

**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 October 28, 2017 Sts. Simon & June, apostles**

4:00 PM Confessions

5:00 PM Albert Baran req. by Stan Baran

**Sunday, October 29, 2017 30th Sunday - Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM Deceased members of the Bosse family req. by  
Bert & Rachel Bosse

10:30 AM Carol Barrett req. by her family

**Monday October 30, 2017 Weekday**

NO MASS

**Tuesday October 31, 2017 Vigil All Saints Holy Day of  
Obligation**

7:00 PM Marian Jamilski req. by Maris Napoli

**Wednesday November 1, 2017 All Saints Holy Day of  
Obligation**

9:15 AM Living & deceased members Collura family req.  
by the family

**Thursday November 2, 2017 All Souls**

9:00 AM All Souls intentions; and living & deceased members  
of the Jacobeno family req by the family

**Friday November 3, 2017 St. Martin de Porres, religious**

9:00 AM Living & deceased members of the Kissane family  
req. by Mackie

**Saturday November 4, 2017 St. Charles Borromeo, bishop**

4:00 PM Confessions

5:00 PM

**Sunday, November 5, 2017 31st Sunday - Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM

10:30 AM Alicia Wayland req. by Bill & Joan Russoniello Goba  
12 Noon Baptism

*This week's Sanctuary Candle is lit for Antonine Soucy (5<sup>th</sup>  
anniversary). Please remember her in your prayers at Mass and  
throughout the week.*

Offertory: \$ 1,924.00 Building maintenance: \$ 735.00

Bake Sale @ Antique Show: \$ 870.45

Today's second collection is for monthly extraordinary.

Next weekend's second collection is for St. Bernard School.

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**

**Grades 1 & 7 will be assisting at the  
10:30am Children's Mass on Sunday  
October 29. Refreshments following Mass  
in the meeting room.**

**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 Rev. Paul Ramen,  
Msgr. Anthony Rosaforte, Rev. William McCarthy MSA, Rev.  
Robert Washabaugh, Rev. Joseph DeCosta, Rev. Tomasz  
Albrecht, Our Holy Father, All deceased priests, Msgr. Henry  
Archambault, Rev. John Antonelle, Rev. Juan A. Palacio, Msgr.  
Richard LaRocque.

*Mary Immaculate, look upon our priests as the children of your  
love. For being the sweet Mother of Jesus, they may listen to  
you attentively when you speak to them. Let them love you  
fervently and open their hearts to the dew of your grace, for we  
know that you are blessing our priests. (Ven. Mother Catherine  
Aurelia, foundress)*

**Weekend November 4 & 5**

5:00pm Lector: Anne Staebner

Eucharistic Minister: Richard Lataille

Altar Servers: Grace & Genevieve Gardella

8:00am Lector: Jim Worth

Eucharistic Minister: Gregg Lafontaine

Altar Servers: Emily Pomerleau, Sarah Dungan

10:30am Lector: Roger Proulx

Eucharistic Minister: Tony Coscia

Altar Servers: Drew Taylor, Nicholas Barrett

**Meetings:**

75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee Mon. October 30 @ 6:30pm  
Parish Advisory Council Wed. November 1 @ 6:30pm  
Knights of Columbus Thursday November 2 @ 7pm  
Liturgy Committee Wed. Nov. 8 @ 6:30pm

## ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

- ✓ **Charismatic Prayer Meeting** every Tuesday at 2 PM Spiritual Renewal Center, 11 Bath Street, Norwich, CT (860-887-0702) .
- ✓ **Healing Mass** at 2pm Mondays, November 13 and 27, 2017 Spiritual Renewal Center 11 Bath Street, Norwich
- ✓ **Workshop for the Bereaved** ~ The Diocesan Catholic Family Services Office is sponsoring two workshops for the bereaved entitled: **Praying Your Goodbyes**. Both workshops will include time for private reflection, prayer and journaling, and will give participants suggestions on how to navigate the upcoming holidays, and discover ways to grow through the experience of their loss. It will be offered on two separate dates: **Saturday, November 4** from 11 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. at St. Joseph Parish Hall, 99 Jackson St., Willimantic, and the second **Sunday, November 19** from 1:30 to 4 P.M. at St. Francis of Assisi Church Hall, 10 Elm St., Middletown. There is no cost for either workshop, but registration is required. To register for one of the two dates, call Marianne Nicholas at 860-848-2237, ext. 304 or email her at [manicholas@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:manicholas@norwichdiocese.net).
- ✓ **PRO-LIFE MASS for the Diocese of Norwich** Saturday November 4, 2017 8 a.m., St. Mary's Church, Baltic. Following the Pro-Life mass from 9:45a.m. to 2p.m. in the Saint Joseph School Hall, Baltic, will be a presentation of Fr. Robert Spitzer's EWTN telecasts on Seeking Truth through Faith & Science. This video series will cover: Evidence for God in Science, The Shroud of Turin, and Scientific Evidence for the Soul. Content suitable for ages 12 and up. Lunch will be available. For more information, e-mail: [Sancloutier@juno.com](mailto:Sancloutier@juno.com) or call: 860-861-1895 Or RSVP at <http://bit.do/Truth-rsvp>
- ✓ **RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT WEEKENDS** ~ If you are silently grieving or suffering from an abortion, experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a **Rachel's Vineyard Retreat**. The weekend healing process is confidential and offers an opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion. Upcoming weekends are: **November 3-5** in Stockbridge, MA, call 413-452-0661; a Spanish weekend will take place in North Providence, Rhode Island **November 17-19** call 401-351-7730 or visit the national website at [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org). **"PROJECT RACHEL"** is our Diocesan ministry for anyone seeking healing and forgiveness from an abortion. Priests in the **Project Rachel** ministry are there for you with God's Grace and Mercy. Call 860-861-4439. All inquiries are confidential.
- ✓ Twenty-Sixth Annual Red, White and Blue Mass Sunday, November 5, 2017, at 10:15 a.m. On Sunday, November 5, 2017, at 10:15 a.m., Bishop Cote will celebrate Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Patrick for all military personnel, those who are active, in the reserves and Veterans. The purpose of this celebration is to honor our service men and women as we recognize the many sacrifices made by the families and loved ones of our military. The theme for the 2017, Red, White and Blue Mass is **United States Coast Guard**. The Homilist will be Father Daniel L. Mode who is a Naval Chaplain with the rank of Captain. Father Mode is currently serving as commander of the Chaplain Corps U.S. Navy. He is a former Coast Guard Chaplain at the Academy in New London. The Mass Committee Chairs are BG CT Edward J. Waitte,

(Ret.) and Mr. David K. Harding, U.S. Merchant Marine. For more information call, Monsignor Brown or Mrs. Rebecca McDougal at 860-887-9294.

- ✓ **Holy Hour for Vocations November 12 at Christ the King, Old Lyme 6pm – 7pm**

### The Pope wants to hear from Young People!

To prepare for the upcoming international Synod on "Young People, the Faith, and Vocational Discernment," the Holy Father wants online feedback from all youth and young adults, ages 16 to 29, from around the world, regardless of how active they are in the practice of the faith. Youth and young adults, ages 16 to 29, are invited to go online and fill out the Vatican survey: <https://survey-synod2018.glauco.it/limesurvey/index.php/147718> When you get to the page, click box in the top right hand corner that say "italiano". A drop down menu will appear, select English then begin the survey. The online survey is open until November 30, 2017.

### Programs at My Father's House – 39 N, Moodus Rd, Moodus [www.myfathershousect.org](http://www.myfathershousect.org) 860.873.1906

- ❖ November 18 Thanksgiving Retreat
- ❖ December 2 Retreat speaker Rocco Fortunato Founder of Spread the Blaze
- ❖ December 9 Retreat on Our Lady of Guadalupe

## HAM & BEAN DINNER

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 4th  
First Baptist Church of Lebanon  
5pm – 7pm

Adults – 10yrs	\$10.00
Children – 4yrs	\$ 5.00
Under	Free

## RAFFLE BASKETS

ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT  
NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

Sponsored by the Lebanon area  
churches

### Soup's on at Redeemer Lutheran Church!

Come join us Sunday,  
November 5<sup>th</sup>,

5:00 – when the soup's gone!  
321 Village Hill Road  
Lebanon, CT

Sponsored by Redeemer Lutheran Youth to benefit the  
**Windham No Freeze Shelter**.  
\$5.00 donation buys the bowl, eat as much soup as you  
can eat!

### **Lebanon Children's Clothing Wardrobe**

Our upcoming important dates: Thursday, November 2 from 4-6 we will be accepting donations.

Thursday, November 16 appointments can be made to pick up clothing between 4-6. Email [lebanonccw@gmail.com](mailto:lebanonccw@gmail.com) to see what time slot is available.

Friday, November 17, TGIF - Thank God It's Infant Friday. Infant shopping between 8:30-11

### **Care Net Pregnancy Ladies Tea & Basket Raffle,**

Saturday, November 18 at St. Matthias Church, 317 Chesterfield Road, East Lyme from 11am – 1pm. Admission \$10 for adults & \$5 for girls 6-12. There will be wonderful raffle items, delicious tea and goodies and a special surprise entertainment. You will truly be blessed. This year raffle tickets can be purchased as [www.psclife.org](http://www.psclife.org) as well as at the door. The tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 6-12. Bring your favorite teacup (there will also be teacups available.)

**ACTS Retreat for Men** - Nov 2nd-5th, 2017 Sponsored by St. Andrews & St. Francis, co-sponsored by St Patrick's Church, Colchester-Lebanon-East Hampton CT Retreat Location: Immaculata Retreat House, Willimantic. Catholic men present an ACTS weekend retreat under the guidance of clergy. The retreat begins Thursday evening and ends on Sunday at 11:00AM Mass at St Andrews followed by a reception in the hall. There are registration forms at the exits of the Church.

Want to know more? Call Bert Bosse 860.423.3994 or Richard Kubena 860.337.0054 or Email [acts2017@gmail.com](mailto:acts2017@gmail.com) or visit [www.actsct.org](http://www.actsct.org) Enjoy a beautiful weekend away strengthening your faith, building friendships and having fun.

This year's **Parish Bake Sale at the Antique Show** had many generous donations of baked goods from parishioners as well as our Ladies Guild members. The \$870.45 proceeds raised from this sale went to the parish. Thank you to Nancy Godere and Dottie Goldstein who have been chairing this sale for many years and to Estelle, Barbara and Jim who worked alongside them the day of the Antique Show and those who baked. St. Francis has had a food sale at the Historical Society Show for 50 years! Please consider baking for next year's event to ensure that it is another successful fundraiser for Saint Francis Parish.

### **Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments." Learn how to better love your spouse by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Nov 3-5, 2017 in Manchester, CT and Feb 2-4, 2018 in Manchester, CT. For more information, call Dennis & Jane Lamondy at [860-481-3720](tel:860-481-3720) or visit them at <https://www.mectw.org/>.

**Permanent Deacon Formation Program** the Diocese of Norwich intends to start a new Permanent Diaconate Formation Class. A deacon is ordained and missioned by Christ through the bishop to minister to the needy and the poor and to be a minister of Word and Sacrament, working in obedience to his bishop and in close fraternal cooperation with priests. The deacon is a sacramental sign of this service and he solemnly promises to be a living example of such service for others. The first step is the identification of potential Candidates for the five-year Permanent Diaconate formation program. If you are college educated, under the age of 55, and feel called by the Holy Spirit to begin investigating a vocation to the Permanent Diaconate then please discuss this with your pastor and send an email to [director@norwichdeacons.org](mailto:director@norwichdeacons.org) no later than **Sunday November 5, 2017.**

### **"A Christmas Carol" Musical**

#### **November 30-December 2**

St Andrew Church, 128 Norwich Ave, Colchester, will present one of the greatest stories of redemption and mercy ever told, the tale of the transformation of Ebenezer Scrooge, in Charles Dickens' immortal "A Christmas Carol." This uplifting musical includes a cast of talented performers from the Connecticut region, and will be directed by Nathan Caron. The cast includes a 50 voice choir. Special performances will be by Deacon Michael Puscas (playing the part of Ebenezer Scrooge) Tickets are limited to 213 each performance.

What: "A Christmas Carol" musical

When: Thur. Nov 30 7:30PM

Fri Dec 1, 7:30PM,

Sat Dec 2 1:00 PM and 7:30PM

Doors open 30 minutes prior to each performance

Where: St Andrew Hall, 128 Norwich Ave, Colchester

Tickets: General admission (ages 13-61) \$10 (\$12 at the door)

Reduced admission (12 & under, 60 & over) \$8 (\$10 at the door)

Phone; (beginning Nov. 6) Terry Phillis 860.608.0130

### **Defending Our Religious Liberty Oct. 29, 2017**

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) says the Trump administration's decision to provide a broad religious and moral exemption to the HHS mandate recognizes that the full range of faith-based and mission-driven organizations, as well as the people who run them, have deeply held religious and moral beliefs that the law must respect. Such an exemption is no innovation, but instead a return to common sense, long-standing federal practice, and peaceful coexistence between church and state. It corrects an anomalous failure by federal regulators that should never have occurred and should never be repeated.

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OPEN HOUSES

**East Catholic High School** Come visit East Catholic High School during our **Open House** this year on *Thursday, November 2, 2017 at 6:45 p.m.* The **Entrance Exam** for eighth graders will be given on the following Saturday, November 11, 2017 at 8 a.m. at East. Pre-registration for the exam is advised but not required. Visit [www.echs.com](http://www.echs.com) or call our Admissions office at 860-649-5336 x6456 for more information!

**Saint Bernard School** 1593 Norwich-New London Turnpike, Uncasville [cbrown@saint-bernard.com](mailto:cbrown@saint-bernard.com) 860-848-1271

One of the first impressions our new students have when coming to campus is the sense of being a part of something greater – a sense of being part of a close-knit community of faculty, staff, and students – a sense of “family”. At Saint Bernard School, students in grades 6-12 benefit from a unique and leading edge curriculum. Our learning community, which is infused with the teachings of the Catholic Church as well as the traditional Xaverian values of humility, compassion, trust, zeal, and simplicity, inspires students to form a greater sense of self, of others, and of purpose. **Information Session** Thursday, November 9th 6pm **Placement Testing** Saturday, November 4th 8:30am – Noon and Saturday, November 18th 8:30am – Noon Accepting Applications for fall 2018 **Apply Today**

**Mercy High School** 1740 Randolph Road Middletown, CT **Open House** for Middle School and Transfer Students Sunday, November 5, 2017 1:00-4:00 pm 1:00 p.m. Presentation by the Administration. Mercy High School is a Catholic diocesan college preparatory high school for young women. Students from over 51 communities across Connecticut and Foreign Countries are challenged to grow academically, emotionally, socially, aesthetically and spiritually. Mercy is committed to providing a challenging educational experience in a safe and nurturing environment. **Entrance Exam for the Class of 2022 Mercy High School** Saturday, November 11, 2017 1740 Randolph Road Middletown, CT 8:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. Pre-register at [www.mercyhigh.com](http://www.mercyhigh.com)

### Praise, Worship, and Healing Prayer Service

Nothing uplifts the soul like praising and worshipping God! Come and rejoice for answered prayer, seek prayer for yourself or for a burden you're carrying for someone else. Join us on Thursday evening, November 2nd, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Andrew Church. 128 Norwich Ave. in Colchester, CT, for an evening of praising and worshipping God with music, teaching, witnessing, and prayer. If desired, you may also meet with a prayer team for personal, intercessory, or healing prayer. This service is held on the first Thursday every month.

**The Academy of the Holy Family presents “The Legend of Robin Hood-Sort of” by Pat Cook** on November 3rd at 10 am & 7 pm and November 4th at 7 pm at St Michael Center (30 School Hill Road, Baltic CT). Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$2.50 for children and seniors, \$20 for families. Come join us for a fun look at a classic favorite!

## Be in the Know!

Receive information weekly for seminars, faith enrichment, and youth events, as well as Catholic Family Services programs. **E-mail** the Office of Faith Events today to be put on our events e-mailing list, [faithevents@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:faithevents@norwichdiocese.net)

## Holiday Harvest Fair

First Congregational Church of Lebanon  
Saturday, November 18, 2017 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
General Store, Quilt Raffle, Baked Goods, Luncheon Café, Silent Auction, Jewelry, Handmade Crafts, Basket Raffle, Vendors, Handmade Textiles.

Join us in the evening for a Roast Pork Dinner 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Roast Pork, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Vegetable, Salad, Dessert & Beverages  
Adults ~ \$12.00  
Seniors & Children ~ \$10.00  
Children under 5 are free!

The **Sisters of Charity of Our Lady, Mother of the Church** will be hosting a **Share-A-Day** on Saturday, November 4th from 9:30 am to 6:30 pm. Registration is open for second, third and fourth grade girls. Please call Sister Mary Jacinta, SCMC at 860-822-8241 if you have any questions.

## Called to Protect Workshop for Parents and Families

**In compliance with the Diocese of Norwich Safe Environments Awareness and Education Program, a Called to Protect Workshop for Parents and Families will be held at Saint Francis of Assisi Church in the Church on Wednesday evening, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. If you plan to attend, please RSVP by signing up at the side entrance of Church by November 6<sup>th</sup>.**

## 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.