

**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 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

**Monday April 30, 2018 St. Pius V, pope**

NO MASS

**Tuesday May 1, 2018 St. Joseph the Worker**

NO MASS

**Wednesday May 2, 2018 St. Athanasius, bishop, doctor of the Church**

9:00 AM Poor Souls in Purgatory req. by Pam Roberts

**Thursday May 3, 2018 St. Philip & James, apostles**

NO MASS

**Friday May 4, 2018 Easter Weekday**

9:00 AM John Van Wagner req. by C. Wheaton

**Saturday May 5, 2018 Easter Weekday**

4:00 PM Confessions

5:00 PM Anne Dudar req. by the Ladies Guild

**Sunday May 6, 2018 Sixth Sunday of Easter**

8:00 AM John & Mary Clinch req. by Norm & Ella Mae Kuzel

10:30 AM Dottie Goldstein req. by C. Wheaton

Offertory: \$ 1,907.50 Building Maintenance: \$ 660.00  
Next weekend's second collection is for the seminary.  
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 May 5 & 6**

5:00pm Lector: Steve Wengloski

Eucharistic Minister: Jim Hay

Altar Servers: Grace & Genevieve Gardella

8:00am Lector: Kathy Pellerin

Eucharistic Minister: Betsy McComber

Altar Servers: Christian & Jack Terwilliger

10:30am Lector: Angela Corentin

Eucharistic Minister: Tony Coscia

Altar Servers: Erika 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

1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Miles N. Snelgrove USMC 2<sup>nd</sup> Batt. 6<sup>th</sup> 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

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. Raymond Introvigne, Rev. William McCarthy MSA, Rev. Robert Buongirno, Rev. Timothy Roth MIC, Rev. Richard Archambault, Rev. Patrick Martin, Rev. Joseph Tito, Rev. Paul Boudreau, Rev. Anthony DiMarco, Rev. Michael Sequeira, Rev. Richard Sliwinski, ,V. .Rev. Ted Tumicki, Rev. William Flynn.  
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)

**Meetings This Week & Next**

- o Confirmation Reception 9am meeting room Sunday April 29
- o Parish Advisory Council Wednesday May 2 at 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
- o First Confession Grade 2 May 7 at 6:30pm in Church
- o First Holy Communion Rehearsal Friday May 11 @ 6pm in Church
- o First Holy Communion Saturday May 12 at 10:30am in Church followed by reception given by the Ladies Guild

### **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)

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter** "Brothers and sisters, I should like you to be free of anxieties." Let us learn to calm our anxieties about our spouses by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekend is Jul 6-8, 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/>.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH**

- ✓ **Charismatic Prayer Meeting** every Tuesday at 2 PM Spiritual Renewal Center, 11 Bath Street, Norwich [\(860-887-0702\)](tel:860-887-0702).
- ✓ **The monthly Diocesan Pro-Life Mass** will take place at St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Church, 70 W. Main St., Baltic, on **Saturday, May 5, at 8 A.M.** Please join our celebrant **Rev. Joseph Tito** 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. **(Please note the change of time and place for the Mass.)**
- ✓ **Eucharistic Holy Hour for Vocations** May 17 from 6-7pm at St. John in Plainfield.
- ✓ **RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT WEEKEND** ~ 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. It includes discussions, Living Scriptures with meditations, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service and Mass of Entrustment. The next weekend in Connecticut is June 8-10. For more information call Marie at 203-631-9030, email her at [mlaffin@prolifeministry.org](mailto:mlaffin@prolifeministry.org) or visit the national website at [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org). "**PROJECT RACHEL**" is our Norwich 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.

**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](http://www.beginningexperience.org).

### **63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Norwich Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Convention.**

All women in the Diocese of Norwich are cordially invited to attend the 63<sup>rd</sup> 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.

## **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](http://redcrossblood.org)  
Or call 1.800.733.2767

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting [RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass](http://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 60<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.OurLadyofCalvary.net); Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/olcretreat>. *Our goal is to sell 2,500 tickets!*

Get M-Powered! Join the Mercy High School Summer Program 2018.

Programs and clinics are available for students rising to grades 6<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup>

Basketball, Higher Achievement, Soccer, Theatre Arts (Co-Ed), Vocal (Co-Ed).

Please visit [www.mercyhigh.com](http://www.mercyhigh.com) for program information and online registration or call 860-346-6659 and request a brochure be sent to you.

**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](http://www.mercyhigh.com). The \$10 testing fee is payable at the door.

**Color Craze Fun Run/Walk and 5K Cross Country**

- Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> Fun for the whole family - including Grandma and Grandpa!! Join the Mercy community at their annual Color Craze spring festival on May 19<sup>th</sup>! 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](http://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](mailto:bmiller@mercyhigh.com) with any questions. We'll see you there!  
 Saturday May 19<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:arescoj@mtstjohn.org)  
 OR  
 Dr. Pamela Potemri – [potemrip@mtstjohn.org](mailto:potemrip@mtstjohn.org)

YOU MAY ORDER ... an author-signed-copy of Tony Coscia's new book by E-mailing [TonyAnd777@aol.com](mailto: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).



**BABY BOTTLES FOR LIFE** Take an empty baby bottle with you on Mother's Day. Fill them with check, currency or coin. Return them by Father's Day June 17<sup>th</sup>. Help protect the unborn. Support Care Net Pregnancy Resource Center. Involve your children! Show them by example that all life is precious and loved. Join our Baby Bottle Campaign. Your donation brings Mother's Day to our clients. Or fill a virtual bottle at [www.psclife.org](http://www.psclife.org). You choose the amount. \$5 fills a bottle with pennies, \$15 fills a bottle with nickels, \$40 fills a bottle with dimes, and ^\$60 fills a bottle with quarters. Empty baby bottles can be found at the side entrance.



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.

**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.

St. Joseph School in Baltic will be hosting an **"Artisans and Things Spring Craft Fair"** on Saturday May 5 from 9am – 1pm. Just in time for Mother's Day. For further information, please contact Sr. Mary Patrick at 830.822.6141.



## **75<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

### **OUR 75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY STORY BEGINS...**

It is 1943, World War II is underway. The men are overseas, and the women are employed; car makers are making bombs and airplane parts. There are gas and food rations. The average cost of a new house is \$3,600; to rent is \$40/mo.; a gallon of gas is \$.15; a bottle of Coca Cola is \$.05; the average price for a new car is \$900.

For a period of twenty years without a church in Lebanon, Catholics were forced to travel to attend Mass. By 1943, more Catholic families moved into the area and there was a need to have a church in town. Catholics approached Fr. Francis Murphy of St. Andrew's. The Most Rev. Maurice McAuliffe, Bishop of Hartford, gave his permission. On May 1, 1943, a suitable house and one-half acre on the Route 87 side of the Lebanon Green was purchased from Alfred Card for \$4,000. During the summer, the Greek Revival house was renovated and transformed into the Saint Francis of Assisi Chapel. The first Mass would be read on August 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO DONATED. 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? You would not believe what stories the backgrounds in these photos are telling us – especially interior photos, they tell the story of church renovations that occurred over a number of years. 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 [bobbie.w@charter.net](mailto:bobbie.w@charter.net).

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

Mother's Day cards with Mass intention requests are available at the entrances of Church. Please return the request as soon as possible. Your intentions will be remembered in the Masses on Mother's Day.



### **Evening Workshop for Couples: 'What is the Secret to a Long and Joyful Marriage? ... There Isn't One'**

**Presenters: Deacon Art and Sandy Miller**  
**Wednesday, May 2, 6-9 p.m.** Join us for an exploration of how to deepen the connection we feel with our partner. Through teaching, conversation, and laughter, this retreat will help you to accept differences in your spouse more graciously, deal with conflict more honestly, and deepen the sense of joyful mutual appreciation in your relationship.

Offering: \$40; \$70 per couple; **includes dinner**. 860-760-9705. Holy Family Retreat Center, West Hartford - [www.holyfamilyretreat.org](http://www.holyfamilyretreat.org)

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.



Corpus Christi Catholic Community is having a Car or Truck Raffle to benefit St. Mary- St. Joseph School. Number of tickets limited to 1968 - the year St. Mary & St. Joseph School merged. This is our Jubilee Year and we are celebrating! The tickets are \$50. Each. Prizes are fantastic and the odds are great! See the flyer which has all the details posted at the entrances to Church. For tickets, folks can Donna Marouski (860.423.5835 or any of the others noted on the bottom of the flyer.

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.