

**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 October 1, 2016 St. Therese of the Child Jesus,
Virgin, doctor of the Church**

4:00 PM Confessions
5:00 PM Parishioners who are ill

Sunday, October 2, 2016 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Lauren Lafontaine req. by her family
10:30 AM Arthur Choquette req. by his family

Monday October 3, 2016 Weekday

NO MASS

Tuesday October 4, 2016 St. Francis of Assisi

9:00 AM Chester & Mary Pudlo req. by their family

Wednesday October 5, 2016 Weekday

9:00 AM Marion Van Wagner req. by C. Wheaton

**Thursday October 6, 2016 St. Bruno, priest: Bl. Marie Rose
Durocher, virgin**

NO MASS

Friday October 7, 2016 Our Lady of the Rosary

9:00 AM Souls in Purgatory
9:30 AM Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Saturday October 8, 2016 Blessed Virgin Mary

4:00 PM Confessions
5:00 PM

Sunday, October 9, 2016 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Richard Chalifoux req. by his family
10:30 AM Special intention

Offertory: \$ 2,648.84 Monthly Extraordinary: \$ 642.90
Today's second collection is for the Diocesan Cradle Fund.
Next weekend' second collection will be for Mission Combined
collection for the Diocese.
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 October 8 & 9

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 Wheaton, Marianne Clippinger

MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES

- ❖ Life Teen Sunday October 2. Mass @ 5pm No activity. St. Andrew Church
- ❖ Liturgy Committee Wednesday October 5 @ 6:30pm
- ❖ Knights of Columbus Thursday Oct. 6 @ 7pm
- ❖ Blessing of Animals Sunday Oct. 9 @ 1pm

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 Bishop Michael R. Cote, Rev. Gerald Kirby, Rev. Martin Noe, Our Holy Father, Rev. Brian Maxwell, Rev. Walter Nagle, Rev. Justinian Rweyemamu, Rev. Joseph Tito, all priests, Rev. Tomasz Albrecht, Rev. William Olesik.

Mary Immaculate look upon our priests as the children of your love. For being the sweet Mother of Jesus, they may listen to you attentively when you speak to them. Let them love you fervently and open their hearts to the dew of your grace, for we know that you are blessing our priests. (Mother Catherine Aurelia, foundress)

Blessing of Animals



**St. Francis of Assisi
Born 1181
Died 1226**

**All pets accompanied
by their owners
(young & old) will be welcomed at St.
Francis of Assisi Parish's Annual
Blessing of the Animals to be held on
Sunday, October 9, 2016 at 1:00pm,
gathering near the Statue of Saint
Francis in front of the Church.
All pets MUST be leashed or cage**

ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

- ✓ **Charismatic Prayer Meeting** every Tuesday at 2 PM Spiritual Renewal Center, 11 Bath Street, Norwich, CT ([860-887-0702](tel:860-887-0702))
- ✓ **A Holy Hour will be held for our Country and the Election Process.** Tuesday Evenings from 7-8PM beginning on Tuesday October 4th to November 8th we will close with Benediction each evening. Spiritual Renewal Center, 11 Bath Street, Norwich, CT ([860-887-0702](tel:860-887-0702))
- ✓ The Norwich **40 Days-For- Life** campaign will begin with a Vigil Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral this Tuesday, September 27, at 7 PM. Bishop Michael R. Cote will be the Principal Celebrant and Reverend Brian C. Maxwell will be the homilist. Following Mass, 40 Days for Life Team members will be available to answer any questions, sign-up. Parishes and individuals, and distribute campaign materials. The 40 Days for Life this year runs from Wednesday, September 28th through November 6th. It is hoped that all Parishes will "Adopt-A- Day" and participate by encouraging parishioners to pray, fast, and sign-up to attend the peaceful prayer vigil held outside the Planned Parenthood facility at 12 Case St. in Norwich. For further information, please contact Fr. Brian's team at (860) 841-4357
fatherbrians40days@gmail.com The Secret - is to change hearts! The monthly Diocesan Pro-Life Mass will take place at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on Saturday, October 1 at 8:30 A.M. Please join our celebrant Rev. Ray Introvigne 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. Providing Help Creating Hope Catholic Charities, Diocese of Norwich supported by St. Joseph Church and the Knights of Columbus, Council #14 cordially like to invite you to attend
- ✓ **BEGINNING EXPERIENCE WEEKEND** ~ Widowed, separated and divorced wanting help in resolving the pain and grief of losing the marriage relationship and creating a more peace-filled future are encouraged to attend a Beginning Experience weekend September 30 – October 2 at St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield, CT. Catholic based, the weekend helps participants deal with the natural grief process and offers an opportunity, through God, for turning pain of loss into an experience of positive growth. For more information, contact Victoria at 860-993-7866, or call the Catholic Family Services office at 848-2237, ext. 306.
- ✓ **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](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.
- ✓ **Mass of Healing:** Monday October 10th Two Sessions, 2PM and 7PM 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.
- ✓ **Firefighters/Ems Mass.** On Saturday, October 15, 2016, at 5:00 p.m., Bishop Cote will celebrate Mass for all Firefighters/EMS personnel, in the Cathedral of Saint Patrick. Each year, brothers and sisters of all faiths gather to thank God for their calling, to pray for their safety, and to remember their fallen colleagues. Assembly at Chelsea Parade for the line-up and the procession (to the Cathedral) of all personnel and apparatus will begin at 3:00 p.m. The Homilist will be Deacon Robert Dio, Diocese of Worcester. Reception immediately following. All companies, departments, and personnel and their families are cordially invited to participate. For more information call, Mrs. Terri Zampini at [860-887-9294](tel:860-887-9294), x265, or Monsignor Brown at x232.
- ✓ **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.
- ✓ **Eucharistic Holy Hour for Vocations:** October 27 @ St. Maurice in Bolton from 6-7 pm.
- ✓ **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:worship@norwichdiocese.net) or worship@norwichdiocese.net or call 860.848.2237 x203. Fee is \$20 (includes Ritual Book).
- ✓ Please join Bishop Cote at the **Seventh Annual Seton Scholarship Dinner** honoring the recipients of the Most Reverend Michael R. Cote, D.D. Award for Contributions to Catholic Education to be held at 4 PM on Sunday, October 30, 2016 at the Mystic Marriott Hotel, 625 North Road, Groton, Connecticut. This year's honorees are: Mother Mary David Riquier, S.C.M.C., Principal, Academy of the Holy Family, Baltic, CT; Attorney Michael E. Driscoll, representing the law firm of Brown Jacobson, P.C. as Diocesan Counsel for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Norwich; and Mr. William J. Russell, C.P.A., recently retired Diocesan Finance Officer, after serving 12 years with the Diocese of Norwich. Tickets are \$150/person and will be available for purchase until October 17, 2016. All proceeds benefit Catholic Elementary Schools within the Diocese. For tickets and more information, please contact Kathy Gaito at 860-886- 1928 ext. 15, kgaito@norwichdiocese.net or visit www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org.
- ✓ **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.

The 9th Annual Catholic Men's Conference will be held Saturday, October 22 at Goodwin College in East Hartford. To register go to www.ctcatholicmen.org Ticket price is \$40, includes box lunch. Tickets for sale on line & at the door Doors open at 8:00am, Vigil Mass at 4:00pm

PASTA FOR HOPE & SILENT AUCTION

DATE: Saturday, October 29th

TIME: 5:00pm – 7:30pm

PLACE: St. Joseph Church Hall, 99 Jackson Street, Willimantic, CT COST: \$10.00 Adults \$6.00 Children Under 12 Children 3 years of age and under eat for FREE. Children of all ages are encouraged to dress in their Halloween Costume.

Tickets can be purchased at any Catholic Charities Office or by contacting 860-889-8346, extension 266 / lauramalone@cfsn.org / www.cfsn.org

Checks can be mailed to Catholic Charities/331 Main Street/Norwich, CT 06360/Attention: Business Office

St Faustina's Miracle – The Digan's Tell Their Story

Maureen Digan and her husband, Deacon Bob Digan, will be speaking about the miracle that led to Sister Faustina's Canonization. Hear Maureen Digan and her husband Deacon Bob Digan tell their incredible story about the miracle that changed their lives and led to Sister Faustina's Canonization. And, learn what it means for you. The talk will take place at Our Lady of the Lakes Church, 752 Norwich Salem Turnpike, Montville, CT 06370, on Sunday October 9, 2016 at 2:00pm. There will be a short reception in the Church Hall after the talk. It is open to everyone; there is no need to sign up in advance. While there is no charge, there will be an opportunity for a voluntary free will offering. For information, call Our Lady of the Lakes Church at 860-859-1575.

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

Save your hanging flower pots!

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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GROW*WINDHAM is searching for a Garden Coordinator to lead the development of a new urban community "market garden" in Lauter Park in Willimantic, CT. For details visit www.growwindham.org or call 860.423.4534.

The Bereavement Ministry at Andrew Church, Colchester "Journey to Healing" is offering a special program to help those going through the loss of a loved one. October 7, 2016. Deacon Michael Puscas will offer a program titled "Good Grief - Bad Grief".

"The "Good Grief – Bad Grief" program combines PowerPoint slides with a participant handbook to briefly explore the topic of grief and loss. During the program, participants will view and discuss the grief life cycle, the notion of "loss" and the triggers for launching the grief life cycle. In addition, the program will clearly define the difference between grief that is life-giving, and grief that is life-draining. Finally, the program will help participants understand how long it takes to get through the life cycle and what is considered a "normal" emotional response."

The complementary program will start at 4:45pm with soup and sandwich followed by the presentation at 5:30pm.

Since refreshments will be furnished and handouts will be available we request that participants register by contacting Cathy Russi [860-887-9621](tel:860-887-9621) or crussi45@sbcglobal.net or Penny Godbois [860-537-4046](tel:860-537-4046) or crafterpen@att.net

We hope you can join us as we try to provide guidance and support to those going through a difficult time.

Golf For Life – CareNet Pregnancy Resource Center of SECT will be held on Saturday, October 15 at Pequot Golf Course in Stonington. Registration & breakfast at 6:30AM Your choice of playing one round or playing all day. Golf with friends & raise needed funds. For more information or to sign-up contact Cyndy DeCosta @ cyndy@carenetsect.org or 860.449.0386.

PROGRAMS AT ENDERS ISLAND

www.EndersIsland.com 860.536.0565

Mystic, CT

- ❖ Tuesday Evening Enrichment with John Brodeur Tuesday October 4 @ 5:30pm Gregorian Chant
- ❖ Day of Recollection with Deacon Tom Evrard Monday October 10 @ 10:00am Sign of Jonah
- ❖ SAI 512 Russian Iconography with Susan Kelly VonMedicus Sunday October 29 @ 7:00pm Prosopon School of Iconography

The Mission Combined Collection will be held next weekend. Your contribution will provide assistance to the World Mission Appeal, U.S. Bishop's Appeal for Latin America, Black and Indian Missions, and the Catholic Home Mission Appeal. You will receive information in the mail about this collection. Please read this material and bring your gift envelope to Mass next weekend, October 8/9, 2016.

Dear Sisters in Christ:

Throughout the month of October, the Norwich Diocesan Council of Catholic Women conducts its annual membership appeal. During this drive for members, I urge you to join the Council, to help it to grow, and to carry on its effective work in our Diocese.

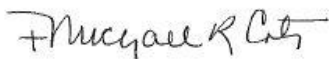
By serving the poor here and elsewhere, the Council witnesses to the living faith of the dedicated, zealous women of our diocesan family. By educating its members on critical, moral issues and working to promote unity among Christians, the Norwich Diocesan Council of Catholic Women enriches the bonds of love and faith that unite us as God's People.

While I am grateful to all women who participate in the Council, I am thankful as well to the men throughout the Diocese who support the good works of the Council by their generous donation to the membership campaign. Together, with the generosity of so many women and men, the Council achieves its threefold mission to support, to empower, and to educate all Catholic women "in spirituality, leadership, and service".

Please help the Council to continue its good work in our Diocesan family as it responds to challenges to our faith. The Council is a voice for the needy, a witness to the sacredness of all human life, and a forum in which its membership is informed about critical, moral issues.

Let us ask Our Lady, Queen of the Rosary, during the month of October dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, to bless with success our campaign to engage the women of our Diocese in the prayer, work, and life of the Norwich Diocesan Council of Catholic Women. Through the intercession of Our Lady of Good Counsel, our Diocesan Council's Patroness, may the Lord bless you and you loved ones!

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Bishop of Norwich

Membership envelopes for the Norwich Diocesan Council of Catholic Women may be found at the side entrance.

National Make A Difference Day: National Make a Difference Day weekend is October 22nd and 23th 2016. This year will be the eight year Saint Andrew Parish Family will take part in the national day of caring. In the past we have helped our neighbor to the south. Many items and funds were donated to the Haitian Health Foundation. We will continue to support the people in Haiti. This year we will also have a second project people can get involved with. The new project this year will be the Hospice House in Norwich. Looking for volunteers and ideas to help make a difference.

If you have any questions, contact Cathy Russi at 860-887-9621 or crussi45@sbcglobal.net

My Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

The theme of this year's respect life month is "moved by mercy". In the midst of this extraordinary jubilee of mercy we echo the words of Pope Francis in his bull *Misericordiae Vultus*: Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope".

"Moved by Mercy" we proclaim the incomparable dignity and worth of every human person from conception until natural death. Pope Francis notes that "in this holy year we look forward to the experience of opening our hearts to those living on the outermost fringes of society: fringes which modern society itself creates How many uncertain and painful situations there are in the world today. How many are the wounds borne by the flesh of those who have no voice". Moved by mercy you and I give a voice to the unborn, the poor, the victims of war, gun violence, civic strife and the elderly. Francis adds: "Let us open our eyes and see the misery of the world, the wounds of our brothers and sisters who are denied their dignity, and let us recognize that we are compelled to heed their cry for help."

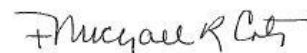
Every night the evening news recounts what appears to be increasing violence. Saint John Paul II prophetically warned about an exalted notion of freedom, a freedom separate from truth, in his encyclical *The Gospel of Life*: "If the promotion of the self is understood in terms of absolute autonomy, people inevitable reach the point of rejecting one another, Everyone else is considered an enemy from whom one has to defend oneself." Moved by mercy we need to reject this worldview based on relativism, which no longer holds the most fundamental right, the right to life.

In this year of mercy the Church extends its heart and arms to those hurt by abortion. Advances in psychological studies have shown that women and men are carrying heavy burdens because of abortion. The Church is here to help. Project Rachel is available as well as counseling services provided by Catholic Charities and the Office of Family Life. Crisis pregnancy centers are available throughout the Diocese to assist women with material resources in a pregnancy.

Families with special needs children are particularly close to the heart of Our Holy Father and are central to building a culture of life. In *Amoris Laetitia*, *The Joy of Love*, Pope Francis notes: "Families who lovingly accept the difficult trial of a child with special needs are greatly to be admired. They render the Church and society an invaluable witness of faithfulness to the gift of life."

"Moved by Mercy", together we can work together to build a culture that welcomes, nurtures, and values life at its weakest and most vulnerable moments. It is an encouraging sign of the time. Let us, as Pope Francis concludes in *Misericordiae Vultus*, "never tire of extending mercy, and be ever patient in offering compassion and comfort."

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Bishop of Norwich

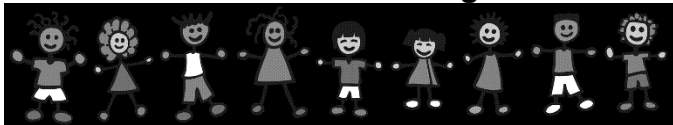
Defending Our Religious Liberty Oct. 2, 2016

According to Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore, chairman of the USCCB's Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty, comments made by Martin Castro, chairman of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, saying that religious liberty is reduced to "nothing except hypocrisy, and religion is being used as a weapon... by those seeking to deny others equality" are shocking. It suggests that Catholic, evangelical, orthodox Jewish, Mormon, and Muslim communities are comparable to fringe segregationists from the civil rights era. These statements, said Lori, painting those who support religious freedom with the broad brush of bigotry are reckless and reveal a profound disregard for the religious foundations of his own work.

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.

The women of the diocese are invited to "**A Morning for Women with Our Merciful Savior**" at the Cathedral of St. Patrick, Norwich, on Saturday, October 22, 2016. The day begins at 9:00 AM with a presentation by Fr. Brian Maxwell, Missionary of Mercy, his topic is Heart to Heart on the Beautiful, Healing Sacrament of God's Love and Divine Mercy. There will be an opportunity to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation. Bishop Michael Cote will celebrate a Mass at 10:00 AM. Refreshments will be served in the Cathedral auditorium after the Mass. Reservations may be made by calling Helen Connell at 860-848- 8998 or Nancy Prochorena at 860-739- 7691 or email: judypappa@hotmail.com

Lebanon Children's Clothing Wardrobe



Donations are accepted on the 1st Thursday of each month from 4 – 6 pm.

All families are invited to shop for clothes at the "Swap"

Saturday, October 15, 2016
9:00 am – 12:00 noon
Redeemer Lutheran Church
21 Village Hill Road, Lebanon

"Bring what you can, take what you need"
Contact us for more information:
www.facebook.com/lebanonccw or
lebanonccs@gmail.com

PARISH MISSION October 15-19

"Living an Authentic Spirituality: *Faith in Action*" with *FR. Daniel Renaud, OMI.* of the Immaculata Retreat House.

SCHEDULE:

Saturday & Sunday, October 15 & 16 – Introduction to theme of Mission. Regular Weekend Mass Schedule in Colchester & St. Francis

Monday, October 17 – 8:00 AM Mass – St. Andrew

7:00 PM Conference at St. Andrew

Tuesday, October 18 – 8:00 AM Mass – St. Andrew followed by Sacrament of Reconciliation until 2:00 Pm

6:00 Conference at St. Francis

7:00 PM Mass at St. Andrew followed by Conference

Wednesday, October 19 – 8:00 AM Mass- St. Andrew

7:00 PM Conference at St. Andrew

Based on the letter of St. James, Fr. Daniel will outline concrete ways of being and doing that will positively impact our faith lives and the lives of others. The Mission will consist of three evening talks, also priests will be available for the sacrament of Reconciliation (See the schedule above). This Mission is free of charge, free will offering gladly accepted. We hope to see you all for this inspirational Mission.

Our Annual Collection of Household Items for WAIM will not be held in October. We will take up this collection in the spring. If possible, please save your items until then.

The Lyman Memorial Bulldog Community would like to invite everyone to the **3rd Annual Military Appreciation Night** on Thursday, October 13 at 5:45 pm for a pre-game ceremony. Lyman Bulldogs and Plainfield Panthers will take the field for a boys' soccer game, following the ceremony. All active, reserve, and retired military personnel are specially invited to attend and will be honored on the field. Refreshments will be served and all military attendees will be invited to stay and watch the game. Admission is free for all honorees. Fans are encouraged to attend and support their teams and pay tribute to our local veteran, reserve and active military personnel.

ONE NIGHT! CT Right to LIFE is bringing the movie, VOICELESS to Eastern CT! On October 28th at Lisbon Landing movie theater at 7pm! Located at 160 River Road in Lisbon CT Purchase your tickets online at <http://bit.do/voiceless-ct-east> for \$15/person. Or in person at Merciful Saviour Gift Shop in Colchester CT. (\$15) Please help spread the word. See you on Friday, October 28th! Thank you! You can watch the movie trailer here <http://voicelessthemovie.com/>

Programs at Holy Family Retreat Center, West Hartford - 860-760-9705. www.holyfamilyretreat.org

Faith & Politics – at Our Dinner Table? with Dr. Benjamin Peters Tuesday, Oct 11, 7-9 p.m. Catholics are called to actively participate in the world around them – to be "political." But what does political activity look like in the U.S. today in the age of Trump and Clinton? Join us as we discuss how Catholics and others can think about U.S. politics and the 2016 election. \$25.

Your Faith at Work: Authenticity and the Spiritual Life, with Sr. Elaine Betoncourt Thursday, Nov 3, 7:30-8:30 a.m. (optional Mass at 7 a.m. in Public Chapel). Thomas Merton wrote, "For me to be a saint means to be myself." Join Sr. Elaine in exploring the theme of authenticity and what it means to be an authentic person and a true Christian. \$25, includes breakfast

How to Be "Positively" Stressed, with Ken Steller Saturday, Nov 5, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. When stress becomes overwhelming, it can negatively affect health, productivity and relationships. Understanding what stress is and specific ways to manage it are the keys to being "positively" stressed. \$65, includes lunch.

Praise, Worship, and Healing Prayer Service

Nothing uplifts the soul like praising and worshiping God! Are you rejoicing because God has blessed you with answered prayer? Come share your story and bless others. Are you or someone you know in need of special prayer? Do you seek healing for yourself or a loved one? Are you in need of a job or discernment regarding the path you should take? Would you like to seek intercessory prayer for a burden you're carrying for someone else?

Please join us on Thursday, October 6th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Andrew Church, 128 Norwich Ave. in Colchester, CT, for an evening of praising and worshiping God with music, teaching, witnessing, and prayer. This powerful evening will give participants an opportunity to praise God with uplifting music, listen to scripture readings, join others in prayer, confidentially offer individual prayer requests, and, if desired, meet with a prayer team for personal intercessory or healing prayer. Everyone is invited to join us.

APPLE FESTIVAL

RAFFLE, Arts & Crafts, Bake Sale, Farm Stand, Tag Sale, Vendors, Cat's Meow Café Balloons, Face Painting and much more!

Featuring the music of Bruce John
Fun!...Food!...Music!

Raffle Prizes include: LG HDR PRO TV 4K,
XBOX ONE S with Madden 17 Bundle,
LENOVO IDEAPAD, APPLE IPAD MINI 2



St. Joseph Living Center
14 Club Road, Windham, CT
Saturday October 15th
10 – 2 Rain or Shine
Drawing at 2 PM

Kris Kringle Christmas Fair at Sts. Peter & Paul Church, 181 Elizabeth St, Norwich. Saturday, November 12 from 9am to 4pm. Featuring crafters, bake sale, theme baskets, refreshments & luncheon available.

- **Saint Bernard School Grades 6-12** (1593 Norwich New London Turnpike, Uncasville). Open house October 22 12noon – 2pm & November 15 6pm-8pm. For more information contact 860.848.1271, email admissions@saint-bernard.com or visit www.saintbernardschool.org
- **East Catholic High School** (115 New State Road, Manchester). Open House Thursday November 3 @ 6:45pm. Entrance exam for eighth graders Saturday November 12 @ 8am at East Catholic High School. Pre-registration advised but not required. Visit www.echs.com or Admissions 860.649.5336 x6456 for more information.
- **Mercy High School** (1740 Randolph Road, Middletown). Open House Sunday November 6 @ 1pm. Entrance exam for class of 2021 Saturday November 12 8am – 11:15am. Testing fee is \$30.00. Pre-register www.mercyhigh.com Make-up date Saturday November 19.

Come into the Sukkah, A Shelter of Peace and celebrate World Food Day. Share a community Pot Luck, support our neighbors in need. Sunday October 16 @ 4pm. All are welcome. If you are able, please bring a dish to share. Windham No-Freeze Shelter, 75 Bridge Street, Willimantic. For more information contact Temple Bnai Israel 860.423.3743 or office@templebnaisrael.org

A part-time (25 Hours per week) position is available for a Development Coordinator at the Diocese of Norwich Outreach to Haiti. Major responsibilities include fund-raising, and donor development. Email info@outreachtohaiti.org for the complete job description and qualifications. Application with resume is due by October 21, 2016.