

**We are pleased and honored
To welcome you to
St. Francis of Assisi Parish**
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Rev. Mark Masnicki, Pastor
Rev. Richard Breton
Deacon Michael Puscas



**MASS
INTENTIONS**

Saturday May 27, 2017 St. Augustine of Canterbury, bishop

4:00 PM Confessions
5:00 PM Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, May 28, 2017 Seventh Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM Raymond Boisvert req. by his family
10:30 AM Debra Johnson req. by C. Wheaton
11:30 AM Baptism

Monday May 29, 2017 Memorial Day

8:00 AM Memorial Day Mass for deceased men & women of
The military

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE: MEMORIAL DAY

Tuesday May 30, 2017 Easter Weekday

NO MASS

**Wednesday May 31, 2017 Visitation of the Blessed Virgin
Mary**

9:00 AM Dave & Edith Perotti req. by their family

Thursday June 1, 2017 St. Justin, martyr

NO MASS

Friday June 2, 2017 Sts. Marcellinus & Peter, martyrs

9:00 AM Dom Jacobeno req. by Mackie

**Saturday June 3, 2017 St. Charles Lwanga & companions,
martyrs**

4:00 PM Confessions
5:00 PM

Sunday, June 4, 2017 Pentecost Sunday

8:00 AM Eugene Grecki req. by the Parish Advisory Council
10:30 AM John Holleran req. by his family

Offertory: \$ 1,895.13 Building Maintenance: \$ 698.00
Today's second collection is for St. Bernard School.
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 June 4 & 5

5:00pm Lector: Anne Staebner
Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Michael
Altar Servers: CJ Frank
8:00am Lector: Jim Dyer
Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Michael
Altar Servers: Christian & Jack Terwilliger
10:30am Lector: Greg Jones
Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Michael
Altar Servers: Nicholas Barrett, Becca Wheaton,
Felipe Mastroluca

**Knights of Columbus Meeting
Thursday June 8 @ 7pm**

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
AM3 Emerson Flannery, U.S. Navy
Seaman Alex R. Paris, U.S. Navy
LCPL Chad Wengloski, U.S. Marines
Seaman Jonathan Wengloski, U.S. Navy
CTN3 Jonah Swett, U.S. Navy
Seaman Recruit Rocky Spedaliere

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. Thomas Griffin, V. Rev. Gregory Galvin, Rev. Leon Susaimanickam, Rev. John Welch MS, Msgr. Thomas Bride, Rev. Richard Archambault, V. Rev. Douglas Mosey CSB, Rev Gregory Mullaney, Rev. Jan Swiderski, Rev. Dariusz Dudzik, Rev. Thomas Hoar SSE, Rev. James Thaikootathil, Rev. Stephen Gulino, Rev. Thomas Smith.

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)

**12 Goats for Haiti:
Collection Total \$ 3,071.11 = 20+ Goats. We
have surpassed our goal. Our CCD students
thank everyone who so generously donated
to this project. Your generosity will assist 20
families in Haiti.**

Saint Francis Parish congratulates Father Mark on his 25th Anniversary of his ordination to the Priesthood. May you continue to be sustained by His grace, and may your life in God's service always be filled with joy.

Please save the date: We will hold a reception on Sunday June 25th, from 2-4 for Father Mark. More information will be coming.

The Ladies Guild would like to invite all women of the Parish to our year-end Banquet to be held on Monday, June 19th, (6:00 cocktails, dinner at 6:30), at Papa Z's, 713 Middletown Road (Route 16) Colchester. Reservation forms are located at the church entrances and must be received by June 14th. Please contact Alicia at 860- 465-7603 with any questions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

- ✓ "Like" the **Office of Faith Events Diocese of Norwich** page on Facebook and stay informed of all our upcoming faith-filled events for Youth, Young Adults, Adults, and Families.
www.facebook.com/ofenorwichdiocese
- ✓ **Charismatic Prayer Meeting** every Tuesday at 2 PM Spiritual Renewal Center, 11 Bath Street, Norwich, CT (860-887-0702) .
- ✓ **Healing Mass:** Monday, May 22, 2017 at 2PM, Spiritual Renewal Center, 11 Bath Street, Norwich
- ✓ **Please join us on Wednesday, May 31, 2017, at 7:00 pm at the Chancery as we begin planning the 25th Annual Firefighters/EMS Personnel Mass** scheduled for Saturday, October 14, 2017, at 5:00 p.m. Bishop Cote will celebrate Mass for all Firefighters/EMS personnel in the Cathedral of Saint Patrick. Each year, brothers and sisters of all faiths gather to thank God for their calling, to pray for their safety, and to remember their fallen colleagues. For more information call, Mrs. Terri Zampini at 860-887-9294, x265, or Monsignor Brown at x232.
- ✓ **The monthly Diocesan Pro-Life Mass** will take place at Christ the King Parish, 1 McCurdy Rd., Old Lyme, on **Saturday, June 3 at 8:30 A.M.** Please join our celebrant **Rev. Walter Nagle** 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.
- ✓ **Holy Hour for Vocations: June 25 at St. John, Middletown 4:30-5:30pm**



BABY BOTTLES FOR LIFE Take an empty baby bottle, fill it with check, currency or coin. Return them by Father's Day June 18th. Help protect the unborn. Support Care Net Pregnancy Resource Center. Involve your children! Show them by example that all life is precious and loved. Join our Baby

Bottle Campaign. Your donation brings Mother's Day to our clients. Or fill a virtual bottle at www.psclife.org. You choose the amount.

\$5 fills a bottle with pennies, \$15 fills a bottle with nickels, \$40 fills a bottle with dimes, and ^\$60 fills a bottle with quarters. Empty baby bottles can be found at the side entrance.

Knights Senior Merit Award ~ Applications available at Church entrances. Deadline is June 04, 2017

Next May (2018) St Francis will mark 75 years in Lebanon. We will have an anniversary planning committee meeting on MONDAY June 5th at 7:00 in the meeting room. All parishioners are invited to be part of this committee. If you are interested, please let Barbara know so she has an idea how many will attend. If you are interested in helping and are unable to attend, please let her know so you in can be included in future emails. Please bring ideas of how we could celebrate! Contact: Barbara Wengloski, 860-642-7168, bobbie.w@charter.net.

Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center

303 Tunxis Road, West Hartford, CT 06107-3119

Phone: 860.521.0440 | Fax: 860.521.1929

Email: info@holyfamilyretreat.org

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.

Ladies Guild Graduating Senior Award

Any graduating high school senior who is an active member of St. Francis Parish may apply for the Ladies Guild annual Graduating Senior Award. This Award is based on academic record, activity in school and community, and most importantly, devotion to your Parish. The maximum award is \$200. Applications are found at the Church entrances or contact Barbara at bobbie.w@charter.net to be emailed a copy. Please return by June 4th.

Hit a "home run" for Catholic Charities!

Join Catholic Charities at Dodd Stadium in Norwich on **Friday, June 23rd game time 7:05 PM** to see the CT Tigers vs. the Aberdeen Ironbirds. Executive Director Ed Tessman will throw out the first pitch! It is a great opportunity to bring a group from your parish to enjoy the game, see a great fireworks display after the game **and support those most in need!** Tickets are \$10.00/each. Contact Sue Connelly at 860-889-8346 to purchase tickets. For more information, please contact Christine Jackel, Development Coordinator via e-mail at cjackel@norwichdiocese.net or by phone 860-886-1928.

IT IS TIME TO REGISTER FOR CCD CLASSES



We are now accepting registrations for the 2017-2018 CCD Classes. Registrations are due August 1st. Forms are available from your child's current

CCD teacher, the parish office, and at the entrances of Church.

Please return registrations ASAP.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter "And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love Him and reveal myself to Him." Expand your married love 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 Dennis & Jane Lamondy at [860-376-0440](tel:860-376-0440) or visit us at <https://wwwmectw.org/>.

My Father's House – 39 N, Moodus Rd, Moodus
Mfh.moodus@gmail.com 860.873.1906

Upcoming Events – Please RSVP

- ❖ June 3 Pentecost Retreat
- ❖ June 22 Teaching on the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Sacred Heart of Jesus
- ❖ June 23 Mass at noon followed by Adoration
- ❖ October 7 Retreat on the Rosary
- ❖ November 18 Thanksgiving Retreat
- ❖ December 9 Retreat on Our Lady of Guadalupe

2017

Graduate

The Lebanon faith communities invite our young people who are graduating from high school in 2017, their family, and friends, regardless of church affiliation, to a Baccalaureate Service,

Sunday, June 4th at 7:00pm at the Lebanon Congregational Church, 588 Exeter Road. A light reception will follow the service. Graduates are requested to come in cap and gown and to arrive by 6:45pm. All are welcome!

Saint Joseph School in Baltic will have an ice cream social on Saturday June 3rd from 10am to noon in the school gym for upcoming pre-kindergarten and kindergarten age children. Ice cream, games, crafts and more. For information, please call 860.822.6141.

Blue Mass Breakfast Fundraiser

Sunday, June 4, 2017

Billy Wilson's Restaurant

57 Broadway, Norwich

11:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m.

MENU: Eggs, sausage wrap, pancakes, orange juice, home fries!

There is no cost or no tickets for the breakfast. However a donation to help defray the costs associated with the Blue Mass is appreciated. To benefit the Blue Mass Committee to defray expenses associated with the Annual Mass honoring law enforcement personnel. For more information please call Monsignor Brown at 860-887-9294, ext. 232 or Ms. Becky Cady 860-887-9294, ext. 235.

Women's ACTS Retreat:

The Corpus Christi Catholic Community of Willimantic is sponsoring a Women's ACTS retreat at Immaculata Retreat House in Willimantic from July 13-16, 2017. This retreat experience is an opportunity for spiritual renewal, faith strengthening and experiencing God's unconditional love through the women who serve on the retreat team. It would be a great gift to yourself or any of the special women in your life. Informational brochures and registration forms are available at the Church doors. For more information you can contact Donna Cawley at [860-456-2505](tel:860-456-2505) or go to actsct.net.

Programs Enders Island Mystic CT 860.536.0565

- Pentecost Day of Renewal Sunday June 4 \$50 <http://enders.is/pentcost>
- Silent Directed Retreat Sunday June 18 – Saturday June 24 \$620 private room <http://enders.is/silentdirected1>
- Holy Smoke! Cigar Dinner Reserva IX Saturday June 17 \$150 [http://enders.is.com/holy smoke](http://enders.is.com/holy%20smoke)

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a Charity Golf Tournament at Mohegan Sun Golf Club...It is

not too late to sign up a foursome for the 2017 St. Joseph School Golf Tournament scheduled on Friday, June 30, 2017! If you know of someone who would enjoy a great day of golf or would like to just to come for dinner and auction activities, please go to www.kofcbaltic.org to sign up ...or for more information Thank you. Look forward to seeing you there!

Defending Our Religious Liberty May 21, 2017

In early May, Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo, Archbishop of Galveston-Houston and President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), issued a response to President Donald J. Trump's executive order about religious liberty. It stated in part:

"Today's Executive Order begins the process of alleviating the serious burden of the HHS mandate. We will engage with the Administration to ensure that adequate relief is provided to those with deeply held religious beliefs about some of the drugs, devices, and surgical procedures that HHS has sought to require people of faith to facilitate over the last several years. We welcome a decision to provide a broad religious exemption to the HHS mandate, but will have to review the details of any regulatory proposals."

Let us pray that the revised HHS mandate protects the religious rights of the Catholic Church.

Defending Our Religious Liberty May 28, 2017

In recent years, people of faith have experienced pressing restrictions on religious freedom from both the federal government and state governments that receive federal funding. For example, in areas as diverse as adoption, education, healthcare, and other social services, widely held moral and religious beliefs, especially regarding the protection of human life as well as preserving marriage and family, have been maligned in recent years as bigotry or hostility — and penalized accordingly. But disagreement on moral and religious issues is not discrimination; instead, it is the inevitable and desirable fruit of a free, civil society marked by genuine religious diversity. Let us pray that the revised HHS mandate protects the religious rights of the Catholic Church.

St. Andrew Church Vacation Bible School runs from June 19-23. Sign up can be done thru their webpage --

<http://www.standrewcolchester.org>

T-shirts must be ordered by June 1.

“Memorial Day was once called Decoration Day

The national tradition of honoring America's military dead began after the Civil War. On May 5, 1868, Major General John A. Logan proclaimed that Decoration Day would be observed on May 30. Logan was the head of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR), a group of a group of Union veterans from the Civil War.

The purpose of Decoration Day, Logan said, would be to decorate the graves of fallen Civil War soldiers with flowers. About 5000 people took part in the first official Decoration Day celebration at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia. Members of the GAR and kids from the Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphan Home laid flowers on graves and sang hymns.

At the end of World War I in 1918 Memorial Day—still called Decoration Day—became a day to honor all the troops that have fallen in American wars. And it wasn't until 1971 that Memorial Day became an official national holiday.

Honoring the fallen

When Gen. Logan decreed the national Decoration Day, he likely chose the month of May because it was in the spring. This season allowed him to dress the graves of soldiers "with the choicest flowers of springtime," he wrote in his order proclaiming the holiday.

But the good weather that spring usually brings also allowed Gen. Logan to realize another goal of Decoration Day.

"Let pleasant paths invite the coming and going of reverent visitors and fond mourners," Logan wrote. "Let no neglect, no ravages of time, testify to the present or to the coming generations that we have forgotten as a people the cost of a free and undivided republic."

Logan's desire to create a day to remember the sacrifices of America's fallen heroes takes on greater significance during times of armed conflict. During this year's Memorial Day, for example, the nation will honor troops from wars like Vietnam and World War II. But people will also stop and remember the more than 4,500 Americans who have died in the continuing wars in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Ways to celebrate

Since there is a long history of observing Memorial Day in the United States, there are many traditions: parades, moments of silence, cookouts, and flying the American flag at half-staff. Military honor guard also lay wreaths in ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery and the Vietnam Veterans and Air Force Memorials in Washington D.C.”
(from Scholastic News)

A Prayer for Memorial Day

Lord Jesus Christ, today we honor the memory of those men and women who have given their lives for their compatriots in the cause of freedom. They have worked, fought, and died for the heritage of freedom, brotherhood, and honor that they have passed on to us.

Help us to recall that you yourself gave up your life for all human beings in the cause of true freedom - to save us from self-love and sin.

Teach us the true meaning of peace and freedom, that the real battle must always take place in ourselves before it will be won in families and nations.

Make us keep your memory in our celebration of communion and pray for the peace and freedom of the whole world.



**Wishing you a safe and blessed
Memorial Day Weekend!**

Fr. Mark Masnicki

Fr. Richard Breton

&

The Parish Staff

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED MONDAY
IN OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY**



Comfort and Caring Shawl Ministry

Do you know of someone in need of a Comfort and Caring Shawl?

The St. Francis Ladies Guild has made a commitment to distribute hand-made prayer shawls to anyone in need; someone who is ill, on potent medication, battling the pain of depression or lost a loved one.

The gift of a shawl is not limited to members of the Guild or our parish but can be given to anyone you feel would benefit from this shawl of love and comfort.

There are numerous shawls of many colors, shapes and weight as well as lap robes available.

If you wish to contribute a knitted or crocheted shawl (must be certain dimensions) or know of someone who would benefit from this gift, please contact Barbara Dyer (Keeper of the Shawls) at 45bfdyer@gmail.com or [860-822-9400](tel:860-822-9400).

"Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

Righteousness is simply defined as "morally good: following religious or moral laws". It is an attribute that implies that a person's actions are just and pleasing to God.

As human beings we struggle with the fine line between righteous and judgmental. As believers we are called to find a healthy balance that makes us good role models of Christianity for those people we come in contact with.

True righteousness can only be attained by putting God first in your life.

To be truly righteous we need to embrace God's teachings and laws in all areas of our lives, not just the areas that are convenient! Some ways to do that include...

*Walk in someone else's shoes: how must it really feel to be them and deal with all the circumstances of their life?

*Respect other people: you don't have to agree with them or like them to respect their similarities as well as their differences. Treat others the way you want to be treated.

*Be charitable in what you say and what you do: donate your resources as well as your time and talent to others in need in your community. It is in giving that we receive.

*Be happy to be a Christian: show the world the joy that comes from living our faith. Everyone loves a cheerful giver!

*Appreciate the beauty and wonder of the world you live in: Take some time to enjoy the creation that God entrusted to all of us as human beings and be a good steward by caring for the environment.

As hard as trying to be righteous might seem, our reward is eternal life - There is no greater gift than this!



Lebanon Children's Clothing Wardrobe

Located at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 321 Village Hill Rd., Lebanon. Available only during our listed times or by appointment.

First Thursday of Every Month From 4-6pm: accept donations of new or gently used children's clothing.

Third Thursday of Every Month From 4-6pm: Offer appointments for you to pick up clothing. Please email lebanonccw@gmail.com to request an appointment.

Third Friday of Every Month From 8:30-11am: Welcome families to choose from our clothing inventory size newborn-24 months. Infant clothes and accessories may be donated during this time. Please email us before bringing large items to be sure we have space.

Thank You Concert for our active and retired religious.

Bring your parent, bring a friend, bring a Religious...Let's show them how much we care!

Sunday June 25, 2017 from 2-4pm

The Garde Arts Center, 325 State St, New London, CT

Featuring composer and music professor, Matthew Jaskot.

Tickets \$20 in advance - \$25 at the door. People involved in Music Ministry in Parishes in the Diocese \$15

Purchase tickets through the Office of Faith Events 860.848.2237, ext. 304



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Ad pricing: 1 line (20 words) = \$10 Business Card Block = \$25

½ page = \$50 full page = \$100

Send your name, along with ad size and payment to Office of Faith Events, 199 Broadway, Norwich, CT 06360 by JUNE 1