

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

4:00 PM Confessions  
5:00 PM People of the Parish living & deceased

**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

**Monday June 5, 2017 St. Boniface, bishop & martyr**

NO MASS

**Tuesday June 6, 2017 St. Norbert, bishop**

NO MASS

**Wednesday June 7, 2017 Weekday**

9:00 AM Souls in Purgatory

**Thursday June 8, 2017 Weekday**

NO MASS

**Friday June 9, 2017 St. Ephrem, deacon, doctor of the Church**

9:00 AM Intentions written in the intention book at the Altar

**Saturday June 10, 2017 Blessed Virgin Mary**

4:00 PM Confessions

5:00 PM

**Sunday, June 11, 2017 Most Holy Trinity**

8:00 AM Frances Dyer req. by the Kuzel family

10:30 AM Lynn Contois req. by Betsie Petrie

Offertery: \$ 2,432 Ascension: \$ 297.00 St. Bernard: \$ 485.00  
Today's second collection is for monthly extraordinary expenses.  
Next weekend's second collection is for the poor.  
A very sincere thanks to all those parishioners who make-up their  
offertery 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 10 & 11**

5:00pm Lector: Carole Briggs

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Michael

Altar Servers: Grace & Nina Gardella

8:00am Lector: Jim Worth

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Michael

Altar Servers: Anthony & Emily Pomerleau, Sarah Dungan

10:30am Lector: Don Dubiel

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Michael

Altar Servers: Marianne Clippinger, Wayne Woodward,  
Gabriela Mastroluca

**MEETINGS**

- Planning Committee 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St. Francis Monday June 5<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm
- 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  
1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Miles N. Snelgrove USMC 2<sup>nd</sup> Batt. 6<sup>th</sup> 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. Kevin Reilly, Rev. Robert Buongiorno, Rev. Michael Giannitelli, Rev. Edward Konopka, Msgr. Thaddeus Malanowski, Rev. Raul Peter, V. Rev. Peter Fehlner, Rev. Elson Kattookaran MS, Rev. John Gwudz, Msgr. James Carini, Rev. Izydor Sadowski SDB, Msgr. Kevin Randall. We also pray for all priests who have left the ministry.

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)

**Please save the date: We will hold a reception on Sunday June 25<sup>th</sup>, 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 19<sup>th</sup>, (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 14<sup>th</sup>. 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](http://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: Mondays, June 12 & 26, 2017** at 2PM Spiritual Renewal Center, 11 Bath Street, Norwich, CT
- ✓ **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 18<sup>th</sup>. 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.pslife.org](http://www.pslife.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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 can be included in future emails. Please bring ideas of how we could celebrate! Contact: Barbara Wengloski, 860-642-7168, [bobbi.w@charter.net](mailto:bobbi.w@charter.net).

# 2017

*Graduate*

### 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 [bobbi.w@charter.net](mailto:bobbi.w@charter.net) to be emailed a copy. Please return by June 4<sup>th</sup>.

### Hit a "home run" for Catholic Charities!

Join Catholic Charities at Dodd Stadium in Norwich on **Friday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:cjackel@norwichdiocese.net) or by phone 860-886-1928.

**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 or visit us at <https://wwmectw.org/>.



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 4<sup>th</sup> 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!

**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 or go to [actsct@net](mailto:actsct@net).

### Programs at My Father's House – 39 N, Moodus Rd, Moodus [Mfh.moodus@gmail.com](mailto:Mfh.moodus@gmail.com) 860.873.1906

- ❖ 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

### Programs Enders Island Mystic CT 860.536.0565

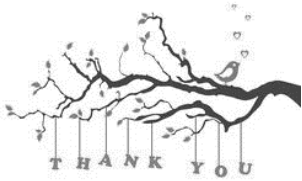
- Silent Directed Retreat Sunday June 18 – Saturday June 24 \$620 private room <http://enders.is/silentdirected1>
- Holy Smoke! Cigar Dinner Reserva IX Saturday June 17 \$150 <http://enders.is.com/holy smoke>

### 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](http://www.kofcbaltic.org) to sign up ...or for more information Thank you. Look forward to seeing you there.

**Defending Our Religious Liberty June 4, 2017** Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo, Archbishop of Galveston-Houston and President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), says that he will continue to advocate for permanent relief from Congress on issues of critical importance to people of faith. "Religious freedom is a fundamental right that should be upheld by all branches of government and not subject to political whims," he says. The Cardinal DiNardo met with President Trump in early May to address First Amendment rights of the church that have been ignored under Obamacare.

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



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**The Ladies Guild would like to thank its members and the St Francis parishioners who baked for our Bake Sale last weekend and to all who supported us in purchasing items and made donations. The Sale was another success and we plan to join**

**the Knights again next year when they hold their plant sale. Anyone who lost a key fob please contact Cheryl in the office.**

**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.**

Father's Day cards with Mass intention requests are available at the side entrance of Church. Please return the request as soon as possible. Your intentions will be remembered in the Masses on June 17. Please return any intentions by Monday June 12.



**Sixth Fortnight for Freedom will be observed from June 21 to July 4, 2017. Its theme is Freedom for Mission.**

Our "liturgical calendar celebrates a series of great martyrs who remained faithful in the face of persecution by political power." We celebrate the faith of these very dynamic and courageous witnesses who made the supreme sacrifice for love of Christ and His Church. They are: Saint John Fisher, Saint Thomas More, Saint John the Baptist, Saint Peter and Saint Paul, and the First Martyrs of the Church of Rome.

During this period, we pray that the Holy Spirit will enrich our faith and strengthen our courage to witness to the Lord and the Gospel. In our prayer and reflection, we pray that the Church's mission to serve not be restricted, in any way, by government discrimination or regulations.

Materials for the observance of the *Fortnight for Freedom* can be found on the website, [www.fortnightforfreedom.org](http://www.fortnightforfreedom.org). Spanish materials will soon be available. There is a series of short, daily reflections on different aspects of freedom and Christian mission. It is called Pray-Reflect-Act. Also available is a guide whose purpose is to help the faithful speak about the topic of religious freedom. There are also examples of current threats to Religious Liberty in this country and also International Religious Freedom Issues. Also available is the Litany for Liberty.

### **What do we mean by religious liberty?**

In Catholic teaching, the Second Vatican Council explained in *Dignitatis Humanae* that the foundation of the principle of religious freedom is rooted in the dignity of the human person, who is endowed with reason and free will, and therefore able to take responsibility for his or her actions. Religious liberty is protected in the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and in federal and state laws. Religious liberty includes more than our ability to go to Mass on Sunday or pray the Rosary at home; it also encompasses our ability to contribute freely to the common good of all Americans.

### **What is the First Amendment?**

The First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution states the following: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

### **What does "shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion" mean?**

This phrase, known as the "Establishment Clause," started out as a prohibition on Congress' either establishing a national religion or interfering with the established religions of the states. It has since been interpreted to forbid state establishments of religion, to forbid governmental preference (at any level) of one religion over another, and to forbid direct government funding of religion.

### **What does "prohibiting the free exercise thereof" mean?**

This phrase, known as the "Free Exercise Clause," generally protects citizens and institutions from government interference with the exercise of their religious beliefs. It sometimes mandates the accommodation of religious practices when such practices conflict with federal, state, or local laws.



# Registration Information

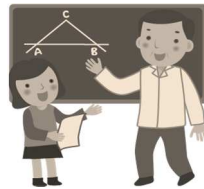
IT IS TIME TO REGISTER FOR CCD CLASSES!

We are now accepting registrations for the 2017-2018 CCD Classes.

Registrations are due August 1<sup>st</sup>. Forms are available from the parish office, and at the entrances of Church.

Please return registrations ASAP.

**CCD Classes Begin in September. Classes are held from 9:00am to 10:00am at the Elementary School.**



**Teachers and Teacher Aides will be needed.**

U-R qualified if you are --- over 21---a high-school grad --- and a practicing Catholic who attends weekend Mass. We will help you with the rest of the job and help you to easily get certified to work with our youth. Call Jim Hay, the DRE at 860.886.1882 or the parish office at 860.642.6711.

## MASS INTENTIONS

We have several open Masses during 2017. You may have a Mass said for a variety of intentions: for a deceased loved one, in celebration of a marriage, anniversary, birthday, in thanksgiving, for a special intention, for world peace, etc.

To request a Mass intention, please call Cheryl in the parish office during office hours.

## 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



## 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.

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

**As chairman of the Plant Sale for the Knights of Columbus, I would like to thank Fran & Diane Malozzi, Glen & Peggy Stygar, and Kathy, my better half, for the many roles who played in this event. I would also like to thanks those brother Knights who helped set up, work, and break down. Thank you to Father Mark for the use of the Church grounds. Thank you to the parishioners and to everyone who made this sale a success. It is all greatly appreciated.**



**Thank you ~ John Walden  
See you next year!**