

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



**MASS
INTENTIONS**

Saturday April 30, 2016 St. Pius V, pope

4:00 PM Confessions

5:00 PM Bill Brewster req. by his family

Sunday, May 1, 2016 Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

10:30 AM Virginia Hartley req. by the Palmer family

Monday May 2, 2016 St. Athanasius, bishop, doctor of the Church

NO MASS

Tuesday May 3, 2016 Sts. Philip & James, apostles

NO MASS

Wednesday May 4, 2016 Vigil Ascension of the Lord – Holy Day of Obligation

9:00 AM Rev. Bruce Quinn OFM Cap

7:00 PM Vigil Ascension ~ Souls in Purgatory

Thursday May 5, 2016 Ascension of the Lord – Holy Day of Obligation

9:15 AM For those in the parish who are ill

Friday May 6, 2016 Easter Weekday

9:00 AM John Jr. Ziomek

9:30 AM Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Saturday May 7, 2016 Easter Weekday

10:30 AM First Holy Communion

4:00 PM Confessions

5:00 PM For all mothers living & deceased

Sunday, May 8, 2016 Seventh Sunday of Easter Mother's Day

8:00 AM For all mothers living & deceased

10:30 AM For all mothers living & deceased

Offertory: \$ 1,905.00

Building & maintenance: \$ 590.00

Today's second collection is for the Seminary.

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.

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

Weekend of May 7 & 8

5:00pm Lector: Carole Briggs

Eucharistic Minister: Pam Flaherty

Altar Servers: Grace & Genevieve Gardella,
Elizabeth Spedaliere

8:00am Lector: Rosanne Coffey

Eucharistic Minister: Joan Grecki

Altar Servers: Anthony & Emily Pomerleau,
Wayne Woodward

10:30am Lector: Angela Corentin

Eucharistic Minister: Pat Dubiel

Altar Servers: Becca Chesters, Marianne Clippinger

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 Bishop Michael

R. Cote, Rev. Robert Washabaugh, Rev. Leo Almendra, V. Rev. David Choquette, Rev. Michael Giannitelli, Rev. Domink Libiszewski OSPPE, Msgr. James Carini, Rev. Gregory Mullaney, Rev. Joseph Castaldi, Rev. John Antonelle, Rev. Alfred Irving, Rev. Thomas Angelo, Rev. William McNulty, Mary Immaculate...we know you are blessing our priests. Dear Mother, cover with your material mantle those whom Jesus has honored with the authority and dignity of His priesthood. (Mother Catherine Aurelia, foundress)

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



- ✓ Sunday May 1 Children's Mass Grades K & 6 helping @ 10:30am. Refreshments following Mass in the Meeting Room.
- ✓ Monday May 2 First Confession for the second grade class @ 6pm
- ✓ Wednesday May 4 Parish Advisory Council @ 6:30pm
- ✓ Thursday May 5 Knights of

Columbus @ 7pm

- ✓ Friday May 6 First Holy Communion Rehearsal @ 6pm
- ✓ First Holy Communion Saturday May 7 @ 10:30am
- ✓ Living Rosary Sunday May 8 @ 9am meeting at the Rosary Path at the Parish House
- ✓ Liturgy Committee Wednesday May 11 @ 6:30am

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.



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.

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.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER: You are invited to come and pray for God's protection and healing for our country. **Meeting at the Flagpole on the Lebanon Green** during either of two times on May 5th at 7am and/or 5pm. Each hour long event is on a drop-in basis...please come and go as your schedule dictates.

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.

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

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 Achdiocesan 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

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.

The Sisters of Charity of Our Lady Mother of the Church invite girls in 2nd and 3rd grades to our Share-A-Day with the Sisters From 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 14th, 2016 at Holy Family Motherhouse in Baltic, CT. This special day features a May Crowning by the girls and includes recreation, talks, activities and prayers with the Sisters. Please R.S.V.P. by May 11th. Respond or contact for more information to Sister Mary Jacinta. Telephone [\(860\)822-8241](tel:(860)822-8241) or email srmaryjacinta@gmail.com or write to Holy Family Motherhouse, PO Box 691, Baltic, CT 06330. Hope to see you there!

Golf Tournament

On Friday, June 17, 2016, the Baltic Knights of Columbus are sponsoring the SJS Golf Tournament, a charity Golf event to benefit St. Joseph Catholic School in Baltic, CT. It will be held at Mohegan Sun Golf Course, includes golf, cart, prizes, lunch & dinner. 11:30 BBQ Lunch & Registration 1:00 PM Shotgun Start Tee Off 6:00 PM Dinner, Awards & Silent Auction Sponsorship opportunities also available...it promises to be a great event for the school and the community. For more information, to make a donation or to register for the June 17th SJS Charity Golf Tournament please go to: www.kofcbaltic.org or call 860-576-0714

We look forward to seeing you there and we THANK YOU for your support!!!

ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

- ❖ **Charismatic Prayer Meeting** every Tuesday at 2 PM Spiritual Renewal Center.
- ❖ **The monthly Diocesan Pro-Life Mass will take place at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on Saturday, May 7 at 8:30 a.m.** Please join us and our celebrant **Rev. Robert Washabaugh** 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 both at the Cathedral and Planned Parenthood. A brunch in the Cathedral Hall will follow the Rosary this month.
- ❖ **Mass of Healing and Individual Prayer:** Monday May 9th at 1:00PM Spiritual Renewal Center, 11 Bath Street, Norwich, CT (860-887-0702)
- ❖ **Eucharistic Holy Hour for Vocations ~ May 19 at St. Mary in Portland from 6-7 pm.**
- ❖ **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

Defending Our Religious Liberty May 1, 2016

If insurance companies offer vision and dental plans separately, why can't the federal healthcare mandate offer separate plans for services that violate the religious freedom of Catholic organizations?

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.



The Parish would like to thank Jennie Brewster, Kevin Cwikla, Wally Gagnon, Gregg Lafontaine, Fran & Diane Malozzi, Bob Nejako, Jim Piro, Glenn & Peg Stygar, Kathy & John Walden, and Barbara &

Steve Wengloski for their dedication and hard work Saturday cleaning up the parish grounds. They did a terrific job!!



PLANT SALE

Sponsored By

Lebanon Knights of
Columbus #9653

Saturday May 21

From 9am – 6pm

And Sunday May 22

From 9am to 3pm.

The Knights will be selling

**flower plants ~ veggie plants ~ shrubs ~
and more! Also large Raffle table with many
great items.**

HELD AT: St. Francis of Assisi Church
67 West Town St., Lebanon, Ct.

**Our Ladies Guild will also be there selling
baked goods.**

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Norwich is actively looking for a Finance Manager.

The individual is responsible for the Agency's financial management functions including the bookkeeping and accounting, accounts receivable and accounts payable, billing and payroll functions. The Finance Manager will prepare monthly financial reports as well as grant proposals. Strong financial accounting and non-profit background desired. BA in accounting preferred.

Resume, cover letter, salary requirements and the contact information for three professional references should be sent to: Edward J. Tessman, Catholic Charities Diocese of Norwich at EdwardTessman@cfsn.org

A Gift for the Family

**Tuesday May 17
Lebanon Senior Center
12:45pm (after lunch)**

**Join us in a discussion lead by the local Clergy on
how to prepare your final arrangements.**

- ✓ **How to start the conversation with your family**
- ✓ **Wills**
- ✓ **Advanced Directives**
- ✓ **Service Planning**

**Invited guests include the Town of Lebanon Sexton,
Cremation Society of Connecticut, Attorneys Renee &
Tim Wentworth and local Clergy members.**

**Join us for lunch (12pm, \$4) or just stop by. Please
call 860.642.3040 to save a spot for lunch.**

Ladies Guild Graduating Senior Award

Any graduating high school senior who is a member of St. Francis Parish may apply for the Ladies Guild annual Graduating Senior Award. The maximum award is \$200. Applications are found at the church entrances or contact Barbara at bobbi.w@charter.net to be emailed a copy.

Please return by June 5th.

Make-up Entrance Exam East Catholic High School

Thursday May 5th @ 8am for 8th graders. \$25 non-refundable fee is required. Pre-registration not required, but is recommended. Call Admissions Office @ 860.649.5336 x96238 or x6456.



Our collection for the Happy House has ended. Total collection to date is \$1,318.48 plus a very generous donation for one of our parish families of \$1,250.00. Grand total is \$2,568.48. Our eighth grade class is walking

around the Green on May 1 to earn pledges they have collected. This will be added to our total. Final Total to be published Mother's Day. Thank you to everyone for your generous support of our CCD project.

The Liturgy Committee (composed of fellow parishioners) is charged with the responsibility of advising our parish of valuable ways to enhance the celebration of Holy Mass; so that all of us can be mindful of the true and real Presence of Jesus Christ here among us all during our attentive visits here at mass.

The Liturgy Committee sees it worthwhile to remind us about Mass Etiquette, which will help us get the most out of our Sacred Liturgy, and help us participate fully in the Holy Mass. The Liturgy Committee wishes to underscore that the Mass involves not only the work of the priest, but the work of the people as well.

Mass is an opportunity to listen carefully to the prayers and readings, and reflect on the fact that every mass throughout the world is using the same readings and Holy Rituals. We would appreciate if it everyone would maintain a holy attitude and a reverent silence, before and during the mass -- because many people come to church with problems, fears, sadness, and needs. Many are in deep prayer begging God for his Holy Help. When we unknowingly distract others we are distracting their quiet time with God (perhaps the only time they can find to visit God in this holy place).

As Jesus said: "My house shall be called a house of prayer".

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The annual diocesan Seminarian Education Fund Collection is an invitation for you to participate again this year in the education of our future priests, who are our *"hope for the future"*.

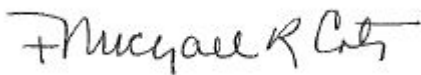
The mission of the priest is to bring us to Jesus, and to bring Jesus to us. Today, we are blessed to have more seminarians preparing for the priesthood than we have seen in many years in the Diocese. Eleven seminarians in all, four of whom are preparing to be ordained to the priesthood in June. This is a testament to the faith and prayers of our people, the strength of our families, the witness of our priests and religious, and especially to the goodness and mercy of God. We join together as a Diocese dedicated to the support of our seminarians. This is why we are asking for your continuing prayers and assistance.

Seminary costs now average \$28,000 a year per student. Our expenses this year to assist our seminarians with tuition, room and board and health care are an estimated \$308,000. Because the number of seminarians is increasing, so is our need to pay it forward by helping them with a generous contribution to the Seminarian Education Fund Collection, the weekend of April 30 – May 1, 2016. Your prayers and generosity will make a huge difference now — and for the future of our Church.

Our seminarians will be completing their seminary year early this May. Please keep them in your prayers as they come back to the diocese for a brief rest before heading to their various summer assignments around the diocese. Deacons Jeff Ellis, Peter Langevin, Tom Griffin and Juan Aguirre are preparing to be ordained to the Holy Priesthood on June 25, 2016, at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich. Please join us for this momentous occasion if you can.

Thank you, again, for what you prayerfully decide you can do to help defray the seminarians' education expenses for the coming year. May God bless each of you throughout this Easter Season and always for your many sacrifices and kindnesses. May He continue to call young men to His priesthood and both men and women to serve His Church in consecrated life.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Bishop of Norwich

Attention Graduating Seniors

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 or University, or Technical School in the fall of 2016.** Application deadline is May 10. The award for this year is \$400.00 and will be awarded on or about June 5, 2016. Applications are available at the parish office.

Youth Group (www.standrewym.org)

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

Sun. May 1 5pm Life Teen Mass followed by separate girls and guys life nights.

Sun. May 8 No Life Teen Mass or event due to Mother's Day.

Sun. May 15 Life Teen Mass followed by dinner and a huge Pentecost Sunday Adoration.

Sun. May 22 Life Teen Mass followed by dinner and the last regular life night of the year.

The Edge – Middle School Youth Group Grades 6-8

Sat. May 14 May Edge night in St. Andrew Hall 7:00 – 9:15 pm. Last Edge night of the year.

Meeting @ St. Andrew Church.

A **Life in the Spirit** will be offered at Immaculata Retreat House in Willimantic Monday May 7, 7pm. This is a DVD series which will run for 7 weeks. Contact is John Bass 860.642.6547. All are welcome.