

**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 August 5, 2017 Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major**

4:00 PM Confessions  
5:00 PM Parishioner intentions written in the prayer request book at the altar

**Sunday, August 6, 2017 Transfiguration of the Lord**

8:00 AM Ann Keating req. by the Worth family  
10:30 AM Julie Coscia req. by her family

**Monday August 7, 2017 St. Sixtus II, pope & companions; St. Cajetan, priest**

NO MASS

**Tuesday August 8, 2017 St. Dominic, priest**

NO MASS

**Wednesday August 9, 2017 St. Theresa Benedicta of the Cross, virgin, martyr**

9:00 AM Rosario Collura req. by Mackie

**Thursday August 10, 2017 St. Lawrence, deacon, martyr**

NO MASS

**Friday August 11, 2017 St. Clare, virgin**

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

**Saturday August 12, 2017 St. Jane Frances de Chantal, religious**

4:00 PM Confessions  
5:00 PM Joseph Bendoraitis req. by his family

**Sunday, August 13, 2017 Nineteenth Sunday - Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM James Nowosad req. by Roddy & Betsy  
10:30 AM Bill & Joan Russoniello Goba Wedding Anniversary req. by Michael Goba & Trish Goba Churchill

Offertory: \$ 1,986.15  
Offertory Make-up: \$ 1,071.11. Our deepest thank you to all parishioners who contributed to the angel offertory make-up to help return monies to savings used to end the fiscal year.

Today'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 August 12 & 13**

5:00pm Lector: Richard Lataille  
Eucharistic Minister: Jim Hay  
Altar Servers: Grace & Nina Gardella  
8:00am Lector: Jim Worth  
Eucharistic Minister: Gregg Lafontaine  
Altar Servers: Anthony & Emily Pomerleau, Sarah Dungan  
10:30am Lector: Roger Proulx  
Eucharistic Minister: Tony Coscia  
Altar Servers: Erika Densman, Drew Taylor

**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  
2<sup>nd</sup> 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 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, Rev. Kevin Reilly, Rev. Robert Buongiorno. We also pray for all priests who have left the ministry.

Father, enkindle in Your priests a hunger for the glory of Jesus, and for the love of souls. May Your priests be happy, may they be esteemed a thousand times, privileged to drink of the Fountain of the Savior each day. (Ven. Mother Catherine Aurelia, foundress)

**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

**Thank You!** I join with the people of Tuticorin, India in saying thank you for your generosity. I have to admit I am overjoyed by your recent generosity and greatly appreciate your kindness to our ministry. Someone once said that whatever we possess becomes double in value when we share it with others. Once again, I quote the Proverb 19:17, "whoever is kind to the poor, lends to the Lord and He will reward them", the reward will be great. If you need to contact me, my email is [benjaminvin@yahoo.com](mailto:benjaminvin@yahoo.com) 860.481.2880. Thanks. God bless. Fr. Ben

## ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

- ✓ **Charismatic Prayer Meeting** every Tuesday at 2 PM Spiritual Renewal Center, 11 Bath Street, Norwich, CT (860-887-0702).
- ✓ **RESTORE – REKINDLE – RENEW MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT** – The Catholic Family Services Office and Worldwide Marriage Encounter of Connecticut are sponsoring an 8-week marriage enrichment called **Restore – Rekindle – Renew** that aims to enhance a married couple's communication, renew their commitment to one another and rekindle romance. The program will meet for eight Wednesday nights **August 9 through September 27 at 7 P.M. at St. Mary's Parish Center in Putnam**. Couples will explore individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited. A \$50 application fee is required. For more information or to register, call or email Frank and Margie Pearson at 860-742-6934 or [MarriageEncounterCT@gmail.com](mailto:MarriageEncounterCT@gmail.com) or call the Catholic Family Services Office at 860-848-2237, Ext. 306.
- ✓ **Healing Mass** Monday's, August 14 and 28, 2017 Spiritual Renewal Center, 11 Bath Street, Norwich,
- ✓ **Life in The Spirit Seminar** at My Father's House, Moodus, CT ~ August 18 to August 20, 2017 Presenters Fr. Ray Introvigne and Fr. Bill McCarthy \$150 per person Call [860-873-1906](tel:860-873-1906) to register or online.
- ✓ **Holy Hour for Vocations: August 24, Saint John, Old Saybrook from 6-7pm.**
- ✓ 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 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Mass for Those Dedicated to Education. Contact Mrs. Rebecca McDougal at 860-887-9294.
- ✓ **SAVE THE DATE** – All couples married 25 & 50 years or celebrating any significant anniversary year are invited to attend a **Silver and Gold Jubilee Anniversary Mass** at the Cathedral of Saint Patrick in Norwich on Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm. Come and renew your commitment to live your marriage in holiness in a Pontifical Mass celebrated by Bishop Michael R. Cote. Family and friends are invited to share in this special testimony and witness to love and marriage. Light refreshments will be served following the Mass in the Cathedral Hall. Register through your parish. For more information call the Catholic Family Services Office at 860.848.2237, Ext. 306.
- ✓ **ATTENTION ALL GOLFERS:** Catholic Charities 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament will be held on **Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>** at the Fox Hopyard Golf Club in East Haddam CT. Entry fee of \$175.00 includes: green fees, cart, lunch, dinner buffet and awards. Registration begins at 10:30 AM; Lunch at 11:30 AM, Shotgun Start at 1:00 PM and Dinner Buffet/Awards at 6:00 PM. Sponsorships are available! Funds raised at the tournament help support those most in need throughout Eastern Connecticut. For

more information, contact **Christine Jackel**, Development Coordinator via phone at: 860-886-1928 x12 or via e-mail: [cjackel@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:cjackel@norwichdiocese.net)

- ✓ **Extraordinary Workshop for New Lectors & Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** Saturday, September 30 from 9:30am to 11:30am St. Patrick Parish Hall, 47 W. High Street, East Hampton, CT 06424. Register by September 23 at [worship@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:worship@norwichdiocese.net) or call 860.848.2237 x302. Fee is \$10.
- ✓ **SAVE THE DATE Saturday, October 21, 2017 HOW TO HAVE THE BEST LITURGICAL MUSIC IN YOUR PARISH GIVEN WHAT YOU HAVE – AND DON'T HAVE** For presiders, music ministers, choirs, cantors, RCIA Teams, catechists, liturgy committees, all who love to sing! Come to meet and learn from renowned composer and liturgist Tom Kendzia. St. Mathias Parish Center, East Lyme, CT 9:00 to Noon. Cost: \$10 Registration materials available in September.
- ✓ **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 Weekend is 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/>.

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

- ❖ August 14 "A day of healing for victims, their families and health service professionals" on the feast of Saint Maximilian Kolbe.
- ❖ August 18-20 "Life in the Spirit" weekend retreat- Spiritual Renewal Services, Diocese of Norwich.
- ❖ October 7 Retreat on the Rosary
- ❖ November 18 Thanksgiving Retreat
- ❖ December 9 Retreat on Our Lady of Guadalupe

### Attention: All Parents and Grandparents

Please let your children and grandchildren between the ages of 16-29 know the Office of Faith Events is looking for their feedback for the 2018 Youth Synod. Let the Bishops and Pope know how you feel about the Catholic Church! Youth are invited to fill out the survey through the link from your smart phone, tablet, or computer. Be a voice that will be heard!  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/youthandyoungadultchurchfeedback>

### Defending Our Religious Liberty AUG 6, 2017

The Connecticut Catholic Conference notes that since 1919, the Catholic Church has been a longstanding advocate of universal, accessible and life-affirming health care. However, the Affordable Health Care Act harshly penalizes those employers, such as the Church, who do not provide abortions and other contraception coverage for their employees.

### Extraordinary Form – Traditional Latin Mass – Offered each Sunday

- 12pm at Holy Apostles Seminary 33 Prospect Hill, Cromwell, CT (high Mass during academic year, low Mass in summer)
- 2pm at Our Lady of Lourdes, 1650 Route 12, Gales Ferry, CT (low Mass)

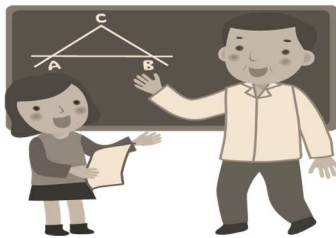
PARENTS PLEASE TAKE NOTE:



Registration  
Information

IT IS TIME TO REGISTER FOR  
SUNDAY SCHOOL!

We are now accepting registrations for the 2017-2018 Sunday School. 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.



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

**A teacher is needed for grade 3.**

**Teacher's assistants are needed for grades 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, and 8.**

**Parents of children in these grades, please consider volunteering as an assistant.** U-R qualified if you are over 16 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.

**VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED!**

**LEBANON FAIR  
Aug. 11 – 13, 2017**

The St. Francis Ladies Guild Soda Booth needs your help.

Sign-up sheets will be located at the side entrance of the church.

All new volunteers need to complete some background paperwork and an on-line Training module.

Please see Cheryl during office hours for forms and training information.



Give it a try - you're in the shade and you get to talk with friends. Questions please call Estelle Elliott 860-420-7221.

## Center for Hospice Care - Expressive Arts

227 Dunham Street, Norwich

Space is limited. Pre-registration is required. Contact 868.848.5699 x250 or e-mail [lbradley@hospicesect.org](mailto:lbradley@hospicesect.org)  
For Teens: Thursdays July 27, August 3, 10, & 17 from 5pm-6pm

For Adults: Tuesdays, July 25, August 1, 8 & 15 from 6:30pm-7:45pm

For Children:

Pet Therapy & Snack Time 4:30pm – 5:15pm.

Expressive Arts Group 5:15pm-6:15pm.

- Just for Kids Hospice Garden July 25,
- Say it with Music August 1,
- Moving it Outside August 8,
- Ice Cream Social August 15

Please join us for the **9th Annual Race to End Hunger** in our Community on September 16th, 2017. It is a certified 5K run/walk with all proceeds going to the local Food and Fuel Banks and the Free Community Lunch Program. **The course begins at the Colchester town hall on Norwich Ave. at 9:00 a.m. with same day registration starting at 8.**

You may also register at [www.RunReg.com](http://www.RunReg.com), pick up a registration form at Sunshine Bike/Run located on Lebanon Ave., or contact Jamie Roach-Decker at [jtirdmdd@comcast.net](mailto:jtirdmdd@comcast.net) Registration cost is \$20.00 and prizes will be awarded to top 3 finishers in all age groups. We encourage teams of 3 or more to enter and compete for a trophy. The first 100 to register also receive a free T shirt.

We once again we will have a slice of wonderful apple pie waiting for you at the finish line as well as other refreshments provided by the St. Andrews Choir, who sponsors the race, and the Bacon Academy Culinary Arts program. We are pleased to announce that Ana Cara will once again be providing live music and chair massages will be available. Hope you can join us for a good cause!

### DEAR PARISHIONERS: WE ARE CURRENTLY SEEKING - PARISH ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Consideration for candidates to the Parish Advisory Council shall be by Letter of Intent.

- (a) Active parishioners are eligible.
- (b) Parishioners may nominate any interested parishioner, including themselves.
- (c) Must be a Roman Catholic.
- (d) Must be a practicing Catholic in accordance of Canon Law.
- (e) Must be Confirmed (meaning, has received the Sacrament of Confirmation).

An eligible parishioner interested in becoming a chosen member of the Parish Advisory Council should be nominated by making his or her interest known to the Pastor. The Pastor will verify and confirm that such individual is eligible and is a Catholic in good standing.

Meetings are on the first Wednesday every other month at 6:30pm beginning in September and ending in May.



Comfort and  
Caring Shawl  
Ministry

**THE LADIES GUILD IS IN DESPERATE NEED OF SHAWLS.** The 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. Shawls and lap robes come in many colors, shapes and weight. 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](mailto:45bfdyer@gmail.com) or **860-822-9400**.



Annual Parish Picnic

Sunday

September 10

Following the 10:30am Mass

CCD Classes will begin

Sunday September 10

9:00am ~ 10:00am

@ The Elementary School.