

**We are pleased and honored
To welcome you to
St. Francis of Assisi Parish**
67 West Town Street, Lebanon, CT 06249
Telephone: 860.642.6711 Fax: 860.642.4032
Rev. Mark Masnicki, Pastor
Rev. Benjamin Soosaimanickam, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Michael Puscas



**MASS
INTENTIONS**

**Saturday August 13, 2016 Sts. Pontian, pope & Hippolytus,
priest, martyrs**

4:00 PM Confessions
5:30 PM Bill & Joan Goba 50th wedding anniversary req. by
Michael, Trisha, Hanna & Jared

Sunday, August 14, 2016 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM People of the parish living & deceased
NO 10:30 AM MASS

**Monday August 15, 2016 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin
Mary**

9:15 AM People of the parish living & deceased

Tuesday August 16, 2016 St. Stephen of Hungary
NO MASS

Wednesday August 17, 2016 Weekday

9:00 AM Souls in Purgatory

Thursday August 18, 2016 Weekday

NO MASS

Friday August 19, 2016 St. John Eudes, priest

9:00 AM Jennifer & Bob Chesters req. by their family

9:30 AM Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Saturday August 20, St. Bernard, abbot, doctor of the Church

4:00 PM Confessions

5:30 PM Bill Brewster req. by his family

Sunday, August 21, 2016 21th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM

NO 10:30 AM MASS

Offertory: \$ 2,303.50 Monthly Extraordinary: \$ 638.00
The second basket this weekend is for collection of Ladies Guild
Membership Envelopes.
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 August 20 & 21

5:30pm Lector: Dick Lataille

Eucharistic Minister: Sharon Nejako

Altar Servers: Nina Gardella & Elizabeth Spedaliere

8:00am Lector: Jim Dyer

Eucharistic Minister: Norm Kuzel

Altar Servers: Anthony & Emily Pomerleau

10:30am No Mass

MASS TIME CHANGES (while Fr. Mark is away):

August 13 Saturday 5:30pm

August 14 Sunday 8:00am there is no 10:30am

August 20 Saturday 5:30pm

August 21 Sunday 8:00am there is no 10:30am

August 27 Saturday 5:30pm

August 28 Sunday 8:00am there is no 10:30am

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 for 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 Our Holy Father, 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. Anthony Alaharasan, Rev. Paul Ramen. We also pray for any priests who have left the ministry. Glory to the Blood of Jesus. May Your priests be happy, may they be esteemed a thousand times, privileged to drink of the Fountain of the Savior each day. (Mother Catherine Aurelia, foundress)

The Knights of Columbus and Ladies Guild will be sponsoring their **2nd Polish Dinner** on September 17th, 5-7 at the FSC. Last year's event was sold out—don't miss this one! St. Francis Parishioners have first chance for tickets.



Tickets are limited and advance tickets are required—none will be sold at the door. Buy yours after Masses August 20/21 & August 27/28. Tickets go on sale to the general public August 29th; they will be sold at September masses, but no guarantee tickets will still be available. \$18 per person; meal includes: 1 Golumpki (Stuffed Cabbage), 3 Pierogies, kielbasa, sauerkraut, vegetable, bread, dessert & drink. All proceeds will go to St. Francis Parish. Checks to *St. Francis Ladies Guild*.

MEETINGS

Teacher's Meeting Wednesday Aug. 24 @ 6:30pm

Enders Island

1 Enders Island, P.O. Box 399, Mystic, CT 06355
Phone 860.536.0565 or www.EndersIsland.com

A Day of Recollection with Deacon Art Miller. The day's topic will be "No Growth Without Change." Wednesday, September 7, 2016. 10 am until 3:30 pm. \$50.00 per person. Schedule includes two conferences, reconciliation, mass, and a delicious hot served lunch. Please call our office to register 860.536.0565.

ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

- ✓ **Teacher Vacancies & Principal position are posted on the side bulletin board.** Please take a copy if you are seeking such positions.
- ✓ **Charismatic Prayer Meeting** every Tuesday at 2 PM Spiritual Renewal Center, 11 Bath Street, Norwich, CT (860-887-0702)
- ✓ Mass of Healing and Individual Prayer: Monday, August 8th & 22nd at 1 pm Spiritual Renewal Center, 11 Bath Street, Norwich, CT (860-887-0702)
- ✓ **7 Week "Life in the Spirit Seminar"** Wednesdays, August 24th- October 5th, 2016 Two Sessions each Wednesday 2:00 to 3:30PM and 7:00 to 8:30PM Spiritual Renewal Center, 11 Bath Street, Norwich, CT (860-887-0702)
- ✓ **Unbound Prayer Ministry** Saturday August 27th - 10:00AM Call 860-887-07802 for Appointment Spiritual Renewal Center, 11 Bath Street, Norwich, CT
- ✓ **Eucharistic Holy Hour for Vocations ~ August 25, 20016 at St. Thomas More in North Stonington from 6-7pm.**
- ✓ **Blue Mass Steak Dinner Fundraiser** Friday, September 9, 2016 @ East Great Plain Fire Department, 488 New London Turnpike, Norwich from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Menu: Steak – Baked Potato – Salad – Bread & Butter – Soda & Water \$20.00 Adults \$10.00 Children 12 and under *The Blue Mass is celebrated at the Cathedral on September 25, 2016, 10:15 a.m., for all law enforcement personnel and their families.* This fundraiser helps to defray expenses associated with the Annual Blue 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.
- ✓ **Twenty-First Annual Mass for Those Dedicated to Education September 11, 2016, at 8:45 a.m.** The Twenty-First Annual Diocesan Mass for Those Dedicated to Education will be celebrated on Sunday, September 11, 2016, in the Cathedral of St. Patrick, at 8:45 a.m. Bishop Cote will celebrate this Mass for all teachers and support staff, public, parochial, and private, active and retired, of all faiths. Monsignor James P. Carini will be the homilist. All are welcome. For information or if you wish to help, please call or Monsignor Brown at 860-887-9294.
- ✓ **Celebrate Marriage** – Married couples of all ages, come away for a day and renew your dreams, increase your passion, and refresh and celebrate your marriage. Join other married couples for a day-long enrichment entitled **"Celebrate Marriage"** on **Saturday, September 17, 2016**, from 9 A.M to 3 P.M. at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, 46 No. Eagleville Road, Storrs, CT, on the University of Connecticut Campus. The cost is \$30 per couple, which includes workbook and lunch. Registration is required. To register, call the Diocesan Catholic Family Services Office at 860-848-2237, Ext. 306.
- ✓ **Twenty-sixth Annual Blue Mass For All Law Enforcement Officers Sunday, September 25, 2016, at 10:15 a.m.** All law enforcement officers (federal, state, and municipal, active and retired) and their families are invited to the Twenty-fifth Annual Blue Mass and Reception, Sunday, September 20, 2015, in the Cathedral of Saint Patrick, 10:15 a.m. All parishioners are cordially invited to attend this Mass. Bishop Cote, the Bishop of Norwich, will celebrate the Mass and Deacon Clifford Thermer of Saint Brigid and Saint Helena Parishes, in West Hartford, Connecticut in the Archdiocese of Hartford will serve as the homilist, will deliver the homily.

Norwich Police Chief Louis J. Fusaro, Sr. (Ret.), and Groton Town Police Chief Louis J. Fusaro, Jr., are the Blue Mass Co-Chairs. For more information, please call Chief Louis Fusaro, Chief L.J. Fusaro, or Monsignor Brown at 860-887-9294, ext. 232.

- ✓ **Catholic Charities Annual Golf Tournament:** Wednesday September 21 at the Fox Hopyard Golf Club in East Haddam, CT. Entry fee of \$175 includes green fees, cart, lunch, dinner and awards. Registration begins at 10:30am. Lunch at 11:30am. Shotgun start at 1pm. Dinner & awards at 6pm. Funds raised support Catholic Charities' programs. For more information, e-mail Christine Jackel @ cjackel@norwichdiocese.net or by phone @ 860.886.1928 x212.
- ✓ **New Lector & Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.** Workshop Saturday, October 1, 2016 from 9:30am to 12:30pm at St. Columba Parish Hall, junctions of Rtes. 66 & 87 in Columbia. Register by September 23 at HYPERLINK "mailto:worship@norwichdiocese.net" or worship@norwichdiocese.net or call 860.848.2237 x203. Fee is \$10
- ✓ **For those who bring Holy Communion to the sick & homebound.** Workshop Saturday October 29, 2016 from 9:30am to 12:30pm at St. Columba Parish Hall, junctions of Rtes. 66 & 87 in Columbia. Register by October 14 at HYPERLINK "mailto:worship@norwichdiocese.net" or worship@norwichdiocese.net or call 860.848.2237 x203. Fee is \$20 (includes Ritual Book).

25th Annual Steeple Chase Bike Tour

August 20, 2016.



20, 35, 50, 62.5 & 100 mile bike routes and a 5 mile walk through scenic northeastern CT. Ride starts at Eastern CT State

University Athletic Complex, 69 Mansfield City Road, Mansfield Center, CT. Registration opens at 7am. Info @ 860.450.7122 Register @ steeplechasebiketour.org

23rd Annual Shrine Feast Day Celebration Shrine of the Little Flower

August 21 from 10am to 4:30pm (rain or shine) at St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Church & Shrine (intersection of Routes 102 & 7, Nasonville, RI). Blessing with St. Theresa's Relic, Prayer at the Holy Stairs, Stations of the Cross, Lunch & Concert, Outdoor Living Rosary, Procession with St. Theresa, Solemn Feast Mass. Continuous showing of St. Theresa's life, Food & Refreshments Canopy covered benches at Outdoor Altar, Gift Shop. For more Info: 401.568.0575 or 401.568.8280 or email: Shiirl@Finelli.us www.SaintTheresaShrine.com

Have you registered for CCD classes?

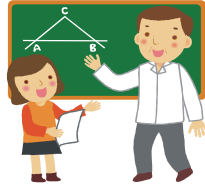


Registrations were due August 1st. Please return registrations ASAP. Registration forms available at Church entrances.

CCD Classes Begin Sunday, September 11 from 9:00 – 10:00am at the Elementary School.

CCD aides for Grades 1, 4, 5, 7, & 8 needed.

U-R qualified if you are --- over 21---a high-school grad --- and a practicing Catholic who attends weekend Mass. We will help you with the rest of the job and help you to easily get certified to work with our youth. Call Jim Hay, the DRE at 860.886.1882 or the parish office at 860.642.6711.



CareNet Walk for Life

September 10 @ Ocean Beach Park, 98 Neptune Ave, New London, CT. Registration @ 9:30am Walk @ 10am Questions? Call 860.449.0386 www.psclife.org to pre-register – must pre-register to guarantee walk prize!



Catholic Charities would like to acknowledge and thank the Norwich Diocesan Council of Catholic Women for their continued support. Through its membership and over the course of the last five years, the Council of Catholic Women has given Catholic Charities over \$89,500 to *Provide Help and Create Hope* to the poor and disadvantaged throughout Eastern Connecticut. Thank you for your generosity, kind hearts and commitment to the work that we do.

Kris Kringle Christmas Fair:

Saturday November 12th from 9am – 4pm at STs. Peter & Paul Church Hall, 181 Elizabeth Street, Norwich. Featuring crafters, bake sale, theme baskets, refreshments & luncheon available. Vendor spaces available at \$25 each. Call 860.887.9857 Monday – Friday 9am – 1pm. Application and information will be sent to you. Application deadline is September 1, 2016.



Another opportunity to celebrate the Year of Divine Mercy

What better way to discover God's most fundamental attribute—mercy than through Scripture. Join us in a Diving Mercy Bible study. We will discover how God suffers with his creatures and has a heart for the poor and the lost. We will see how God demonstrates faithful love for the world and calls people to a joyful and abundant life.



We are happy to offer this 6-week study at two different times.

When and Where:

Beginning Wednesday evenings September 14, 7:00 – 8:00 in the cry room in back of church OR beginning Friday mornings September 16, 10:00 – 11:00 in rectory office.

To register please call or email Cheryl at [860-642-6711](tel:860-642-6711) or cheryl@stfrancisassisilebanonct.org. Register before September 2 so books may be ordered. Cost of materials is \$14.00.

**Legion of Mary
NORWICH CURIA
DAY OF RECOLLECTION**

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church
63 Old Norwich Rd., Quaker Hill, Ct**

**Montfort Spirituality
September 10, 2016
9:00 am – 4:30 pm**

Rev. Hugh Gillespie, SMM

**Montfort Missionary
Spiritual Director – Regina Cordium, Praesidium (Bay Shore, NY)**

Program: 3 Conferences --- Reconciliation --- Mass --- Rosary --- Divine Mercy- Chaplet Consecration Ceremony --- Solemn Benediction --- Q & A – Luncheon

To Register and for Directions please call: (631) 946-2888 or Send check to: c/o Legion of Mary, PO Box 323, Moodus, Ct. 06469

ALL ARE WELCOME!!

Offering: \$25 (includes lunch - students ½ price – Religious no charge) Please Register by: August 25, 2016



A Day of Enrichment for Married Couples ~ Celebrate Marriage ~ Saturday September 17 from 9am to 3pm at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, 46 No. Eagleville Road, Storrs (on the UCONN Campus). Escape from worldly pressures, commitments and worries for a few hours and focus on the most important person in your life – your spouse! This day will re-energize your marriage and deepen your faith. Discover practical insights to living a joy-filled marriage in today's world. Couple fee - \$30: includes workbook and lunch. Registration required.

Send name of husband & wife address phone number and fee payable to Diocese of Norwich to Catholic Family Services Office, 199 Broadway, Norwich, CT 06360, Any questions, call 860.848.2237 Ext. 306 or email at mmlaughlin@norwichdiocese.net

Defending Our Religious Liberty Aug. 14, 2016

As you assess the Presidential candidates for the United States, review their positions on safeguarding our First Amendment right to 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 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 listen to us.