

**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 April 29, 2017 St. Catherine of Siena, virgin, doctor of the Church

2:00 PM Wedding Kellie James & Chevy Ely

4:00 PM Confessions

5:00 PM Bill Brewster req. by his family

Sunday, April 30, 2017 Third Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM Betty Patch req. by Shayla & Glen Coutu

10:30 AM Margaret Austin req. by her family

Monday May 1, 2017 St. Joseph the worker

NO MASS

Tuesday May 2, 2017 St. Athanasius, bishop, doctor of the Church

NO MASS

Wednesday May 3, 2017 Sts. Philip & James apostles

9:00 AM Evelyn Michelle & Al Cote

Thursday May 4, 2017 Easter Weekday

NO MASS

Friday May 5, 2017 Easter Weekday

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

Saturday May 6, 2017 Easter Weekday

4:00 PM Confessions

5:00 PM

Sunday, May 7, 2017 Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM John & Mary Clinch req. by Norm & Ella Mae Kuzel

10:30 AM Janet Gagnon req. by her family

4/16 Offertory: \$ 2,705.77 Easter Priest: \$1,174.75
4/23 Offertory: \$ 2,136.25 Building Maintenance: \$ 632.60
Today's second collection is for monthly extraordinary expenses.
Next weekend's second collection is for the Seminarians.
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 May 6 & 7

5:00pm Lector: Dick Lataille

Eucharistic Minister: Jim Hay

Altar Servers: Steve Bardes, C.J. Frank

8:00am Lector: Ella Mae Kuzel

Eucharistic Minister: Peggy Stygar

Altar Servers: Ryan Dungan, Christian & Jack Terwilliger

10:30am Lector: Roger Proulx

Eucharistic Minister: Tony Coscia

Altar Servers: Erika Densman, Becca Wheaton, & Felipe Mastroluca

12 Goats for Haiti: Collected to date \$ 1,220

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. Joseph Ashe, Msgr. Michael Donohue,

Father, recall to our priests that they hold between their hands the Most Precious Treasure of the Church: the Blood of the Sacred Victim. Enkindle in them the fire of love of Christ as they do your work. Increase in Your priests a hunger for the glory of Jesus, and for the salvation of souls. Grant them courage and confidence in carrying out their duties. (Mother Catherine Aurelia, foundress)

Parishioners: Please submit Cheryl in the parish office the name, rank, branch of service of Lebanon Active Duty Service men & women in your family. Their names will be announced at the Lebanon Ecumenical Clergy Community Day of Prayer on May 23, 2017 hosted by the Redeemer Lutheran Church. All are invited. Please show your support and attend. The Theme is Remembrance.

Deadline for submission of names is May 7. Thank you.



First Confession Grade 2 Monday May 1 @ 6:30pm

Parish Advisory Council Wednesday May 3 @ 6:30pm

Knights of Columbus Thursday May 4 @ 7:00pm

Rehearsal First Holy Communion Friday May 5 @ 6:30pm

First Holy Communion Saturday May 6 @ 10:30am

Liturgy Committee Wednesday May 10 @ 6:30pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

- ✓ **Charismatic Prayer Meeting** every Tuesday at 2 PM Spiritual Renewal Center, 11 Bath Street, Norwich, CT (860-887-0702).
- ✓ **The monthly Diocesan Pro-Life Mass** will take place at Christ the King Parish, 1 McCurdy Rd., Old Lyme, on **Saturday, May 6 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.
- ✓ **Healing Mass:** Monday, May 8 & 22, 2017 at 2PM, Spiritual Renewal Center, 11 Bath Street, Norwich
- ✓ **Elder Law** ~ Attorney Michael Lahan from Norwich will answer questions about Elder Law. Wednesday May 3 at 7:00pm. At Our Lady of Lourdes Rectory Meeting Room, 1650 Rt. 12, Gales Ferry. All ages welcome. Admission is free. Please call/email by May 1 to reserve your set. 860.464.7251 secretary@ololgforg
- ✓ **Holy Hour for Vocations:** May 18 at St. Matthias in East Lyme from 6-7pm
- ✓ **7 Myths about the Catholic Church & Science** ~ A four week DVD based series. The series opens at 7pm in the rectory meeting room on Wednesday May 10 & continues on May 17, 24, & 31. Register by April 30 at 860.464.7251 secretary@ololgforg. \$8 fee for the participant's book may be paid in advance or at the first meeting.

Life Teen @ St. Andrew Church Open to grades 9-12
Sunday April 30 – Life Teen Mass at 5pm followed by dinner, speaker and retreat

WAIM is looking for gently used Prom dresses and accessories. For example, clutch bags, high heel shoes and jewelry. Drop off at donation warehouse; Riverside Dr. off Bridge ST. in Willimantic. Donations would be needed by May 20th.

Day of Recollection at Enders Island, Mystic on May 3rd.
Cost \$50. Call 860.536.0565 or visit <http://enders.is/maydor>

San Jose Assembly 121, Fourth Degree, Knights of Columbus, is pleased to announce the Andrew J. Kuhar Memorial **Scholarship**. The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal organization of Catholic men based on the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. Although academics will be one of the criteria for this award, the major criterion will be voluntary service to the applicant's Church, community or both. This scholarship is open to all graduating high school seniors in eastern Connecticut, who will be attending a two-year college, four-year college, university or technical school in the fall of 2017. Application deadline is May 10. The award for this year is \$500 and will be awarded on or about June 5, 2017. Applications available in the parish office.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." Celebrate God's love and mercy for each other by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next WWME Weekends are Jul 7-9, 2017 in Manchester, CT and Nov 3-5, 2017 in Manchester, CT. For more information, call Paul & Kim Gilbert at 860-376-0440 or visit us at <https://wwmectw.org/>.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER: You are invited to come and pray for God's protection and healing for our country. **Meeting at the Flagpole on the Lebanon Green** during either of two times on May 4th at 12 noon and/or 5pm. Each hour long event is on a drop-in basis...please come and go as your schedule dictates. For other state wide sites visit nationaldayofprayer.org

Mother's Day cards with Mass intention requests are available at the entrances of Church. Please return the request as soon as possible. Your intentions will be remembered in the Masses on Mother's Day.



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 17th during the Mercy Spring Concert 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 or call Mercy at 860-347-8957. Join us for the Mercy Spring Concert – May 17th at 7 pm. The concert is free and open to the public!

Saint Joseph School, Baltic, will be hosting "**Artisans and Things Spring Fling**" on Saturday May 6th from 11am – 3pm in the school gym and outside as well. Come and find a special gift from a wide selection of local handmade crafters and vendors. Meet baby alpacas. Lunch with freshly made food will be available from Archie's Wings and Things Food Truck. For more information, please contact Sister Mary Patrick at 860.822.6141.

Grief Support Group Schedule ~ Center for Hospice Care, 227 Dunham Street, Norwich, CT. 860.848.5699 hospicesect.org.
Yoga for Grief and Coping with Loss: Mondays, May 1, 8, & 22 from 5:30-7:00pm
Coping With the Loss of a Spouse/Partner: Wednesdays April 25, May 2, 9, 16 & 23 from 5:30-7:00pm
Coping With the Loss of a Parent: Tuesdays, April 26, May 3, 10 17, & 24 from 5:30-7:00pm
Coping With the Loss of a Loved One: Every 1st and 3rd Tuesday: May 2 & 16, June 6 & 20 from 10am – 11am meeting at Mystic/Noank Library, 40 Library Street, Mystic.

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**Expressive Arts Groups Schedule** ~ Center for Hospice Care, 227 Dunham Street, Norwich, CT. 860.848.5699 hospicesect.org.  
**For Children:** Ages 5 – 12. A program in which each week offers a different theme and focus for processing grief in imaginative and therapeutic ways. Join us before each session for Pet Therapy and snack time from 4:30-5:15pm. The Expressive Arts Session is from 5:15-6:15pm.

**Clay Play Part 1** April 25  
**Clay Play Part 2** May 2  
**Mother's Day Remembrance** May 9  
**Say it With Music** May 16

### MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH EVENT – FAITH AND FUN

All Middle School youth, grades 6-8, are invited to share faith and fun! This event is on Friday May 12<sup>th</sup> at Sky Zone in Wallingford, CT beginning at 6:10pm-8:30pm. The event will include 90 minutes of jump time, socks, a slice of pizza endless soda and prayer! Parents must fill out the Sky Zone waiver online, turn in permission slip and \$24 fee to the Diocese no later than Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. If you need forms, please email Liza Roach at [lroach@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:lroach@norwichdiocese.net). Rides are not provided.

It's Time  
for the  
Garden



Packets of beans, squash, peas, pumpkins, & cucumbers are available for parishioners to take. Seeds may be found in front of the altar.

### Get M-Powered! Join the Mercy High School Summer Program 2017

Programs and clinics are available for girls rising to grades 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> Basketball, Cultural Awareness, Field Hockey, Higher Achievement, Soccer, Theatre Arts, Vocal!

Please visit [www.mercyhigh.com](http://www.mercyhigh.com) for specific program information and online registration or call 860-346-6659 and request a brochure be sent to you.

### Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center

303 Tunxis Road, West Hartford, CT 06107-3119

Phone: 860.521.0440 | Fax: 860.521.1929

Email: [info@holymfamilyretreat.org](mailto:info@holymfamilyretreat.org)

### Evening Workshop for Couples: Walking the Path Together, with Susan and Brandon Nappi Wednesday, May 10, 6-9 p.m.

Would you like to deepen the connection you feel with your partner? This evening workshop will help you to accept differences in your spouse more graciously, deal with conflict more honestly, and deepen the sense of joyful mutual appreciation in your relationship. \$40 per individual, \$70 per couple, includes dinner.

### Music Ministers' Evening Retreat: A Singing Church A Praying Church, with Fr. David Cinquegrani - Tuesday and Wednesday, June 6 and 7, 6-9 p.m.

(same program both evenings). Music can melt and reshape our spirits and move us from singing to praying, from musical expression to deep relationship with God and one another. Ministers of music, their choirs, friends and family are invited to join us for this wonderful evening that includes a delicious dinner, presentation with singing, and celebration of the Eucharist. \$30 NPM members, \$40 non-members, includes dinner. Clergy no cost.

### Praise, Worship, and Healing Prayer Service

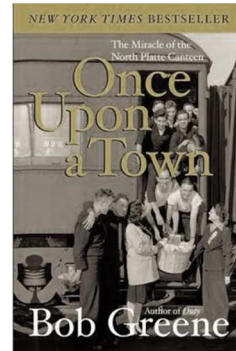
Nothing uplifts the soul like praising and worshipping God! Are you rejoicing because God has blessed you with answered prayer? Are you or someone you know in need of special prayer? Do you seek healing for yourself or a loved one? Are you in need of a job or discernment regarding the path you should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

Please join us on Thursday evening, May 4th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Andrew Church in Colchester for an evening of praising and worshipping God with music, teaching, witnessing, and prayer. If desired, you may also meet with a prayer team for personal intercessory or healing prayer.

Youth from the Redeemer Lutheran Church are sponsoring a soup supper fundraiser for the Lebanon Food Pantry this Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 4:30 - 6:30pm at Redeemer Lutheran Church.

### Lebanon Historical Society

The Lebanon Historical Society History Book Club will be discussing "Once Upon a Town" on May 10 2017 at 7 PM at the Museum.



"Once Upon a Town" is the story of the North Platte Nebraska Canteen that fed every military man that came through North Platte on the Troop trains, several trains at all hours of the night for every day of WWII.

A member of our parish was a young girl at that time and has

firsthand experience with this extraordinary event.

Ella Mae Kuzel will tell us the rest of the story on May 10<sup>th</sup>. She has requested that everyone attending please wear an apron. It will be an engaging, hands-on look at this historical event.

Books are available at the Jonathan Trumbull Library.

Mass of Healing and Hope Sunday, May 7th at 2PM

At St. Agnes Church, Niantic, CT.

Fr. Ray –Celebrant,

Judith Hughes - Healing Prayers.

Prayer Teams available.

Call Nancy Delaney for more info (860)739-6455

### Defending Our Religious Liberty April 30, 2017

The Catholic Church is not asking for special treatment when it comes to the federal healthcare mandate, she is simply asking that every American's right to exercise religious freedom be protected. This right is not only about our ability to go to Mass on Sunday, or to pray the Rosary at home. It is about adhering to the tenets of our faith, so that we can contribute to the common good of all Americans.

Let us pray that as lawmakers make changes to the current mandate that it return the safeguards that protect religious freedom in the Constitution of the United States.

**APOSTOLATE OF PRAYER** — We pray for Rev. George Villamthamam CST, Rev. Mark O'Donnell, Rev. Timothy Roth MIC, Rev. George Richards, Jr., all priests, Rev. Martin Jones, Rev. Benjamin Soosaimanickam, Rev. William McNulty, Rev. Stanley Szczapa, Rev. William Flynn, Rev. Christopher Feeney.

Mary Immaculate, we know you are blessing our priests. Dear Mother, cover with your maternal mantle those whom Jesus has honored with the authority and dignity of His priesthood. (Ven. Mother Catherine Aurelia, foundress)

### Sunday, May 7 at 4 pm "To End All Wars: Songs of the First World War"

Musical presentation by Rick Spencer. Program to follow the Lebanon Historical Society's 51<sup>st</sup> annual business meeting which will begin at 4pm. Free and open to the public. Refreshments. 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)