

**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



**MASS  
INTENTIONS**

**Saturday February 18, 2017 Blessed Virgin Mary**

4:00 PM Confessions

**5:30 PM** People of the parish living & deceased

**Sunday, February 19, 2017 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM Ed Bigenski req. by the Knights of Columbus

**No 10:30 AM Mass**

**Monday February 20, 2017 Weekday**

**NO MASS ~ PARISH OFFICE CLOSED PRESIDENT'S DAY**

**Tuesday February 21, 2017 St. Peter Damian, bishop, doctor**

**of the Church**

**NO MASS**

**Wednesday February 22, 2017 Chair of St. Peter the Apostle**

9:00 AM Jennifer & Robert Chesters req. by their family

**Thursday February 23, 2017 St. Polycarp, bishop, martyr**

**NO MASS**

**Friday February 24, 2017 Weekday**

9:00 AM Souls in Purgatory

**Saturday February 25, 2017 Blessed Virgin Mary**

4:00 PM Confessions

**5:30 PM** Stanley Dudar req. by Alicia Lamb

**Sunday, February 26, 2017 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM Josephine Leclerc req. by Betsy & Roddy

**No 10:30 AM Mass**

Offertory & Building Maintenance to be reported next weekend.  
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 25 & 26**

5:30pm Lector: Anne Staebner

Eucharistic Minister: Sharon Nejako

Altar Servers: Elizabeth Spedaliere, Nina Gardella

8:00am Lector: Jim Worth

Eucharistic Minister: Jim Dyer

Altar Servers: Jack & Christian Terwilliger

10:30am Lector: No Mass

Eucharistic Minister: No Mass

Altar Servers: No Mass

The parish library is open at all times. Please stop by and choose  
a book.

The library is not accepting donations at the present time.

Ladies Guild meeting February 20<sup>th</sup> at  
7:00. Come join us for Religious Jeopardy!

**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 Rev. Jeffrey Ellis,  
Rev. Edward Dempsey DBA, V. Rev. David Choquette, V. Rev.  
Dennis Perkins, Rev. Joseph Ashe, Msgr. Michael Donohue,  
Our Holy Father, Rev. George Villamthanam CST, Rev. Mark  
O'Donnell, Rev. Timothy Roth MIC, Rev. George Richards, Jr.,  
Rev. Martin Jones, Rev. Benjamin Soosaimanickam.  
Our priests speak to the faithful with their hearts and their faith.  
Fill them, Lord, with burning zeal for the conversion of sinners.  
(Mother Catherine Aurelia, foundress)

**Children's Mass with Grades 2 & 9 assisting.  
February 12 at the 10:30am Mass.  
Refreshments in the meeting room following  
the Mass.**

**Knights of Columbus sponsored Meet &  
Greet with donuts & coffee in the meeting  
room after the 8am Mass on February 19.**

**Fr. Richard ~ vacation from Feb. 17 -27.**

**Our Mass times will change.**

**Saturday Feb. 18 5:30pm**

**Sunday Feb. 19 8:00am only**

**NO 10:30am Mass.**

**&**

**Saturday Feb. 25 5:30pm**

**Sunday Feb. 26 8:00am only**

**NO 10:30am Mass.**

**Offertory statements for 2016 are available in the Parish Office.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH**

- ✓ **Charismatic Prayer Meeting** every Tuesday at 2 PM Spiritual Renewal Center, 11 Bath Street, Norwich, CT (860-887-0702) .
- ✓ **Healing Mass** Monday, February 13 & 27, 2017 at 2PM Spiritual Renewal Center, 11 Bath Street, Norwich, CT
- ✓ **Caregiver Spiritually Night.** Are you taking care of a loved one, spouse, child, parent, sibling, and friend? Join us for a night of reflection to listen and share with others who are experiencing the struggles of caregiving. Feb. 15 from 7-8:30pm. At Our Lady of Lourdes, Gales Ferry. Give yourself the gift of this night.
- ✓ **BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP** ~ A New Catholic-based Bereavement Support group will meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at three alternating diocesan parishes. The first meeting is **Thursday, Feb. 16** from 7-8:30 P.M. at **St. Mary's Parish Hall, 34 No. Main St., Jewett City.** For more information, contact Catholic Family Services at 860-848-2237, ext. 306.
- ✓ **THE NEW RITE OF MARRIAGE** As of December 30, 2016 a new rite for the Sacrament of Marriage is in use in the United States. There will be two workshops offered in the diocese to explain this, and what the changes mean for the liturgy in which the Sacrament is celebrated. All are welcome: those interested to learn more, parish musicians, parish wedding coordinators, wedding planners, and especially couples planning to marry in 2017. **Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup> 10 AM to Noon at St. Patrick Parish, East Hampton (Register by March 2)** OR **Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> 7 PM to 9 PM at St. Joseph Parish, Willimantic (Register by March 6)** Registration materials available at: HYPERLINK "<http://www.norwichdiocese.org>" **[www.norwichdiocese.org](http://www.norwichdiocese.org)** Or call: **860-848-2237x203**
- ✓ **Natural Family Planning** is scientific, safe, and is 99-percent effective for conceiving or responsibly postponing a baby. Two three-session classes for married and engaged couples will begin in March. For information about classes in the Montville area beginning **Saturday, March 4**, call **Chad and Sara Estabrooks at 860-917-3938**. For classes in the Old Saybrook area beginning **Monday, March 13**, call **Steve and Lisa Collison at 860-399-8265**.
- ✓ **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](mailto: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, July 7-9, or November 3-5 weekend in Manchester CT area, call Frank & Margie Pearson 860-742.6934 or visit [www.WVMECT.org](http://www.WVMECT.org).

- ✓ **Rite of Election:** March 5 at 2pm at Saint Patrick Cathedral in Norwich. Celebrate the Rite of Election and the Call to Continuing Conversion of all catechumens who will be received into the Church on Easter Sunday. All are invited to attend and welcome our newly elected.
- ✓ **Coping with Divorce and Separation.** Are you divorced or separated and struggling with the loss of the marriage relationship? Come and learn about a new Diocesan Support Group that is forming for separated and divorced Catholics. March 8 from 7-8:30pm at Our Lady of Lourdes, Gales Ferry.
- ✓ **Pope Francis Message of Mercy.** Listen to Pope Francis' message of God's mercy with Sr. Elissa Rinere of the Office of Worship, March 16 and 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10am to noon at St Joseph Church Hall, Willimantic. Registration required. Call 860.848.2237 ext. 304.
- ✓ **Caregiver Spirituality Support Group:** Join us for a night to listen and share with others who are experiencing the struggles of caregiving. March 21 from 6:30-8:00pm at Our Lady of Lourdes, Gales Ferry. This night will be interactive and designed to provide support and hope to caregivers.
- ✓ **Chrism Mass.** The Diocesan Chrism Mass will take place on April 11 at 10:30am at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Norwich. All are invited to attend this yearly celebration of faith and tradition in which the holy oils used in administering the Sacraments throughout the diocese are blessed by Bishop Michael Cote.

**Sunday, February 12 at 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](mailto:museum@historyoflebanon.org) [www.historyoflebanon.org](http://www.historyoflebanon.org)

**Men's ACTS Retreat Weekend  
March 2-5, 2017  
Location is Immaculata Retreat  
House  
289 Windham Road,  
Willimantic, CT  
To register see Bob Paris or  
[www.actsct.org](http://www.actsct.org)  
Cost: \$240**

**Third Annual Collection of Household Goods  
for WAIM Weekend of  
April 8 & 9**



Just in time for spring cleaning. A truck will be in the Church parking lot before and after all Masses on April 8<sup>th</sup> and

9<sup>th</sup> For the drop off your good, usable items.

**March for Mercy- Youth Service Event** – A great way to get service hours! On Saturday March 25<sup>th</sup> from 10am – 3pm, Youth are invited to a special service event; The March for Mercy. The March will begin at St. Joseph in Norwich with a witness talk about the realities of drug addiction. Followed by a physician speaking on the effects of drugs. We will then tour St. Vincent de Paul Place, and March to the Cathedral. At the Cathedral, Cooper Ray, a national speaker and musician, will lead our Service Rally Event in the hall. Youth are asked to collect pledges for the mile walk to benefit the Catholic Charities Substance Abuse and Treatment Program, the minimum to participate is \$15. Contact your Catechetical Leader or Liza Roach at [lroach@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:lroach@norwichdiocese.net) or (860)848-2237 to attend.

**Life Teen @ St. Andrew Church  
Life in the Spirit – Seven weeks that could  
really change your life.  
Open to grades 9-12**

**Sunday February 12** - Life Teen Mass at 5pm followed by dinner and then Week three of our Life in the Spirit Seminar – Healing touch of God.

**Sunday March 5** - Life Teen Mass at 5pm followed by dinner and then Week four of our Reconciliation Night – Forgiveness

**Sunday March 12** - Life Teen Mass at 5pm followed by dinner and then Week five of our Life in the Spirit Seminar – Power of the Holy Spirit

**Sunday March 19** - Life Teen Mass at 5pm followed by dinner and then Week six of our Life in the Spirit Seminar – Baptism of the Holy Spirit

**Sunday March 26** - Life Teen Mass at 5pm followed by dinner and then Week seven of our Life in the Spirit Seminar – Living a transformed life

**Programs at Enders Island – Mystic CT**  
860.536.0565

- **Women's' 11<sup>th</sup> Step Retreat** Friday 2/24/17 through Sunday 2/26/17 \$210 shared room. <http://enders.is/feb11thstep>

**Save the Date!**  
**7<sup>th</sup> Annual Catholic Women's Conference of the  
Diocese of Norwich**  
**Sponsored by the Office of Faith Events and  
Norwich Diocesan Council of Catholic Women**  
**Sat. April 8, 2017, 8:30am – 3:30pm**  
**St. Bernard School-Uncasville, CT**  
**Keynote Speaker: ValLimar Jansen**

**The day includes Mass with Bishop Cote,  
Reconciliation, Lunch, Adoration,  
Music, Vendors and much more!!!**

**"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)

**Mercy High School is sponsoring a \$25,000  
Education Raffle.** Anyone can win! The \$25,000 is tax  
free and can be used at any accredited school in the  
U.S. (grades K – College) and for student loan  
payments. Tickets are \$100.  
The drawing is Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at Mercy's Spring  
Concert starting at 7:00 p.m.  
You do not need to be present to win. Only 650 tickets  
will be sold. For information, or to order a ticket, go to  
[www.mercyhigh.com](http://www.mercyhigh.com) or call Mercy at 860-347-8957.

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

- **Ash Wednesday Day or Evening Retreat: The  
Price and the Promise of Easter, with Bill Walsh**  
**- Wednesday, Mar 1, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. or 6-9  
p.m.** As we begin another Lenten season in  
preparation for Easter, we'll examine why Jesus  
died and how Jesus' passion, death and  
resurrection can bring healing and hope in our  
world. We'll also explore how our own struggles  
relate to Christ's resurrection and what the cross  
reveals about God's relationship with  
humanity. \$40, includes meal.

**Employment Opportunity**

Catholic Charities is seeking a full time, temporary Behavioral Health Program Manager for our Behavioral Health Clinic in Norwich. This person will be responsible for managing our outpatient behavioral health clinic in Norwich. Responsibilities include supervision of all staff, quality assurance, and utilization management. This position requires direct service responsibilities. Requirements: MSW, LCSW with at least five year's post-graduate experience. Please email resume, cover letter, and salary requirements to Laura Malone, Executive Assistant at [lauramalone@ccfsn.org](mailto:lauramalone@ccfsn.org)

Saint Joseph Church 120 Cliff Street, Norwich is hosting their **annual Lenten Fish and Chips Dinner** every Friday beginning Feb.24 and ending April 14<sup>th</sup> (Good Friday) from 4:30-6:30. A full meal consisting of 2 pieces of fish; a 1 piece meal and Chowder will be available. Meals include fish, French fries, coleslaw, dessert and beverage. Please join us! For more information, call [860-887-1565](tel:860-887-1565).

On **Thursday, February 23, 2017**. Come join in praying with Bishop Cote a Eucharistic Holy Hour for Vocations. This month the holy hour will be at Church of the Holy Family, Hebron, CT from 6:00-7:00pm. Come pray for those who are called to priestly or consecrated religious life Pray for our seminarians and those in the process of applying to the Diocese. Join our Diocesan Pray Team for Vocations by emailing the vocation office for more information at [vocations@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:vocations@norwichdiocese.net) and check out our website at [god-calls.com](http://god-calls.com).

The Willimantic District of the Norwich Diocese Council of Catholic Women invite all ladies to a Lenten lunch and presentation Sunday March 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm, St. Mary's Church, 1600 Main Street, Coventry. The theme is Body & Soul: Joseph Zukel, Hartford Health Care Center for Healthy Aging Resource Coordinator will offer resources available for stress management, coping skills, chronic illness management, unique needs and challenges faced by our aging population. For the Soul portion, Rev. Jeffrey Ellis, Parochial Vicar at St. Bernard's, Rockville & St. Mathew's, Tolland will speak on holiness. There is no admission fee for this event. Please contact Lynda Nappi at [860.423.5064](tel:860.423.5064) or Annette Murphy at [860.423.2397](tel:860.423.2397) to make a reservation. The deadline is Thursday March 9<sup>th</sup>.

## JOURNEY OF Faith

### Enrich your 40 day Lenten Journey

Join a small faith sharing group that will meet each week to read, reflect, and pray using the page-a-day Lenten resource *Becoming Whole, Becoming Holy*. Author Alice Camille says, "Lent is a season that assists us in putting all the pieces of our lives in proper order, and if we thoughtfully observe these forty days, our purpose becomes clearer, and our direction, truer."

Groups will meet Friday mornings, 9:45-10:45 AM in the rectory beginning March 3  
OR Tuesday evenings, 7:00-8:00 PM in the cry room beginning February 28

To register, please call Cheryl at [860-642-6711](tel:860-642-6711) by February 25. Cost of the booklet is \$1.25.



**Altar Servers**

### Training Sessions

**Saturday, March 4, 2017**

**At 10:00am**

**St. Francis, Lebanon**

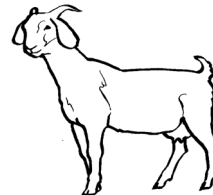
**Saturday, March 11, 2017**

**At 10:00am**

**St. Andrew, Colchester**

Hurricane Matthew devastated southwestern Haiti. The city of Jeremie and surrounding villages were at the storm's epicenter, and 80% of buildings and 90% of crops were destroyed. Over 1,000 lives were lost. Desperate

families continue to face homelessness, hunger, and disease. Since the hurricane the Haitian Health Foundation has been working non-stop to collect food, medicine, and building supplies to ship to Haiti, gather the latest information from Jeremie,



respond to donor inquiries and fundraise. HHF has recently been able to access many of the mountain villages under their care; in many cases HHF is the only agency to reach these rural villages.

HHF continues to work to access more remote locations, which is difficult as flooding, mudslides, and debris still block

the roads. This has been made worse by the rain that continued daily since the hurricane struck. Cholera is a growing threat, as the number of cases rise, and other medical conditions – malnutrition, pneumonia, and intestinal problems like diarrhea – are widespread among vulnerable children and pregnant women.

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 thru mid-May.

February 19 @ 5:00pm at the First Congregational Church, Lebanon. Bring your friends to see Tapped, an award winning movie that is a compelling and disturbing portrayal of what happened in Maine when Nestle Bottling Co. moved to town. Explore the issues at stake as a multi-national water bottler moves into Connecticut and we face severe drought. Speaker ~ Donna Landerman, the founder of [saveourwaterct.org](http://saveourwaterct.org),