

**We are pleased and honored
To welcome you to
St. Francis of Assisi Parish
67 West Town Street, Lebanon, CT 06249
Telephone: 860.642.6711 Fax: 860.642.4032
Rev. Mark Masnicki, Pastor
Rev. Richard Breton
Deacon Michael Puscas**



Saturday April 21, 2018 St. Anselm, bishop, doctor of the Church

4:00 PM Confessions

5:00 PM William Strede req. by the Lavin family

Sunday April 22, 2018 Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM Raymond Boisvert req. by his family

10:30 AM Arthur Choquette req. by his family

Monday April 23, 2018 St. George, martyr; St. Adalbert, bishop, martyr

NO MASS

Tuesday April 24, 2018 St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, priest, martyr

NO MASS

Wednesday April 25, 2018 St. Mark, Evangelist

9:00 AM Anthony Jacobeno req. by Mackie

Thursday April 26, 2018 Easter Weekday

NO MASS

Friday April 27, 2018 Easter Weekday

9:00 AM George Boone req. by Mackie

Saturday April 28, 2018 St. Peter Chanel, priest, martyr; St. Louis Grignion de Montfort, priest

4:00 PM Confessions

5:00 PM Bill Brewster req. by his family

Sunday April 29, 2018 Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM Dave & Edith Perotti req. by their family

10:30 AM Jennifer Wheaton req. by her family

Our Sanctuary light is lit for the intention of good health for the Soucy & Fauteux families. Please remember them in your prayers at Mass and throughout the week.

Offertory: \$ 2039.00

Today's second collection is for building maintenance.

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 April 28 & April 29

5:00pm Lector: Bob Nejako

Eucharistic Minister: Carole Briggs

Altar Servers: Genevieve, Nina & Luci Gardella

8:00am Lector: Jim Worth

Eucharistic Minister: Kathy Walden

Altar Servers: Jack & Christian Terwilliger

10:30am Lector: Sandy Grillo

Eucharistic Minister: Wally Gagnon

Altar Servers: Felipe & Gabriella Mastroluca

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

AM2 Emerson Flannery, U.S. Navy

Seaman Alex R. Paris, U.S. Navy

LCPL Chad Wengloski, U.S. Marines

CTN3 Jonah Swett, U.S. Navy

IT3 Rocky Spedaliere Jr., U.S. Navy

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 Msgr. Richard LaRocque, Rev. Thomas Smith, Rev. Arthur Archer, V. Rev. Richard Ricard, Rev. David Zercie MSA, Rev. Edward Dempsey DBA, Rev. Patrick McCorry, Rev. Jeffrey Ellis, Rev. Dariusz Dudzik, Rev. Brian Romanoski, Rev. John Gwudz, Rev. Martin Nos, Rev. Charles McGrail.

Father, recall to our priests that they hold between their hands the Most Precious Treasure of the Church: the Blood of the Sacred Victim. Enkindle in them the fire of love of Christ as they do Your work. (Ven. Mother Catherine Aurelia, foundress)

Grades 3 & 5 will be assisting at the 10:30am Mass on April 22nd.

Meetings This Week & Next

- o Weekend April 21 & 22 after all Masses there will be a reception celebrating Fr. Richard's 10th anniversary of Ordination.
- o 38th Annual Layette Program on Sunday April 22nd, starting at 2 PM, at Christ the King Church, 1 McCurdy Road, Old Lyme.
- o Saturday April 28 Junk in Your Trunk Sale Church parking lot 9:00am – 3:00pm.
- o Confirmation Reception 9am meeting room Sunday April 29
- o Parish Advisory Council Wednesday May 2 6:30pm
- o Knights of Columbus Thursday May 3 at 7:00pm
- o Confirmation Rehearsal Friday May 4 at 5:30pm at St. Andrew Church
- o Confirmation Saturday May 5 at 10:00am at St. Andrew Church

Dear Parishioners,

I would like to extend a thank you to our Knights of Columbus for their generous donation of monies to purchase a new stove and new dishwasher for the rectory living quarters. The replaced appliances were purchased in 1985 when the rectory office building was built. I am hopeful that these new appliances will last another 33 years.

Thank you to our Knights for all that they do for our parish.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Mark

Donations collected to date for the CCD Goats for Haiti Project totals \$1,359 to date = 9 goats.

Junk in Your Trunk



Ladies Guild JUNK IN THE TRUNK SALE

A garage-less garage sale

Saturday April 28th, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Saint Francis of Assisi

Rear parking lot

Rain or Shine

Refreshment/Bake Sale all day

My Father's House Eucharist Retreat from Saturday April 28 to Sunday April 29. A retreat full of fiery preaching, anointed music, & powerful prayer! Presented by **Rocco Fortunato**, Catholic Speaker and Evangelist. Founder of Spread the Blaze & guest speaker on Catholic Radio.

For more information visit www.spreadtheblaze.com

Bishop Daniel P. Reilly's 90th Birthday, May 2018

The Knights of Columbus in Worcester, Mass are honoring Bishop Reilly and combing a Fundraiser for the Health Care Facility (Notre Dame Health Care Facility), Where he is a resident. A luncheon will be held in his honor on Saturday, May 12, 2018 at 12noon at St. John High School, 378 Main Street, Shrewsbury, Mass. Tickets are \$45 per person. Please send any ticket request with a stamped envelope and money to: Bishop Reilly 90th Celebration, 206 Quinsigmond Avenue, Shrewsbury, Mass 01545 "If you plan to come, please order early as we are expecting a grateful attendance!" Any questions call Fr. Ray Introvigne at [1-860-887-0702](tel:1-860-887-0702)

Enders Island ~ Mystic 860.536.0565

Bereavement Mini-Retreat Sunday April 29-Wednesday May 2nd. \$315pp <http://enders.is/BereavementMini>

ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

- ✓ **Charismatic Prayer Meeting** every Tuesday at 2 PM Spiritual Renewal Center, 11 Bath Street, Norwich (860-887-0702).
- ✓ **8 Wine, Wisdom and Why Night "The Young Adult Edition" April 24, 2018 from 7-9 pm.** Learn more about your faith and share some fellowship with other young adult Catholics. Although the evening is geared toward questions and concerns of our 21-39 year olds, all adults are welcome! Join us for an evening of questions and answers about our Faith! Ask questions about Church teachings, prayers, rituals as well as any other Faith Traditions you have always wondered about! A panel of experts ready to answer any questions include: *Bishop Michael Cote, Bishop of the Norwich Diocese, Sr. Elissa Rinere CP, Chancellor of the Norwich Diocese, Deacon Chris Deskus, Director of Prison Ministry Office, Norwich Diocese Mr. Paul Kieda, Morality/Ethics Teacher, Xavier High School, Middletown. St. Mary Church Hall, Portland* RSVP Via email faithevents@norwichdiocese.net or via phone 860-848-2237, ext. 304. Wine donations for this event are being accepted at the Bishop Flanagan Ministry Center at 199 Broadway, Norwich.
- ✓ Diocese of Norwich Outreach to Haiti Annual Fundraiser Join Bishop Cote at the Diocese of Norwich Outreach to Haiti annual Charity Gala, Saturday, April 28, at A Villa Louisa, Bolton CT. RSVP on-line www.outreachtohaiti.org. Or call Outreach to Haiti 860 800 3601. Proceeds benefit the Diocese's long-standing mission in Haiti: nutrition & feeding programs, medical care, orphanages, and education program. The evening features Dr. Jacquet, Outreach Clinic Director, a silent auction, cocktails and dinner. The price is \$100. Thank you for your support!
- ✓ **Eucharistic Holy Hour for Vocations** May 17 from 6-7pm at St. John in Plainfield.

63rd Annual Norwich Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Convention

All women in the Diocese of Norwich are cordially invited to attend the 63rd Annual Norwich Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Convention on Saturday, May 19, 2018 at St. Matthew Church, 111 Tolland Green, Tolland, CT beginning at 9:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.. The guest speaker will be Sr. Elissa Rinere, C.P., J.C.D., Chancellor of the Diocese of Norwich. To register please send your name, address, church, city, email and phone number to: Judy Pappagallo, 199 Broadway, Norwich, CT 06360. Cost is \$25 per person, includes lunch & materials, choose Chicken or Vegetarian. Make check out to Norwich Diocesan CCW. Deadline for registrations, May 8, 2018. Forms can be found at the church entrances.

YOU MAY ORDER ... an author-signed-copy of Tony Coscia's new book by E-mailing TonyAnd777@aol.com and then by picking up your signed copy at your designated Church Rectory office during normal business hours. For more info about the book; just GOOGLE: (TONY'S 50,000 CO-INCIDENCE MIRACLES).

**BLOOD DRIVE
LEBANON SENIOR CENTER**

Held in the Community Room
37 West Town Street #R

Wednesday May 9 from 1:00pm - 6:00pm
For an appointment, please visit redcrossblood.org
Or call 1.800.733.2767

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

Take a Chance and Support a Local Retreat Center!

Buy Car Raffle tickets to upgrade heating and cooling systems at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center, Farmington --- win a 2018 Mercedes-Benz C-Class Sedan!

Only \$60 each, in honor of the 60th Anniversary of this ministry. Call 1-888-816-5813 to order - *leave only name and telephone number so that staff can call you.* For more information please visit www.OurLadyofCalvary.net; Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/olcretreat>. Our goal is to sell 2,500 tickets!

Pre-HSPT Entrance Exam Mercy Class of 2023

Saturday, May 5, 2018 ~ 9:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
The HSPT (High School Placement Test) is the test Mercy High uses for acceptance and placement into our academic program. This practice exam gives students an opportunity to prepare for the HSPT by familiarizing them with the test content and structure as well as offering insight on their performance. Each student will receive a comprehensive scoring report providing feedback and identifying strengths and areas for improvement. Students who achieve 90th national percentile or higher are eligible for a tuition credit at Mercy for the 2019-2020 academic year pending acceptance in November 2018. Registration is required at www.mercyhigh.com. The \$10 testing fee is payable at the door.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE WEEKEND ~ if you are widowed, separated or divorced and want help in resolving the pain and grief of losing the marriage relationship and create a more peace-filled future, consider attending a **Beginning Experience weekend May 4-6 at St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield, CT.** The fee for the Catholic-based weekend is \$265, which covers food, lodging, materials and a follow-up event. For more information call Maureen at 860-285-8685 or Victoria at 860-993-2384, Or visit www.beginningexperience.org.

Color Craze Fun Run/Walk and 5K Cross Country - Saturday, May 19th Fun for the whole family - including Grandma and Grandpa!! Join the Mercy community at their annual Color Craze spring festival on May 19th! Located on the Mercy campus, the Color Craze includes a food truck festival, children's fun color run / walk, a timed cross country 5k color run, free children's activities such as face painting and obstacle course, a vendor fair, and so much more! For more information and to register, visit mercyhigh.com/page/color-craze. (Link is available on the homepage of the web site.) Hosted by the Mercy Alumnae Association. Contact Barb Miller at bmiller@mercyhigh.com with any questions. We'll see you there!
Saturday May 19th, 9:30-1:30
Mercy High School, 1740 Randolph Road, Middletown

Part-time (10-20 hrs. per week) Bookkeeper to perform the following duties:

Balance and maintain accurate ledgers
Coordinate bank deposits and report financial results on a regular basis to management
Pay vendor invoices and track bank account balances
Develop monthly financial statements, including cash flow, profit and loss statements and balance sheets

*Must be proficient in Sage Business Works and QuickBooks software

To apply contact-

Joan Aresco arescoj@mtstjohn.org

OR

Dr. Pamela Potemri - potemrip@mtstjohn.org

SAVE THE DATE! 2018 Connecticut Catholic Men's Conference ~ Go Into the World (Mark 16:15) ~ Saturday October 20:00am - 5:00pm at St. Paul Catholic High School, 1001 Stafford Ave., Bristol, CT. TICKETS ON SALE NOW

CTCATHOLICMEN.ORG ~ 860.484.7950

Great talks, exciting events, free food, meet new people, share the faith, adoration, confession & Mass.

Special guests: Archbishop Blair of the Hartford Diocese & Deacon Doug Hoffman.



Looking for volunteers to help at WAIM on Saturday May 12

from 9am-12 noon. As a member Church of WAIM, each year St. Francis is asked to send a few volunteers to help with unpacking boxes, stocking shelves. WAIM is located at 866 Main Street in Willimantic. Please contact Cheryl in the parish office for more information.



75th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO DONATED towards the celebration. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

PHOTOS STILL NEEDED!

There is another story behind a photo...

Have you looked at a photo and saw something else happening in the background? Do you have wedding, baptism or Holy Communion photos from the Route 87 Church? Please see if you have something to share.

BIRTHDAY & Anniversary Recognitions

At the August 25, 2018 parish picnic we would like to recognize those in our parish who are the **OLDEST** (anyone 90+), **YOUNGEST** (born late 2017 or 2018), **AND THE NEWLY MARRIED**. If you qualify for any of the above categories please contact Barbara at bobbi.w@charter.net.

Our 75th ANNIVERSARY STORY BEGINS NEXT WEEK

April 28, 1943 letter from Father Francis Murphy to Bishop Maurice McAuliffe:

I received the check in the sum of four thousand dollars, for the purchase of the Hewitt property in Lebanon, and thank you very much for making this undertaking possible. I expect to take title of the property on Saturday of this week. I have asked Mr. Patrick J. Sullivan and Thomas J. Dodd to serve as trustees and they have accepted. As suggested, the church will be named for St. Francis of Assisi. The work of remodeling will, I hope, be started in the very near future.

123 days to go to the August 22 start of our celebration!

“The Father Wound” ~ Announcing a special adult education program at St. Andrew Church on Sunday, April 29, 2018 at 12:00 Noon right after the 11:00 am Mass. Deacon Michael will present an educational program on the subject of **“The Father Wound”**. The father wound is the absence or withholding of love from your birth father. The wound can be caused by neglect, absence, abuse, control, and withholding love. Deacon Michael will explain the Father Wound and how you can heal from the wound and/or prevent wounding your own children. Finally the program will help you develop a healthy and close relationship with God our Father. This educational program is for all adults and parents regardless of your relationship with your birth father. Adults only are preferred due to the nature of the subject matter.

SAINT FRANCIS'S ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR WAIM

No matter what your financial needs are, there are always those who are less fortunate. W.A.I.M. (Windham Area Interfaith Ministry) helps families from many backgrounds and many different situations. This year we are collecting household items such as:

New:

Towels (all sizes and types)

Blankets (any size)

Queen/King size sheets

Kitchen Gadgets

Gently Used:

Flatware

Small kitchen appliances

Cookware

Small luggage bags

Coffee pot 10 cups or more

These can be dropped off in the church parking lot on May 5 & 6 before and after all Masses. Just meet us in the back church parking lot at the gray Ford Pick-up truck.

San Jose Assembly 121, Fourth Degree, Knights of Columbus, is pleased to announce the **Andrew J. Kuhar Memorial Scholarship**. The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal organization of Catholic men based on the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. Although academics will be one of the criteria for this award, the major criterion will be voluntary service to the applicant's Church, community or both. This scholarship is open to all graduating high school seniors in eastern Connecticut, who will be attending a two-year college, four-year college, university or technical school in the fall of 2018. Application deadline is May 26. The award for this year is \$500 and will be awarded on or about June 5, 2018. Applications available in the parish office.



Our annual gift of seeds will take place at all Masses on April 28 & 29. Packets of beans, squash, peas, pumpkins, & cucumbers will be available for parishioners to take.