

**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. Richard Breton  
Deacon Michael Puscas



**MASS  
INTENTIONS**

**Saturday January 21, 2017 St. Agnes, virgin & martyr**

4:00 PM Confessions

5:00 PM Theresa Baran req. by her family

**Sunday, January 22, 2017 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM Waltraut Rokycy req by the Paris family

10:30 AM People of the parish living & deceased

**Monday January 23, 2017 Day of Prayer for the legal  
protection of unborn children; St. Vincent, deacon, martyr;**

**St. Marianne Cope, virgin**

NO MASS

**Tuesday January 24, 2017 St. Francis de Sales, bishop,  
doctor of the Church**

NO MASS

**Wednesday January 25, 2017 Conversion of St. Paul the  
Apostle**

9:00 AM Ed & Christine Clark req by Norm & Ella Mae Kuzel

**Thursday January 26, 2017 Sts. Timothy & Titus, bishops**

NO MASS

**Friday January 27, 2017 St. Angela Merici virgin**

9:00 AM Patricia Belch req. by P. Roberts

9:30 AM Chaplet of Divine Mercy

**Saturday January 28, 2017 St. Thomas Aquinas, priest,  
doctor of the Church**

4:00 PM Confessions

5:00 PM

**Sunday, January 29, 2017 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM

10:30 AM

Offertory: \$ 2,699.00

Today's second collection is for building maintenance.

A very sincere thanks to all those parishioners who make-up their offertory while away.

**Adoration of our Lord. Jesus is the Friend who never abandons us. (St. Luigi Guanella) Adoration begins at 8:30am following the 8:00am Mass on Thursdays and continues until Benediction at 7:00pm at St. Andrew Church. There is always a need for faithful adorers, please consider omitting to a specific hour. Contact Dennis Girard @ 860.334.9894 or dennisgirard51@gmail.com**

**Weekend January 28 & January 29**

5:00pm Lector: Steve Wengloski

Eucharistic Minister: Sharon Nejako

Altar Servers: Grace & Genevieve Gardella

8:00am Lector: Kathy Pellerin

Eucharistic Minister: Gregg Lafontaine

Altar Servers: Christian & Jack Terwilliger

10:30am Lector: Maureen Polana

Eucharistic Minister: Tony Coscia

Altar Servers: Erika Densman & Becca Wheaton

**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  
SFC 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  
LCPL Chad Wengloski, U.S. Marines  
Seaman Jonathan Wengloski, 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 Msgr. Thaddeus Malanowski, Rev. Arul Peter, V. Rev. Peter Fehiner, Rev. Elson Kattookaran MS, Rev. John Gwudz, Msgr. James Carini, all priests, Rev. Izydor Sadowski SDB, Msgr. Kevin Randall, Rev. Richard Breton, Rev. Michael Gill, Rev. Brian Maxwell, Rev. Jonathan Ficara.

May each day of this New Year bring our priests more good to do, more souls to save and more holy influence to spread around them by word and by deed. Father, we pray for our priests; for the sanctity of their souls and for perfect love, that they may be the voice of Christ. (Mother Catherine Aurelia, foundress)

**\*\*\*Save the Date\*\*\***

**Saturday, Feb. 11, 2017**

**6 – 10 pm**

**Lebanon Fire Safety Complex**

**Mid-Winter Break**

**Dinner with music and games by Wojo  
(DJ)**

**Turkey dinner with all the trimmings  
Tickets on sale now – advanced sales only  
Questions – call Jennie at 860-642-7146 or  
Alicia at 860-465-7603**

**Sponsored by the St. Francis Ladies Guild**

My dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Human life is sacred and must be defended from the moment of conception until natural death. This January 22, 2017, marks the forty-fourth anniversary of the Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion on demand. It is estimated that since that time 59 million abortions have been performed in the United States. The numbers are staggering.

To voice a counter protest to this "culture of death" thousands upon thousands of young and old march in Washington, DC, to witness to the sanctity of human life. This year's march will be January 27. Those marching represent hope and are heeding the call of Pope Francis in *Amoris Laetitia* who teaches us "that one of the most important tasks of families is to provide an education in hope."

As Catholic people of life, our faith is Eucharistic. It stems from the self-giving of Jesus on the cross. St. John Paul II, in *Evangelium Vitae*, notes: "It is upon meditating on the spectacle of the cross that we shall discover this glorious tree the fulfillment and the complete revelation of the whole Gospel of Life." The self-giving love of Jesus on the cross is the model for our own self-giving and our own efforts to promote the culture of life. This begins at home, in the family. In *Amoris Laetitia*, Pope Francis notes "The family is the setting in which a new life is not only born but also welcomed as a gift of God." In a catechesis, February 11, 2015, the Holy Father notes: "Children are a gift. Each one is unique and irreplaceable." In *Amoris Laetitia* Pope Francis addresses a cultural line of thought seemingly at odds with the self-giving love of Jesus on the cross. He notes: "Here I feel it urgent to state that, if the family is the sanctuary of life, the place where life is conceived and cared for, it is a horrendous contradiction when it becomes a place where life is rejected and destroyed. So great is the value of human life, and so inalienable the right to life of an innocent child growing in the womb, that no alleged right to one's body can justify a decision to terminate that life."

Here we see a dramatic clash of philosophies. One says "this is my body"-a sacrificial gift offered up in love for all of us. This is the love of Jesus. Another philosophy says "this is my body. I have the right to choose." If we are to change hearts and minds in the abortion debate it will only be through Eucharistic (self-giving) love. To that extent, the anniversary of *Roe v. Wade* is an opportunity for all of us to reflect on the hidden presence of Jesus in the lives of countless men and women who feel there is no choice.

In the end, Pope Francis encourages each of us to "have a big heart" and to be the larger family of those in crisis situations. "This larger family should provide love and support to teenage mothers, children without parents, and single mothers left to raise children. "Scripture tells us to "always be ready to give an account for the hope that lies within you." (1Pet 3:15) We are people of hope and the countless young men and women who are embracing "the Gospel of life" are a great sign of hope for our age. Thank you for all that you do to build a culture of life in the Diocese of Norwich.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
*Michael R. Cote*  
Bishop of Norwich

**There will be a Children's Mass  
January 29 @ 10:30am. Grades 1 &  
5 will be helping.**

**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)).
- ✓ **Healing Mass** Monday, January 23, 2017 at 2PM Spiritual Renewal Center, 11 Bath Street, Norwich, CT
- ✓ **The March for Life Bus Trip.** The Annual March for Life will take place this year on Friday, January 27, 2017, in Washington, D.C., as a way for people to express their opposition to abortion. This year's event coincides with the 44th anniversary of the Supreme Court's decision to legalize abortion. Buses sponsored by the Southeast Chapter of Connecticut Right to Life. We will travel to the March leaving from the Norwich Municipal Parking Lot (Exit 11, I-395) on Thursday, January 26, 2017, at 9 P.M. Bus fare is \$67 per person. For information, to reserve a seat, or, if you cannot go, to sponsor a seat, please call Margaret Becotte at 860-822-1362.
- ✓ **Natural Family Planning** is scientific, safe, and is 99-percent effective for conceiving or responsibly postponing a baby. A three-session class for married and engaged couples begins on Saturday, January 28 at 7 P.M. in Gales Ferry. For more information, call Craig and Liz Schantz at 860-464-1184 or to register for a class go to [www.ccli.org](http://www.ccli.org). Natural Family Planning is scientific, safe, and is 99-percent effective for conceiving or responsibly postponing a baby. A three-session class for married and engaged couples begins on Saturday, January 28 at 7 P.M. in Gales Ferry. For more information, call Craig and Liz Schantz at 860-464-1184 or to register for a class go to [www.ccli.org](http://www.ccli.org).
- ✓ **Life in The Spirit - DVD Series** beginning Monday, January 30th, 7-830pm This is an eight week series held at Spiritual Renewal Center, 11 Bath Street, Norwich For more info call [860-887-0702](tel:860-887-0702) Introduced by Fr. Ray Introvigne and Judith Hughes

**Nine Days for Life Novena** – The U.S. bishops invite us to pray for the protection of all human life. A special novena called 9 Days for Life will take place from January 21st through the 29th. Pray for the respect and protection of all human life with new intentions, brief reflections, and more each day. Download the novena online, or participate through Facebook, email, text message or an app. Join at [www.9daysforlife.com](http://www.9daysforlife.com)!

**CCD Project: Twelve Goats for Haiti**

This year we will again work to raise monies for goats for Haiti. The cost for one goat is \$150.00. Each goat given is pregnant. As the people raise their goats, they are provided with milk, meat, and a source of income through the sale of goats as the herds become larger. Our CCD will be able to name the goats. When the goats are presented to the selected families, a picture is taken and sent back to us. Each class will have a collection jar and one will also be near the giving basket in Church. This project will continue until mid-May.



### **Life Teen @ St. Andrew Church**

**Sunday January 22** – Life Teen Mass at 5pm followed by dinner and then Week One of our Life in the Spirit Seminar- Kingdom of God.

**Sunday January 29** - Life Teen Mass at 5pm followed by dinner and then Week Two of our Life in the Spirit Seminar – Love of the Father.

### **Saint Joseph School in Baltic will have an Open House**

on Sunday, January 29, following the 10:00am Mass starting in the school gym. As well as on Wednesday, Feb. 1, from 9:00am -11:30am. There will be opportunities to visit classes and speak with current parents and teachers. For further information, please contact Sister Mary Patrick, Principal at 860.822.6141.

“Discover Mercy” for 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, & 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls and their parents at Mercy High School, Middletown, CT. Saturday March 4, 2017 from 9:00am – 1:00pm. Register on line @ [www.mercyhigh.com](http://www.mercyhigh.com)

### **Programs at Enders Island – Mystic CT**

860.536.0565

- **Byzantine Iconography** Evening Enrichment 12 week series Thursdays 1/9/17 through 4/6/17 \$760 commuter rate. For more information <http://enders.is/byzantineicon>
- **Gregorian Chant** Evening Enrichment 12 Week Series Wednesdays 1/18/17 through 4/5/17 \$760 commuter rate. For more information <http://enders.is/lentenchants>
- **February Day of Recollection** Thursday 2/2/17 (Candlemas) \$50 per person includes hot served lunch. For more information <http://enders.is/februarydor>
- **Stained Glass Workshop** Sundays 2/5/17 through Friday 2/10/17 \$660 commuter rate. For more information <http://enders.is/byzantineiconstainedglass>
- **Married Couples Retreat** Friday 2/10/17 through Sunday 2/12/17 through Sunday 2/12/17 \$420 per couple For more information <http://enders.is/couplesretreat>
- **Women’s’ 11<sup>th</sup> Step Retreat** Friday 2/24/17 through Sunday 2/26/17 \$210 sharedroom. <http://enders.is/feb11thstep>

A **memorial service** for Nancy Alicia Wayland will be held at 1 pm on Saturday, February 4, 2017 at the historic First Congregational Church, 588 Exeter Road, Lebanon, CT. A reception will follow in the church fellowship hall. Please share this notice with Alicia's friends, family and colleagues. Our family would also welcome receiving any stories or memories you have of our mother as we write our tributes to her.

Thank you for the many thoughts, prayers and good deeds you have been sending our way over the last few months.

Warm regards,  
The Wayland Family

### **Defending Our Religious Liberty Jan. 22, 2017**

With the swearing in of the new president this past week, comes the promise that the federal health care mandate will be revised to reinstate our right to religious freedom. Let us pray that our new leaders will honor our cherished First Amendment.

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.



**Take a few moments to check out our Saint Francis of Assisi Web page! It has a new look!**

### **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:// www.stfrancisassisilebanonct.org](http://www.stfrancisassisilebanonct.org)**

**Add this address to your favorites list.**

# Mid-Winter Break Dinner with Music By WoJo

Saturday  
February 11, 2017  
6:00 to 10:00 p.m.  
Fire Safety  
Complex  
Goshen Hill Road  
Lebanon

Turkey Dinner  
With all the trimmings  
Games - Door Prizes  
And Lots of Fun

\$20 per person donation

For tickets please call:  
Jennie 860-642-7146 or

Alicia 860-465-  
7603

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