

**We are pleased and honored
To welcome you to
St. Francis of Assisi Parish**
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Rev. Mark Masnicki, Pastor
Rev. Benjamin Soosaimanickam, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Michael Puscas



**MASS
INTENTIONS**

Saturday September 10, 2016 Blessed Virgin Mary

4:00 PM Confessions

5:00 PM Maurice Pelletier req. by his wife, Annette

Sunday, September 11, 2016 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Michelle Petruzzi req. by the Palmer family

10:30 AM For our CCD teachers & assistants on this
Catechetical Sunday

Monday September 12, 2016 Most Holy Name of Mary

NO MASS

**Tuesday September 13, 2016 St. John Chrysostom, bishop,
doctor of the Church**

NO MASS

Wednesday September 14, 2016 Exaltation of the Holy Cross

9:00 AM Mary Pudlo 1st anniversary req. by Roberta Anthony

Thursday September 15, 2016 Our Lady of Sorrows

NO MASS

**Friday September 16, 2016 Sts. Cornelius, pope, & Cyprian,
bishop, martyrs**

9:00 AM Ron Melewski req. by Mackie

9:30 AM Chaplet of Divine Mercy

**Saturday September 17, 2016 St. Robert Bellamine, bishop,
doctor of the Church**

11:00 AM Funeral: Ron Cormier

4:00 PM Confessions

5:00 PM Chester Pudlo req. by his family

Sunday, September 18, 2016 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM John Kane req. by his family

10:30 AM

Offertory: \$ 2,913.56 National Combined: \$ 1,371.00

Today's second collection is for building maintenance.

Next weekend's second collection is for Catholic Elementary
Schools.

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 17 & 18

5:00pm Lector: Carole Briggs

Eucharistic Minister: Sharon Nejako

Altar Servers Nina Gardella, & Elizabeth Spedalieri

8:00am Lector: Jim Dyer

Eucharistic Minister: Joan Grecki

Altar Servers: Emily & Anthony Pomerleau

10:30am Lector: Greg Jones

Eucharistic Minister: Paul Pelletier

Altar Servers: Drew Taylor & Marianne Clippinger

**Lectors: Your workbook is available in the
parish office. Please stop by and get yours.**

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. Michael Smith, Rev. Kevin Reilly, Rev. Anthony Gruber, Rev. Russell Kennedy, Our Holy Father, V. Rev. Dennis Perkins, Rev. Gregory Galvin, Rev. Roger Lamoureux OMI, Rev. Thomas Sickler MS, Rev. Robert Washabaugh, Rev. Leo Almendra,. We also pray for any priests who have left the ministry. 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 funeral Saturday September 17 is for our former parishioner Ron Cormier. Ron was very active in the Parish and community. A member of the Knights of Columbus, Life member of the VFW, 8 yr. active and 8 yr. reserves with the U.S. Marine Corps. And the founder and director of the Saint Francis of Assisi Pasion Play.



**All ladies of the parish
are invited to the Guild
Pot Luck Supper
Monday September
19th, 6:30 in the
meeting room. Please**

**bring a main dish or dessert to
share. A signup sheet can be
found at the side entrance of the
church. Meeting to follow
dinner. This is an opportunity to
see what the Guild is about; you
are under no obligation to join.**

MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES

- ❖ **Clergy Group** Tues. Sept. 13 @ 9:30am at the Parish House

❖ **POLISH DINNER:** Last chance this weekend to purchase tickets for the Knights of Columbus and Ladies Guild 2nd Polish Dinner on September 17th, 5-7 at the FSC. Last year's event was sold out—don't miss this one! Tickets are limited and advance tickets are required—none will be sold at the door. \$18 per person; meal includes: 1 Golumpki (Stuffed Cabbage), 3 Pierogis, kielbasa, sauerkraut, vegetable, bread, dessert & drink. All proceeds will go to St. Francis Parish. *Checks to St. Francis Ladies Guild.* Deadline to purchase is September 11th. You may also contact Kathy at 860-617-9577 to purchase tickets.

- ❖ **CCD** Sunday Sept. 18 9-10am LES
- ❖ **Maintaining Safe Environments** all CCD classes Sunday Sept. 18 during regular class time
- ❖ **Life Teen** Sunday Sept. 18. 40 Days for Life Kick Off. Mass @ 5pm with program following. St. Andrew Church.
- ❖ **Ladies Guild Pot Luck Supper** Monday Sept. 19 @ 6:30pm in the rectory meeting room
- ❖ **Ladies Guild Bake Sale** @ the Lebanon Antique Show on Saturday September 24 on the Green
- ❖ Save the date: **Parish Picnic: September 25th**, after the 10:30 Mass
- ❖ **Life Teen Sunday** September 25. Mass @ 5pm with program following. St. Andrew Church

Sunday, September 11 @ 3pm to 5pm **Croquet Picnic at the Beaumont House** Try your hand at a round of croquet and enjoy an afternoon on the lawn at the Beaumont House. Bring your own lawn chairs, blankets and picnic baskets. Cold drinks and desserts will be provided.

Beginners and experienced players welcome. This event is free and open to the public

Celebrating our 50th Anniversary
Lebanon Historical Society Museum located at 856 Trumbull Hwy., Lebanon For more information call 860-642-6579 museum@historyoflebanon.org www.historyoflebanon.org



Last weekend the National Combined Collection which benefits: The Retirement Fund for Religious, The Annual Appeal for the Holy Father, The Catholic Communications Campaign, and Catholic University of America was taken up in our Parish. To all those who made a gift, thank you for your generous response. If you did not bring your gift envelope to Mass last weekend or if you were away, extra envelopes are available at (please state location). Your contribution can be placed in the collection basket next weekend or mailed directly to the Parish.

Please be as generous as your means allow. Thank you.

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.

St. Francis Parishioners: RCIA to begin

If you, a family member or a friend is considering becoming a Catholic or learning more about the Catholic faith, the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) will begin on Sunday, September 18, 2016 at St. Andrew Church. Classes are for both St. Francis & St. Andrew Parishes and are held after the 9:30am Mass in the classroom attached to the rectory. All are welcome to learn more and journey deeper into the Catholic faith. For more information or questions, please contact John or Nicole Peck at 860.537.6981 or at jnpeck@mac.com

Catholic Elementary School Collection

This September 17th and 18th the Annual Catholic Elementary School Collection will be conducted throughout the Diocese. This will only be an in-pew collection. Donation envelopes will be available in church. Appropriately titled, *Faith for the Future*, the collection recognizes that our futures truly do belong to the children we are educating in our schools today. Our 12 Diocesan elementary schools offer families a safe and nurturing environment in which to entrust their children's academic, social and moral growth, preparing them to become the future leaders of our church and communities.

Please be generous in your support. Your contribution will help provide a Christ-centered and academically excellent Catholic education.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

- ✓ **Charismatic Prayer Meeting** every Tuesday at 2 PM Spiritual Renewal Center, 11 Bath Street, Norwich, CT (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) Individual Prayer offered by Fr. Ray and Judith. All are invited.
- ✓ **Mass of Healing** at St. Patrick Church, East Hampton Thursday September 15th at 7:30pm Fr. Ray Introvigne celebrant Healing Prayer offered by Judith Hughes Personal Prayer available for everyone. All are invited
- ✓ **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.
Eucharistic Holy Hour for Vocations: September 22 at St. Peter in Higganum from 6-7pm.
- ✓ **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 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](tel: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 or worship@norwichdiocese.net or call 860.848.2237 x203. Fee is \$20 (includes Ritual Book).

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

Dear Friends in Christ,

Every year on the third weekend of September, we celebrate Catechetical Sunday here in our Diocese and across the nation. The theme for this year's celebration on September 18, 2016, is "Prayer: The Faith Prayed".

Our prayers are the reflection of our faith. As parents and catechists we teach our children and those going through the RCIA process that we can obtain a personal and intimate relationship with God through prayer. Catechists facilitate this process, first of all, through their own fidelity to prayer. Then they are enabled to lead adults or children through meaningful prayer experiences of their own. In this way, relationship with God is fostered.

All of us, as members of the Church community, are called to grow in our knowledge of the faith, and at the same time to communicate that faith to others through our actions. On this Catechetical Sunday, I acknowledge the essential role of parents as the primary educators of their children. Children first learn about prayer by praying with their parents each day in their own homes. Catechists take on this role of education in a special way for the children and adults in the parish. May these efforts enlighten children and adults with the knowledge of God's love for them and His desire to dwell within them.

Mindful of my role as Chief Catechist of the Diocese of Norwich, I want to express my deep gratitude to those who have been designated by their communities to serve as catechists.

In closing, I call on each of you to celebrate Catechetical Sunday as an opportunity to rededicate yourselves to the mission of prayer and preaching the Gospel through the actions of your daily lives.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Michael R. Cote

Bishop of Norwich

Save your hanging flower pot

The Ladies Guild will again make cemetery arrangements. Please donate your **EMPTY** hanging flower pots/baskets from your fall flowers for use in this fundraiser. **PLEASE EMPTY ALL DIRT** & old flowers from the pots. You may leave them near the side door of the church garage. Thank you. Please contact Barbara 642-7168 with any questions.



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Religious Education Program Curriculum on Maintaining Safe Environments

The Office for Safe Environments of the Diocese of Norwich has mandated that a curriculum on maintaining safe environments be implemented into the Religious Education Program each year.

In compliance with that mandate our CCD teachers will be discussing safe environments on Sunday, September 18, 2014 with their individual classes during regular class time from 9:00 – 10:00 AM.

If a parent does not wish to have their child attend the safe environment program, their child will be able to attend a separate class.

Questions: please contact Jim Hay at 860.886.1882

Called to Protect Workshop for Parents and Families

In compliance with the Diocese of Norwich Safe Environments Awareness and Education Program, a Called to Protect Workshop for Parents and Families will be held at Saint Francis of Assisi Church in the Church on Sunday evening, September 18th at 6:30pm. If you plan to attend, please RSVP by signing up at the side entrance of Church by September 16th.

Please support our Saint Francis Bulletin and our community by supporting these wonderful businesses who advertise on our bulletin cover. They pay good money to sponsor these ads and provide this bulletin at no cost to St. Francis Parish. Please let them know that you appreciate their generous financial support by saying "Thank You" when you patronize them.

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