

**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 July 9, 2016 St. Augustine Zhao Rong, priest & companions, martyrs

4:00 PM Confessions

5:00 PM Marion Van Wagner req. by C. Wheaton

Sunday, July 10, 2016 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

10:30 AM Julie Coscia req. by her family

Monday July 11, 2016 St. Benedict, abbot

NO MASS

Tuesday July 12, 2016 Weekday

NO MASS

Wednesday July 13, 2016 St. Henry

9:00 AM For the Souls in Purgatory

Thursday July 14, 2016 St. Kateri Tekakwitha, virgin

NO MASS

Friday July 15, 2016 St. Bonaventure, bishop, doctor of the Church

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

9:30 AM Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Saturday July 16, 2016 Our Lady of Mount Carmel

4:00 PM Confessions

5:00 PM Carolyn Sharpe req. by her family

Sunday, July 17, 2016 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Joe Bendoraitis req. by his family

10:30 AM Ginnette Letourneau req. by the Fauteux family

Offertory: \$ 2,612.55 Monthly Extraordinary: \$ 607.00

Today's collection is for our endowment fund. Our Parish currently has a small Endowment Fund which was begun in June of 1991. The purpose of gifts of monies to the endowment fund is to provide for the future support or maintenance of the Parish. The interest earned can be left in the fund to increase the principal or used for parish expenses. With an Endowment Fund, only the interest would be distributed each year, with the principal remaining intact. Over time, with additional gifts and interest earned, the account balance could become large enough to give the parish a nice annual income.

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 July 16 & 17

5:00pm Lector: JoAnn Hay

Eucharistic Minister: Jim Hay

Altar Servers: Grace & Genevieve Gardella

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: Erika Densman, Drew Taylor

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

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. 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, Rev. John O'Neill MS, Rev. Patrick McCorry, Rev. Michael Gill. We also pray for any priests who have left the ministry. Precious Blood of Jesus, cover our priests and protect them from the snares of the enemy. Kindle in their hearts a spark of love for the Precious Blood, and for souls. (Mother Catherine Aurelia, foundress)

Holy Family home and shelter is engaged in a 90 Day Challenge to house 15 families between May 1 and July 31, 2016. To meet the challenge the shelter must raise funds for security deposits and 1st month rent. It is asking help in raising the money by asking for \$20 donations for this purpose. If you can be a part of the challenge by contributing, please mail a check to HFHS, P O Box 884, Willimantic, CT 06226 or use a credit card by visiting our web site www.holyfamilywillimantic.org. The 90 Day Challenge is part of an effort to house families quickly and end homelessness in the next few years.

Ladies Guild 2016 Senior Award

On behalf of the Ladies Guild, it gives me great pleasure to announce this year's recipient of the St. Francis of Assisi Ladies Guild 2016 Graduating Senior Award. This award is given to a high school senior who has demonstrated involvement in our Parish, as well as school and community organizations and academic grades throughout high school. This year's award went to Stephen Gervase. We congratulate and wish him the best as he attends Elmira College in the fall.

We would like to thank the Senior Award applicants for applying and for all you have done for our Parish. The Ladies Guild congratulates you on your graduation from Lyman Memorial High School and wishes you all the best in your future accomplishments. *Barbara Wengloski*, President

ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

- ✓ **Charismatic Prayer Meeting** every Tuesday at 2 PM Spiritual Renewal Center, 11 Bath Street, Norwich, CT (860-887-0702)
- ✓ **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 July 22-24 in Stockbridge, MA. Participation is totally confidential. For more information, call 413-452- 0661 or visit the national website at 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.
- ✓ **LIFE IN THE SPIRIT RETREAT** July 23-24, My Father's House. Presenters Fr. McCarthy, Fr. Ray, Gene Dion, Judy Craig, Judith Hughes. Call Dottie 860-873-1906 for reservations. Cost \$125 for weekend.
- ✓ **Natural Family Planning Awareness Week July 24-30th** Natural Family Planning is an umbrella term for the safe, natural, 99 percent effective and scientifically reliable methods of both achieving and avoiding pregnancy. It teaches couples how to observe and interpret the woman's signs of fertility and infertility and embraces God's plan for married love. Read more about NFP at www.foryourmarriage.org or www.ccli.org. Or, to talk to a certified instructor couple, call the Catholic Family Services Office at 860-887- 2237, Ext. 306. Ongoing NFP classes are offered as well as online and Home-study programs available in both English and Spanish.
- ✓ **Mass of Healing and Individual Prayer:** Monday July 11th & 25th at 2 pm Spiritual Renewal Center, 11 Bath Street, Norwich, CT (860-887-0702)
- ✓ **Eucharistic Holy Hour for Vocations ~ July 28 at St. Francis of Assisi, Middletown from 6-7pm.**

Seeking Vendors for St. Joseph Living Center's Annual Outdoor Fall Festival: Saturday, October 15, 2016 from 10:00 to 2:00, 14 Club Road in Windham. Crafts, Art Work, Plants, Home Goods, Your Home Business (i.e. Avon, Pampered Chef, etc.), Tag Sale, Jewelry, Fabrics, Wood Working, and so on.

We are now taking applications for vendors. Call the Recreation Department for an application. 456-1107 ext. 123 or 124. Leave a message with name, address and telephone number.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINES OF EASTERN CANADA

We invite you to join Fr. Brian Maxwell- Missionary of Mercy and the Office of Faith Events when we journey to see the Shrines of Eastern Canada. The itinerary includes the beautiful Catholic places of worship such as the Holy Doors of the Cathedral of Notre Dame de Quebec, the Shrine of St. Anne de Beaupré, the Shrine of Our Lady of the Cape, Saint Joseph's Oratory and more. The trip will take place from September 5-10, 2016 and the double occupancy price is \$1,295. To see the full brochure, please go to <http://www.norwichdiocese.org/office-of-faith-events.html> or call Liza at (860)848-2237 ex. 305 for more information. Deadline is the registration is July 15th.

Defending Our Religious Liberty #227

July 3, 2016

Pope Francis has stated that religious freedom is a fundamental human right. Each individual must be free, alone or in association with others, to seek the truth, and to openly express his or her religious convictions, free from intimidation and external compulsion. Genuine worship of God bears fruit not in discrimination, hatred and violence, but in respect for the sacredness of life, respect for the dignity and freedom of others, and loving commitment to the welfare of all. It is protected in the First Amendment of the Bill of Rights of our U.S. Constitution. 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. If you have called, call again, our representatives need to pay attention.

Defending Our Religious Liberty July 10, 2015

Under the new health care reform law, the federal government demands that almost all health plans fully cover female sterilization and drugs and devices that prevent pregnancy, including those that can cause an early abortion. Why should religious institutions be forced to pay for procedures that go against their moral principles?

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YEAR of MERCY ~ SPECIAL MASS

For parishioners of Saint Francis of Assisi and St. Andrew Parishes.



All parishioners are invited to enter the Holy Doors and participate in a special Mass for the Year of Mercy to be held at the Cathedral of Saint Patrick in Norwich on Tuesday July 19, 2016 at 12 noon.

Norwich Diocese Teacher Vacancies

Middle School Math Teacher
Sacred Heart School, Taftville, CT

Middle School Language Arts Teacher
Pre-K Teacher
St. James School, Danielson, CT

Middle School English / Language Arts Teacher
Middle School Science Teacher - Part time
St. Michael School, Pawcatuck, CT

Spanish Teacher PreK-8 ~ full-time
PE Athletic Director ~ part-time
Technology Teacher ~ part time
Information Technology ~ part time
Middle School Math Teacher ~ part time
Foreign Language Teacher
PreK-8 ~ full time
St Mary -St. Joseph School, Willimantic, CT

Kindergarten Teacher
St. Edward, Stafford Springs, CT

Middle School English / Language Arts Teacher
St. John, Old Saybrook, CT

To apply for the 2016-2017 school year, the start date is August 2016; send a cover letter, current resume, names of three references and certification information to: Superintendentdso@norwichdiocese.net or Mr. Henry Fiore
Superintendent of Schools
Diocesan School Office
43 Perkins Avenue
Norwich, CT 06360

St. James Catholic Elementary School, PRINCIPAL POSITION- Diocesan PreK-8 School Danielson, CT

Please refer to The Diocese of Norwich website for further details: <http://www.norwichdiocese.org>

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Screening begins July 1, 2016. Resumes accepted until the position is filled

SAVE THE DATE!

2nd annual Polish Dinner, Saturday September 17th at the Lebanon Fire Safety Complex. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and Ladies Guild. We sold out last year—get your tickets early! Advance Tickets will be required and go on sale in August. More information to come.



Vacation Bible School 2016

July 18-22 ~ 9am-noon

First Congregational Church



EGYPT ~
Follow
Joseph and
his Amazing
Life

WHEN?

18-22 July 2016 9am - 12 noon

WHERE?

Lebanon First Congregational Church

WHO?

Children Pre K - 6th grade

Ecumenical Church Sponsored:

Saint Francis of Assisi Church

First Baptist Church

First Congregational Church

Registration forms at Church entrances (No Fee) or on-line by visiting website www.lebanonfirstcong.org.

Mail or drop off at First Congregational Church

See You There!

Love one another as I have loved you
As you do unto the least of your brothers, you do unto me

Familiar words---How can we put them into action?
Ministering to the sick and elderly is a good beginning.
St. Joseph's Living Center, the ONLY Catholic healthcare facility in the Norwich Diocese, is currently seeking volunteers to join our Chapel team assisting during 11:00am daily Mass ESPECIALLY on the weekends. We are also in need of volunteers to join our Vigil Team as we accompany our residents on their journey to eternal rest.

If you hear God beckoning you, please call
Sarah Perry at 860.456.1107 ext. 124

Your time is our blessing.

LEBANON FAIR Aug. 12 - 14 2016



The St. Francis Ladies Guild Soda Booth needs your help. Sign-up sheets will be located at the side entrance of the church. All new volunteers MUST complete background paperwork and an on-line Training module. Please see Cheryl during office hours for forms

and training information. Give it a try you're in the shade and you get to talk with friends. Questions please call Estelle Elliott 860-420-7221. By any chance does anyone have a bar stool with a back, we could use another one for the booths, please let me know call Estelle.

Take a few moments to check out our
Saint Francis of Assisi web page!



Information about Saint Francis:
Mass Schedules, Parish Bulletins,
Parish Organizations, Sacraments,
Religious Education, History of Saint
Francis of Assisi Parish, Meetings &
Events.

Web address is:

<http://11965.sites.ecatholic.com>

Add this address to your favorites list.

SUMMER LIFE TEEN

For Grades 8 - 12

- July 10th Water Olympics
- July 17th Messy Olympics
- July 24th Instagram Olympics (hosted by alumni)
 - July 31st Olympic Sports Evening

All events begin at 6:00pm at St. Andrew Church

Witnesses to Freedom:

Sts. Thomas More & John Fisher

Sts. Thomas More and John Fisher were Renaissance men. Talented and energetic, they contributed to the humanist scholarship of early modern England. More wrote theological and philosophical treatises, while making a career as a lawyer and government official. Bishop John Fisher worked as an administrator at Cambridge, confronted the challenge Martin Luther presented to Christian Europe, and most importantly served as Bishop of Rochester. As a bishop, he is notable

for his dedication to preaching at a time when bishops tended to focus on politics. These men were brilliant. They both corresponded with Erasmus, who helped Bishop Fisher learn Greek and Hebrew, and who also famously referred to More as a man *omnium horarium*, a man of all seasons.

Above all their accomplishments, these men bore witness to a deep faith in Christ and his Church. More considered joining religious life and was assiduous in his devotional practices. As a married man, he committed himself wholly to his vocation as a father. At the time, disciplinary practices with children tended to be severe, but More's children testify to his warmth, patience, and generosity.

St. John Fisher was a model shepherd and demonstrated remarkable humility. He remained in the small Diocese of Rochester his entire episcopal ministry, devoting himself to his local church rather than seeking promotion to a larger, more powerful diocese.

More and Fisher are well-known for opposing King Henry's divorce. Ultimately, it was their refusal to sign an oath of supremacy that led them to be executed. King Henry VIII claimed to be the supreme head of the Church in England, asserting sovereign power over English Christians. Neither Fisher nor More could abide this claim, and their steadfastness to their consciences put them in conflict with the king. They were convicted of treason.

When More made his way to the gallows, he is said to have stated, "I die the King's good servant, but God's first." Both More and Fisher were patriots. They never rose up to incite rebellion or foment revolution. They were no traitors. But when the law of the king came into conflict with the law of Christ, they chose Christ. These men gave their lives for the freedom of the Church and for freedom of conscience. They bear witness to the truth that no government can make a claim on a person's soul.

Sts. Thomas More and John Fisher, pray that we too will be good servants to our country, but God's first!

Witnesses to Freedom: VEN. HENRIETTE DELILLE

Servant of Slaves. Witness to the Poor. Declared Servant of God by Pope Benedict XVI on March 27, 2010.

Henriette Delille, a free woman of color, lived in New Orleans in the early 19th century. She affirmed the God-given dignity of persons of African descent during the era of slavery. With immense love and courage, she confronted the dehumanizing conditions that the Black population, slave and free, endured.

Descended of an enslaved African woman and white slave owner, Henriette was born into the precarious class of Creoles or free Blacks of mixed heritage. They lived resourcefully by purchasing property, working as entrepreneurs, and finding ways to creatively secure financial resources. For many women in this situation, such avenues included concubinage. Rejecting that option, Henriette promoted sacramental marriage.

A devout Catholic, Henriette worked to bring religious education and the sacraments of the Church to the many enslaved as well as free persons of African descent. Consequently, Henriette served as the godmother, sponsor, and catechist for many infants, youth, and adults presented for Baptism, Holy Eucharist, and Holy Matrimony.

Using her meager personal resources, Henriette devoted her adult life to exercising Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. She enlisted the support of two other free women of color, Juliette Gaudin and Josephine Charles. Together, they sought and cared for orphans, the aged, disabled, infirm, and indigent in the community.

As honorable as these efforts were, Henriette confronted many obstacles. Most of the ruling class, including Church officials, opposed a Black religious association. There was never enough money. Further, Henriette suffered poor health. However, Henriette's efforts were supported by *zelateurs* – lay men and women donors and associates, both free and enslaved. Named the Association of the Holy Family, the laypeople advanced a common mission: "to teach catechism to the poor and to prepare them for first Communion."

Henriette, Juliette, and Josephine did not wear an official habit, and they made no public vows. Nevertheless, their service, mercy, and love was the catalyst for founding of the Sisters of the Holy Family congregation, which continues to serve the people of God throughout Louisiana and neighboring states, as well as Washington, DC, California, and areas of Central America and West Africa.*

In the midst of struggle, Henriette persevered. She was determined to serve, and her persistence leaves a legacy for all Catholics who seek to overcome racial division in our country.

Venerable Henriette Delille, Servant of Slaves, pray for us!