

**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 September 17, 2016 St. Robert Bellamine, bishop,  
doctor of the Church**

11:00 AM Funeral: Ron Cormier

4:00 PM Confessions

5:00 PM Chester Pudlo req. by his family

**Sunday, September 18, 2016 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM John Kane req. by his family

10:30 AM People of the parish living & deceased

**Monday September 19, 2016 St. Januarius, bishop & martyr  
NO MASS**

**Tuesday September 20, 2016 Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon,  
priest & Paul Chong Ha-sang and companions, martyrs  
NO MASS**

**Wednesday September 21, 2016 St. Matthew, apostle &  
evangelist**

9:00 AM Rose Yurgoski req. by Mackie

**Thursday September 22, 2016 Weekday  
NO MASS**

**Friday September 23, 2016 St. Pius of Pietrelcina, priest**

9:00 AM Ross Jacobeno req. by Mackie

9:30 AM Chaplet of Divine Mercy

**Saturday September 24, 2016 Blessed Virgin Mary**

4:00 PM Confessions

5:00 PM

**Sunday, September 25, 2016 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM Abbey Marie Coutu req. by Norm & Ella Mae Kuzel

10:30 AM

Offertory: \$ 3,113.00 Building Maintenance: \$ 708.00  
Today's second collection is for Catholic Elementary Schools.  
Next weekend's second collection is for monthly extraordinary  
expenses.  
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 24 & 25**

5:00pm Lector: Steve Wengloski

Eucharistic Minister: Jim Hay

Altar Servers Nicholas Barrett, Steve Bardes

8:00am Lector: Jim Worth

Eucharistic Minister: Gregg Lafontaine

Altar Servers: Christian & Jack Terwilliger

10:30am Lector: Mark Bauer

Eucharistic Minister: Roger Proulx

Altar Servers: Erika Densman & Wayne Woodward

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

**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  
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 V. Rev. David Choquette, 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, Rev. P. Grzegorz Jednaki.

O 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)



**All ladies of the parish  
are invited to the Guild  
Pot Luck Supper  
Monday September  
19th, 6:30 in the  
meeting room. Please**

**bring a main dish or dessert to  
share. A signup sheet can be  
found at the side entrance of the  
church. Meeting to follow  
dinner. This is an opportunity to  
see what the Guild is about; you  
are under no obligation to join.**

## **MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES**

- ❖ **Life Teen Sunday** September 18. Mass @ 5pm  
Activity theme 40 Days for Life following. St. Andrew Church
- ❖ **Ladies Guild Pot Luck Supper** Monday Sept. 19  
@ 6:30pm in the rectory meeting room
- ❖ **Ladies Guild Bake Sale** @ the Lebanon Antique Show on Saturday September 24 on the Green
- ❖ Save the date: **Parish Picnic: September 25<sup>th</sup>**, after the 10:30 Mass
- ❖ **Life Teen Sunday** September 25. Mass @ 5pm with program following. St. Andrew Church

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

- ✓ **Charismatic Prayer Meeting** every Tuesday at 2 PM Spiritual Renewal Center, 11 Bath Street, Norwich, CT ([860-887-0702](tel:860-887-0702))
- ✓ The monthly **Mass of Healing**: Monday September 26<sup>th</sup> at 2pm Spiritual Renewal Center, 11 Bath Street, Norwich, CT ([860-887-0702](tel:860-887-0702)) Individual Prayer offered by Fr. Ray and Judith. All are invited.
- ✓ **Eucharistic Holy Hour for Vocations**: September 22 at St. Peter in Higganum from 6-7pm.
- ✓ **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 Is your marriage tearing you apart? Is there little or no meaningful communication? Are you considering separation or divorce? For serious marriage building and repair:
- ✓ **Retrouvaille** is a lifeline. At a Retrouvaille weekend, couples are given tools to re-establish communication, work on their issues, gain new insights and heal. The weekend is presented by three married couples and a priest. A series of 6 post sessions follow the weekend phase. For more information or to sign up for the September 23-25 weekend in the Hartford area, call 413- 525-1634, or 203-710- 6207, or visit the Website at [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org).
- ✓ **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.
- ✓ **BEGINNING EXPERIENCE WEEKEND** ~ Widowed, separated and divorced wanting help in resolving the pain and grief of losing the marriage relationship and creating a more peace-filled future are encouraged to attend a Beginning Experience weekend September

30 – October 2 at St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield, CT. Catholic based, the weekend helps participants deal with the natural grief process and offers an opportunity, through God, for turning pain of loss into an experience of positive growth. For more information, contact Victoria at 860-993-7866, or call the Catholic Family Services office at 848-2237, ext. 306.

- ✓ **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
- ✓ October 1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://www.facebook.com/CT.R2L.East.CT) or email [BJDaly@aol.com](mailto:BJDaly@aol.com) or call [860-861-1895](tel:860-861-1895). Thank you.
- ✓ On Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:BJDaly@aol.com) or call [860-861-1895](tel:860-861-1895). Thank you.
- ✓ **Firefighters/Ems Mass** On Saturday, October 15, 2016, at 5:00 p.m., Bishop Cote will celebrate Mass for all Firefighters/EMS personnel, in the Cathedral of Saint Patrick. Each year, brothers and sisters of all faiths gather to thank God for their calling, to pray for their safety, and to remember their fallen colleagues. Assembly at Chelsea Parade for the line-up and the procession (to the Cathedral) of all personnel and apparatus will begin at 3:00 p.m. The Homilist will be Deacon Robert Dio, Diocese of Worcester. Reception immediately following. All companies, departments, and personnel and their families are cordially invited to participate. For more information call, Mrs. Terri Zampini at [860-887-9294](tel:860-887-9294), x265, or Monsignor Brown at x232.
- ✓ **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 or call 860.848.2237 x203.  
Fee is \$20 (includes Ritual Book).

- ✓ Please join Bishop Cote at the **Seventh Annual Seton Scholarship Dinner** honoring the recipients of the Most Reverend Michael R. Cote, D.D. Award for Contributions to Catholic Education to be held at 4 PM on Sunday, October 30, 2016 at the Mystic Marriott Hotel, 625 North Road, Groton, Connecticut. This year's honorees are: Mother Mary David Riquier, S.C.M.C., Principal, Academy of the Holy Family, Baltic, CT; Attorney Michael E. Driscoll, representing the law firm of Brown Jacobson, P.C. as Diocesan Counsel for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Norwich; and Mr. William J. Russell, C.P.A., recently retired Diocesan Finance Officer, after serving 12 years with the Diocese of Norwich. Tickets are \$150/person and will be available for purchase until October 17, 2016. All proceeds benefit Catholic Elementary Schools within the Diocese. For tickets and more information, please contact Kathy Gaito at 860-886- 1928 ext. 15, kgaito@norwichdiocese.net or visit [www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org](http://www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org).
- ✓ **NEW WAY TO HELP OUR PARISH!** Use your IRA to support our Parish, the Diocese or your favorite Diocesan Ministry! If you are 70 ½ years old, you can now make a direct transfer of up to \$100,000 from your IRA to a qualified charity, such as our Parish, without having to pay income taxes on the money. The law allowing this was made permanent by President Obama when he signed the PATH Act last December. If you are interested in making such a gift, please contact Mary Ellen Mahoney, Development Manager-Major Gifts at [memahoney@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:memahoney@norwichdiocese.net) or (860) 886-1928, ext. 14 for more information.

#### **Defending Our Religious Liberty Sept. 11, 2016**

The Knights of Columbus presented the "Gaudium et Spes" Award, their highest honor, to the Little Sisters of the Poor for standing up for religious liberty. The Sisters have stood up to the U.S government in refusing to allow it to coerce their community to violate their conscience and religious beliefs. Let us pray for them as they continue the fight to defend 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 state representatives. Let them know that the mandate is in violation of our First Amendment right to religious freedom.

#### **Defending Our Religious Liberty Sept. 18, 2016**

Pope Francis has said: "Religious freedom is not only that of private thought or worship. It is the liberty to live, both privately and publicly according to the ethical principles resulting from found truth." This is why it is important that we continue to put pressure on our elected officials to change the federal health care mandate which forces religious institutions to pay for medical procedures that violate their moral principles. 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.

#### **St Faustina's Miracle – The Digan's Tell Their Story**

Maureen Digan and her husband, Deacon Bob Digan, will be speaking about the miracle that led to Sister Faustina's Canonization. Hear Maureen Digan and her husband Deacon Bob Digan tell their incredible story about the miracle that changed their lives and led to Sister Faustina's Canonization. And, learn what it means for you. The talk will take place at Our Lady of the Lakes Church, 752 Norwich Salem Turnpike, Montville, CT 06370, on Sunday October 9, 2016 at 2:00pm. There will be a short reception in the Church Hall after the talk. It is open to everyone; there is no need to sign up in advance. While there is no charge, there will be an opportunity for a voluntary free will offering. For information, call Our Lady of the Lakes Church at [860-859-1575](tel:860-859-1575).

#### **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**

We are 1/2way to Saint Patrick's Day and the **Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH), and the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians (LAOH)**, are announcing a call for new members. The AOH evolved from a need in the early sixteen century to protect the lives of priests who risked immediate death to keep the Catholic Faith alive in occupied Ireland after the reign of England's King Henry VIII. The AOH and LAOH are Catholic organizations whose mission is to promote Irish Culture, Community, and Christian Charity. Membership is open to any persons of Irish descent who would like to join this community and both learn more and celebrate their Irish heritage in the region. For more information, on joining the AOH, please contact Rick Connell at [860-867-7866](tel:860-867-7866) or email him at [rconnellsr@gmail.com](mailto:rconnellsr@gmail.com). For information on joining the LAOH, please contact Anne Halloran at [860-334-9104](tel:860-334-9104) or email her at [easternctLAOH@gmail.com](mailto:easternctLAOH@gmail.com).

#### **On Saturday, October 1st, Connecticut Right to Life-Eastern CT Chapter will be hosting two speakers.**

They will be discussing the importance of considering LIFE when it comes to the future of our country...John Horvat II (vice president of TFP-Tradition, Family, Property) and also Edmund Peterson (former press secretary to Alan Keyes) will be speaking in the school hall located next to St. Mary's Church. Located at 70 West Main Street, Baltic, CT. "Politics and Abortion, Single Issue Voting...?" Starting at 10 am. Free will offering.

For more information please go to [www.facebook.com/CT.R2L.East.CT](http://www.facebook.com/CT.R2L.East.CT) or email [BJDaly@aol.com](mailto:BJDaly@aol.com) or call [860-861-1895](tel:860-861-1895).

### Save your hanging flower pots!

The Ladies Guild will again make cemetery

arrangements. Please donate your EMPTY hanging flower pots/baskets from your fall flowers for use in this



fundraiser. PLEASE EMPTY ALL DIRT & old flowers from the pots. You may leave them near the side door of the church garage. Thank you. Please contact Barbara 642-7168 with any questions.

The Bereavement Ministry at Andrew Church, Colchester "Journey to Healing" is offering a special program to help those going through the loss of a loved one. October 7, 2016. Deacon Michael Puscas will offer a program titled "Good Grief - Bad Grief".

"The "Good Grief – Bad Grief" program combines PowerPoint slides with a participant handbook to briefly explore the topic of grief and loss. During the program, participants will view and discuss the grief life cycle, the notion of "loss" and the triggers for launching the grief life cycle. In addition, the program will clearly define the difference between grief that is life-giving, and grief that is life-draining. Finally, the program will help participants understand how long it takes to get through the life cycle and what is considered a "normal" emotional response."

The complementary program will start at 4:45pm with soup and sandwich followed by the presentation at 5:30pm.

Since refreshments will be furnished and handouts will be available we request that participants register by contacting Cathy Russi [860-887-9621](tel:860-887-9621) or [crussi45@sbcglobal.net](mailto:crussi45@sbcglobal.net) or Penny Godbois [860-537-4046](tel:860-537-4046) or [crafterpen@att.net](mailto:crafterpen@att.net)

We hope you can join us as we try to provide guidance and support to those going through a difficult time.

Dear Parishioners:

We are grateful to you for giving us the opportunity to appeal on behalf of our missions in English-speaking Africa. We are also grateful to you for your prayerful support and financial assistance. The Brother's religious formation and education programs, their schools, their agricultural projects, their orphanages for street children – all of these African mission endeavors will benefit from this generosity.

Know that you are daily remembered in prayer,  
Br. Paul J. Hebert, SC  
Mission Director

Total that was collected for the Brothers of the Sacred Heart was \$875.00.

### 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, 2014 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.

**Golf For Life** – CareNet Pregnancy Resource Center of SECT will be held on Saturday, October 15 at Pequot Golf Course in Stonington. Registration & breakfast at 6:30AM Your choice of playing one round or playing all day. Golf with friends & raise needed funds. For more information or to sign-up contact Cyndy DeCosta @ [cyndy@carenetsect.org](mailto:cyndy@carenetsect.org) or 860.449.0386.

**The 9th Annual Catholic Men's Conference** will be held Saturday, October 22 at Goodwin College in East Hartford. To register go to [www.ctcatholicmen.org](http://www.ctcatholicmen.org) Ticket price is \$40, includes box lunch. Tickets for sale on line & at the door Doors open at 8:00am, Vigil Mass at 4:00pm

### St. Andrew/St. Francis Parish Mission

Fr. Daniel Renaud, OMI will be here for the Parish Mission October 15 thru October 19.

Theme is:

Living an Authentic Spirituality of Perfection:  
Faith in Action in the Letter of James.

More details will follow.

SAVE the DATE