

**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 October 22, 2016 St. John Paul II, pope**

4:00 PM Confessions

5:00 PM Fern Gardiner req. by her family

**Sunday, October 23, 2016 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM Joanna Formica req by the Paris family

10:30 AM 48<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Paul & Christine Pelletier

**Monday October 24, 2016 St. Anthony Mary Claret, bishop**

NO MASS

**Tuesday October 25, 2016 Weekday**

NO MASS

**Wednesday October 26, 2016 Weekday**

9:00 AM Souls in Purgatory

**Thursday October 27, 2016 Weekday**

NO MASS

**Friday October 28, 2016 Sts. Simon & Jude, apostles**

9:00 AM Rev. James Maltese

9:30 AM Chaplet of Divine Mercy

**Saturday October 29, 2016 Blessed Virgin Mary**

4:00 PM Confessions

5:00 PM

**Sunday, October 30, 2016 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM Jerome J. Getman req. by the Paris family

10:30 AM

11:30 AM Baptism

*This week's Sanctuary light is lit in memory of Annette Fauteux. Please remember her in your prayers at Mass today and throughout the week.*

Offertory: \$ 2,561.37 Monthly Extraordinary: \$ 678.02  
Today's second collection will be for building & maintenance.  
Next weekend's second collection is a voluntary collection to assist the victims affected by the historic 2016 Louisiana floods.  
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 29 & 30**

5:00pm Lector: Anne Staebner

Eucharistic Minister: Jim Hay

Altar Servers: Nicholas Barrett & Steve Bardes

8:00am Lector: Ella Mae Kuzel

Eucharistic Minister: Betsie Petrie

Altar Servers: Christian & Jack Terwilliger

10:30am Lector: Paul Pelletier

Eucharistic Minister: Wally Gagnon

Altar Servers: Erika Densman & Wayne Woodward

**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  
Airman Emerson Flannery, U.S. Navy  
Seaman Alex R. Paris, 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. Stanley Szczapa, Rev. William Flynn, Rev. Richard Breton, V. Rev. Gregoire Fluet, V. Rev. Laurence LaPointe, Rev. Luis Agudelo, Rev. Arul Peter, Rev. V. Antony Alaharasan, Rev. Paul Ramen, Rev. Christopher Zmuda, Rev. Joseph DeCosta, Rev. John Ashe, Rev. Thomas Hoar SSE, V. Rev. Ignatius Manfredonia FI.  
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)

**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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**Life Teen Oct. 23** – Mass at 5pm followed by dinner & Life Night

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

- ✓ **Charismatic Prayer Meeting** every Tuesday at 2 PM Spiritual Renewal Center, 11 Bath Street, Norwich, CT (860-887-0702)
- ✓ **Mass of Healing:** Monday October 24<sup>th</sup> 2PM Spiritual Renewal Center, 11 Bath Street, Norwich, CT (860-887-0702) Individual Prayer offered by Fr. Ray and Judith. All are invited.
- ✓ **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 or worship@norwichdiocese.net or call 860.848.2237 x203. Fee is \$20 (includes Ritual Book).
- ✓ **7th Annual Seton Scholarship Dinner:** 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 24, 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](http://www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org).
- ✓ **Twenty-Fifth Annual Red, White and Blue Mass** Sunday, November 6, 2016, at 10:15 a.m. On Sunday, November 6, 2016, at 10:15 a.m., Bishop Cote will celebrate Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Patrick for all military personnel, those who are active, in the reserves and Veterans. The purpose of this celebration is to honor our service men and women as we recognize the many sacrifices made by the families and loved ones of our military. The theme for the 2016, Red, White and Blue Mass is Connecticut's Submarine Century. The Homilist will be Deacon Robert P. Hayes. The Mass Committee Chairs are BG CT Edward J. Waitte, (Ret.) and Mr. David K. Harding, U.S. Merchant Marine. For more information call, Monsignor Brown or Mrs. Rebecca McDougal at 860-887- 9294.
- ✓ **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](mailto:memahoney@norwichdiocese.net) or (860) 886-1928, ext. 14 for more information.

Catholic Charities Diocese of Norwich invite you to join us for dinner! **Pasta for Hope & Silent Auction** supported by the Knights of Columbus, Council #14, will be held Saturday October 29 at St. Joseph Church Hall, 99 Jackson Street, Willimantic. Adults \$10.00, Children under 12 \$6.00 and those 3 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 ext. 266, email [lauramalone@ccfsn.org](mailto:lauramalone@ccfsn.org) or visit our website at [www.ccfsn.org](http://www.ccfsn.org).

### **Defending Our Religious Liberty Oct. 23, 2016**

Through Our Lady of the Rosary's aid, may voters and elected leaders uphold the virtues of religious freedom in their political engagement. 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.

### **PROGRAMS AT ENDERS ISLAND**

[www.EndersIsland.com](http://www.EndersIsland.com) 860.536.0565  
Mystic, CT

- ❖ SAI 512 Russian Iconography with Susan Kelly VonMedicus Sunday October 29 @ 7:00pm Prosopton School of Iconography

**"How to Have Daily Conversations With God As The True Friend He Really is"** Presented at MY FATHER'S HOUSE, 39 N. Moodus Rd. Moodus, Connecticut 06469. Thursday Oct.27, 2016 – 7: PM Sharp through 8:30:PM. Cost is FREE and PRE-registration is required. All are welcome (age 13 through 190). We will ask for a free-will-offering at the end of the lecture. E-mail [TonyREG777@aol.com](mailto:TonyREG777@aol.com) to Pre-register and let us know: your name, phone number, how many people in your group, and which Oct. date you'll attend). ONLY register by phone if you don't have email – by calling My Father's House at [860-873-1906](tel:860-873-1906)

**Programs at Holy Family Retreat Center, West Hartford - 860-760-9705. [www.holyfamilyretreat.org](http://www.holyfamilyretreat.org)**

**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.

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/>

**St. Andrew Christmas Fair** November 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> in the parish hall (128 Norwich Avenue, Colchester)  
 Friday Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> 4pm to 8pm.  
 Saturday Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> 9am – 2pm  
 Featuring **Friday Night Traditional Turkey Dinner**  
 4pm Seniors \$8  
 5pm General Public \$10 adults ~ \$4 children 3-10 ~ Under 3 free



**Bake Shoppe Baskets & More \***  
**Little Gift Shop \* Crafters \* Special Gifts of Christmas \* Tea Cup Raffle \***  
**Kid's Corner**  
**Santa** Friday 4:30pm – 6:30pm & Saturday 10am - noon  
 St. Andrew Children's Choir Saturday 10 am  
 Questions please call 860.537.2355

**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.

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- **Saint Bernard School Grades 6-12** (1593 Norwich New London Turnpike, Uncasville). Open house November 15 6pm-8pm. For more information contact 860.848.1271, email [admissions@saint-bernard.com](mailto:admissions@saint-bernard.com) or visit [www.saintbernardschool.org](http://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](http://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](http://www.mercyhigh.com) Make-up date Saturday November 19.

Thank You

This year's PARISH Bake Sale had many generous donations of baked goods from Ladies Guild members and only 4 parishioners. The \$830 proceeds raised from this sale go to the parish. Thank you to Nancy Godere and Dottie Goldstein who have been chairing this sale for many years and to their committee who worked alongside them the day of the Antique Show and those who baked. Since this is a Parish function please consider baking for next year's event to ensure that it is another successful fundraiser for Saint Francis Parish.

**Harvest of Hope:** Enjoy special wine tastings & hors d'oeuvres, accompanied by music, a silent auction, and spectacular friends, as we support the mission of WAIM. Saturday Nov 5<sup>th</sup> from 5-8pm. 750 Main Street, Willimantic. Tickets \$65 per person available at [www.waimct.org](http://www.waimct.org) or contact [waimharvest@gmail.com](mailto:waimharvest@gmail.com)

**Closing Celebration of the Extraordinary Jubilee.** Bishop Cote will celebrate the closing of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy on Sunday, November 13, 2016, 10:25 a.m., Cathedral of Saint Patrick, Norwich. Participants are asked to bring an item of food or personal hygiene items for the needy in the area. These donated items will be presented prior to this Mass. For further information call Ms. Becky Cady at 860-887-9294, ext. 235.

**Men's ACT Retreat Weekend**

November 3-6

@ Immaculata Retreat House in Willimantic.

Sponsored by

St. Francis of Assisi Church ~ Lebanon

St. Andrew Church ~ Colchester

St. Patrick Church ~ East Hampton

Contact Bert Bosse for more information

@ 860.642.3994



**MY FATHER'S HOUSE HOSTS A FAMILY EVENT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2016 from 2:00 - 4:00 P.M.**

JOIN US AS WE EXPLORE SOME OF THE MOST POPULAR SAINTS OF OUR TIME. WE WILL BEGIN WITH A SHORT PRESENTATION ON "WHAT ARE SAINTS AND HOW THEY CAN HELP US WITH OUR EVERYDAY WALK WITH JESUS". WE WILL LEARN ABOUT TWO OF THE YOUNGER SAINTS AND HOW THEIR LIVES LED THEM DOWN THE PATHWAY TO SAINTHOOD. ST. FRANCIS WILL BE OUR "SAINT OF THE DAY" (A FREE BLESSED PET MEDAL WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR THE FAMILY DOG OR CAT, ETC.) WE WILL HAVE REFRESHMENTS WITH A VERY SPECIAL DESSERT! (Shhhhh, it's "saint bones") CALL FOR MORE INFORMATION 860-873-1906 NO CHARGE

Connecticut's rapidly aging population is creating a huge demand for in-home care. The expanded need for in-home professionals has created a need for tens of thousands of jobs in the care and support industry. Now is the time to check-out career options, whether you are looking for a part-time job on a flexible schedule or a full-time position. The place to go is [www.caringcareers.org](http://www.caringcareers.org) a free where you will find ideas and tips to help you find the job that's right for you.

**Ham & Bean Dinner**  
**Saturday, November 5th**  
**First Baptist Church of Lebanon**  
**5pm – 7pm**  
**Adults – 10 years      \$ 9.00**  
**Children 4 years        \$ 5.00**  
**Under                      Free**

**Raffle Baskets**  
**All proceeds to benefit Neighbors Helping Neighbors**  
**Sponsored by the area churches**

**Red, White, & Blue Mass**  
**Sunday November 6, 2016**  
**10:15am at St. Patrick's Cathedral**  
**Bishop Michael Cote**  
**For Active Duty, Retired & Reserve Personnel,**  
**Veterans, Veteran's Organizations & Auxiliaries of all Faiths**

**PAVING UPDATE**

Total Pledge Request of parishioners	65,000.00
Total Pledged by Parishioners	64,445.00
Pledges paid to date	57,755.00
Pledge Balance due by July 2017	6,690.00

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 Monies expected and/or paid to cover costs of paving

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| Parking lot and driveways:      |            |
| Parishioner pledges             | 64,445.00  |
| Donation from Ladies Guild      | 6,000.00   |
| Hugh Trumbull Trust 1st payment | 20,000.00  |
| Hugh Trumbull Trust 2nd payment |            |
| To be received this fall        | 20,000.00  |
| Total monies received and or    |            |
| Expected for paving project     | 110,445.00 |

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 Extraordinary expense for major improvement of paving driveways and parking lot:

Charles Pasteryak Paving parking lot & driveways	80,000.00
	29,680.00
Constantine Sealing for line Painting parking lot	1,158.00
Painting drive ways	500.00
Stone, gravel, & loam to fill In along sides of parking lot & drives	1,065.79

Total spent on Paving projects      112,403.79  
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| Income               | 110,445.00            |
| <u>Expenses</u>      | <u>( 112,403.79 )</u> |
| Shortfall covered by |                       |
| Savings              | 1,958.79              |

Left to be done in the spring: raise back end of parking lot with aggregate. And Loam & grass seed along driveways.

Thank you to all parishioners for your support of this pledge drive and for all the volunteer help received. Your dedication to your parish is a true example of your faith.

# THANKSGIVING GIVING BASKET



It is time to replenish our food supplies in preparation for Thanksgiving Food Baskets.

We ask that those able and willing to donate consider the following items that are needed:

Gravy, Stuffing, Cranberry Sauce, Jelly, Peanut Butter, Flour, Sugar, Pie Crusts and Fillings, Bread and Cake Mixes, Spices, Vegetable Oil, Frostings, Canned Vegetables, Soups, Tuna, Canned Fruits, Chef Boyardee, Mac & Cheese, Cereals (hot or cold), Jell-O, Puddings, Pasta, Pasta Sauce, etc.

As always, we are thankful for food donations of all types. Your continued support of this program has helped many of our friends and neighbors when they have stumbled upon difficult times.



**Turkeys** needed for the Thanksgiving Baskets. Please call the parish office before delivering. Baskets are to be delivered on November 19th.

All food items should be brought to  
St. Francis Church by Sunday, November 13th.