

**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 August 27, 2016 St. Monica

4:00 PM Confessions

5:30 PM Nicholas Wengloski req. by his family

Sunday, August 28, 2016 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Margaret O'Neill req. by her family

NO 10:30 AM MASS

Monday August 29, 2016 Passion of St. John, the Baptist

NO MASS

Tuesday August 30, 2016 Weekday

NO MASS

Wednesday August 31, 2016 Weekday

9:00 AM Rev. Joseph Whalen

Thursday September 1, 2016 Weekday

NO MASS

Friday September 2, 2016 Weekday

9:00 AM Healing for Mary Evancho req. by Mackie

9:30 AM Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Saturday September 3, 2016 St. Gregory the Great, pope & doctor of the Church

4:00 PM Confessions

5:30 PM Carolyn Sharpe req. by his family

Sunday, September 4, 2016 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Sierra Stanton req. by her family

10:30 AM

8/14/16 Offertory: \$ 1,835.00

Offertory 8/21/16: \$ 1,842.25

Assumption: \$1 50.00

Today's second collection is for Building Maintenance.

The third collection is for the Brothers of the Sacred Heart.

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 September 4 & 5

5:00pm Lector: Bob Nejako

Eucharistic Minister: Pam Flaherty

Altar Servers: CJ Frank & Bradley Wiczorek

8:00am Lector: Kathy Pellerin

Eucharistic Minister: Kathy Walden

Altar Servers: Anthony & Emily Pomerleau

10:30am Lector: Maureen Polana

Eucharistic Minister: Wally Gagnon

Altar Servers: Drew Taylor & Marianne Clippinger

MEETINGS

Executive Board Ladies Guild Monday Aug. 29 @
6:30pm

Knights of Columbus Thursday Sept. 1 @ 7pm

Clergy Group Tues. Sept. 6 @ 8am at the Parish House

Parish Advisory Council Wednesday Sept. 7 @ 6:30pm

Save the date: **Parish Picnic: September 25th**, after
the 10:30 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

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 for 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. Anthony DiMarco, Rev. John Gallagher OFM Cap, Rev. Jan Swiderski, Rev. Dariusz Dudzik, Rev. Joseph Whittel, Rev. Erik Lenhart OFM Cap, Rev. Francis Rouleau, Rev. Joseph Ashe, Rev. Leon Susaimanickam, Msgr. Robert Brown, Rev. Brian Converse, Rev. Edward Dempsey DBA, Rev. George Busto CO, Rev. peter Liszewski.

Glory to the Blood of Jesus. May Your priests be happy, may they be esteemed a thousand times, privileged to drink of the Fountain of the Savior each day. (Mother Catherine Aurelia, foundress)

The Knights of Columbus and Ladies Guild will be sponsoring their **2nd Polish Dinner** on September 17th, 5-7 at the FSC. Last year's event was sold out—don't miss this one! St. Francis Parishioners have first chance for tickets.



Tickets are limited and advance tickets are required—none will be sold at the door. Buy yours after Masses August 27/28. Tickets go on sale to the general public August 29th; they will be sold at September masses, but no guarantee tickets will still be available. \$18 per person; meal includes: 1 Golumpki (Stuffed Cabbage), 3 Pierogies, kielbasa, sauerkraut, vegetable, bread, dessert & drink. All proceeds will go to St. Francis Parish. Checks to *St. Francis Ladies Guild*.

Enders Island

1 Enders Island, P.O. Box 399, Mystic, CT 06355
Phone 860.536.0565 or www.EndersIsland.com

A Day of Recollection with Deacon Art Miller. The day's topic will be "No Growth Without Change." Wednesday, September 7, 2016. 10 am until 3:30 pm. \$50.00 per person. Schedule includes two conferences, reconciliation, mass, and a delicious hot served lunch. Please call our office to register 860.536.0565.

ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

- ✓ **A part-time (25 Hours per week) position is available for an Administrative Assistant at the Office of Faith Events, Diocese of Norwich.** Major responsibilities include assisting the Director of the Office of Faith events with clerical work and preparing for diocesan events.

Email faithevents@norwichdiocese.net for the complete job description & qualifications. Application with resume is due by September 6, 2016.

- ✓ **Teacher Vacancies & Principal position are posted on the side bulletin board.** Please take a copy if you are seeking such positions.
- ✓ **Charismatic Prayer Meeting** every Tuesday at 2 PM Spiritual Renewal Center, 11 Bath Street, Norwich, CT [\(860-887-0702\)](tel:860-887-0702)
- ✓ The monthly **Mass of Healing**: Monday September 12th and September 26th at 2pm Spiritual Renewal Center, 11 Bath Street, Norwich, CT [\(860-887-0702\)](tel:860-887-0702) Individual Prayer offered by Fr. Ray and Judith. All are invited.
- ✓ **Diocesan Pro-Life Mass** will take place at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on Saturday, September 3 at 8:30 A.M. Please join us and our celebrant Rev. Brian Romanowski at Mass as we pray to end abortion and for the healing for those who have had an abortion. Following the Mass, the Rosary will be prayed both at the Cathedral and Planned Parenthood. A brunch in the Cathedral Hall will follow the Rosary this month.
- ✓ **Mass of Healing and Hope** at St. John Chapel, Middletown, Thursday September 8th at 7pm Sponsored by Circle of Love Prayer Community Individual Prayer is offered by Fr. Ray and Judith. All are welcomed.
- ✓ **Blue Mass Steak Dinner Fundraiser** Friday, September 9, 2016 @ East Great Plain Fire Department, 488 New London Turnpike, Norwich from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Menu: Steak – Baked Potato – Salad – Bread & Butter – Soda & Water \$20.00 Adults \$10.00 Children 12 and under *The Blue Mass is celebrated at the Cathedral on September 25, 2016, 10:15 a.m., for all law enforcement personnel and their families.* This fundraiser helps to defray expenses associated with the Annual Blue 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.
- ✓ **Twenty-First Annual Mass for Those Dedicated to Education September 11, 2016, at 8:45 a.m.** The Twenty-First Annual Diocesan Mass for Those Dedicated to Education will be celebrated on Sunday, September 11, 2016, in the Cathedral of St. Patrick, at 8:45 a.m. Bishop Cote will celebrate this Mass for all teachers and support staff, public, parochial, and private, active and retired, of all faiths. Monsignor James P. Carini will be the homilist. All are welcome. For information or if you wish to help, please call or Monsignor Brown at 860-887-9294.
- ✓ **Celebrate Marriage** – Married couples of all ages, come away for a day and renew your dreams, increase your passion, and refresh and celebrate your marriage. Join other married couples for a day-long enrichment entitled **“Celebrate Marriage”** on **Saturday, September 17, 2016**, from 9 A.M to 3 P.M. at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, 46 No. Eagleville Road, Storrs, CT, on the University of Connecticut Campus. The cost is \$30 per couple, which includes workbook and lunch. Registration is required. To register, call the

Diocesan Catholic Family Services Office at 860-848-2237, Ext. 306. Or send name of husband & wife, address & phone number along with payment payable to Diocese of Norwich to Catholic Family Services Office, 199 Broadway, Norwich, CT 06360. Or Email at mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net

- ✓ **FUN EVENT FOR ALL AGES.** Norwich Cares Community Walk, Sunday September 18, 2016 at 1:00 PM, 294 Washington Street, Norwich. All proceeds from this 3.5 mile walk through Norwich will benefit St Vincent de Paul Place, Greater Norwich Community Meal Program, and Sprague Community Center. Registration due on day of walk: \$20 for single walkers (\$15 for students, seniors 65+, vets), \$10 per person for teams of 10 or more, free for children 12 and under. Additional fundraising is encouraged with ‘Golden Sneaker’ awards for the top fundraising individual and team. The walk will be followed by a free Community Cookout for all walkers, family and friends. For more information call Lee Memorial United Methodist Church 860-887-5886 or email info@leememorialumc.org.
- ✓ **Twenty-sixth Annual Blue Mass For All Law Enforcement Officers Sunday, September 25, 2016, at 10:15 a.m.** All law enforcement officers (federal, state, and municipal, active and retired) and their families are invited to the Twenty-fifth Annual Blue Mass and Reception, Sunday, September 20, 2015, in the Cathedral of Saint Patrick, 10:15 a.m. All parishioners are cordially invited to attend this Mass. Bishop Cote, the Bishop of Norwich, will celebrate the Mass and Deacon Clifford Thermer of Saint Brigid and Saint Helena Parishes, in West Hartford, Connecticut in the Archdiocese of Hartford will serve as the homilist, will deliver the homily. Norwich Police Chief Louis J. Fusaro, Sr. (Ret.), and Groton Town Police Chief Louis J. Fusaro, Jr., are the Blue Mass Co-Chairs. For more information, please call Chief Louis Fusaro, Chief L.J. Fusaro, or Monsignor Brown at 860-887-9294, ext. 232.
- ✓ **Catholic Charities Annual Golf Tournament:** Wednesday September 21 at the Fox Hopyard Golf Club in East Haddam, CT. Entry fee of \$175 includes green fees, cart, lunch, dinner and awards. Registration begins at 10:30am. Lunch at 11:30am. Shotgun start at 1pm. Dinner & awards at 6pm. Funds raised support Catholic Charities’ programs. For more information, e-mail Christine Jackel @ cjackel@norwichdiocese.net or by phone @ 860.886.1928 x212.
- ✓ **New Lector & Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.** Workshop Saturday, October 1, 2016 from 9:30am to 12:30pm at St. Columba Parish Hall, junctions of Rtes. 66 & 87 in Columbia. Register by September 23 at [HYPERLINK "mailto:worship@norwichdiocese.net"](mailto:worship@norwichdiocese.net) or worship@norwichdiocese.net or call 860.848.2237 x203. Fee is \$10
- ✓ October 1st Saturday, **Pro-Life Mass** at the Cathedral of St. Patrick at 8:30am will be followed by the Rosary, both at the Cathedral and at Planned Parenthood. Then a light brunch will be served and two speakers (10 am-12 noon) will discuss "Politics and Abortion, Single Issue Voting...?" Free will offering. For more information please go to www.facebook.com/CT.R2L.East.CT or email BJDaly@aol.com or call 860-861-1895. Thank you.

- ✓ On Saturday, October 8th, the Cathedral of St. Patrick will host a **day with Dr. Edward Sri** from 9:30 am until 3:30 pm. Dr. Sri is a theologian and author that regularly appears on EWTN. Tickets are \$20/adults, \$10/students and religious are free with advanced registration. Lunch is included. For more information or for clergy/religious to advance register, please go to <http://bit.do/Dr-Edward-Sri> or email BJDaly@aol.com or call [860-861-1895](tel:860-861-1895). Thank you.
- ✓ **SAVE THE DATE** – All couples married 25 & 50 years or celebrating any significant anniversary year are invited to attend a Silver and Gold Jubilee Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on Sunday, October 23 at 2 P.M. Come and renew your wedding vows in a Pontifical Mass celebrated by Bishop Michael R. Cote. Family and friends are invited to share in this special testimony and witness to love and marriage. Light refreshments will be served following the Mass in the Cathedral Hall. Register through your parish. For more information call the Catholic Family Services Office at 860-848-2237, Ext. 306.
- ✓ **For those who bring Holy Communion to the sick & homebound.** Workshop Saturday October 29, 2016 from 9:30am to 12:30pm at St. Columba Parish Hall, junctions of Rtes. 66 & 87 in Columbia. Register by October 14 at [HYPERLINK "mailto:worship@norwichdiocese.net"](mailto:mailto:worship@norwichdiocese.net) or worship@norwichdiocese.net or call 860.848.2237 x203. Fee is \$20 (includes Ritual Book).

Defending Our Religious Liberty Aug. 28, 2016

Those who say that the Catholic Church is discriminating against poor women by opposing the health care mandate are completely misinformed. The Catholic Church is against requirements contained in the mandate that would force them to pay for surgical procedures such as: sterilization, abortion-inducing drugs, and contraception that go against our moral convictions, and therefore, impede religious freedom. 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 representatives. Let them know that the mandate is in violation of our First Amendment right to religious freedom. If you have called, call again, our representatives need to listen to us.

A Day of Enrichment for Married Couples ~ Celebrate Marriage ~ Saturday September 17 from 9am to 3pm at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, 46 No. Eagleville Road, Storrs (on the UCONN Campus). Escape from worldly pressures, commitments and worries for a few hours and focus on the most important person in your life – your spouse! This day will re-energize your marriage and deepen your faith. Discover practical insights to living a joy-filled marriage in today's world. Couple fee - \$30: includes workbook and lunch. Registration required. Send name of husband & wife address phone number and fee payable to Diocese of Norwich to Catholic Family Services Office, 199 Broadway, Norwich, CT 06360, Any questions, call 860.848.2237 Ext. 306 or email at mmlaughlin@norwichdiocese.net

09-12-16 -- FREE (ENCORE-Repeat) 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. This will be the fifth presentation since May. Hundreds of people are already using these easy, yet powerful ways to enjoy: pleasant, calm, friendly, and peaceful talks with God each day. God Himself grants this gift. Presented by Tony Coscia on Monday, September 12, 2016 (7:30 PM-sharp to 8:45 PM) at Our Lady of the Lakes Church, Oakdale, CT 06370. 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.

Directions: From the center of Colchester CT:

- * Take route 85 South & pass by McDonald's Restaurant
- * Take route 354 East at the Fork (take the left Fork)
- * After 7.4 miles, turn left onto route 82 East
- * Church is approximately 1/2 miles on your right.

What better way to discover God's most fundamental attribute—mercy than through Scripture. Join us in a Diving Mercy Bible study. We will discover how God suffers with his creatures and has a heart for the poor and the lost. We will see how God demonstrates faithful love for the world and calls people to a joyful and abundant life.



We are happy to offer this 6-week study at two different times.

When and Where:

Beginning Wednesday evenings September 14, 7:00 – 8:00 in the cry room in back of church OR beginning Friday mornings September 16, 10:00 – 11:00 in rectory office.

To register please call or email Cheryl at [860-642-6711](tel:860-642-6711) or cheryl@stfrancisassisilebanonct.org. Register before September 2 so books may be ordered. Cost of materials is \$14.00.

Benefit Concert featuring the contemporary Christian music of **Jerusalem Road** September 17 at 6:30pm at St. Bernard Church in Rockville. \$10 advance tickets - \$15 at the door - Children under 12 free with and adult. For the benefit of The Cornerstone Foundation: feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, sheltering the homeless. Come for the music – stay for refreshments. A Year of Mercy Event.

Dear Parishioners,
THANKYOU!

Through your generous donations of school supplies, backpacks, lunch bags, and flash drives, the Lebanon Social Services will help to make a difference in the lives of many of our Lebanon children and families in need.

Each and everyone's kindness, generosity and support of the program are so greatly appreciated! Thank you to all who contributed!!!

Warmest Regards,

Shelly L. Ashcom

Social Services Administrator.



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Thank you to Alicia Lamb, Katie Pomerleau, Elizabeth, Laura & Sandra Spedaliere, Estelle Elliott, Lorraine & Erin Paris, Bradley Wieczorek and Barbara Wengloski for hosting the 2016 Steeple Chase rest stop at St. Francis benefiting WAIM and Perception Programs. Also, to Ella Mae Kuzel for her cookie contribution. In the 23 years we have hosted the stop, this was the first year the 50 mile route came through; by the time the riders get to St. Francis they have already ridden 27.5 miles. 165 riders came through on their first stop on either the 50, 62.5 or 100 mile routes and enjoyed a variety of snack items including the most popular, homemade oatmeal raisin cookies. Thank you everyone!



NEW WAY TO HELP OUR PARISH! Use your IRA to support our Parish, the Diocese or your favorite Diocesan Ministry!

If you are 70 ½ years old, you can now make a direct transfer of up to \$100,000 from your IRA to a qualified charity, such as our Parish, without having to pay income taxes on the money. The law allowing this was made permanent by President Obama when he signed the PATH Act last December.

If you are interested in making such a gift, please contact Mary Ellen Mahoney, Development Manager Major Gifts at memahoney@norwichdiocese.net or (860) 886-1928, ext. 14 for more information.

Save the Date

**Women's ACTS Retreat
October 6-9, 2016
Ender's Island**

**"Stand up and go;
Your faith has saved you."**

Sponsored by St. Agnes Parish

**WE RETURN TO OUR
REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE
NEXT WEEKEND.**

SEPTEMBER 4 & 5

SATURDAY 5:00 PM

SUNDAY 8 AM & 10:30 AM

**Religious Education
Classes begin Sunday,
September 11, 2016 from
9 to 10 AM at the Lebanon
Elementary School.**

CareNet Walk for Life

September 10 @ Ocean Beach Park,
98 Neptune Ave, New London, CT.
Registration @ 9:30am Walk @ 10am
Questions? Call 860.449.0386

www.psclife.org to pre-register – must
pre-register to guarantee walk prize!



The Brothers of the Sacred Heart are asking for your prayers and financial support at all Masses through their representative, Brother Henry Gaiter, SC. The Brothers of the Sacred Heart are religious educators who staff school and other establishments in over thirty countries. Your contributions will especially benefit young men who are preparing to enter religious life and needy students in the African countries of Kenya, Lesotho, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe. Please be generous.