony2637@aol.com)) stating how many are in  
your party, and your phone number. Register at 860-  
786-7220 only if you don't have an E-mail.

## Blessed Miguel Augustine Pro

**Tuesday, June 21 @7 pm**

**“A History of Stepfamilies in Early America”**

Lisa Wilson, Author and History Dept. Chair at Connecticut College, shares the stories and challenges of real stepfamilies in early New England. Members free, non-members \$2. Refreshments. **Held at the Lebanon Historical Society Museum located at 856 Trumbull Hwy., Lebanon**

For more information call 860-642-6579  
[museum@historyoflebanon.org](mailto:museum@historyoflebanon.org)  
[www.historyoflebanon.org](http://www.historyoflebanon.org)

### **Fifth Fortnight for Freedom Theme: Witnesses to Freedom**

**The theme focuses on the lives of more than 14 women and men of faith from all over the world who bear witness to authentic freedom in Christ. The list of witnesses includes: Little Sister of the Poor, Blessed Miguel Augustine Pro, Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Saint Edith Stein (Saint Teresa Benedicta), Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, and several other witnesses. Of note this year is the Tour of Relics of English Martyrs to be venerated in Philadelphia on June 23-24. Several other pilgrimage sites are announced on the Bishops' website [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org) with a link to the Fortnight for Freedom. Each week the bulletin will have short bios on the different witnesses.**

### **Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein) Virgin and Martyr**

Edith Stein, born in 1891 in Breslau, Poland, was the youngest child of a large Jewish family. She was an outstanding student and was well versed in philosophy with a particular interest in phenomenology. Eventually she became interested in the Catholic Faith, and in 1922, she was baptized at the Cathedral Church in Cologne, Germany. Eleven years later Edith entered the Cologne Carmel. Because of the ramifications of politics in Germany, Edith, whose name in religion was Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, was sent to the Carmel at Echt, Holland. When the Nazis conquered Holland, Teresa was arrested, and, with her sister Rose, was sent to the concentration camp at Auschwitz. Teresa died in the gas chambers of Auschwitz in 1942 at the age of fifty-one. In 1987, she was beatified in the large outdoor soccer stadium in Cologne by Pope John Paul II. Out of the unspeakable human suffering caused by the Nazis in western Europe in the 1930's and 1940's, there blossomed the beautiful life of dedication, consecration, prayer, fasting, and penance of Saint Teresa. Even though her life was snuffed out by the satanic evil of genocide, her memory stands as a light undimmed in the midst of evil, darkness, and suffering. She was canonized on October 11, 1998.

As he faced a firing squad for serving the Catholic faithful in Mexico at a time when Catholicism was outlawed and severely persecuted, Fr. Miguel Pro of the Society of Jesus made a request. He asked to have a moment to pray on his knees, then he stood up, stretched out his arms in the imitation of Christ on the cross and submitted himself to his martyrdom, shouting “Viva Christo Rey!”

This moment was photographed, and so we can look into the face of a martyr at the moment of his execution. What is astonishing about the images is the serenity with which Blessed Miguel submits himself to the state. He does not respond with violent resistance, because he is at peace with God. From that place of peace, the martyr triumphs over tyranny. Government cannot take away his inner freedom, the freedom that belongs to any person who submits himself totally to God.

Due in part to Blessed Miguel's witness, the Mexican government was shamed and an uprising gained the strength to stand up to religious persecution, as well as other injustices. He did not know it at the time, but his death inspired a larger defense of political and religious freedom that has since permitted the Church to live more publicly her call to holiness.

Freedom through surrender is a paradox that is hard to understand and at times harder to live. Nonetheless, we are all called, like Blessed Miguel, to live in the freedom that only comes through an imitation of Christ's faithful obedience.

Blessed Miguel's life and death remains a witness to complete surrender to Christ in a way to which we might struggle to relate. Yet, we are all called to order our lives to Christ. We may not be asked to die for our faith, but we are asked to give each moment of the day to the Lord. This capacity requires freedom from sin, freedom from selfishness, freedom from all those things that stand between us and God.

Blessed Miguel Pro reminds us that even in extreme circumstances, we find true freedom when we live first for Christ. That witness, when adopted in our lives, may even inspire others to similar acts of love.

### **Norwich Diocese Teacher Vacancies**

- Sacred Heart School, Taftville, CT:  
Middle School Math Teacher
- St. James School, Danielson, CT:  
Middle School Language Arts Teacher  
Pre-K Teacher
- St. Michael School, Pawcatuck, CT:  
Middle School English/Language Arts Teacher  
Middle School Science Teacher – Part Time

To apply for the 2016-2017 school year for an August 2016 start date please send a cover letter, current resume, names of three references and certification information to:

[Superintendentso@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:Superintendentso@norwichdiocese.net)  
or Mr. Henry Fiore, Superintendent of Schools,  
Diocesan School Office, 43 Perkins Avenue, Norwich,  
CT 06360