

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 30, 2017 6th day within the Octave of Christmas

4:00 PM Confessions

**5:00 PM Frances Flaherty 2nd anniversary req. by the
Flaherty family**

Sunday, December 31, 2017 the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

8:00 AM Margaret O'Neill req. by the Stygar family

**10:30 AM Major Michael Goba A.S. Jag req. by Bill & Joan
Russoniello Goba**

Monday, January 1, 2018 Solemnity of Mary

**9:15 AM Cora Gardella in honor of her 1st birthday req. by
The Doherty family**

**Tuesday January 2, 2018 Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen,
bishops & doctors of the Church**

NO MASS

Wednesday January 3, 2018 Most Holy Name of Jesus

**9:00 AM Living & deceased members of the Grushinski family req. by
Their family**

Thursday January 4, 2018 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, religious

NO MASS

Friday January 5, 2018 St. John Neumann, bishop

9:00 AM Rosario Jacobeno req. by Mackie

Saturday January 6, 2018 St. Andre Bessette, religious

4:00 PM Confessions

5:00 PM

Sunday, January 7, 2018 Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 AM Ronald Lavertu req. by C. Wheaton

10:30 AM Arlene Buchanan req by Fran Petrowski & family

Offertory & Christmas Gift to Your Parish will be reported in the next bulletin.

Next weekend'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 1.adorers, please consider omitting to a specific hour. Contact Dennis Girard @ 860.334.9894 or dennisgirard51@gmail.com

Weekend January 6 & 7

5:00pm Lector: Bob Nejako

Eucharistic Minister: Jim Hay

Altar Servers: Grace & Genevieve Gardella

8:00am Lector: Jim Dyer

Eucharistic Minister: Rick Kane

Altar Servers: Sarah & Ryan Dungan

10:30am Lector: Sandy Grillo

Eucharistic Minister: Wally Gagnon

Altar Servers: Drew Taylor & 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 Spedalieri

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. John Gwudz, Msgr. James Carini, Our Holy Father, Rev. Aguirre Palacio, Rev. Izydor Sadowski SDB, Rev. Francis Rouleau, Rev. Edward Wisneski, Rev. John Gallagher OFM Cap, Rev. James Sucholet, Rev. Bogdan Olzacki OSPPE, Rev. Anthony Gruber, Rev. Gregoire Fluet, Rev. Russell Kennedy. *Glory to the Blood of Jesus! May each day of this New Year bring our priests more good to do, more souls to save and more holy influence to spread around them by word and deed. Father, we pray for our priests: for the sanctity of their souls and for perfect love, that they may be the voice of Christ. (Ven. Mother Catherine Aurelia, foundress)*

Grades K & 4 will be assisting at the 10:30am Mass on January 7. Refreshments following Mass in the meeting room.

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.

A HAPPY & SAFE NEW YEAR

To Everyone

Fr. Mark, Fr. Richard, Deacon Michael, & the parish staff

ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

- ✓ **Charismatic Prayer Meeting** every Tuesday at 2 PM Spiritual Renewal Center, 11 Bath Street, Norwich, CT (860-887-0702) .
- ✓ **The monthly Diocesan Pro-Life Mass** will take place at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on **Saturday, January 6 at 8:30 A.M.** Please join our celebrant **Rev. Walter Nagle** at Mass as we pray to end abortion and for the healing for those who have had an abortion. Following the Mass, the Rosary will be prayed both at the Cathedral and Planned Parenthood.
- ✓ **Healing Mass** at 2pm Mondays, January 8 & 22, 2018 Spiritual Renewal Center, 11 Bath Street, Norwich
- ✓ **Is your marriage tearing you apart? Is there little or no meaningful communication? Are you considering separation or divorce? For serious marriage building and repair: Retrouvaille is a lifeline.** At a **Retrouvaille** weekend, couples are given tools to re-establish communication, work on their issues, gain new insights and heal. The weekend is presented by three married couples and a priest. A series of 6 post sessions follow the weekend phase. For more information or to sign up for the **January 19-21, 2018** weekend in the Hartford area, call 413-525-1634, or 203-710-6207, or visit the Website at www.retrouvaille.org.

St Andrew Parish in Colchester is hosting a Catholic Schools Coffee Hour on Sunday, January 14, 2018 from 9am - 1pm. Faculty and students from local area Catholic schools will be available to speak with. Schools that will be represented include St Bernard's High School, Xavier High School, Mercy High School, St Patrick Cathedral School, Sacred Heart School, Holy Family Academy and St Joseph School. Please come and see the opportunity for Catholic education that is available in our area!
St Andrew Parish is located at 128 Norwich Ave in Colchester. Contact Susan Bearjsjeam@comcast.net if you have questions.

Catholic Charities - Diocese of Norwich, CT Employment opportunities

Part Time Clinician Licensed Clinical Social Workers (LCSW) and Licensed Master Social Workers (LMSW) are needed to provide fee for service clinical services for a diverse client population in our Norwich, Middletown, and New London Offices.

APRN

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Norwich is seeking a consulting psychiatric APRN to provide psychiatric evaluations, medication evaluations, and medication follow-up appointments for clients served at our Norwich and Middletown behavioral health clinics. Experience working with children desired, but not required. Connecticut license to practice as an APRN is required.

To apply:

Please email resume, cover letter, salary requirements, and the contact information for three professional references to Laura Malone, Executive Assistant at lauramalone@cfsn.org.

Life in the Spirit Retreat Opportunity at My Father's House, Moodus, CT Friday, January 19, 7:00pm to Sunday, January 21, 2018. After lunch By Fr. Ray Introvigne

MEETINGS

Parish Advisory Council Wednesday January 3 @ 6:30pm
Knights of Columbus Thursday January 4 @ 7:00pm
Liturgy Wednesday January 10 @ 6:30pm

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 or visit them at <https://www.mectw.org/>.

Defending Our Religious Liberty Dec. 31, 2017

Religious freedom is a precious right. It is also a *necessary* right – necessary for all people and all societies if they are to flourish. Scholars have shown that when religious freedom for all is protected in law and valued in culture, it brings with it political stability, equality for women, economic growth, and social harmony. Let us pray that when the federal health care mandate is changed, religious freedom is safeguarded for all people.

Worship, and Healing Prayer Service - Please join us on

Thursday evening, January 4th, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Andrew Church for an evening of praising and worshiping God with music, teaching, witnessing, and prayer. Come and rejoice for answered prayer, seek prayer for yourself or for a burden you're carrying for someone else. 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 topic of Deacon Michael Puscas' teaching will be "Grief." Also, Shelly Polo from Seeds of Hope will be speaking about a new Catholic Bereavement Support and Education Program to begin on January 11th at St. Andrew Church. This group will be using the *Seasons of Hope* program by M. Donna MacLeod to explore mourning through scripture, prayer, reflection, activities and faith sharing.

Thanksgiving Retreat – My Father's House, 39 N Moodus Rd. Moodus – With gratitude for the blessings we have received this past year, let us commit ourselves to resolutions to console the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Let us humble ourselves in front of our Creator and acknowledge Him as the Giver of all graces. Bring a friend and your Bible. www.myfathershousect.org or call 860.873.1906

Catholic Bereavement Support and Education Program - If you are in need of consolation after losing a

loved one, this Christ Centered program is for you. The weekly group will begin on Thursday, January 11, 2018 at Saint Andrew's Church. The group will meet at 7 pm in the church library. The *Seasons of Hope* Catholic bereavement program by M. Donna MacLeod will be used to explore mourning through scripture, prayer, reflection, activities and faith sharing. Utilizing this program, and with the support of the faith community, we will journey together toward healing and spiritual growth. Anyone who is mourning the loss of a loved one is encouraged to attend. For more information on the group, please call the parish office at 860-537-2355.