

**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 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 For the intentions in the prayer intention book at  
the front of Church

NO 10:30 AM MASS

**Monday August 22, 2016 Queenship of the Blessed Virgin  
Mary**

NO MASS

**Tuesday August 23, 2016 St. Rose of Lima, virgin**

NO MASS

**Wednesday August 24, 2016 St. Bartholomew, apostle**

9:00 AM Donna Lee Kasuba req. by Mike & Gail Kasuba

**Thursday August 25, 2016 St. Louis, St. Joseph Calasanz,  
priest**

NO MASS

**Friday August 26, 2016 Weekday**

9:00 AM Rev. Joseph Whalen

9:30 AM Chaplet of Divine Mercy

**Saturday August 27, St. Monica**

4:00 PM Confessions

5:30 PM Nicholas Wengloski req. by his family

**Sunday, August 28, 2016 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM Margaret O'Neill req. by her family

NO 10:30 AM MASS

Offertory: \$

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 27 & 28**

5:30pm Lector: JoAnn Hay

Eucharistic Minister: Jim Hay

Altar Servers: Nicholas Barrett & Steve Bardes

8:00am Lector: Jim Worth

Eucharistic Minister: Ella Mae Kuzel

Altar Servers: Christian & Jack Terwilliger

10:30am No Mass

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

**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**

**MEETINGS**

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

**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 Rev. Christopher Zmuda, Rev. Joseph DeCosta, Rev. John Ashe, Rev. Thomas Hoar SSE, V. Rev. Ignatius Manfredonia FL., V. Rev. Douglas Mosey CSB, Rev. Richard Crawley OFM Cp, Msgr. Leszek Janik, Rev. Wojciech Pelczarski SDS, Rev. Bruce Quinn OFM Cap, Rev. Keith Shuley, Rev. Victor Chaker, Rev. Brian Romanoski, Rev. Thomas Smith.

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 17<sup>th</sup>, 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 29<sup>th</sup>; 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.

**Enders Island**

1 Enders Island, P.O. Box 399, Mystic, CT 06355  
Phone 860.536.0565 or [www.EndersIsland.com](http://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 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. Or send name of husband & wife, address & phone number along with payment payable to Diocese of Norwich to Catholic Family Services Office, 199 Broadway, Norwich, CT 06360. Or Email at [mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net)
- ✓ **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.

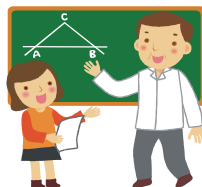
- ✓ **Catholic Charities Annual Golf Tournament:** Wednesday September 21 at the Fox Hopyard Golf Club in East Haddam, CT. Entry fee of \$175 includes green fees, cart, lunch, dinner and awards. Registration begins at 10:30am. Lunch at 11:30am. Shotgun start at 1pm. Dinner & awards at 6pm. Funds raised support Catholic Charities' programs. For more information, e-mail Christine Jackel @ [cjackel@norwichdiocese.net](mailto: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](mailto:worship@norwichdiocese.net) or call 860.848.2237 x203. Fee is \$10
- ✓ **SAVE THE DATE** – All couples married 25 & 50 years or celebrating any significant anniversary year are invited to attend a Silver and Gold Jubilee Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on Sunday, October 23 at 2 P.M. Come and renew your wedding vows in a Pontifical Mass celebrated by Bishop Michael R. Cote. Family and friends are invited to share in this special testimony and witness to love and marriage. Light refreshments will be served following the Mass in the Cathedral Hall. Register through your parish. For more information call the Catholic Family Services Office at 860-848-2237, Ext. 306.
- ✓ **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](mailto:worship@norwichdiocese.net) or call 860.848.2237 x203. Fee is \$20 (includes Ritual Book).

## Have you registered for CCD classes?



Registrations were due August 1<sup>st</sup>. 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](http://www.psclife.org) to pre-register –  
must pre-register to guarantee walk prize!



### **09-12-16 -- FREE (ENCORE-Repeat) 1-hour lecture on "How to Listen to God and Follow His Directions Each Day."**

After Pentecost 2,000 years ago ... practically all Christians were talking to God's Holy Spirit and following His directions. St. Paul's writings and the Acts of the Apostles in the bible give evidence of this. Come spend an hour and learn the easy steps many people now follow to Hear God's Voice and Directions in their daily lives. There will be free handouts and time to ask questions. You will be able to use these steps the very next day. This will be the fifth presentation since May. Hundreds of people are already using these easy, yet powerful ways to enjoy: pleasant, calm, friendly, and peaceful talks with God each day. God Himself grants this gift.

Presented by Tony Coscia on Monday, September 12, 2016 (7:30 PM-sharp to 8:45 PM) at Our Lady of the Lakes Church, Oakdale, Ct 06370. All are welcome -- age 13 and over. (PRE-registration is required). Please send an E-mail to ([Tony2637@aol.com](mailto:Tony2637@aol.com)) stating how many are in your party, and your phone number. Register at 860-786-7220 only if you don't have an E-mail.

Directions: From the center of Colchester CT:

- \* Take route 85 South & pass by McDonald's Restaurant
- \* Take route 354 East at the Fork (take the left Fork)
- \* After 7.4 miles, turn left onto route 82 East
- \* Church is approximately 1/2 miles on your right.

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 or [cheryl@stfrancisassisilebanonct.org](mailto:cheryl@stfrancisassisilebanonct.org). Register before September 2 so books may be ordered. Cost of materials is \$14.00.



### **Next weekend's second collection is for building maintenance.**

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](mailto:mmlaughlin@norwichdiocese.net)

**Next weekend The Brothers of the Sacred Heart will be asking for your prayers and financial support at all Masses through their representative, Brother Henry Gaiter, SC. The Brothers of the Sacred Heart are religious educators who staff school and other establishments in over thirty countries. Your contributions will especially benefit young men who are preparing to enter religious life and needy students in the African countries of Kenya, Lesotho, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe. Please be generous.**

**Benefit Concert** featuring the contemporary Christian music of **Jerusalem Road** September 17 at 6:30pm at St. Bernard Church in Rockville. \$10 advance tickets - \$15 at the door - Children under 12 free with and adult. For the benefit of The Cornerstone Foundation: feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, sheltering the homeless. Come for the music – stay for refreshments. A Year of Mercy Event.

### **Defending Our Religious Liberty Aug. 21, 2016**

Critics who say the Catholic Church is against universal health care are misinformed. The Catholic Church is founded on the Corporal Works of Mercy and helping others. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has always advocated for health care. The Catholic Church is opposing the health care mandate, because it violates the First Amendment, which is supposed to safeguard freedom of religion.

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.