

**We are pleased and honored  
To welcome you to  
St. Francis of Assisi Parish**  
67 West Town Street, Lebanon, CT 06249  
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www.stfrancisassislebanonct.parishesonline.com  
Rev. Mark Masnicki, Pastor  
Rev. Benjamin Soosaimanickam, Parochial Vicar  
Deacon Michael Puscas



**MASS  
INTENTIONS**

**Saturday April 9, 2016 Easter Weekday**

4:00 PM Confessions

5:00 PM Theresa Baran req. by John Janowski

**Sunday, April 10, 2016 Third Sunday of Easter**

8:00 AM Robert Vos req. by the Palmer family

10:30 AM John Jr. Ziomek

**Monday April 11, 2016 St. Stanislaus, bishop, martyr**

NO MASS

**Tuesday April 12, 2016 Easter Weekday**

NO MASS

**Wednesday April 13, 2016 St. Martin I, pope, martyr**

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

**Thursday April 14, 2016 Easter Weekday**

NO MASS

**Friday April 15, 2016 Easter Weekday**

9:00 AM Souls in Purgatory

9:30 AM Chaplet of Divine Mercy

**Saturday April 16, 2016 Easter Weekday**

4:00 PM Confessions

5:00 PM Ray Boisvert req. by his family

**Sunday, April 17, 2016 Fourth Sunday of Easter**

8:00 AM Robert Vos req. by C. Wheaton

10:30 AM Julie Coscia req. by her family

Offertory: \$ 2,659.00

Monthly Extraordinary: \$ 456.00

A very sincere thanks to all those parishioners who make-up their offertory while away.

Every Thursday ~ Adoration at 8:30 ~ Rosary at 6:00 ~  
Benediction at 7:00pm.

**Weekend of April 16 & 17**

5:00pm Lector: JoAnn Hay

Eucharistic Minister: Jim Hay

Altar Servers: Grace Gardella, Elizabeth Spedaliero

8:00am Lector: Rick Kane

Eucharistic Minister: Gregg Lafontaine

Altar Servers: Christian & Jack Terwilliger

10:30am Lector: Don Dubiel

Eucharistic Minister: Pat Dubiel

Altar Servers: Becca Chesters, Anna Campbell

**Youth Group (www.standrewym.org)**

**Life Teen High School youth Ministry Gr. 8-12.**

**Sun. April 3** Life Teen Mass 5pm followed by dinner & our Divine Mercy celebration/last life night on the year of Mercy.

**Sun. April 10** Life Teen Mass. No activity due to Confirmation retreat.

Meeting @ St. Andrew Church.

**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

Sgt. 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

Sgt. Chad Pellerin, U.S. Army Dubai

Airman Emerson Flannery, U.S. Navy

**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** — We pray for Bishop Michael R Cote, Rev. Wojciech Pelczarski SDS, Rev. Bruce Quinn OFM Cap, Rev. Keith Shuley, Rev. Victor Chaker, Rev. Brian Romanoski, Rev. Thomas Smith, Rev. Anthony DiMarco, Rev. John Gallagher OFM Cap, Rev. Jan Swiderski, Rev. Dariusz Dudzik, Rev. Joseph Whittel, Rev. Erik Lenhart OFM Cap. Father, recall to our priests that they hold between their hands the Most Precious Treasure of the Church: the Blood of the Sacred Victim. (Mother Catherine Aurelia, foundress)  
We also pray for any priests who have left the ministry.

**OLD PHOTOS/VIDEOS OF THE  
ROUTE 87 CHURCH WANTED!!**



In two years St. Francis will celebrate 75 years in Lebanon and the memories of the Route 87 church are slowly fading.

Do you have old photos of the Route 87 church? Inside or outside photos are appreciated.

Baptisms, First Communion, Confirmation, weddings of yourself or other members of your family?

Do you have old video of any of these occasions?

Please contact Barbara at 860-642-7168,

[bobbie.w@charter.net](mailto:bobbie.w@charter.net) if you have any to share.

Copies or originals are accepted and originals will be copied and returned.

If possible, please supply date and identify people in the photos.

### SEEKING - PARISH ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Consideration for candidates to the Parish Advisory Council shall be by Letter of Intent.

- (a) Active parishioners are eligible.
- (b) Parishioners may nominate any interested parishioner, including themselves.
- (c) Must be a Roman Catholic.
- (d) Must be a practicing Catholic in accordance of Canon Law.
- (e) Must be Confirmed (meaning, has received the Sacrament of Confirmation).

A parishioner desiring to serve on the Parish Advisory Council should be nominated by making his or her interest known to the Pastor. The Pastor will verify and confirm that such individual is eligible and is a Catholic in good standing.



### **Our CCD Project for Haiti.** **You can help a build a Happy House!**

Every contribution helps.

**OUR GOAL: \$ 1,250.00.**  
**Collected to date 1,078.73**

Each grade will have a jar to collect loose change. Just send your loose change in each CCD class to add to the jar. A jar will also be available in Church for parishioners to make donations. This project will be ongoing for the entire school year.

### **Working together Saint Francis can provide a Happy House for Haiti.**

Any extra funds collected will be used to purchase chickens, goats, or pigs.



### **Trip to Incredible India**

12 days from October 16<sup>th</sup> to 27 - 2016

South and North India.

Cost : \$ 3,450.00 per person from

New York double occupancy

Hosted by Fr. Benjamin Soosaimanickam

St. Andrew Church, Colchester

For more information:

Contact Fr. Benjamin 860.537.2355

Email- benjaminvin@yahoo.com.

### **Holy Family Summer Camp 2016**

#### **Theme: Oceans of Mercy**

The Sisters of Charity of our Lady Mother of the Church are having their annual Summer Camp from July 28-July 31 located at Holy Family Motherhouse in Baltic, CT. The Camp is for girls from ages 11-15. Come join us for a wonderful spiritual experience and lots of fun!

Contact Sister Mary Kathleen, SCMC at 860.423.5122 or [smarykathleen@gmail.com](mailto:smarykathleen@gmail.com) or Sister Rafael, SCMC at 860.822.8241. All forms are on our website: [www.sistersofcharity.com](http://www.sistersofcharity.com) God Bless you and we hope that the Ocean of Christ's Mercy fills you with peace and joy.

### **THE NEXT WOMEN'S ACTS RETREAT WEEKEND FOR ST. ANDREW, ST. FRANCIS & ST. PATRICK CHURCH WILL TAKE PLACE ON APRIL 14-17**

at the newly renovated Immaculata Retreat Center in Willimantic. We invite all women to consider making this beautiful life-changing retreat. This is a three day, 3 night Catholic lay Retreat presented by women who have attended prior ACTS retreats. Retreat activities focus on Adoration, Community, Theology, and Service with the goals of renewing yourself spiritually and strengthening your faith and its application to your daily life, and to create lasting and supporting friendships. The cost of the retreat is \$230.00. Registration forms are located at the entrances to the Church. Please call Karen Bouley Director @ 860.334.7090, or Virginia Hurlbert (Co-Director) @ 860.803.4220 (Retreat Director) @ 860.614.3901, Tracy London (Co- Director with any questions you may have. Registration forms are also available on the [www.actsct.org](http://www.actsct.org) website.

### **Holy Family Retreat Center, West Hartford.** **[www.holyfamilyretreat.org](http://www.holyfamilyretreat.org) 860-760-9705**

Wednesday, Apr 20, 6-9 p.m. This Changes Everything: Laudato Si, Our Planet, and Our Common Future, with Patrick Carolan. A discussion of what the Pope's groundbreaking encyclical means to us as individuals, as a Church, and as a global family. Includes an engaging presentation and a prayer service for peace with musicians from Holy Family's music ministry. \$40, includes dinner.

### **DIAL 2-1-1**

Is your child in crisis? Do you need immediate help with:

- A child who is angry and out of control?
- A child who is destroying property, breaking the law, or doing things that are life threatening?
- A child who is threatening to hurt him/herself or others?
- Any behavioral crisis involving a youth?

DIAL 2-1-1 to get help NOW!

You will be connected with EMPS – Crisis Intervention Services...a toll free confidential service connecting people to the health and human services they need. Staffed with counselors that are available immediately, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, in person or by phone. Helps resolve behavioral or emotional crises, at home, in school, wherever help is needed.

EMPS is a program funded by the State of Connecticut in partnership with United Way of Connecticut 2-1-1. [www.empsct.org](http://www.empsct.org)

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

- ❖ **Mass of Healing and Individual Prayer:** Mondays, April 11th & April 25th at 1:00PM Spiritual Renewal Center, 11 Bath Street, Norwich, CT (860-887-0702)
- ❖ **Charismatic Prayer Meeting:** Every Tuesday at 2:00pm Prayer, Praise and Worship the Lord Jesus! Spiritual Renewal Center, 11 Bath Street, Norwich, CT (860-887-0702)
- ❖ **Open House Saint Joseph School** in Baltic (10 School Hill Road) Monday April 11th 9am – 11:30am. Visit classes, meet with current parents and teachers. For further information contact Sr. Mary Patrick, principal @ 860.822.6141.
- ❖ **April Day of Recollection** with Ms. Kathy Irr @ Enders Island, Mystic, CT. Begins Wednesday April 13 at 10:00am. "Get Out of the Boat". [www.endersisland.com](http://www.endersisland.com) 860.536.0565
- ❖ **Retrouvaille: 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 next weekend on **April 15** in the Hartford area, call 413-525-1634 or visit the Website at [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org).
- ❖ **East Catholic High School Make-Up Exam for 8<sup>th</sup> graders** Thursday April 14 @ 8am 115 New State Road, Manchester. Pre-registration is recommended but not required. Non-refundable fee \$25. 860.649.5336 x6238 or x6456.
- ❖ **Natural Family Planning** is scientific, safe, and is 99 percent effective for conceiving or responsibly postponing a baby. A class for married and engaged couples begins on **Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at St. John's in Old Saybrook**. For more information call the **Collisons at 860-399-8265** or to register for a class go to [www.ccli.org](http://www.ccli.org). Another resource for couples with infertility that is based on the Catholic faith is the Creighton Model Fertility Care System and NaPro Technology. For more information on this additional form of NFP contact **Jennifer Tress at 860-466-9612** or [jen.tress@gmail.com](mailto:jen.tress@gmail.com)
- ❖ **Free Parenting Webinar** -- A free one-hour webinar entitled **Parenting in a Sexualized Culture** is being hosted by the Religious Alliance Against Pornography, an ecumenical/interreligious group with Catholic participation through the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Secretariat of Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth. The webinar will provide useful advice, strategies, and biblical understanding for parents, grandparents and all who minister to children to help them thrive in a sexualized, digitized age. The dates for the webinar are **Thursday, April 21 at 12 P.M.**, and **Tuesday, April 26 at 9 P.M.** Free registration is available at <http://bit.ly/ParentingWebinar> For more information, contact the Catholic Family Services Office at 860-848-2237, ext. 306.
- ❖ You are invited to our **9<sup>th</sup> Annual Gala**, to be held April 23, 2016 at Great Neck Country Club, Waterford, CT. Reception at 6:00pm followed by dinner (4 menu options). Live and silent auction! MC's will be Fox 61 personalities John Charlton and Lorenzo Hall. Live entertainment during reception. For more details or to

order tickets, see our website at [www.outreachtohaiti.org](http://www.outreachtohaiti.org), or call 860-887-1019 x817.

- ❖ **Eucharistic Holy Hour for Vocations** April 28 at St. Mary Star of the Sea in New London 7-8pm.
- ❖ **Summer Programs at Mercy High School:** Register at [www.mercyhigh.com](http://www.mercyhigh.com)
  - **Higher Achievement Program for girls rising to 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grades.** Academic Skills, sports, crafts, robotics, arts, community service. Monday July 11 – Friday July 22 9am – 3pm
  - **Theater Arts Program for girls rising to 6<sup>th</sup> through 9<sup>th</sup> grades.** Creative and interactive musical theater experience that will focus on Musical Theater performance, special effects, makeup, and costuming. Monday July 18-Friday July 22 9am-3pm.
  - **2016 Basket Ball Clinic for girls rising to 5<sup>th</sup> through 9<sup>th</sup> grades.** Monday July 25-Friday July 29 9am-12 noon.
  - **2016 Soccer Clinic for girls rising to 5<sup>th</sup> through 9<sup>th</sup> grades.** Monday July 18-Thursday July 21 5pm-7pm

### **Defending Our Religious Liberty April 10, 2016**

Those who say that the Catholic Church is discriminating against poor women by opposing the health care mandate are completely misinformed. The Catholic Church is against requirements contained in the mandate that would force them to pay for surgical procedures such as: sterilization, abortion-inducing drugs, and contraception that go against our moral convictions, and therefore, impede religious freedom.

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 state representatives. Let them know that the mandate is in violation of our First Amendment right to religious freedom.

### **Citizen of the Year Nomination**

Nominations for the 2016 Lebanon Citizen of the Year Award are being sought. This award was established by the Lebanon Bicentennial Commission and was first presented in 1974. His award is presented to an individual of good character who has made significant volunteer contributions to the community; this may include time volunteered to clubs, organizations, churches and hospitals. Any person who wishes to submit a nomination may pick up or request a nomination form from the Office of the First Selectman, Lebanon Town Hall, or download it from the web at: [www.lebanonct.gov](http://www.lebanonct.gov). Nominations will be accepted up until Monday, May 16, 2016 at 4:00pm and may be mailed or delivered by hand in a **sealed envelope clearly marked "Citizen of the Year Nomination"** to the Lebanon Town Hall, Office of the First Selectman, 579 Exeter Road, Lebanon, CT 06249. **Original signatures are required on the nomination forms or letters.** The Lebanon Citizen of the Year will be chosen by ballot by the Town's past recipients of the award. The name will be announced during the ceremonies following the Memorial Day Parade on May 28, 2016. In the event of inclement weather and the parade is cancelled, the ceremony will be held at the Lyman Memorial High School gymnasium beginning at 10am. There is no rain date.



**ST. ANDREW CHOIR'S 8<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
MULTI-FAMILY TAG SALE**



Are you getting spring fever?? It's that time of year again...when the St. Andrew Choir holds their Giant Indoor Annual Multi-Family Tag Sale. The date is Saturday, May 7th from 8:30 AM to 2:00 PM in the church hall on Norwich Avenue in Colchester. Table rentals are \$20 and you will be provided with (2) six foot tables. Space is limited so please call early to reserve your spot. The hall will be open on Friday, May 6th for table set-up. Weather permitting, you can also set up outside if you choose. We will also be taking donations (housewares, books, toys, sporting, antiques/collectables, jewelry, small furniture) from the community as the choir will be renting a space to sell these items. All proceeds from these sales go right back into the Colchester community Food & Fuel Bank Programs. All donations are tax deductible. These items can be brought to the church hall on May 6th as well. For further information about donations and/or tag sale rental forms, please contact Carol at 860-303-1842 or Addie at 860-267-2968. Hope to see you there!! Thank you, The St. Andrew Choir

**2016 Passion Play DVD's**

If you wish to purchase a DVD copy of the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Andrew Passion Play you may order directly on-line at <https://www.showchoirvideos.com/collections/st-andrew> to reserve your copy today. Should you wish not to place your order on line, please contact Terry Phillips at [mephillips@snet.net](mailto:mephillips@snet.net) or 860.608.0130. The cost of the DVD is \$25.00 plus \$2.00 S&H.

**Gołabki (Stuffed Cabbage) Dinner at St. Joseph Church, 120 Cliff St. Norwich!**

Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 to 6:30pm, St. Joseph Church will be sponsoring a traditional Gołabki dinner. Full meal; 2 Gołabki, mashed potatoes, green beans, dinner roll, drink and dessert! Adults \$9.00, Senior/Child, 1 Gołabki \$7.00. Pre-orders tray of 8 Gołabki for \$12.00 are now being taken, please call Kasia at 860-608-3545 or Kathy at 860-889-6921. Bring your family and friends and join us in the church hall.

**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 Email address:  
[cheryl@stfrancisassisilebanonct.org](mailto:cheryl@stfrancisassisilebanonct.org)**



Thank you to all who made our "Spring Fling" dinner last weekend such a wonderful success. We sincerely appreciate our

parishioners and the community members who joined us for the evening supporting our fundraiser. We couldn't do it without all those came and those who volunteered their time to help with set up and the many that stayed afterward to help clean up. Thank you everyone!!!

Jennie Brewster & Alicia Lamb, Co-Chairs  
Ladies Guild Dinner Committee

**Programs at Lebanon Historical Society Museum  
located at 856 Trumbull Hwy., Lebanon**

for more information call 860-642-6579

[museum@historyoflebanon.org](mailto:museum@historyoflebanon.org)

[www.historyoflebanon.org](http://www.historyoflebanon.org)

**Friday, April 8 from 6 pm - 8 pm "Remember When"**

Friday Night Open House for Lyman Graduates 1960-1985 View our new exhibit and browse through decades of old yearbooks. *Free event. Enjoy our refreshments or bring your own!*

**Sunday, April 17 @ 2 pm "Puzzle Jug, Mug & Bowl"**

Presentation by Rick Hamlin, historical potter  
*Refreshments. Free to members, \$2 for non-members*

**Volunteer Training Saturday, April 23 9:30am—11:30am or Monday, April 25 6:30pm—8:30pm**

The Lebanon Historical Society will host two training sessions for volunteers interested in learning to interpret the historic Pastor's **Library (1869) and Beaumont House (circa 1790)** on Saturday morning April 23 or Monday evening April 25. Each session will include historical information about the buildings and techniques for sharing this information with visitors. Interested volunteers should plan to attend one or the other session.

To register, please call the Lebanon Historical Society Museum 860-642-6579

or email [museum@historyoflebanon.org](mailto:museum@historyoflebanon.org).

**URGENT URGENT URGENT URGENT**

Saint Francis of Assisi Parish needs young people (girls and boys, grades 4 and above) to serve at the Lord's Table as altar servers.

Please register me for the Altar Server training sessions, date to be announced.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone# \_\_\_\_\_