

**We are pleased and honored
To welcome you to
St. Francis of Assisi Parish**
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Deacon Michael Puscas



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday October 10, 2015 Blessed Virgin Mary

4:00 PM Confession

5:00 PM Carolyn Sharpe req. by her husband

Sunday, October 11, 2015 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Viola Smutko req. by her family

10:30 AM Cecile Bibeau req. by the Fauteux family

Monday October 12, 2015 Columbus Day

NO MASS Parish Office Closed

Tuesday October 13, 2015 Weekday

NO MASS

Wednesday October 14, 2015 St. Callistus I, pope, martyr

9:00 AM Mary Pudlo req. by C Wheaton

Thursday October 15, 2015 St. Teresa of Jesus, virgin, doctor of the Church

NO MASS

Friday October 16, 2015 St. Hedwig religious; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, virgin

9:00 AM For the people of the parish living & deceased

Saturday October 17, 2015 St. Ignatius of Antioch, bishop, martyr

4:00 PM Confession

5:00 PM Patricia Spedaliere req. by her family

Sunday, October 18, 2015 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Deceased members of the Clinch & Kuzel families

10:30 AM Mary Pudlo req. by her family

Sacrificial Giving

Offertory 9/27/15: \$ 2,777.00

Diocesan Cradle Fund: \$ 569.53

Today's second collection is for the combined missions. 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.

St. Andrew Church – Colchester on Thursdays ~ Adoration at 8:30 ~ Rosary at 6:00pm...Benediction at 7:00pm.

Weekend of October 17 & 18

5:00pm Lector: JoAnn Hay

Eucharistic Minister: Jim Hay

Altar Servers: Elizabeth Spedaliere, Grace Gardella

8:00am Lector: Rick Kane

Eucharistic Minister: Joan Grecki

Altar Servers: Sam, Jack & Christian Terwilliger

10:30am Lector: Maureen Polana

Eucharistic Minister: Paul Pelletier

Altar Servers: Nicholas Barrett, Becca Chesters

The parish office is closed Monday in observance of Columbus Day.

Military Service Honor Roll

SW1 John P. Dyer Jr. U.S. Navy
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
Sgt. Justin A. VonEdwins, U.S. Army
Sgt. Robert Massicotte U.S. Army
1st Lt. Mile N. Snelgrobe USMC 2nd Batt. 6th Marine

Prayer for our Men and Women in Military Service

O Prince of Peace, we humbly ask 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 FOR PRIESTS

This week October 11 – October 17 – Rev. William Olesik, Rev. Luis Agudelo, Msgr. Michael Donohue, Rev. Francis Rouleau, Rev. Joseph Castaldi, Rev. Patrick McCorry, Rev. Edward Wisneski, Rev. Sylva LeCours, Rev. Jonathan Ficara, Msgr. Leszek Janik, Rev. William McCarthy MSA, Rev. Alfred Irving. – Mary Immaculate, let us love you fervently and open our hearts to the dew of your grace, for we know that you are blessing our priests. (Mother Catherine Aurelia, foundress)

We also pray for any priests who have left the ministry.



We are collecting the following items for WAIM: Gently used winter coats, new pillows, blankets, towels, are most needed but any household items would be greatly appreciated. A truck will be at the Church parking lot before and after Masses on October 17th and 18th for the drop off of your donation items.

- ❖ **CHILDREN'S MASS: DATE CHANGE** Grades 1 & 6 will be helping at the 10:30am Mass on Sunday October 27th. Refreshments in the meeting room following the Mass.

MEETINGS

Oct. 17 & 18 Pick-up Truck for WAIM donations
Sunday Oct 18 Safe Environments @ CCD Classes
Monday Oct. 19 Ladies Guild @ 7pm
Wednesday Oct 21 Liturgy Committee @ 6:30pm

PAVING PLEDGE UPDATE

Pledges received to date total \$57,505.00
If you have not yet pledged, extra pledge cards are available at the Church side entrance.

Thank You

On behalf of the parish, I would like to thank our Ladies Guild and Knights of Columbus for sponsoring the Polish Dinner. A great time was had by all. The Ladies and the Knights donated the proceeds, a total of \$ 1,650.00, to the parish to help with parish expenses. I also wish to thank the Ladies for their hard work at the Annual Bake Sale. The Ladies have donated the proceeds from the Bake Sale, \$493.00, towards parish expenses.

I also would like to thank Jimmy & Jeanne Mather and Ray & Malvina Medeiros for their donation of time, labor, and materials to replace the broken window in the boiler room.

We, as a parish, are very blessed to have so many faith-filled parishioners. Your dedication to your parish is a true blessing.

With God's Blessings to you all,
Fr. Mark



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Save your hanging flower pots

The Ladies Guild will once again be making cemetery arrangements. Please consider donating your hanging flower pots/baskets or pots from your fall flowers for use in this fundraiser.

There is no need to empty the dirt. Please leave near the side door of the church garage. Thank you. Please contact Barbara 642-7168 with any questions.

Also---



The Ladies Guild will be selling cemetery arrangements in December. We will be in need of greens. If you or someone you know

has plans to prune your holly bushes or evergreens this fall, please consider waiting and supply us with the greens we will need. Please contact Barbara @ 860-642-7168, or bobbi.w@charter.net if you will be able to supply greens for this annual fundraising project.

ATTENTION PARENTS

Curriculum on Maintaining Safe Environments

The Office for Safe Environments of the Diocese of Norwich has mandated that a curriculum on maintaining safe environments be implemented into the Religious Education Program each year.

In compliance with that mandate our CCD teachers will be discussing safe environments on Sunday, October 18, 2015 with their individual classes during regular class time from 9:00 – 10:00 AM.

If a parent does not wish to have their child attend the safe environment program, their child will be able to attend a separate class.

Questions: please contact Jim Hay at 860.886.1882.

COLLECTION OF TOILETRIES

If you have collected shampoos, lotions, or other toiletries from hotels while away on a trip that you have not used, please bring them to St. Francis Church. We are also collecting twin zippered mattress pads and Pampers size 4 and up. We will have baskets at each entrance for your donations. These items will be donated to the Holy Family Shelter and to the No-Freeze Shelter in Willimantic.

Lebanon Children's Clothing Wardrobe

Take your children to "The Swap" for an all new inventory of fall clothes (Halloween costumes, long sleeve shirts, long pants, sweatshirts, winter jackets, hats, mittens, snow pants and boots) **Save the Date Saturday, October 17, 2015 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM** Lebanon Community Center "Bring what you can. Take what you need." A group of volunteers in the town of Lebanon offers the community an avenue to donate their children's clean, gently used clothing. It also gives residents an opportunity to "shop" for free children's clothing (newborn through young adult). We also accept maternity clothes and baby accessories, Halloween costumes, holiday clothing, sports gear, bedding, children's books, puzzles, toys, games, etc. Contact us for more information: lebanonccw@gmail.com or www.facebook.com/lebanonccw

GIVING BASKET



It is time to replenish our food supplies in preparation for Thanksgiving Food Baskets.

We ask that those able and willing to donate consider the following items that are needed:

Gravy, Stuffing, Cranberry Sauce, Jelly, Peanut Butter, Flour, Sugar, Pie Crusts and Fillings, Bread and Cake Mixes, Spices, Vegetable Oil, Frostings, Canned Vegetables, Soups, Tuna, Canned Fruits, Chef Boyardee, Mac & Cheese, Cereals (hot or cold), Jell-O, Puddings, Pasta, Pasta Sauce, etc.

As always, we are thankful for food donations of all types. Your continued support of this program has helped many of our friends and neighbors when they have stumbled upon difficult times. Thank You.

Men's ACTS Retreat, November 12-15, 2015

St Andrew and St Patrick Parishes are sponsoring a men's ACTS retreat on November 12th thru the 15th. Local Catholic men have organized an A.C.T.S. (Adoration, Community, Theology, and Service) retreat weekend to be held at Immaculata Retreat House in Willimantic. The retreat begins Thursday evening, November 12th in the St Andrew's Parish hall, Colchester and ends Sunday, November 15th at St Andrew's 11 a.m. mass. Transportation to and from Immaculata will be provided. Contact: John Blaschik, 860-334-7044, jb-ehvfd.ct@snet.net; Howard London, 860-334-5747; or John Legato, 860-537-2739; or Bert Bosse, 860-642-3994; or Bruce Bouley, 860-642-9921 for more information.

Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners, we have reached our goal for the Annual Catholic Appeal!! Our church is among 20 within the Diocese of Norwich that has either met or exceeded the goal set for us for the 2015 ACA. We are truly grateful to those who responded with such kindness and generosity. Your gift to the 2015 Appeal helps provide "*Strength through the Holy Spirit*" to the ministries that serve our less fortunate brothers and sisters in the Diocese of Norwich. The campaign continues through December 31, 2015. If you wish to donate online or find out more, visit www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org.

Golabki Dinner and Pierogi Sale at St. Joseph Church ~120 Cliff St. Norwich ~ Saturday October 17th from 4:30 to 6:30 pm. Bring your family and friends and join us in the church hall for our traditional **Golabki** dinner and don't forget to pick up a dozen of our handmade Pierogi! Pierogi will be frozen for your convenience. Pre-orders for Golabki and Pierogi are now being taken. For information or to place an order, please call Kasia at 860-608-3546, or Lucia at 860-859-7798.

WEB PAGE UPDATE



We are progressing with our Web Page and hope to have it up and running in the next two weeks.

In the process of setting up the web page, our e-mail site had to be shut down and re-activated. In this process all of our e-mail addresses were lost. If you were receiving parish bulletins by email, please re-submit your e-mail address so the e-mail bulletin list can be re-created.

Thank you so very much for your patience with this process.

ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

- **Holy Hour for Vocations: October 15** St. Paul in Waterford from 6-7pm
- Healing Masses for September: Spiritual Renewal Services 11 Bath Street, Norwich, CT 06360 **Monday, October 26th at 2:00 PM** Mass is held on first floor Celebrant: Father Ray and Judith Hughes with concluding prayers for spiritual healing.
- **Executive Director-Catholic Charities, Diocese of Norwich, Inc.:** Practicing Catholic with good understanding of Catholic social teaching, Master's Degree in Social Work or Business Administration with related experience in human service field. The candidate must have strong management experience and excellent professional and interpersonal skills to provide leadership. Apply no later than October 16, 2015. Resume and cover letter including salary requirements and 3 references should be sent to: Vicar General, 201 Broadway, Norwich, CT 06360.

- On Saturday, October 17, the Diocesan Office of Worship will conduct a **workshop for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** who bring Communion to the sick in their homes, in hospitals or nursing homes. Registration deadline is October 7th. Fee: \$20. Place: St. Patrick Parish, East Hampton. For more information call 860-848-2237x203 or go to www.norwichdiocese.org for registration form.
- **Twenty-third Annual Mass for Firefighters/EMS Personnel** Saturday, October 17, 2015, at 5:00 p.m. On Saturday, October 17, 2015, at 5:00 p.m., Bishop Cote will celebrate Mass for all Firefighters/EMS personnel, in the Cathedral of Saint Patrick. Assembly at Chelsea Parade for the line-up and the procession (to the Cathedral) of all personnel and apparatus will begin at 3:00 p.m. Heather Mislivets-Ahern, Emergency Manager, Mashantucket Pequot Fire Department, and Robert Ziegler, President, Emergency Resource Management, are the Mass Committee Co-Chairs. The Homilist will be Deacon Wayne Sandford, Deacon at St. Therese Church, North Haven and Past Chief of the East Haven Fire Department. All companies, departments, and personnel and their families are cordially invited to participate. For more information call, Mrs. Terri Zampini at 860-887-9294, x265, or Monsignor Brown at x232.
- **Workshop for New Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** Saturday, October 24, 2015 from 9:30 to Noon Registration begins at 9:00 St. Joseph Parish, 99 Jackson Street, Willimantic 06226 Fee \$10
Registration form at: worship@norwichdiocese.net or call 860-848-2237x203
- **The Silver and Gold Jubilee Anniversary Mass Sunday, October 18, 2015 -- 2:00p.m. Cathedral of St. Patrick** Inviting all couples married 25 & 50 years or a significant anniversary in renewal of your wedding vows at the Pontifical Mass celebrated by Bishop Michael R. Cote at the Cathedral of St. Patrick. Family members are invited to share in your celebration. A reception follows the Mass. Please contact Cheryl in the parish office to register. Registration deadline is October 13.
- Life in the Spirit will be presented on DVD's beginning Wednesday October 21st at the Spiritual Renewal Center, 11 Bath Street, Norwich, CT 06360. Two sessions held each week 2 pm and 7 pm. The series runs for 7 weeks. Fr. Ray and Judith will facilitate. Please call 860-887-0702 to register. A Free Will Offering will be accepted.
- **CT Catholic Men's Conference 2015** Annual Connecticut Catholic Men's Conference, Saturday October 24th from 8am – 5pm at Goodwin College, East Hartford. Come join hundreds of Catholic men from our three dioceses. The day includes talks by four inspiring speakers, holy Mass with our priests and bishops, confessions heard throughout the day by many priests a, good music, opportunity to meet great men and priests from our dioceses. Our theme this year is **Family Man**. Come and learn more about your faith! The tickets are \$40. Ticket includes lunch and may be purchased at our website www.CTCatholicMen.org or by calling 860.484.7950. Speaker information, directions to Goodwin College are also on the site. See you there on the last Saturday of October.
- **RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT WEEKENDS**
"I did not think the sorrow and wounds from my

abortion, could be healed". Healing and forgiveness can begin with a **Rachel's Vineyard Retreat**. Retreat Oct. 16-18 in RI and Spanish Oct. 23-25 in RI call 401-421-7833 ext.118. Retreat Oct. 30-Nov. 1 in CT call 203-631-9030. rachelsvineyard.org "**PROJECT RACHEL**" is our Diocesan ministry for anyone seeking healing and forgiveness. Priests in **Project Rachel** ministry are there for you with God's Grace and Mercy. Call 860-889-8346 ext.283. All inquiries are confidential.

- Mass of Healing is offered at the Spiritual Renewal Center 11 Bath Street Norwich, CT on October 26th. Mass is at 2:00 PM. Fr. Ray is the Celebrant and a healing prayer by Judith.
- Please join Bishop Cote at the Sixth Annual Seton Scholarship Dinner honoring the recipients of the *Most Reverend Michael R. Cote, D.D. Award for Contributions to Catholic Education* to be held at 4 PM on Sunday, November 1, 2015 at The Riverhouse at Goodspeed Station, 55 Bridge Road, Haddam, Connecticut. This year's honorees are Brother Lawrence Harvey, CFX, Sister Mary A. McCarthy, RSM and Mrs. Kathleen R. Clancy. Tickets are \$150/person. All proceeds benefit Catholic Schools within the Diocese. Opportunities for sponsorship and program advertising are available. For tickets and more information, please contact Kathy Gaito at 860-886-1928 ext. 15, kgaito@norwichdiocese.net or visit www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org.
- Healing and Freedom Conference will be presented on Saturday, November 7th at the Spiritual Renewal Center 11 Bath Street Norwich, CT- **Please note the date change**. Conference will begin at 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Donation is \$25.00. Pre-registration is required. Please call Spiritual Renewal Office (860) 887-2702

We wish to bring it to your attention that there are a great many people attending Mass on weekends that suffer from asthma, allergies or are undergoing chemotherapy. Colognes, after shave and fragrances can aggravate these conditions. Please be considerate.

CHRISTMAS FAIRS:



- ❖ Yuletide Festival, Nov. 7, 2015 from 8:00 am - 2:00 pm @ St. Mary Church, 218 Providence St., Putnam, CT.
- ❖ **Kris Kringle Christmas Fair:** Saturday November 14th from 9am – 4pm at STs. Peter & Paul Church Hall, 181 Elizabeth Street, Norwich.

Career Opportunity:

The Knights of Columbus is seeking a Field Agent for a career opportunity representing their insurance company programs. We offer a complete benefits package with this full-time position. In order to qualify, one must be eligible for membership in the Knights of Columbus. For more information, please call Tom Kenny, General Agent, at 860.434.7002 or e-mail your resume to thomas.kenny@koc.org

MASS INTENTIONS

We have several open Masses during 2015. 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.

Called to Protect Workshop for Parents and Families

In compliance with the Diocese of Norwich Safe Environments Awareness and Education Program, a Called to Protect Workshop for Parents and Families will be held at Saint Francis of Assisi Church in the Church on Thursday evening, November 5th at 7:00pm.

If you plan to attend, please RSVP by signing up at the side entrance of Church by Wednesday, October 28th.

40 Days for LIFE **Sept. 23 – Nov. 1**

Our 9th consecutive year of running this round-the-clock prayer vigil to raise awareness for the sanctity of LIFE here in Norwich, CT. Please prayerfully consider your participation in this important campaign

To sign up online or for more information please visit www.40daysforlife.com/norwich or call Brian Daly at BJDaly@aol.com or 860-822-1788

We pray for an end to abortion here in CT and in our Nation and we ask that you prayerfully discern your personal role in this Fall's 40 Days for LIFE campaign...Thank you!

Mercy High School,

1740 Randolph Road, Middletown, CT.

Open House will be Sunday, November 1, 2015 at 1:00pm.
Entrance Exam for the Class of 2020 will be Saturday, November 14, 2015 from, 8am – 11:15am. Testing fee is \$30.00. Register at www.mercyhigh.com

Defending Our Religious Liberty Oct. 11, 2015

The Connecticut Catholic Conference notes that, since 1919, the Catholic Church has been a longstanding advocate of universal, accessible and life-affirming health care. However, the HHS mandate of the Affordable Care Act harshly penalizes those employers who do not provide abortions and other contraception coverage for their employees.

If you haven't done so already, please voice your opposition to the federal health care mandate by calling U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Sylvia Mathews Burwell at 202-205-5445, and your elected representatives. Let them know that the mandate is in violation of our First Amendment right to religious freedom.