

**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 December 16, 2017 Advent Weekday

4:00 PM Confessions

5:00 PM People of the parish living & deceased

Sunday, December 17, 2017 Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM Janet Lea Gertschitz req. by Norm & Ella Mae Kuzel

10:30 AM Fernando Alfonso req. by the Mastroluca family

Monday December 18, 2017 Late Advent Weekday

NO MASS

Tuesday December 19, 2017 Late Advent Weekday

NO MASS

Wednesday December 20, 2017 Late Advent Weekday

9:00 AM Barbara Wheaton req. by her family

**Thursday December 21, 2017 St. Peter Canisius, priest,
doctor of the Church**

NO MASS

Friday December 22, 2017 Late Advent Weekday

9:00 AM Phyllis Jacobeno req. by Mackie

Saturday December 23, 2017 St. John of Kanty, priest

4:00 PM Confessions

5:00 PM Bill Brewster req. by his family

Sunday, December 24, 2017 Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM Ronald Lavertu req. by the Bosse family

10:30 AM

4:00 PM Christmas Vigil Mass – Children’s Mass

For the people of the parish living & deceased

Monday, December 25, 2017 Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

8:00 AM For the people of the parish living & deceased

10:30 AM For the people of the parish living & deceased



Offertory: \$ 1,252.00 Diocesan Fuel Fund: \$ 134.00

Immaculate Conception: \$ 283.00

Today’s second collection is for building maintenance.

Next weekend’s collections will be regular offertory, and on Christmas, the Christmas Offertory, and Christmas Gift to the Parish.

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 December 23 & 24

5:00pm Lector: Steve Wengloski

Eucharistic Minister: Carole Briggs

Altar Servers: Grace & Nina Gardella

8:00am Lector: Kathy Pellerin

Eucharistic Minister: Betsy Petrie

Altar Servers: Christian & Jack Terwilliger

10:30am Lector: Angela Coentin

Eucharistic Minister: Tony Coscia

Altar Servers: Erica Densman & Nicholas Barrett

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
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 V. Rev. Michael Phillippino, Rev. Walter Nagle, Rev. C. Paul Boudreau, V. Rev. Richard Ricard, Rev. Thomas Griffin, V. Rev. Gregory Galvin, Rev. Leon Susaimanickam, Rev. John Welch MS, Rev. Richard Archambault, V. Rec. Douglas Mosey CSB, Rev. Gregory Mullaney, Rev. Jan Swiderski, Rev. Dariusz Dudzik. Heavenly Father, may the Immaculate Virgin prepare our priests for the radiant feast of Christmas...so that the Divine Emmanuel might find in each of their hearts a little cradle scented by the purity of His all beautiful and loving Mother. For that, may they be purified in the waves of the Divine Blood of Jesus. (Ven. Mother Catherine Aurelia, foundress)

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, January 8 & 22, 2018 Spiritual Renewal Center, 11 Bath Street, Norwich

The Knights of Columbus will hold their monthly Meet & Greet next Sunday December 17 after the 8:00am Mass. Stop in at the meeting room for coffee, donuts, and conversation.

BAMBINELLI WEEKEND GAUDETTE SUNDAY



A special blessing will take place at all Masses 16 & 17 December 2017 – for your Baminelli (Baby Jesus) from your family Nativity set.

Remember to bring your Family Baminelli, from home, to Mass that weekend.

Nominations are underway for the **Longest Married Couple** search sponsored by **Worldwide Marriage Encounter**. Nominations are open to all husband and wife couples regardless of religious affiliation through January 10, 2018. Email the couple's name, wedding date and city and state where they reside to **bkberland@gmail.com**. Include your contact phone or email address. Or, visit the national website at www.wwme.org. For more information, contact the Catholic Family Services Office at 860-848-2237, Ext 306.

GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEA: Tony Coscia's new book, which is EN-TITLED (Tony's 50,000 Co-incidence Miracles), is helping people to notice their own everyday common miracles. Tony writes in a captivating and exciting way -- about 100-common daily miracle stories -- which will remind you of some of your own daily miracles too. The book is a great GIFT ITEM -- to help people to notice all of the miracles they might be missing in their own lives.

The book is a life-changing Christmas-Gift-Item ... and you can get the book at Merciful Savior book store in Colchester CT, (or at St. Francis of Assisi parish in Lebanon CT -- in the parish office there, from 9-to-2: PM on: (Mon, Wed, Fri) or to noon on Sun).

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).

A parishioner desiring to serve on 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.

A Christmas Gift Idea

Is someone on your Christmas list hard to shop for? Why not give a donation in their name to St Vincent de Paul Place, Norwich.

A Christmas card acknowledging your gift will be sent to the honoree.

Call 860-889-7374 or email Jillian Corbin at jcsvdpp@gmail.com

Please include the following information.

Gift Recipient name and Address.

Your name (giver) address and phone number.

Also let us know if the amount of the donation should be included on the card.

Optional additional words:

Mail the above to

ST VINCENT DE PAUL PLACE CHRISTMAS CARD

120 Cliff Street,
Norwich, CT 06360.

Come to a very special Christmas adoration. Come start Christmas week off by spending some time with Jesus. The St Francis parish is invited Join St. Andrew Parish for a very special time of adoration on Sunday Dec. 17th from 6:30 - 8:30 in our church. The evening will include a short talk by Tim Messenger, from the diocese of Worcester MA, beautiful adoration and Christmas music, confession and time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

Defending Our Religious Liberty Dec. 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 transforming the HHS federal mandate, religious rights of the Catholic Church will be safeguarded.

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 Weekend is 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://wwmectw.org/>.