

**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 June 4, 2016 Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

4:00 PM Confessions

5:00 PM Carolyn Sharpe req by her family

**Sunday, June 5, 2016 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM Souls in Purgatory

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

**Monday June 6, 2016 St. Norbert, priest**

NO MASS

**Tuesday June 7, 2016 Weekday**

NO MASS

**Wednesday June 8, 2016 Weekday**

9:00 AM People of the Parish living & deceased

**Thursday June 9, 2016 St. Ephrem, deacon, doctor of the Church**

NO MASS

**Friday June 10, 2016 Weekday**

9:00 AM Those parishioners who are ill

9:30 AM Chaplet of Divine Mercy

**Saturday June 11, 2016 St. Barnabas, apostle**

4:00 PM Confessions

5:00 PM Maurice Pelletier req. by his wife, Annette

**Sunday, June 12, 2016 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM Conception Cardona de Suarez req. by the Coutu & Flannery families

10:30 AM

Offertory: \$ St. Bernard School: \$  
Today's second collection is for Monthly Extraordinary Expenses.  
Next weekend's second collection is for the poor.  
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 June 11 & 12**

5:00pm Lector: Anne Staebner

Eucharistic Minister: Carole Briggs

Altar Servers: Steven Bardes, CJ Frank, Bradley Wiczorek

8:00am Lector: Rick Kane

Eucharistic Minister: Betsie Petrie

Altar Servers: Sam & Christian Terwilliger

10:30am Lector: Mark Bauer

Eucharistic Minister: Wally Gagnon

Altar Servers: Anna Campbell & Erika Densman

**CHRISTIAN MUSIC CONCERT WITH EVENING PRAYER (VESPER)** performed by the popular Christian Folk Group Jerusalem Road, will be held in St. Joseph Church Hall at 7 PM on Saturday, June 11. Don't miss this opportunity to celebrate God's Mercy as a community of faith. Free will donations will be gratefully accepted the night of the concert.

**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. Michael Sequeira, Msgr. Anthony Rosaforte, Rev. Richard Archambault, Rev. Patrick Martin, Rev. Stanley Szczapa, Rev. William Flynn, Rev. Richard Breton, V. Rev. Gregoire Fluet, V. Rev. Laurence LaPointe, Rev. Luis Agudelo, Rev. Arul Peter, Rev. V. Antony Alaharasan.  
Heavenly Father, the responsibility of Your priests is great. May the love of our Blessed Savior abound in their hearts. Glory to the Blood of Jesus! (Mother Catherine Aurelia, foundress)

**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.

**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](http://www.kofcbaltic.org) or call 860-576-0714 We look forward to seeing you there and we THANK YOU for your support!!!

**BABY BOTTLES FOR LIFE** Return them by Father's Day June 19<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. Empty baby bottles can be found at the side entrance.

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



**Holy Family Gift Shop at 54 West Main Street in Baltic CT will be open on Saturday June 25th from 10am to 3pm. We have beautiful religious articles on sale and free gifts for children under 5 years old. Books, rosaries, medals etc. These make great gifts for all family members and friends. God bless you.**

**Giant tag sale coming soon. This event will be hosted by the Sisters of Charity Our Lady Mother of the Church, Baltic CT in Saint Michael Center, 24 School Hill Road. Baltic, CT. Items include: antiques, house wares, tools, clothes, furniture, and much more. A tag saler's paradise. Save the date: June 24 4-8pm and June 25 9am—2pm.**

June is "Leave a Legacy" month in the Diocese of Norwich. It is a wonderful time to remind parishioners in the Diocese about the value of charitable estate planning. Some people choose to mark their legacy by requesting gifts made in memoriam to their parish, school, ministry or the Diocese in lieu of flowers upon their passing. Others include a bequest in their Will to their favorite Catholic organization. Still others opt to establish an endowment within The Catholic Foundation of the Diocese of Norwich to support a parish, school or ministry. If you are interested in learning more about how you can leave your legacy and support all of the good works that the Church is involved in, please contact Mary Ellen Mahoney, Development Manager, at (860) 886-1928 or [memahoney@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:memahoney@norwichdiocese.net).

**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES?**

Would you like to receive offertory envelopes? The rectory has received a number of inquiries regarding how an individual can receive them. Please fill out this form and within a few weeks they will be sent to you. If you have any questions, please call the rectory at 642-6711. Thank you!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

We are happy to welcome all new parishioners and glad to have you here with us today. All visitors are also welcome and we sincerely hope you have found nourishment for your life and faith as you worship here.



If you have recently moved to the area, please introduce yourself to our parish priest. You are cordially invited to register as a parishioner at the rectory office or fill out the form below and mail it in for more information. Please take a moment to complete this form, clip it out and either mail it or drop it in the offertory basket next week.

Every Catholic should be registered and make themselves known to the priest. Registration is necessary for enrollment in CCD classes, Confirmation classes, to arrange for baptisms, marriages, and to obtain sponsor certificates as godparents and witnesses. Thank you!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

**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)**

**Defending Our Religious Liberty June 5, 2016**  
 The United States Conference for Catholic Bishops (USCCB) is proud to announce the fourth annual "Fortnight for Freedom," beginning on June 21 through July 4<sup>th</sup>. This year's theme is "Witnesses to Freedom" which will put the spotlight on the many people who have been witness to religious freedom including the "Little Sisters of the Poor," who continue their valiant fight to protect the First Amendment right to religious freedom, for all of us. For more information, visit: [www.Fortnight4Freedom.org](http://www.Fortnight4Freedom.org).  
 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.

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

- ❖ **Charismatic Prayer Meeting** every Tuesday at 2 PM Spiritual Renewal Center.
- ❖ **RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT WEEKENDS**  
If you are silently grieving or suffering from an abortion, experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a **Rachel's Vineyard Retreat** June 10-12 in Litchfield, CT. Participation is totally confidential. For more information, call 203-631-9030 or e-mail [mlaffin@prolifeministry.org](mailto:mlaffin@prolifeministry.org) or visit the national website at [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org). **"PROJECT RACHEL"** is our Diocesan ministry for anyone seeking healing and forgiveness. Priests in the **Project Rachel** ministry are there for you with God's Grace and Mercy. Call 860-848-2237, ext. 306. All inquiries are confidential.
- ❖ **Mass of Healing and Individual Prayer:** Mondays June 13th, June 27th at 2 pm Spiritual Renewal Center, 11 Bath Street, Norwich, CT (860-887-0702)
- ❖ **Healing and Freedom Conference** – June 11th from 9:00am to 5:00pm. Fr. Ray Introvigne, Judith Hughes and team Call to register: 860-887-0702 (Attendance is Limited) Spiritual Renewal Center, 11 Bath Street, Norwich, CT
- ❖ **Blue Mass Breakfast Fundraiser, Sunday, June 12, 2016** at **Billy Wilson's Restaurant**  
57 Broadway, Norwich from 9:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m. MENU: Eggs, sausage wrap, pancakes, orange juice, home fries! The tickets for the breakfast are at no cost. However a donation to help defray the costs associated with the Blue Mass is appreciated. To benefit the Blue Mass Committee to defray expenses associated with the Annual Mass honoring law enforcement personnel. For more information or tickets please call Monsignor Brown at 860-887-9294, ext. 232 or Ms. Becky Cady 860-887-9294, ext. 235.
- ❖ **Eucharistic Holy Hour for Vocations ~ June 24 at St. Patrick Cathedral, Norwich from 7-8pm.**
- ❖ **Blue Mass Breakfast Fundraiser Sunday, June 12, 2015** Billy Wilson's Restaurant, 57 Broadway, Norwich. 9:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m. MENU: Eggs, sausage wrap, pancakes, orange juice, home fries! The tickets for the breakfast are at no cost. However a donation to help defray the costs associated with the Blue Mass is appreciated to benefit the Blue Mass Committee to defray expenses associated with the Annual Mass honoring law enforcement personnel. For more information or tickets please call Monsignor Brown at 860-887-9294, ext. 232 or Ms. Becky Cady 860-887-9294, ext. 235.
- ❖ **Marriage Encounter Weekend** ~ Married Couples give your marriage a well-deserved vacation. Plan to go on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and come back with a marriage that is refreshed and fully of energy! A weekend away renews the romance and excitement you experienced during your dating days. It will help you enjoy life with a new closeness to each other and with God. To register for the July 8-10 weekend in Manchester or for more information call 860-376-0440 or visit [www.wmect.org](http://www.wmect.org).

## **JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY**

### **What is a jubilee year?**

The practice of a jubilee year has ancient roots in the Jewish tradition and evidence for it can be found in the Old Testament (for example, see [Leviticus 25](#)). The jubilee year was called every fifty years and was a time for forgiveness. It stood as a reminder of God's providence and mercy. The dedication of a year for this emphasis provided the community with a time to come back into right relationship with one another and with God. As the practice of the jubilee year was adopted into the Catholic Church, these themes of mercy, forgiveness, and solidarity continued.

### **How is this Jubilee different from other Jubilee years?**

The Jubilee of Mercy that Pope Francis has called, from December 8, 2015 – November 20, 2016, is an Extraordinary Jubilee. This designation as an "Extraordinary Jubilee" sets it apart from the ordinary cycle of jubilees, or holy years, which are called every 25 years in the Catholic Church. By calling for a holy year outside of the normal cycle, a particular event or theme is emphasized. For example, Pope Francis called this particular Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy to direct our attention and actions "on mercy so that we may become a more effective sign of the Father's actions in our lives . . . a time when the witness of believers might grow stronger and more effective" ([MV, 3. . .](#)).

### **What are some key resources for the Jubilee of Mercy?**

Those wishing to take up Pope Francis' call to mercy throughout this Jubilee of Mercy are encouraged to explore the resources not only on the [official Vatican website](#). . . and the [USCCB's website](#), but also their local diocesan website. Numerous catechetical resources, events, and other activities have been prepared for the Jubilee of Mercy. Since the Holy Father would like this Jubilee of Mercy to be celebrated throughout the whole world at the local and universal levels, dioceses and parishes are encouraged to offer a variety of resources for their local parishioners in addition to the events and resources that have been prepared by the Vatican. Many of these resources can be viewed and downloaded for free and are ideal for use in small faith sharing groups or for individual reflection



ALL LADIES OF THE PARISH ARE  
INVITED TO THE  
**LADIES GUILD JUNE BANQUET**  
**MONDAY, JUNE 13, 2016**

JOIN US AT APOLLO PIZZA  
RESTAURANT AND GRILL, RTE. 32,  
SOUTH WINDHAM, CT  
COCKTAILS 6 PM, DINNER 6:30 PM  
WE ARE ORDERING OFF THE MENU  
WITH SEPARATE CHECKS  
SOFT DRINKS, COFFEE, TEA &  
DESSERT WILL BE COMPLIMENTS OF  
THE LADIES GUILD  
FOR HEADCOUNT PLEASE RSVP TO  
LORRAINE PARIS, 860-334-0757, BY  
JUNE 7<sup>TH</sup> IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND

**Banns of Ordination**

The following deacons will be called to the  
Order of Priesthood on Saturday, June 25, 2016:

Rev. Mr. Juan Angel Aguirre  
Rev. Mr. Jeffrey Richard Ellis  
Rev. Mr. Thomas Patrick Griffin  
Rev. Mr. Peter Julian Langevin

Should you know of any reason why these men should not be ordained priests, please write to:  
**The Most Reverend Michael R. Cote, Bishop of Norwich**  
**201 Broadway, Norwich, CT 06360**



As plant sale chairman, I would like to specially thank Bert Bosse, Jim Piro, Fran & Diane Malozzi, Kevin Cwikla, my better half Kathy, and Glenn & Peggy Stygar for their time and support by giving five days to make this event the success that it was.

I would also like to thank the Knights that helped the two days of the sale, and the parishioners who supported this event.

Thank you to Father Mark for letting us use the Church grounds.

Thanks to all ~~~ John Walden

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Programs at Enders Island (1 Enders Island, PO Box 399, Mystic, CT. [www.EndersIsland.com](http://www.EndersIsland.com) ~ 860.536.0565

- ✓ June Day of Recollection with Deacon Art Miller. Begins Wednesday, June 8 at 10:00am.
- ✓ Holy Smoke! Cigar Dinner with Fr. Tom Hoar. Begins Friday, June 17 at 6:30pm
- ✓ Bereavement Mini Retreat with Fr. Ed. Dempsey. Begins Sunday, June 26 at 7:00pm. Coping with death, bereavement, grief, and mourning.

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish [Co-Sponsors: Sacred Heart & St. Mary Mother of the Redeemer] invite you to Attend Two Adult Education Presentations June 8: *Theology & Process of Annulments* Fr. Ted Tumicki, STL, JCL, Judicial Vicar, Diocese of Norwich June 15: *Theological & Practical Aspects of Marriage & Family Life* Mr. Ryan Hinton, Director, Office of Family Life, Archdiocese of Hartford 1650 Route 12, Gales Ferry (next to Ocean State Job Lot) Presentations are in the rectory meeting room from 7-8:30 p.m.