

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



**MASS
INTENTIONS**

Saturday September 3, 2016 St. Gregory the Great, pope & doctor of the Church

4:00 PM Confessions

5:00 PM Carolyn Sharpe req. by his family

Sunday, September 4, 2016 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Sierra Stanton req. by her family

10:30 AM Souls in Purgatory

Monday September 5, 2016 Bl. Theresa of Calcutta, religious

9:00 AM Sanctification of human labor

Parish Office closed in observance of Labor Day

Tuesday September 6, 2016 Weekday

NO MASS

Wednesday September 7, 2016 Weekday

9:00 AM Healing for Mackie Boone req. by her family

Thursday September 8, 2016 Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

NO MASS

Friday September 9, 2016 St. Peter Claver, priest

9:00 AM Rev. Joseph Whalen

9:30 AM Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Saturday September 10, 2016 Blessed Virgin Mary

4:00 PM Confessions

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

Sunday, September 11, 2016 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Michelle Petruzzi req. by the Palmer family
10:30 AM

Offertory 8/21/16: \$ 1,999.00 Building Maintenance: \$ 461.00
Brothers of the Sacred Heart: \$ 805.00
Today's second collection is for the National Combined Collection. Next weekend's second collection is for building maintenance.
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 September 11 & 12

5:00pm Lector: Anne Staebner

Eucharistic Minister: Carole Briggs

Altar Servers Grace & Genevieve Gardella

8:00am Lector: Rick Kane

Eucharistic Minister: Betsie Petrie

Altar Servers: Christian & Jack Terwilliger

10:30am Lector: Don Dubiel

Eucharistic Minister: Pat Dubiel

Altar Servers: Erika Densman & Wayne Woodward

MEETINGS

Parish Advisory Council Wednesday Sept. 7 @ 6:30pm

CCD Classes begin Sunday Sept. 11 from 9-10am

Clergy Group Tues. Sept. 13 @ 8am at the Parish House

Save the date: **Parish Picnic: September 25th**, after the 10:30 Mass

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 Bishop Michael R.

Cote, Rev. Augustine Naduvilekoot, Rev. Mark O'Donnell, Rev. John Marciniak, Rev. Dennis Mercieri, Rev. George Villamthanam CST, Rev. Grzegorz Brozonowicz, all priests, Rev. Izydor Sadowski SDB, Rev. Edward Konopka, Rev. Martin Jones, Rev. John Welch MS.

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 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*.



Religious Education Classes begin Sunday, September 11, 2016 from 9 to 10 AM at the Lebanon Elementary School.

Lectors: Your workbook is available in the parish office. Please stop by and get yours.

ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

- ✓ **Teacher Vacancies** Please note: all school teaching positions have been filled except for the following: Middle School Math Teacher-- part time Middle School Science Teacher St Mary -St. Joseph School, Willimantic, 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: Superintendentso@norwichdiocese.net or Mr. Henry Fiore Superintendent of Schools Diocesan School Office 43 Perkins Avenue Norwich, CT 06360
- ✓ **Charismatic Prayer Meeting** every Tuesday at 2 PM Spiritual Renewal Center, 11 Bath Street, Norwich, CT (860-887-0702)
- ✓ The monthly **Mass of Healing**: Monday September 12th and September 26th at 2pm Spiritual Renewal Center, 11 Bath Street, Norwich, CT (860-887-0702) Individual Prayer offered by Fr. Ray and Judith. All are invited.
- ✓ **Mass of Healing and Hope** at St. John Chapel, Middletown, Thursday September 8th at 7pm Sponsored by Circle of Love Prayer Community Individual Prayer is offered by Fr. Ray and Judith. All are welcomed.
- ✓ **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
- ✓ **FUN EVENT FOR ALL AGES.** Norwich Cares Community Walk, Sunday September 18, 2016 at 1:00 PM, 294 Washington Street, Norwich. All proceeds

from this 3.5 mile walk through Norwich will benefit St Vincent de Paul Place, Greater Norwich Community Meal Program, and Sprague Community Center. Registration due on day of walk: \$20 for single walkers (\$15 for students, seniors 65+, vets), \$10 per person for teams of 10 or more, free for children 12 and under. Additional fundraising is encouraged with ‘Golden Sneaker’ awards for the top fundraising individual and team. The walk will be followed by a free Community Cookout for all walkers, family and friends. For more information call Lee Memorial United Methodist Church 860-887-5886 or email info@leememorialumc.org.

Eucharistic Holy Hour for Vocations: September 22 at St. Peter in Higganum from 6-7pm.

- ✓ **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"](mailto:worship@norwichdiocese.net) or worship@norwichdiocese.net or call 860.848.2237 x203. Fee is \$10
- ✓ October 1st Saturday, **Pro-Life Mass** at the Cathedral of St. Patrick at 8:30am will be followed by the Rosary, both at the Cathedral and at Planned Parenthood. Then a light brunch will be served and two speakers (10 am-12 noon) will discuss "Politics and Abortion, Single Issue Voting...?" Free will offering. For more information please go to www.facebook.com/CT.R2L.East.CT or email BJDaly@aol.com or call 860-861-1895. Thank you.
- ✓ On Saturday, October 8th, the Cathedral of St. Patrick will host **a day with Dr. Edward Sri** from 9:30 am until 3:30 pm. Dr. Sri is a theologian and author that regularly appears on EWTN. Tickets are \$20/adults, \$10/students and religious are free with advanced registration. Lunch is included. For more information or for clergy/religious to advance register, please go to <http://bit.do/Dr-Edward-Sri> or

email BJDaly@aol.com or call 860-861-1895. Thank you.

- ✓ **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"](mailto:worship@norwichdiocese.net) or worship@norwichdiocese.net or call 860.848.2237 x203. Fee is \$20 (includes Ritual Book).

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) 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.

Defending Our Religious Liberty Sept. 4, 2016

If insurance companies offer vision and dental plans separately, why can't the federal healthcare mandate offer separate plans for services that do not 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 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.

BIBLE STUDY

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. Register before September 2 so books may be ordered. Cost of materials is \$14.00.

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.

Legion of Mary - NORWICH CURIA - DAY OF RECOLLECTION @ Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 63 Old Norwich Rd., Quaker Hill, Ct
Registration deadline extended to September 5.

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: September 5, 2016

Save the Date

Women's ACTS Retreat

October 6-9, 2016

Ender's Island

"Stand up and go;

Your faith has saved you."

Sponsored by St. Agnes Parish

Today we will take up the **National Combined Collection (NCC)** which benefits: The Retirement Fund for Religious, The Annual Appeal for the Holy Father, The Catholic Communications Campaign, and Catholic University of America. Please indicate on your NCC collection envelope how you wish your gift to be used. If you need a gift envelope, extra envelopes are available at (please state location of extra envelopes). Please support our elderly religious, join our Holy Father in helping the most disadvantaged, spread the Gospel through communication and help provide a Catholic based education to university students. Your generous support is greatly appreciated.



I wish to thank everyone who helped with the soda booth. From my team with all the organization, to the people who took the time out of their regular schedules to fill the slots in the booths, to the men and women that did the heavy work on setting up and breaking down the booths, & lugging the soda. Only with all this

help is this combined effort a chore of love for our parish.

Thank you all again and hope to see all of you and more people next year.

Estelle, committee chair

St. Francis Parishioners: RCIA to begin

If you, a family member or a friend is considering becoming a Catholic or learning more about the Catholic faith, the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RICA) will begin on Sunday, September 18, 2016 at St. Andrew Church. Classes are for both St. Francis & St. Andrew Parishes and are held after the 9:30am Mass in the classroom attached to the rectory. All are welcome to learn more and journey deeper into the Catholic faith. For more information or questions, please contact John or Nicole Peck at 860.537.6981 or at jnpeck@mac.com

Sunday, September 11 @ 3pm to 5pm **Croquet Picnic at the Beaumont House** Try your hand at a round of croquet and enjoy an afternoon on the lawn at the Beaumont House. Bring your own lawn chairs, blankets and picnic baskets. Cold drinks and desserts will be provided.

Beginners and experienced players welcome. This event is free and open to the public

Celebrating our 50th Anniversary
 Lebanon Historical Society
 Museum located at 856 Trumbull Hwy., Lebanon For more information call 860-642-6579
museum@historyoflebanon.org
www.historyoflebanon.org



SECOND SATURDAY FILMS PRESENTS: THE LETTERS

Come celebrate the canonization of Mother Teresa with us! Witness the true meaning of love in... THE LETTERS. Nobel Peace Prize recipient, Mother Teresa brought worldwide attention to human suffering around the globe through her service to the "poorest of the poor" on the streets of Calcutta, India. Embark on a journey to discover her path, as told for the first time through her personal letters. Through her words, we can aspire to be, as Mother Teresa said, "a pencil in God's hand" – an instrument for good. YOU CAN VIEW THE TRAILER AT WWW.JOURNEYFORLIFE.ORG AND CLICKING ON 'SECOND SATURDAY FILMS' THE MOVIE WILL BE SHOWN SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH AT 6:30 P.M. AT OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CHURCH 63 OLD NORWICH RD, QUAKER HILL, CT ADMISSION IS FREE, (donations accepted)...PIZZA, POPCORN, AND DRINKS WILL BE SERVED...PLEASE RESERVE YOUR SEATS BY: EMAILING

brian@journeyforlife.org or CALLING BRIAN JOHNSON AT (860) 961-7609

YOU CAN ALSO 'LIKE' US ON FACEBOOK AT WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/SECONDSATURDAYFILMS

Labor Day, the first **Monday in September**, is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic **achievements** of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country. People have been celebrating Labor Day since 1894.



There will be a Mass on Monday morning September 5th at 9:00 am for the intention of the sanctification of human labor.

Religious Education Program
Curriculum on Maintaining Safe Environments

The Office for Safe Environments of the Diocese of Norwich has mandated that a curriculum on maintaining safe environments be implemented into the Religious Education Program each year.

In compliance with that mandate our CCD teachers will be discussing safe environments on Sunday, September 18, 2016 with their individual classes during regular class time from 9:00 – 10:00 AM.

If a parent does not wish to have their child attend the safe environment program, their child will be able to attend a separate class.

Questions: please contact Jim Hay at 860.886.1882.

Called to Protect Workshop for
Parents and Families

In compliance with the Diocese of Norwich Safe Environments Awareness and Education Program, a Called to Protect Workshop for Parents and Families will be held at Saint Francis of Assisi Church in the Church on Sunday evening, September 18th at 6:30pm. If you plan to attend, please RSVP by signing up at the side entrance of Church by September 16th.