

**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 September 16, 2017 Sts. Cornelius, pope, & Cyprian, bishop

12 Noon Baptism
4:00 PM Confessions
5:00 PM Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, September 17, 2017 24th Sunday - Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Gretchen Tellier req. by her family
10:30 AM People of the parish living & deceased

Monday September 18, 2017 Weekday

NO MASS

Tuesday September 19, 2017 St. Januarius, bishop, martyr

NO MASS

Wednesday September 20, 2017 Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, priest and Paul Chong Ha-Sang & companions, martyrs

9:00 AM Michael Louis Collura req. by Mackie

Thursday September 21, 2017 St. Matthew, apostle,

evangelist

NO MASS

Friday September 22, 2017 Week day

9:00 AM Katherine Collura req. by Mackie

Saturday September 23, 2017 St. Pius of Pietrelcina, priest

4:00 PM Confessions

5:00 PM Lauren Lafontaine req. by her family

Sunday, September 24, 2017 25th Sunday - Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Richard & Alice Kristoff 65th Wedding Anniversary

10:30 AM Gene Grecki req. by his wife

Offertory: \$ 2,812.90 Catholic Elementary School: \$ 948.00
Today's second collection is for building maintenance.
Next weekend's second collection is for monthly extraordinary.

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 September 23 & 24

5:00pm Lector: Steve Wengloski

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon

Altar Servers: Genevieve & Nina Gardella

8:00am Lector: Kathy Pellerin

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon

Altar Servers: Anthony & Emily Pomerleau, Ryan Dungan

10:30am Lector: Greg Jones

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon

Altar Servers: Nicholas Barrett, Drew Taylor, Erika Densman

MEETINGS

CCD September 17 9-10am Elementary School
Liturgy Committee moved to Wed. Sept. 20 @ 6:30pm

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 Rev. Timothy Roth MIC, Rev. George Richards Jr., Rev. Martin Jones, Rev. Benjamin Soosaimanickam, Rev. William McNulty, Rev. Stanley Szczapa, Rev. William Flynn, Rev. Christopher Feeney, Rev. John Gallagher OFM Cap, Msgr. Robert Brown, Rev. Charles McGrail, Rev. Joseph Whittel, Rev. Grzegorz Brozonowicz, Rev. David Zercie MSA.

We pray for our priests: for the sanctity of their souls: and for perfect love that they may be the Voice of Christ. May they be a channel for His Precious Blood, always acting through love. (Ven. Mother Catherine Aurelia, foundress)

RCIA to begin: If you, a family member or friend is considering becoming Catholic or learning more about the Catholic faith, the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) will begin on Sunday, September 10 at St. Andrew Church. Classes are held after the 9:30am Mass in the classroom attached to the rectory. All are welcome to learn more and journey deeper into the Catholic faith. For more information or questions, contact John or Nicole Peck at 860.537.6981 or at jnpeck@mac.com

Life Teen News: On Sunday, September 24th, we are having a huge celebration for our 15th anniversary of our Life Teen program. If you are a Life Teen alumni in ANY way, former teen core, meal coordinator, music minister...etc., please email Carol Petit at carolannpetit1@gmail.com with your current email and mailing address.

Next week we will be retiring our Glory & Praise Hymnals. These books have become worn with use and age, many with damaged covers. These are no longer used at Mass, as we now use the music found in our Breaking Bread Missalettes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

- ✓ **Charismatic Prayer Meeting** every Tuesday at 2 PM Spiritual Renewal Center, 11 Bath Street, Norwich, CT (860-887-0702).
- ✓ **TRUST IN THE MERCY OF GOD'S LOVE** ~ If you are carrying the grief and sorrow of past abortions and seek healing and forgiveness, call **Project Rachel**, a post-abortion healing ministry. Priests in the **Project Rachel** ministry are there for you with God's Grace and Mercy. Call **860-861-4439**. All calls are confidential.
- ✓ **ATTENTION ALL GOLFERS:** Catholic Charities 12th Annual Golf Tournament will be held on **Wednesday, September 20th** 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
- ✓ **Holy Hour for Vocations** September 21 St. John, Old Saybrook 6-7pm
- ✓ **YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY TRAINING** September 23rd from 10am – 3pm at St. John's Church in Monteville. Young Adult Ministry focuses on ages 18-39. The training will teach about where Young Adults fit into the scope of the traditional Church and why they are so important. Give ideas about best practices for Young Adult Ministry and help with methods of sustaining it. If you would like to join us, please email Liza Roach at lroach@norwichdiocese.net with your name, address, and number.
- ✓ **Twenty-seventh Annual Blue Mass For All Law Enforcement Officers Sunday, September 24, 2017, at 10:15 a.m.** All law enforcement officers (federal, state, and municipal, active and retired) and their families are invited to the Twenty-seventh Annual Blue Mass and Reception, Sunday, September 24, 2017, in the Cathedral of Saint Patrick, 10:15 a.m. All parishioners are cordially invited to attend this Mass. Bishop Cote, the Bishop of Norwich, will celebrate the Mass and Deacon Christopher Deskus, Director of Prison Ministries, Diocese of Norwich, and Deacon at Saint Jude Church, Willington and Saint Philip Church, Ashford, will be the Homilist. Groton Town Police Chief Louis J. Fusaro, Jr. and Norwich Police Chief Patrick Daley are the Blue Mass Co-Chairs. For more information, please call Chief L.J. Fusaro, Chief Daley, or Monsignor Brown at 860-887-9294, ext. 232.
- ✓ **Healing Mass Monday September 25, 2017 at 2pm Spiritual Renewal Center, 11 Bath Street, Norwich.**
- ✓ **The Norwich 40 Days-For- Life campaign** will begin with a Vigil Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Tuesday, September 26, at 7PM. Bishop Michael R. Cote will be the principal celebrant and Fr. Brian Maxwell will be the homilist. Following Mass, the 40 Days for Life Team will be available to answer any questions. This year, The 40 Days for Life Campaign runs from Wednesday, Sept. 27th through Nov. 5th. It is hoped that you will join our Parish by praying, fasting, and signing-up to attend the peaceful prayer vigil held outside the Planned Parenthood facility at 12 Case St. in Norwich.
- ✓ **Upcoming 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 or call 860.848.2237 x302. Fee is \$10.
- ✓ **Pontifical Mass for the Diocesan Partnership on Disability** Join us for a Celebration of the Liturgy for people living with disabilities; for their family, friends, care-givers, co-workers, support staff and health care professionals. **Principal Celebrant Bishop Michael R. Cote Saturday September 30, 2017 @5:00 p.m. The Cathedral of St. Patrick, 213 Broadway, Norwich** *sign language provided for Mass and reception presentation* Presentation & Reception to follow in Cathedral Hall For more information or to RSVP for the reception, please contact the Office of Faith Events, 860-848-2237 x304 or faithevents@norwichdiocese.net
- ✓ **AREA YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM LEADERSHIP TRAINING** On Sunday, October 1st from 1pm – 7pm at St. Joseph's Church in New London, there will be Leadership Training, by Tom East from the Center for Ministry Development, for youth and adults who would like to collaborate with area churches to do Youth Ministry. The training will teach youth and adults how to be leaders and how to plan effective youth ministry events. If you would like to join us, please contact your Catechetical Leader about a recommendation to the training or contact Liza Roach at lroach@norwichdiocese.net
- ✓ **Mass of Healing and Anointing** Sunday, October 1, 2017 St. Mary Church, Portland at 2pm Celebrant - Fr. Ray Introvigne Healing Prayer - Judith Hughes Prayer Teams available for personal prayer
- ✓ **Annual Red Mass – Sunday October 1 at 10:30am in St. Patrick Cathedral** (213 Broadway, Norwich). For judges, lawyers, paralegal, law students, all involved in administration of justice, legislators, public officials, civic leaders and all interested persons. Reservations are required for the Breakfast Reception at the Bishop's Residence. Please RSVP for the Breakfast Reception to Terri at the Chancery at 860.887.9294.
- ✓ **ANNUAL DIOCESAN MASS OF REMEMBRANCE** – The Annual Diocesan Mass of Remembrance to honor children who have died from stillbirths, miscarriages or abortions, whether recently or years ago, will take place **Tuesday, October 10**, at 7 P.M. at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich. Bishop Michael Cote will be the main celebrant. The Mass of Remembrance is an opportunity for family members to memorialize and honor the dignity of the precious lives of pre-born children. Light refreshments will be served following the Mass. For more information, call the Catholic Family Services Office at 860-848-2237, Ext. 306.
- ✓ **MINISTERING TO GENERATION Z AND THEIR FAMILIES Workshop** Hartford Date Friday October 13 from 10am-3pm at St Jerome Church, 1010 Slater Road, New Britain. Providence Date Saturday October 14 from 10am-3pm at Cathedral of SS. Peter & Paul Parish Hall, 30 Fenner Street, Providence, RI. Register online at <https://www.cmdnet.org/genz-locations>
- ✓ **Twenty-Fifth Annual Mass for Firefighters/EMS Personnel.** On 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. Assembly at Chelsea Parade for the line-up and the procession (to the Cathedral) of all personnel and apparatus will begin at 3:30 p.m. The Homilist will be Reverend Robert Marciano, Pastor, Saint Kevin Parish, Warwick, RI. Reception immediately following. All companies, departments, and personnel and their families are cordially invited to participate. For more information call, Mrs. Terri Zampini at [860-887-9294](tel:860-887-9294), x265, or Monsignor Brown at x232.

- ✓ **Unlocking the World of Jesus & the Bible** Come for a day long presentation by Speaker Tom Smith, Director of the Denver Catholic Biblical School. Discover the meaning of discipleship, unlock the Gospels with a new understanding of idioms and images in the Bible. **Saturday, October 21, 2017, Christ the King Church, Old Lyme, from 9 a.m. to 2p.m. \$35 (includes lunch).** For more information please contact the Office of Faith Events, 860-848-237 x304 or manicholas@norwichdiocese.net
- ✓ **Saturday, October 21, 2017 COMPOSER AND LITURGIST TOM KENZIA** How to make the best use of musical resources of your parish. Come all presiders, music ministers, choirs, cantors, RCIA Teams, catechists, Liturgy committees, all who love to sing! **St. Mathias Parish Center, East Lyme, CT 9:00 to Noon. Register by October 16th.** Cost: \$10 Registration materials available at www.Norwichdiocese.org or call 860-848-2237
- ✓ **Connecticut Catholic Men's Conference** Saturday, October 21, 2017 at St. Paul Catholic High School in Bristol. 8am – 5pm. Tickets at www.ctcatholicmen.org Cost \$45. Theme "You will be my witness"
- ✓ **8th Annual Seton Scholarship Dinner** Please join Bishop Cote at the Eighth Annual Seton Scholarship Dinner honoring the recipients of the *Most Reverend Michael R. Cote, D.D. Award for Contributions to Catholic Education* to be held at 4 PM on Sunday, October 29, 2017 at The Riverhouse at Goodspeed Station, 55 Bridge Road, Haddam Connecticut. This year's honorees are: **Ms. Sharon Briere, Principal, St. Joseph School, North Grosvenordale, CT; Mrs. Robin Holtsclaw, Claims/Risk Manager, representing Catholic Mutual Relief Society; and Mr. James Leone, Theology Teacher, St. Bernard School, Uncasville, CT.** Tickets are \$150/person and will be available for purchase until October 16, 2017. All proceeds benefit Catholic elementary school students within the Diocese in the form of tuition assistance. For tickets and more information, please contact Kathy Gaito at 860-886-1928 ext. 15, kgaito@norwichdiocese.net or visit www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org.
- ✓ **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** "After the fire there was a tiny whispering sound. When he heard this, Elijah hid his face in his cloak and went and stood at the entrance of the cave." Help each other hear God's plan for your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next WWME Weekends are Nov 3-5, 2017 in Manchester, CT and Sep 15-17, 2017 in Huntington, NY. For more information, call Dennis & Jane Lamondy at [860-481-3720](tel:860-481-3720) or visit us at <https://wwmectw.org/>.

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

- ❖ October 5 Holy Spirit Breakfast \$10 Bud Macfarlane presenting St. Faustina and Divine Mercy
- ❖ October 7 Retreat in honor of the Rosary \$45
- ❖ October 26 Msgr. Robert Batule \$10 "Church & Culture"
- ❖ October 28 Frank Runyeon \$25 performing the Sermon on the Mount
- ❖ November 18 Thanksgiving Retreat
- ❖ December 9 Retreat on Our Lady of Guadalupe

Center for Hospice Care Grief Support Schedule.

All groups are free of charge. Pre-registration required by calling 860.848.5699.

- ❖ **Yoga for Grief and Coping with Loss** Mondays September 18, 25 October 2, 16, & 23 from 5:30-7:00pm Center of Hospice Care, 227 Dunham Street, Norwich
- ❖ **Coping with the Loss of a Spouse/Partner** Tuesdays September 19, 26 October 3, 10, & 17 from 5:30-7:00pm Center of Hospice Care, 227 Dunham Street, Norwich
- ❖ **Coping with the Loss of a Loved One** Every 1st & 3rd Tuesday thru Dec. 19 from 10-11am at Mystic/Noank Library, 42 Library Street, Mystic.
- ❖ **Grieving the Loss of a Loved One due to Addiction** Every 2nd Thursday from thru Dec. 14 from 5:30-7:00pm at Center of Hospice Care, 227 Dunham Street, Norwich
- ❖ **Coping with Grief and the Holidays** (Two Sessions) Tuesdays Nov. 21 – Jan. 2 from 5:30-7:00pm at Center of Hospice Care, 227 Dunham Street, Norwich. Location of 2nd session to be announced.

Kris Kringle Fair Saturday, November 11, 2017

Sts. Peter & Paul Church 181 Elizabeth Street, Norwich Vendors wanted for the annual Kris Kringle Fair from 9am-4pm. Spaces available at \$25 each, including 8 foot table & chairs. To apply, please call 860.889.2794. Application and information will be sent to you. Application deadline is September 30.

Timely News: ... Tony Coscia's long-awaited book about True Miracle Stories and Conversations with God (entitled: "Tony's 50,000 Co-occurrence Miracles") will be on sale in bookstores nationally as of 09/15/17. This book will help everyone to notice, comprehend, and appreciate their own daily miracle-gifts from God. The Blessed Virgin's Medjugorje message of 08-02 confirmed this same mission. For more info: (Google: <http://www.enroutebooksandmedia.com/50000miracles>) ... or Email: (Tony And 777 @ AOL.COM). Books are on sale at Merciful Saviour, Colchester, CT; Tel.860-537-0079.

Defending Our Religious Liberty Sept. 17, 2017 Pope Francis has warned, "When a sick person is not placed at the center and considered in their dignity, attitudes arise which can even lead to profiteering on other people's misfortunes. The growing health poverty among the poorest segments of the population is due precisely to the difficulty of access to care . . ." Let us pray that in revising the HHS mandate, religious rights of the Catholic Church will be safeguarded.

Enders Island – Mystic September day of Recollection, Thursday September 21 "Want to be a Prophet?" \$50 <http://enders.is/septemberdor> or call 860.536.0565.

MISGIVINGS: A "Divine" Comedy of belly laughs, blessings, blarney and bingo. Saturday, September 23rd, 2017 St. Andrew Parish Hall, 128 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, CT

Doors open: 6:30pm Showtime: 7:00pm
\$20 (Last day to buy tickets will be September 18th)
For Reservations and information please call the
Parish Office at 860.537.2355

Join Father Patrick Aloysius Misgivings for this divine presentation of stories and one liners about growing up Catholic. From miracles and marriage counseling to bazaars and birth control, nothing escapes the good father's razor sharp Irish wit. This hilarious, interactive comedy includes a collection, a raffle and even an actual Bingo game.

The Knights of Columbus and Ladies Guild will be sponsoring their 3rd Polish Dinner on October 14th, 5-7 at the FSC. The number of tickets is limited and advance tickets are required—none will be sold at the door. TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW AFTER ALL MASSES through October 8th. \$18 per person; meal includes: 1 Golumpki (Stuffed Cabbage), 3 Pierogis, kielbasa, sauerkraut, vegetable, bread, dessert & drink. All proceeds will go to St. Francis Parish. Or contact Kathy at 860-617-9577 before October 8th.



SAVE YOUR HANGING FLOWER POTS!
The Ladies Guild will again make cemetery arrangements. Please donate your EMPTY hanging flower pots from your summer/fall flowers for use in this fundraiser. PLEASE EMPTY ALL DIRT & old flowers from the pots. You may leave them near the side door of the church garage. Please contact Barbara at 642-7168 with any questions. Thank you.

All women of the parish are invited to join the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (NDCCW). Membership is only \$5. Membership Drive begins the weekend of Sept. 23 & 24 and ends the end of October. Envelopes may be found at Church entrances beginning next weekend.

Religious Education Program Curriculum on Maintaining Safe Environments

The Office for Safe Environments of the Diocese of Norwich has mandated that a curriculum on maintaining safe environments be implemented into the Religious Education Program each year. In compliance with that mandate our CCD teachers will be discussing safe environments on Sunday, September 24 with their individual classes during regular class time from 9:00 – 10:00 AM.

If a parent does not wish to have their child attend the safe environment program, their child will be able to attend a separate class.

Questions: please contact Jim Hay at 860.886.1882.

The parish has several heavy wooden tables which are no longer used. If you would like one, please contact the parish office by Sunday September 24.

Gołabki Dinner, St. Joseph Church, 120 Cliff St. Norwich. SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2017 ~ FROM 4:00 - 6:30pm. St. Joseph Church will be sponsoring a traditional Gołabki dinner. Full meal; 2 Gołabki, mashed potatoes, green beans, dinner roll, drink and dessert! \$9.00 OR 1 Gołabki (and sides) \$7.00. Bring your family and friends and join us in the church hall.

1,000 Miles for Haiti! For the third year in a row, a small team from the Diocese of Norwich Outreach to Haiti (OTH) will start a 337 mile bike ride, touching five of the six New England states, on September 25th, to raise awareness and funds in order to provide solar power for the new Norwich Outreach Center in Haiti. The course will start near Freeport, ME and hit all the New England states except Vermont. As this is the 3rd year, the riders will pass the cumulative 1,000 mile mark shortly before concluding the ride on the 29th! Bishop Cote will greet the riders at St Patrick's Cathedral on Sept 28th. To get more information on OTH, the need for and details of the ride, or to donate, go to www.outreachtohaiti.org/ride-2017. Follow the ride on our website, on twitter @outrachtohaiti, or on Facebook OutreachtoHaiti.

All ladies of the parish are invited to the Guild Potluck Supper Monday September 18th, 6:30 in the meeting room. Please bring a main dish or dessert to share. A signup sheet can be found at the side entrance of the church. Meeting to follow dinner. This is an opportunity to see what the Guild is about; you are under no obligation to join.

