

**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. Richard Breton
Deacon Michael Puscas



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

4:00 PM Confessions

5:00 PM For the people of the parish living & deceased

Sunday, January 29, 2017 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Souls in Purgatory

10:30 AM Parishioners who are ill

Monday January 30, 2017 Weekday

NO MASS

Tuesday January 31, 2017 St. John Bosco, priest

NO MASS

Wednesday February 1, 2017 Weekday

9:00 AM J.P. Musial req. by C Wheaton

Thursday February 2, 2017 Presentation of the Lord

NO MASS

Friday February 3, 2017 St. Blaise, bishop & martyr; St.

Ansgar, bishop

9:00 AM Jerry Chaviaras req. by his family

9:30 AM Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Saturday February 4, 2017 Blessed Virgin Mary

4:00 PM Confessions

5:00 PM Ladies Guild members living & deceased

Sunday, February 5, 2017 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM

10:30 AM

Offertory: \$ 2,451.95 Building Maintenance: \$ 589.00
Next weekend's second collection is for monthly extraordinary expenses.

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 February 4 & 5

5:00pm Lector: Dick Lataille

Eucharistic Minister: Pam Flaherty

Altar Servers: Elizabeth Spedalieri, Nina Gardella

8:00am Lector: Rosanne Coffey

Eucharistic Minister: Kathy Walden

Altar Servers: Anthony & Emily Pomerleau

10:30am Lector: Angela Corentin

Eucharistic Minister: Paul Pelletier

Altar Servers: Nicholas Barrett, Marianne Clippinger

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

Refreshments in the meeting room following the 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

SFC 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

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 Rev. Frank McKenna, Rev. Leo Almendra, Rev Paul "Ramen, Msgr. Anthony Rosaforte, Rev. William McCarthy MSA, Rev. Robert Washabaugh, Rev. Joseph DeCosta, Rev. Tomasz Albrecht, all priests, Msgr. Henry Archambault, Rev. John Antonelle, Rev. John A. Palacio, Msgr. Richard LaRocque. 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

Meetings

Knights of Columbus Meeting Thursday Feb. 2 @ 7:00pm

Blessing of Throats Feb. 4 & 5 at all Masses.

ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

- ✓ **Charismatic Prayer Meeting** every Tuesday at 2 PM Spiritual Renewal Center, 11 Bath Street, Norwich, CT (860-887-0702) .
- ✓ **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 Introduced by Fr. Ray Introvigne and Judith Hughes
- ✓ **Healing Mass** Monday, February 13 2017 at 2PM Spiritual Renewal Center, 11 Bath Street, Norwich, CT
- ✓ **The monthly Diocesan Pro-Life Mass** will take place at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on **Saturday, February 4 at 8:30 A.M.** Please join 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.
- ✓ **BEGINNING EXPERIENCE WEEKEND** ~ If you are widowed, separated or divorced and want help in resolving the pain and grief of losing the marriage relationship, consider attending a **Beginning Experience weekend March 3-5 at St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield, CT.** Catholic-based, the weekend focuses on such topics as the grief process, changes in family and other relationships, trust and coping with life as a single person. *For more information, contact Victoria at 860-993-7866, email at vsa2525@gmail.com, or call the Catholic Family Services office at 848-2237, ext. 306.*
- ✓ **Marriage Encounter Weekend** ~ By offering married couples the beautiful experience of a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend, the Catholic Church is affirming and supporting you in your chosen vocation – Marriage. Take advantage of this great gift to enhance your relationship and enjoy a love-filled weekend away together. For more information or to register for the March 3-5 weekend in Manchester, call 860-376-0440 or visit www.wmect.org.

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

“Discover Mercy” for 5th, 6th, & 7th 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

Programs at Enders Island – Mystic CT
860.536.0565

- **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’ 11th Step Retreat** Friday 2/24/17 through Sunday 2/26/17 \$210 sharedroom. <http://enders.is/feb11thstep>

Sacred Heart School in Taftville, CT is having an Open House. Tuesday, January 31st from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. and Thursday, March 2nd from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Or come and visit by making an appointment. Call 860-887-1757 Visit our website at www.sacredhearttaftville.org Check out our Facebook – Sacred Heart School, Taftville

Healing and Intercessory Prayer Service

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? There will be a Prayer Service on Thursday, February 2nd at 7:00 p.m. at St. Andrew Church, 128 Norwich Ave. in Colchester, CT. This powerful evening will give participants an opportunity to join others in prayer, listen to scripture readings, confidentially offer personal prayer requests, praise God with uplifting music and, if desired, meet with a prayer team for personal prayer. Everyone is invited to join us.

Defending Our Religious Liberty Jan. 29, 2017

The Catholic Church invests in the common good. It runs and operates schools, hospitals, universities, charities and social services. Our government and society have long relied on them for help and taken advantage of the vast network that churches and religious institutions provide to aid people in need and to help form good citizens. But, when we are told we've got to stop being who we are, to put aside our beliefs, or plainly go against our conscience in order to be allowed to contribute to the common good, we must speak out.

My dear friends in Christ,

Catholic Schools week is an annual national celebration of Catholic schools. This year this special week will be held from January 29 - February 4, 2017. Catholic schools in our diocese and across the country schedule special open houses and events, which emphasize the value Catholic education provides and its contribution to our church, communities, and our country. The theme for *Catholic Schools Week 2017* is "Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service." I would like to expound upon this theme as it relates to the schools in the Diocese of Norwich.

Faith: Our schools begin and end each school day with prayer. Moral values, honesty, humility, and respect are woven into class time and social time. It is who we are as Christians, how we want to prepare our children for life. Though we are Catholic schools, not all of our students are Catholic. This inclusiveness stems from the belief that there is one loving God. It is our mission to teach and reinforce the faith-based values that Christians hold dear. It is not uncommon for conversions to Catholicism to take place in families as a direct result of our Catholic schools. In many instances, evangelization of parents through the children also occurs.

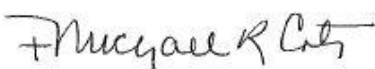
Knowledge: A high quality Catholic education is critically important for our schools, where high academic standards are combined with equally high moral values. Our strong teachers and administrators bring experience, discipline, and understanding into the classroom, and strive for nothing less than high achievement. Our goal is to inspire our children to be all that they can be.

Service: We believe that teaching religious faith is not enough without demonstrating how to put our faith into action. Our students perform community service on the local and global level. They raise money, goods, and awareness for the poor in our neighborhoods and internationally. A very important community service that often gets overlooked is prayer. Every day, our schools pray for all special intentions for those who need prayers and those who have nobody to pray for them.

Thank you for supporting our Catholic schools. Please spread the word about the important ministry of Catholic education in the Diocese of Norwich and pray for our children and all involved in nurturing them. They give us much hope for a future inspired by the Gospel of Our Lord, Jesus Christ.

With every best wish, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Sunday, February 12

2 pm

"Researching your Historic House"

Speaker: Bruce Clouette, Historian and director of

**Archaeological and Historical Services, Inc.
Members free, non-members \$2. Refreshments.
Snow date is Sun, Feb. 26.**

**Held at the Lebanon Historical Society
Museum**

located at 856 Trumbull Hwy., Lebanon

For more information call 860-642-6579

museum@historyoflebanon.org

www.historyoflebanon.org

Parish Bulletin E-mailed to You

If you would like the parish bulletin emailed to you, a friend, or a college student away from home, e-mail the parish office a request to be put on the email list.

Parish Email address:

cheryl@stfrancisassisilebanonct.org

Please support our Saint Francis Bulletin and our community by supporting these wonderful businesses. 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.

Free Rosary Repair Service:

We have lots of parts. Send your broken rosaries in padded envelope to: Betty & Dick Holden, 7 Crane Place, Simsbury, CT 06070 (May – October). They will be repaired and returned to you within the week of receipt. Donations of old and broken rosaries are also accepted which will be repaired and sent on to the missions. Include a note indicating repair and return to me or this is a donation. 860.658.6330 or email HoldenBnD@comcast.net.

7930 Estero Blvd #502 Fort Meyers Beach FL
33931 (Nov-April)

Name _____
Address _____
Phone Number _____

WE CAN HELP

To report inappropriate contact of any kind by a representative of the Diocese of Norwich or for assistance to victims, please call: 1.800.624.7407

SEEKING - PARISH ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Consideration for candidates to the Parish Advisory Council shall be by Letter of Intent.

- (a) Active parishioners are eligible.
- (b) Parishioners may nominate any interested parishioner, including themselves.
- (c) Must be a Roman Catholic.
- (d) Must be a practicing Catholic in accordance of Canon Law.
- (e) Must be Confirmed (meaning, has received the Sacrament of Confirmation).
- (f) Meetings are held every other month beginning in September and ending in May.

An eligible parishioner interested in becoming a chosen member of the Parish Advisory should be nominated by making his or her interest known to the Fr. Mark, who will verify and confirm that such individual is eligible and is a Catholic in good standing.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES?

Would you like to receive offertory envelopes? The rectory has received a number of inquiries regarding how an individual can receive them. Please fill out this form and within a few weeks they will be sent to you. If you have any questions, please call the rectory at 642-6711. Thank you!

Name _____
Address _____
Phone Number _____

We are happy to welcome all new parishioners and glad to have you here with us today. All visitors are also welcome and we sincerely hope you have found nourishment for your life and faith as you worship here.



If you have recently moved to the area, please introduce yourself to our parish priest. You are cordially invited to register as a parishioner at the rectory office or fill out the form below and mail it in for more information. Please take a moment to complete this form, clip it out and either mail it or drop it in the offertory basket next week.

Every Catholic should be registered and make themselves known to the priest. Registration is necessary for enrollment in CCD classes, Confirmation classes, to arrange for baptisms, marriages, and to obtain sponsor certificates as godparents and witnesses. Thank you!

Parish

Giving



Did you know that you can have your weekly offering automatically sent to the parish with online banking automatic bill pay through your bank?

Some parishioners have requested this and we would like to offer this convenience to you. No need to find your check book and write out a check. No need to stop by the ATM. No need to remember your weekly envelope.

You can choose how much and how often to give. Your contributions would still be recorded for tax purposes.

BENEFITS FOR SAINT FRANCIS

Offertory becomes more stable. No more missed offertory due to sickness, weather, vacation.

Parish expense for offertory envelope packets for those using online banking bill pay would be eliminated.

All you would need to do would be to contact your bank and ask to set up online banking and automatic bill pay.

Questions: Please contact Cheryl in the parish office at 860.642.6711

