

**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 10, 2017 Blessed Virgin Mary

4:00 PM Confessions

5:00 PM For those who are ill in our parish

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

Monday June 12, 2017 Weekday

NO MASS

Tuesday June 13, 2017 St. Anthony of Padua, priest, doctor of the Church

NO MASS

Wednesday June 14, 2017 Weekday

9:00 AM For the Souls in Purgatory

Thursday June 15, 2017 Weekday

NO MASS

Friday June 16, 2017 Weekday

9:00 AM For the people of the parish living & deceased

Saturday June 17, 2017 Blessed Virgin Mary

4:00 PM Confessions

5:00 PM All fathers living & deceased

Sunday, June 18, 2017 Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

8:00 AM Gene Grecki req. by Norm & Ella Mae Kuzel

10:30 AM Ed & Gloria Bigenski req. by Bill & Joan

Russoniello Goba

Offertory: \$ 2092.00 St. Bernard: \$ 485.00
Today's second collection is for the poor.
Next weekend's second collection is for building maintenance.
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 17 & 18

5:00pm Lector: Steve Wengloski

Eucharistic Minister: Carole Briggs

Altar Servers: Steve Bardes, CJ Frank

8:00am Lector: Ella Mae Kuzel

Eucharistic Minister: Kathy Pellerin

Altar Servers: Christian & Jack Terwilliger

10:30am Lector: Maureen Polana

Eucharistic Minister: Wally Gagnon

Altar Servers: Becca Wheaton, Wayne Woodward

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
2nd Lt. Tyler McGuire, U.S. Air Force

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 Bishop Michael R. Cote, Rev. Richard Breton, Rev. Michael Gill, Rev. Brian Maxwell, Rev. Jonathan Ficara, 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.
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)

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.

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.



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: Mondays, June 12 & 26, 2017** at 2PM Spiritual Renewal Center, 11 Bath Street, Norwich, CT
- ✓ **BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP** ~ A Catholic-based Bereavement Support group meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at three alternating diocesan parishes. The next meeting is **Thursday, June 15** from **7-8:30 P.M.** at **St. Mary's Parish Center, 23 Marshall St., Putnam, CT.** For more information, contact Catholic Family Services at 860-848-2237, ext. 306.
- ✓ **Holy Hour for Vocations: June 25 at St. John, Middletown 4:30-5:30pm**
- ✓ On Sunday, September 10, 2017, at 8:45 a.m., Bishop Cote will celebrate **Mass for Those Dedicated to Education**, in the Cathedral of Saint Patrick. Currently, the Planning Committee for this Mass is seeking additional members to assist in preparing this very meaningful tribute to Educators and to become an active member of the planning committee. The next meeting of the Mass Committee will be held on June 26, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. in the Bishop Hines Conference Room of the Chancery. Please join us in planning the 22nd Annual Mass for Those Dedicated to Education. Contact Mrs. Rebecca McDougal at 860-887-9294.

Defending Our Religious Liberty June 11, 2017

According to Archbishop William E. Lori of the USCCB Ad Hoc Committee for religious freedom, evangelizing not only saves souls, it also preserves religious freedom. When people's minds and hearts have been opened to the truth and beauty of God's love and the love of God has been poured into their hearts – then the natural endowment of religious freedom comes alive and people are more likely to defend religious freedom in society. As lawmakers move to revise the health care mandate, may they procure our religious freedom.

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/>.

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>

Principal Vacancy Sacred Heart School, Groton, CT Located in Groton, CT, Sacred Heart School is a parish co-educational Parish school of all faiths from Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 8, seeks a principal to begin July 1, 2017. Accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Sacred Heart School provides an exceptional educational program that places emphasis on the spiritual, intellectual, physical, and aesthetic development of each student. The eligible candidate will be a practicing Roman Catholic in good standing in the Church, hold a minimum of a masters' degree in education and have completed at least five years of teaching experience and two years' administrative experience, preferably in a Catholic school. He or she must be able to direct a joyful Catholic school faith community where every student has daily opportunities to encounter the love of God in Jesus Christ. He or she will value the importance of moral character development, self-discipline, and Christian service. He or she will be able to guide the faculty as a professional learning community and promote 21st century and learning research-based practices with an emphasis on STREAM instruction and personalized learning. He or she will model life-long learning. The position also requires outstanding verbal and written communication skills, professional experience in supervision and evaluation, and an understanding of enrollment management, institutional advancement, and Catholic school finance stewardship.

Information about the school may be found at www.sacredheartgroton.org. Download application and candidate forms at www.norwichdso.org under the "employment" tab Send completed candidate forms by to: Sacred Heart Principal Search Attn: Mr. Henry Fiore, Jr. Superintendent of Schools Diocesan School Office 43 Perkins Avenue Norwich, Ct 06360

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.

Programs at My Father's House – 39 N, Moodus Rd, Moodus 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



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.

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](mailto:actsct@net).

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.

Get M-Powered! Join the Mercy High School Summer Program 2017 Programs and clinics are available for girls rising to grades 5th – 9th Basketball, Cultural Awareness, Field Hockey, Higher Achievement, Soccer, Theatre Arts, and Vocal! Please visit 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.

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.



Registration Information

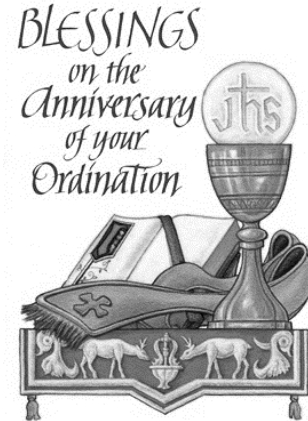
IT IS TIME TO REGISTER FOR CCD CLASSES!

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

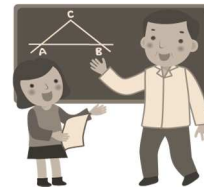
Registrations are due August 1st. Forms are available from the parish office, and at the entrances of Church.

Please return registrations ASAP.

Please join us as we celebrate with Father Marek, his 25th Anniversary of Ordination into Priesthood Sunday, June 25, 2017 from 2:00 - 4:00 pm at Saint Francis of Assisi's Marianne Jean Fortin Parish House, 61 West Town Street.



On May 30, 1992, Father Mark was ordained at Saint Patrick's Cathedral, Norwich by Bishop Daniel P. Reilly.



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.

26th Annual Steeple Chase Bike Tour

August 19, 2017.



20, 35, 50, 62.5 & 100 mile bike routes and a 5 mile walk through scenic northeastern CT. Ride starts at Eastern CT State University Athletic Complex, 69 Mansfield City Road, Mansfield Center, CT. Registration opens at 7am. Info @ 860.450.7122 and www.steeplechase.org Register @ Bikereg.com

Forum on Immigration: Putting a human face on the immigration debate. June 14 from 6:30-8:30pm at ECSU, 83 Windham Street, Willimantic ~ North Camus Student Center Betty Tipton Room.

(Campus map: <http://www.easternct.edu/map/>)

Join us for a look at the immigration experience from the-inside-out. All are welcome.

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

Sixth Fortnight for Freedom will be observed from June 21 to July 4, 2017. Its theme is Freedom for Mission. Materials for the observance of the Fortnight for Freedom can be found on the website, www.fortnightforfreedom.org.

What did our early American leaders say about religious freedom?

- **George Washington:** "If I could have entertained the slightest apprehension that the Constitution framed in the Convention, where I had the honor to preside, might possibly endanger the religious rights of any ecclesiastical society, certainly I would never have placed my signature to it; and if I could now conceive that the general government might ever be so administered as to render the liberty of conscience insecure, I beg you will be persuaded that no one would be more zealous than myself to establish effectual barriers against the horrors of spiritual tyranny, and every species of religious persecution." (Letter to the United Baptist Churches in Virginia, 1789.)
- **George Washington:** "[The conscientious scruples of all men should be treated with great delicacy and tenderness; and it is my wish and desire, that the laws may always be extensively accommodated to them..." (Letter to the Annual Meeting of Quakers, 1789.)
- **Thomas Jefferson:** "No provision in our Constitution ought to be dearer to man than that which protects the rights of conscience against the enterprises of the civil authority." (Letter to New London Methodist, 1809.)
- **James Madison:** "[The equal right of every citizen to the free exercise of his Religion according to the dictates of conscience is held by the same tenure with all our other rights. If we recur to its origin, it is equally the gift of nature; if we weigh its importance, it cannot be less dear to us; if we consult the Declaration of Rights which pertain to the good people of Virginia, as the basis and foundation of Government, it is enumerated with equal solemnity, or rather studied emphasis." (*Memorial and Remonstrance Against Religious Assessment*, 1785.) (Internal quotation marks omitted.)
- **James Madison:** "[We hold it for a fundamental and undeniable truth that religion, or the duty which we owe our Creator, and the manner of discharging it, can be directed only by reason and conviction, not by force or violence. The Religion then of every man must be left to the conviction and conscience of every man; and it is the right of every man to exercise it as these may dictate." (*Memorial and Remonstrance Against Religious Assessment*, 1785.) (Internal citation and quotations omitted.)

Who have been heroes of religious liberty in the church?

- **Saint Thomas More:** Thomas More was an English Catholic lawyer who served as Lord Chancellor and a close advisor to King Henry VIII. More opposed the king's separation from the Catholic Church and his naming himself as Supreme Head of the Church of England. More was imprisoned for his refusal to take the oath required by a law that disparaged papal power and required acknowledging the children of Henry and Anne Boleyn (the king's second wife after his divorce from Catherine of Aragon) as legitimate heirs to the throne. In 1535, More was tried for treason, convicted on perjured testimony, and beheaded. He is the patron saint of religious freedom.
- **Saint John Fisher:** John Fisher was an English Catholic cardinal, academic, and martyr. Fisher was executed by order of King Henry VIII during the English Reformation for refusing to accept the king as Supreme Head of the Church of England and for upholding the Catholic Church's doctrine of papal primacy.
- **Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton:** Elizabeth Ann Seton was the first native-born U.S. citizen to be canonized by the Catholic Church. In 1809, Seton founded the first American congregation of Religious Sisters, the Sisters of Charity. She also established the first parochial school for girls in the U.S. in Emmitsburg, Maryland in 1810. Seton's efforts initiated the parochial school system in America and opened the first free Catholic schools for the poor.
- **Saint Katharine Drexel:** Katharine Drexel was a religious sister, heiress, philanthropist, and educator. She dedicated herself and her inheritance to the needs of oppressed Native Americans and African-Americans in the western and southwestern United States. She was a vocal advocate of racial tolerance and established a religious congregation, the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, whose mission was to teach African-Americans and later American Indians. She also financed more than sixty missions and schools around the United States, in addition to founding Xavier University of Louisiana—the only historically African-American Catholic university in the United States to date.
- **John Courtney Murray, SJ:** Father Murray was an American Jesuit priest and theologian, who was known for his efforts to reconcile Catholicism and religious pluralism, particularly focusing on the relationship between religious freedom and the institutions of a democratically structured modern state. During the Second Vatican Council, he played a key role in the Council's ground-breaking Declaration on Religious Liberty, *Dignitatis Humanae*.

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 _____