

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 January 6, 2018 St. Andre Bessette, religious

4:00 PM Confessions

5:00 PM Ethel Cholowa req. by the Ladies Guild

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

Monday, January 8, 2018 Baptism of the Lord

NO MASS

Tuesday January 9, 2018 Weekday

NO MASS

Wednesday January 10, 2018 Weekday

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

Thursday January 11, 2018 Weekday

NO MASS

Friday January 12, 2018 Weekday

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

Saturday January 13, 2018 St. Hilary, bishop, doctor of the Church

4:00 PM Confessions

5:00 PM

Sunday, January 14, 2018 Second Sunday Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Phil Sexton req. by the Parish family

10:30 AM Tony Coscia for his intentions req. by Howard & Tracey
London

12/24 Offertory: \$ 1,832.50

12/25 Christmas Offertory: \$ 1,518.00 Christmas Gift Parish: \$ 1,452.00

12/31 Offertory: \$ 1914.00

Today's second collection is for monthly extraordinary expenses.

Next weekend's second collection is for the CCD Goats for Haiti Project.

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

Holy Hour with Bishop Cote 6-7pm on Thursday, January
18 at St. Andrew Church.

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

Parish Office is closed on Monday January 15 in
observance of Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

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 Bishop Michael R. Cote, All priests, Rev. V Antony Alaharasan, V. Rev. Dennis Perkins, V. Rev. Gregory Galvin, Rev. Thomas Hoar SSE, Rev. Thomas Griffin, Rev. John Welch MS, Rev. Erik Lenhart OFM Cap, Rev. Rafal Walczyk OSPPE, Rev. John Antonelle.

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)

Weekend January 13 & 14

5:00pm Lector: Richard Lataille

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Michael

Altar Servers: CJ Frank & Nina Gardella

8:00am Lector: Rick Kane

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Michael

Altar Servers: Christian & Jack Terwilliger

10:30am Lector: Roger Proulx

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Michael

Altar Servers: Erika Densman & Becca Wheaton';

MEETINGS

Liturgy Wednesday January 10 @ 6:30pm

Ladies Guild Monday January 15 meeting at St. Andrew
Church with their Guild @ 6:30pm

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.wvme.org. For more information, contact the Catholic Family Services Office at 860-848-2237, Ext 306.

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
- ✓ **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 Beardsjeam@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@ccfsn.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

Thank you for your cards, gifts and Christmas Wishes. It was very much appreciated!

May the Christ Child bless you always!

Love,

Fr. Richard

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://wwmectw.org/>.

Defending Our Religious Liberty Jan. 7, 2018

The Catholic Church is asking that lawmakers safeguard the rights afforded to us in the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, so that we will have the freedom to serve the needy and most vulnerable without violating our moral principles and without being penalized with fines.

Thanksgiving Retreat – January 6, 2018 at 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



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Comfort and Caring Shawl Ministry. Do you know of someone in need of a Comfort and Caring Shawl? The St. Francis Ladies 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.

There are numerous shawls of many colors, shapes and weight as well as lap robes available.

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 or [860-822-9400](tel:860-822-9400)

Save the Date



Dinner with Music by Wojo
Saturday, February 10th
6 to 10 pm

At the Fire Safety Complex

Tickets will be sold after Masses
Advanced ticket sales only

\$20 per person

Questions call Alicia at [860-465-7603](tel:860-465-7603)

Celebrate Marriage – Now that the holiday rush is through, it's not too early to begin thinking of Valentine's Day. Give your Valentine something special this year – the gift of your time. Come celebrate your marriage at a day-long enrichment that will renew your dreams, increase your passion and refresh and celebrate your marriage. This marriage enrichment aptly entitled, "**Celebrate Marriage**," will take place on **Saturday, February 10, 2018**, from 9 A.M to 3 P.M. at Christ the King Parish, 1 McCurdy Rd., Old Lyme. The cost is \$35 per couple, which includes workbook and lunch. Registration is required. To register, call the Diocesan Catholic Family Services Office at 860-848-2237, Ext. 306.

Please support our Saint Francis Bulletin and our community by supporting these wonderful businesses. They pay good money to sponsor these ads and provide this bulletin at no cost to St. Francis Parish. Please let them know that you appreciate their generous financial support by saying "Thank You" when you patronize them.

Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center

31 Colton Street, Farmington, CT

To register call [860.677.8519](tel:860.677.8519)

Women of Influence Jan. 10 9am – 1pm \$30 includes lunch

Theme Retreat for Women January 12-14 Make Me an

Instrument of Your Peace

Finding Hope in Dark Times Jan. 13 9am-1pm includes lunch

Healing Oils of the Bible Jan. 20 9am-1pm \$30 includes lunch

Art, ARP and Intuition Jan. 24 9am – 1pm includes lunch

Feelings and Faith Jan. 27 8:30am – 4:30pm \$60 includes lunch

Grief Support Group @ Center for Hospice Care

227 Dunham Street, Norwich

[860.848.5699](tel:860.848.5699) hospicesect.org

All programs free of charge

- Coping with the loss of a spouse/partner: Mondays Jan. 22, 29, Feb. 5, 12, 26, March 5 5:30-7:00pm @ Center for Hospice Care
- Coping with the loss of a parent: Tuesdays Jan. 23, 30, Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27 5:30-7:00pm @ Center for Hospice Care
- Grieving the loss of a loved one due to addiction: Every 2nd Thursday Jan. 11, Feb. 8, March 8 5:30pm-7:00pm @ Center for Hospice Care
- Coping with the loss of a loved one: Every 1st and 3rd Tuesday Jan. 2 & 16, Feb. 6 & 20, March 6 & 20 10am-11am at Mystic Noank Library, 40 Library Street, and Mystic.

Saint Francis of Assisi web page!

Information about Saint Francis:

Mass Schedules, Parish Organizations, Sacraments, Religious Education, History of Saint Francis Of Assisi Parish, Meetings & Events, Parish Bulletins.

Web address is:

www.stfrancisassisilebanonct.parishesonline.com

Add this address to your favorites list.

Parish Bulletin E-mailed to You

If you would like the parish bulletin emailed to you, a friend, or a college student away from home, E-mail the parish office a request to be put on the email list.

Parish E-mail address:

cheryl@stfrancisassisilebanonct.org

MASS INTENTIONS

We have several open Masses during 2018. 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.

Christmas flowers In memory of:

Thomas Godere
Stephen Godere
Lynda Kalinowski
Ernest & Mary Sunega
Janet Gagnon
Rev. Adam Hildebrand
William & Margaret Fries
Kaye Macht
Roy Showalter
Connie & Walter Arseneault
Mark Showalter
Leon & Ursula Arpin
Albert & Rita Grenier
Jimmy Lesson
Bill Brewster
John & Barbara Cwikla
Stanley & Josephine Misinsky
Mary & Michael Wengloski
Nicholas Wengloski
Neil Crowley
Stanley Dudar
Christopher Grabarek
Lauren Lafontaine
Robert Burns
Raymond Andrews III
Kathy Chambers
Real Leclair
Lucy Graham Flannery
Norman Pellerin
John Kane
James Herring
Jane Herring
Gretchen & Homer Therrien
M/M Isidore Wengloski
M/M Kazmierz Wieczorek
Paul Wengloski
Joyce Wengloski
Richard Chalifoux
Paul & Josephine Mathieu
Maurice Pelletier
Rita & Peter DeCaprio Jr.
Michael A. Russoniello
Joan Kinkead Russoniello
M/M Patsy Raffa
M/M John Speno
Ms. Virginia Speno
Henry Dabkowski
M/M John Dumond
M/M Fred Elmy
Richard & Louise Pratt
Ken & Tessie Walden
Vincenzo Silvestri
Annette Soucy Fauteux
Edward S., Vera & Gail Michniewski

Deceased Members of:

Pelletier family
Foley & Dyer families
Paris & Getman families
Clinch & Kuzel families
Prescott family
Carlson family
Horan family
Smith family
Flannery family
Coutu family
Carroll family
Garrahy family
Gingras family
Russ family
Boudreau family
Michael A. Zemantic Sr. family
McComber & Petrie families
Medeiros & Oliveira families
Aligata family
Martineau family
Hofmann family
Grecki & Sikora families
Albrecht & Anastasio families
Nejako & Hull families
Malinowsky family
Ciarcia family
Leone family
Baran & Labelle families
Dudar family
Kulynyck family
Smutko & Haralson families
Brisson & Lataille families
Bosse & Lavertu families
Wheaton & Perotti families
O'Neill & Stygar families
Valliere & Diette families