

**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 July 2, 2016 Blessed Virgin Mary

4:00 PM Confessions

5:00 PM Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, July 3, 2016 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Living members of the Clinch & Kuzel families req.
by Norm & Ella Mae Kuzel

10:30 AM George Pozarycki req/ by Ronald Benko

11:30 AM Baptism ~ Mattingly Lucinda Valentin

Monday July 4, 2016 Independence Day

9:00 AM People of the Parish living & deceased

Parish Office is Closed in observance of the Fourth of July

Tuesday July 5, 2016 St. Anthony Zaccaria, priest; St.

Elizabeth of Portugal

NO MASS

Wednesday July 6, 2016 St. Maria Goretti, virgin, martyr

9:00 AM Rev. Thomas W. Ahern

Thursday July 7, 2016 Weekday

NO MASS

Friday July 8, 2016 Weekday

9:00 AM People of the parish who are ill

9:30 AM Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Saturday July 9, 2016 St. Augustine Zhao Rong, priest &

companions, martyrs

4:00 PM Confessions

5:00 PM

Sunday, July 10, 2016 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

10:30 AM Julie Coscia req. by her family

**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: \$ 2000.00 World Charities: \$1638.00
Baby Bottles for Life to date: \$ 531.00 *Have you returned your
CareNet Baby Bottles for Life?*

Today's second collection is for monthly extraordinary
expenses.

Next weekend's collection is for our endowment fund. Our
Parish currently has a small Endowment Fund which was begun
in June of 1991. The purpose of gifts of monies to the
endowment fund is to provide for the future support or
maintenance of the Parish. The interest earned can be left in
the fund to increase the principal or used for parish expenses.
With an Endowment Fund, only the interest would be distributed
each year, with the principal remaining intact. Over time, with
additional gifts and interest earned, the account balance could
become large enough to give the parish a nice annual income.

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.**

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
1st Lt. Miles N. Snelgrove USMC 2nd Batt. 6th Marines
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 Bishop Michael R.
Cote, 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, Rev. Robert Washabaugh, Rev.
Leo Almendra, RV. Rev. David Choquette. Precious Blood of
Jesus, cover our priests and protect them from the snares of the
enemy. Kindle in their hearts a spark of love for the Precious
Blood, and for souls. (Mother Catherine Aurelia, foundress)

Banns of Ordination

The following men will be called to the
Order of Permanent Deacon on Saturday, July 16, 2016:

Mr. Benedict LoCasto
Mr. Octavio Flores

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

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

Weekend of July 9 & 10

5:00pm Lector: Dick Lataille

Eucharistic Minister: Pam Flaherty

Altar Servers: CJ Frank, Bradley Wiczorek

8:00am Lector: Rosanne Coffey

Eucharistic Minister: Peggy Stygar

Altar Servers: Anthony & Emily Pomerleau

10:30am Lector: Greg Jones

Eucharistic Minister: Wally Gagnon

Altar Servers: Becca Chesters, Marianne Clippinger

MEETINGS

Knight of Columbus Thursday July 7 @ 7pm

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. The 90 Day Challenge is part of an effort to house families quickly and end homelessness in the next few years.

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

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

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 11th, July 25th at 2 pm Spiritual Renewal Center, 11 Bath Street, Norwich, CT (860-887-0702)
- ❖ **Eucharistic Holy Hour for Vocations ~ July 28 at St. Francis of Assisi, Middletown from 6-7pm.**
- ❖ **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.

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.

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> or call Liza at (860)848-2237 ex. 305 for more information. Deadline is the registration is July 15th.

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.

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) 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.

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

or Mr. Henry Fiore, Superintendent of Schools,
Diocesan School Office, 43 Perkins Avenue, Norwich,
CT 06360

**Love one another as I have loved you
As you do unto the least of your brothers,
you do unto me**

Familiar words---How can we put them into action?
Ministering to the sick and elderly is a good beginning.
St. Joseph's Living Center, the ONLY Catholic healthcare
facility in the Norwich Diocese, is currently seeking
volunteers to join our Chapel team assisting during
11:00am daily Mass ESPECIALLY on the weekends. We
are also in need of volunteers to join our Vigil Team as we
accompany our residents on their journey to eternal rest.

**If you hear God beckoning you, please call
Sarah Perry at 860.456.1107 ext. 124**

Your time is our blessing.

LEBANON FAIR Aug. 12 - 14 2016



The St. Francis Ladies Guild Soda Booth needs your help. Sign-up sheets will be located at the side entrance of the church. All new volunteers MUST complete background paperwork and an on-line Training module. Please see Cheryl during office hours for forms and training information. Give it a try you're in the shade and you get to talk with friends. Questions please call Estelle Elliott [860-420-7221](tel:860-420-7221). By any chance does anyone have a bar stool with a back, we could use another one for the booths, please let me know call Estelle.

Vacation Bible School 2016

July 18-22 ~ 9am-noon

First Congregational Church



**EGYPT ~
Follow Joseph
and his
Amazing Life**

WHEN?

18-22 July 2016 9am - 12 noon

WHERE?

Lebanon First Congregational Church

WHO?

Children Pre K - 6th grade

Ecumenical Church Sponsored:

Saint Francis of Assisi Church

First Baptist Church

First Congregational Church

Registration forms at Church
entrances (No Fee) or on-line by visiting
website www.lebanonfirstcong.org.

Mail or drop off at First
Congregational Church

See You There!

SAVE THE DATE!

2nd annual Polish Dinner, Saturday September 17th at the Lebanon Fire Safety Complex. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and Ladies Guild. We sold out last year—get your tickets early! Advance Tickets will be required and go on sale in August. More information to come.



Last weekend the Combined Collection for World Charities which consists of the following collections: Catholic Relief Services, The Campaign for Human Development, Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, and assistance for The Holy Land was taken up. If you were unable to bring your gift envelope, extra envelopes are available at (please state the place where these envelopes can be found). Your support of these needs of the Universal Church is greatly appreciated. Your envelope can be dropped in the collection basket next weekend or mailed directly to the parish. Thank you.

The Lebanon Children's Clothing Wardrobe is accepting donations on the first Thursday of each month. The next date is July 7 from 4-6. We are located at The Redeemer Lutheran Church at 321 Village Hill Rd. All items are free, but monetary donations are accepted.



Thanks to the generosity of the community, we are able to continue distributing children's clothing throughout the summer by appointment. We have infant sizes through junior sizes. We welcome you to bring in your children to pick out their own clothing. We also have a big selection of maternity clothing. We are now setting up appointments for July 21 from 4-6 for families to pick up clothing. Email lebanonccw@gmail.com for available time slots. Follow [facebook.com/lebanonccw](https://www.facebook.com/lebanonccw) for updates. The next swap event will not be held until the fall, and that will bring out a new inventory of winter clothing - long sleeve shirts and long pants, etc.

Take a few moments to check out our Saint Francis of Assisi web page!

Information about Saint Francis:

Mass Schedules, Parish Organizations, Sacraments, Religious Education, History of Saint Francis Of Assisi Parish, Meetings & Events, Parish Bulletins.

Web address is:

<http://1965.sites.ecatholic.com>

Add this address to your favorites list.



Witnesses to Freedom: Saint Kateri Tekakwitha

Kateri Tekakwitha is revered today as the first Native American saint. Only 24 when she died, Kateri is an example of purity, prayer, and most especially endurance in faith. Born in 1656, in a Mohawk village in what is now upstate New York, she was an outsider. Her mother was an Algonquin who was catechized and baptized Roman Catholic by French missionaries in Trois-Rivières, east of Montreal. Her mother was captured by the Mohawks in a raid and was taken to be the wife of the Mohawk chief Kenneronkwa near present-day Auriesville, New York. At an early age, Kateri's village suffered a severe smallpox epidemic, which killed her parents and left her scarred and her vision impaired. Her name, "Tekakwitha", means "she who bumps into things." She was adopted by her Mohawk relatives who survived the epidemic, and the survivors of the plague moved to the new village of Caughnawaga. Like her mother, Tekakwitha sought out instruction from Catholic missionaries that led to her eventual baptism at the age of 19 and her taking the name "Kateri" after St. Catherine of Siena on Easter Sunday 1676.

Kateri faced severe obstacles from the Mohawk tribal leaders, as well as from her adopted family. On Holy Days, Kateri received no food, since she prayed rather than work in the fields. When she walked to chapel, she was cursed and pelted with stones. Nevertheless, she persevered. She refused to marry despite pressure from her tribe. According to Fr. Pierre Cholenec, a Jesuit priest who was a mentor, Kateri said, "I have deliberated enough. For a long time my decision on what I will do has been made. I have consecrated myself entirely to Jesus, son of Mary, I have chosen Him for husband and He alone will take me for wife."

The French missionaries encouraged her to leave her hostile environment and travel to Canada to the St. Francois Xavier mission. Her uncle opposed this move, because he was suspicious of the French and feared it was a ruse to depopulate the village. Even so, Kateri prevailed and traveled the 200 miles by foot and canoe to Canada, where she lived a devout and exemplary life. Called the "Lily of the Mohawks," she is a symbol of chastity and purity as she sought to do penance to commit her life to God. When she died due to failing health, witnesses noted that her face was miraculously transformed so that all her smallpox scars disappeared. Over the years, people have asked Kateri for divine intercession when suffering from serious illnesses, and their prayers have been answered. Her legacy of healing continues. St. Kateri Tekakwitha was canonized on October 21, 2012.

Witnesses to Freedom: Little Sisters of the Poor

When a blind, paralyzed, elderly widow needed a place to live, Jeanne Jugan gave up her own bed so that the woman could have a comfortable place to sleep during her last years on earth. What began as a small community of a few single women taking in poor strangers in rural France in the early 1800s became an order now known as the Little Sisters of the Poor. The Little Sisters carry on the work of their founder, who was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI in 2009. The Little Sisters' mission is "to offer the neediest elderly of every race and religion a home where they will be welcomed as Christ, cared for as family and accompanied with dignity until God calls them to himself." Continuing the tradition of St. Jeanne Jugan, the Little Sisters beg for all that they need to take care of the elderly poor, and they do not accept guaranteed forms of income. The Little Sisters established roots in several countries, arriving in the United States in 1868. They now have 27 nursing homes across the U.S., where they take care of poor, elderly residents.

Unfortunately, a recent mandate from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) would force the Little Sisters to arrange for coverage of abortion-inducing drugs, contraceptives, and sterilization in their employee health plans. If the Little Sisters do not arrange for coverage of these "services," then they face massive fines from the federal government, totaling approximately \$70 million per year. The Little Sisters were forced to sue the federal government in order to stave off these potentially crushing fines on their ministry. Their case has recently been heard before the U.S. Supreme Court, which will decide whether to vindicate the Little Sisters' rights to free exercise of religion under federal law. The Little Sisters have argued that religious freedom exists not only for houses of worship but also for those who serve others, such as in ministry to the poor, which is part and parcel of the Catholic faith.

The Little Sisters have dedicated their lives to following Christ in service to the world. We pray that the Court will uphold their freedom to serve and that our government will respect the freedom of all people of faith to contribute to the common good.

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