

**We are pleased and honored
To welcome you to
St. Francis of Assisi Parish**
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Rev. Mark Masnicki, Pastor
Rev. Benjamin Soosaimanickam, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Michael Puscas



**MASS
INTENTIONS**

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

Monday April 18, 2016 Easter Weekday

NO MASS

Tuesday April 19, 2016 Easter Weekday

NO MASS

Wednesday April 20, 2016 Easter Weekday

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

Thursday April 21, 2016 St. Anselm, bishop, doctor of the Church

NO MASS

Friday April 22, 2016 Easter Weekday

9:00 AM Souls in Purgatory
9:30 AM Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Saturday April 23, 2016 St. George, martyr; St. Adalbert, bishop, martyr

4:00 PM Confessions
5:00 PM Theresa Baran req. by the Olsewski family

Sunday, April 24, 2016 Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM Richard Pratt req. by his family
10:30 AM Arthur Choquette req. by his family

Offertory: \$ 2,406.11

Next weekend's second collection is for building & maintenance.
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 23 & 24

5:00pm Lector: Bob Nejako
Eucharistic Minister: Carole Briggs
Altar Servers: Nicholas Barrett, Nina Gardella
8:00am Lector: Jim Dyer
Eucharistic Minister: Kathy Walden
Altar Servers: Anthony Pomerleau, Wayne Woodward
10:30am Lector: Roger Proulx
Eucharistic Minister: Paul Pelletier
Altar Servers: Erika Densman, Marianne Clippinger

**Ladies Guild Meeting Monday April 18 at
7pm. Please bring a wedding photo and a
box of cereal (any kind).**

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
1st Lt. Miles N. Snelgrove USMC 2nd Batt. 6th 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 Rev. Francis Rouleau, Rev. Joseph Ashe, Rev. Leon Susaimanickam, Msgr. Robert Brown, Rev. Brian Converse, Rev. Edward Dempsey DBA, Rev. George Busto CO, Rev. Peter Liszewski, Rev. Augustine Naduvilekoot, Rev. Mark O'Donnell, Rev. John Marciniak, Rev. Dennis Mercieri. 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 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.

Youth Group (www.standrewym.org)
Life Teen High School youth Ministry Gr. 8-12.
Sun. April 17 5pm Life Teen Mass followed by dinner & social. **Sun. April 24 5pm** Life Teen Mass followed by 1st annual parents Life Night
 Meeting @ St. Andrew Church.

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 1,271.52

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 16th 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.

Thank You The Norwich Diocesan Council of Catholic Women's Annual Layette Program was a great success. Thank you to all our parishioners who graciously donated to this program. All items collected went to Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Norwich.

All ladies of the Parish are invited to the **61st Norwich Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Annual Convention** Saturday May 14th at St. Andrew's Church, Colchester. Be the Voice of Catholic Women: *Sowers of Hope*. The day begins at 9 a.m. with coffee and registration and goes until 2:30. The keynote speaker is Rev. Brian Maxwell, Spiritual Advisor for the NDCCW and Missionary of Mercy appointed by Bishop Michael Cote. A celebration of the Eucharist with Bishop Cote and lunch will follow. \$25.00 includes lunch and materials. The deadline to register is May 2, 2016. Registration forms can be found at the church entrances.

NEW One-Day-Retreat! (Saturday, May 21, 2016) (8:45am – 5:00pm includes 4:15 Sat. Vigil Mass)
 In this hands-on, practical retreat; you will learn how to build a personal relationship with Christ, how God speaks through the bible and catechism, and how we can speak to God and listen to God every day!
 Cost of \$45 includes coffee and donuts and a buffet lunch. Speakers are ACTS teammates (Dan Leone: prior retreat director & his wife Debbie, Dom Marrara & Bill Ziegenhagen both past ACTS leaders) and Tony Coscia and Fr. Bill McCarthy. Open to all men & woman (age 13 plus, with adult supervision).
 There will be time for audience questions and answers.
Register at My Father's House; 39 N Moodus Rd; Moodus, CT 06469, Tel. 860-873-1906 or at mfh.moodus@gmail.com

Holy Family Summer Camp 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 or Sister Rafael, SCMC at 860.822.8241. All forms are on our website: www.sistersofcharity.com God Bless you and we hope that the Ocean of Christ's Mercy fills you with peace and joy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

- ❖ **Charismatic Prayer Meeting** every Tuesday at 2 PM
Spiritual Renewal Center.
- ❖ **PHILIP RETREAT WEEKEND** April 23 from 9 AM-4 PM and April 24 from 9 AM – 1:30 PM at Spiritual Renewal Center. Experience God's Love. Pre-register 860-887-0702 \$25 donation
- ❖ **Mass of Healing and Individual Prayer:** Monday, April 25th at 1:00PM Spiritual Renewal Center, 11 Bath Street, Norwich, CT (860-887-0702)
- ❖ **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 **9th 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, or call 860-887-1019 x817.
- ❖ **24-30 is National Infertility Awareness Week.** The Creighton Model Fertility Care System, which is based on our Catholic faith, provides new hope for couples who are going through the experience of infertility or low fertility. Not only does this system inform couples of when they are most fertile, it also aids in identifying factors that may be contributing to infertility. For more information, please contact Jennifer Tress at 860-466-9612 or jen.tress@gmail.com.
- ❖ **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
 - **Higher Achievement Program for girls rising to 7th & 8th grades.** Academic Skills, sports, crafts, robotics, arts, community service. Monday July 11 – Friday July 22 9am – 3pm
 - **Theater Arts Program for girls rising to 6th through 9th 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 5th through 9th grades.** Monday July 25-Friday July 29 9am-12 noon.
 - **2016 Soccer Clinic for girls rising to 5th through 9th grades.** Monday July 18-Thursday July 21 5pm-7pm

Holy Family Retreat Center, West Hartford. 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.

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. 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.

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

Saturday May 7th 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.

Thank you to all parishioners for your generous support of the 8th grade clothing drive for the Lebanon Children's Clothing Wardrobe.
Your participation in our Jubilee Year of Mercy Project is very much appreciated.



Thank You!

**ST. ANDREW CHOIR'S 8TH 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 12th 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 or 860.608.0130. The cost of the DVD is \$25.00 plus \$2.00 S&H.

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

For more information call 860-642-6579

museum@historyoflebanon.org

www.historyoflebanon.org

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.

Defending Our Religious Liberty April 17, 2016

The Catholic Church is not asking for special treatment when it comes to the federal healthcare mandate, she is simply asking that every American's right to religious freedom be protected. This right is not only about our ability to go to Mass on Sunday, or to pray the Rosary at home. It is about adhering to the tenets of our faith, so that we can contribute to the common good of all Americans. 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.

Beginning Experience Retreat Weekend for divorced, widowed, or separated. This weekend is designed for those who wish to resolve the pain and grief of losing the marriage relationship and create a more peace-filled future.

May 13 -15 at the Archdiocesan Center at St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield, CT. The weekend fee is \$235 per person, which includes the program and materials, all meals on Saturday and Sunday and two night's stay. For more information and an application for yourself or for a friend, please call 860.993.7866 or 845.373.8202.

www.beginningexperience.org/connecticut

Join us at WAIM Annex to Celebrate the WAIM Community Garden. Please bring a dish to share for the Pot Luck dinner followed by



Viewing: WAIM Community Garden Documentary and brief presentations from WAIM, Grow Windham, & Click. Friday April 22 Earth Day from 6-8pm. 866 Main Street, Willimantic. Free. All are welcome. Please bring a dish to share for the Pot Luck dinner