

**We are pleased and honored  
To welcome you to  
St. Francis of Assisi Parish**  
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Rev. Mark Masnicki, Pastor  
Rev. Richard Breton  
Deacon Michael Puscas



**MASS  
INTENTIONS**

**Saturday November 19, 2016 Blessed Virgin Mary**  
4:00 PM Confessions  
5:00 PM Ed Bigenski req. by Alicia Lamb  
**Sunday, November 20, 2016 Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe**  
8:00 AM Deceased members of the Petrie & McComber Families req. by Betsy & Roddy  
10:30 AM Julie Coscia req. by her family  
**Monday November 21, 2016 Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
NO MASS  
**Tuesday November 22, 2016 St. Cecilia, virgin, martyr**  
NO MASS  
**Wednesday November 23, 2016 St. Clement I. pope, martyr: St. Columban, abbot; Bl. Miquel Agustín Pro, priest, martyr**  
9:00 AM Rev. Elsyn Joseph Drummond  
**Thursday November 24, 2016 Thanksgiving Day – St. Andrew Dung-lac, priest & companions, martyrs**  
9:00 AM Mass of Thanksgiving  
**Friday November 25, 2016 St. Catherine of Alexandria, virgin, martyr**  
NO MORNING MASS  
**Saturday November 26, 2016 Blessed Virgin Mary**  
4:00 PM Confessions  
5:00 PM  
**Sunday, November 27, 2016**  
8:00 AM Ed Coutu req. by Norm & Ella Mae Kuzel  
10:30 AM Janet Gagnon req. by her family

Offertory: \$ 1,988.00 Monthly Extraordinary: \$ 651.00  
Today's second collection is for the Parish fuel fund.  
There will be a third collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, U.S.A.  
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 8:30pm ~ Rosary at 6:00pm  
~ Benediction at 7:00pm at St. Andrew Church.

**Weekend of November 26 & 27**

5:00pm Lector: JoAnn Hay  
Eucharistic Minister: Jim Hay  
Altar Servers: Nicholas Barrett & Steve Bardes  
8:00am Lector: Rick Kane  
Eucharistic Minister: Ella Mae Kuzel  
Altar Servers: Christian & Jack Terwilliger  
10:30am Lector: Don Dubiel  
Eucharistic Minister: Pat Dubiel  
Altar Servers: Erika Densman & Wayne Woodward



**Third Banns  
David Seng &  
Marissa Haralson**

**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  
Seaman Alex R. Paris, 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. Kevin Reilly, Rev. Anthony Gruber, Rev. Russel Kennedy, V. Rev. Dennis Perkins, Rev. Gregory Galvin, Rev. Roger Lamoureux OMI, Rev. Thomas Sickler MS, Rev. Robert Washabaugh, Rev. Leo Almendra V. Rev., David Choquette, Rev. Michael Giannitelli, Rev. Domink Libiszewski OSPPE, Msgr. James Carini, and Rev. Gregory Mullaney. O, Jesus, I pray for Your faithful and fervent priests; for Your priests laboring at home or abroad in distant mission fields; for the lonely and desolate priests. (Mother Catherine Aurelia, foundress)

The Ladies Guild will again be selling cemetery arrangements. Orders will be taken the weekends of November 19-20 and 26-27<sup>th</sup>. The arrangements are \$10.00 each and come with a bow. Checks are to be made payable to **Saint Francis Ladies Guild**. Arrangements can be picked up after all masses the weekend of December 3-4<sup>th</sup> in the church garage. Questions, please contact Barbara, [860-642-7168](tel:860-642-7168) or [bobbie.w@charter.net](mailto:bobbie.w@charter.net). Thank you to everyone who donated their used pots; this project would not be possible without your contributions. And please remember we are in need of greens.

**Parish Office will be open only on Tuesday November 22nd due to Thanksgiving.**

**Grades 3 & 7 will be helping at Sunday's 10:30am Mass. Please join us for refreshments following the Mass in the meeting room.**

## Meetings & Activities

- Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service
- Sunday Nov. 20th 7:00pm at St. Francis Church
- Life Teen Mass at St. Andrew Church 5pm followed by dinner & Life Night
- Ladies Guild Monday November 21 @ 7:00pm
- Knights of Columbus Thursday Dec. 1 @ 7pm

## Lebanon Holiday Gift Program

Our Christmas Tree is up with holiday gift tags. Please take a tag and bring the gift back to Church with the tag by November 27th. Please do not wrap the gift as the families are provided gift wrap. Your participation is greatly appreciated.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

- ✓ Charismatic Prayer Meeting every Tuesday at 2 PM Spiritual Renewal Center, 11 Bath Street, Norwich, CT (860-887-0702).
- ✓ Eucharistic Holy Hour for Vocations: December 15 at St. Jude, Willington from 6-7pm.



### A Christmas Carol" Musical December 2, 3

As the "Year of Mercy" comes to a close, St Andrew Church, Colchester, will present one of the greatest stories of redemption and mercy ever told, the tale of the transformation of Ebenezer Scrooge, in Charles Dickens' immortal "A Christmas Carol." This spiritually uplifting musical includes a cast of talented performers from Connecticut and Rhode Island, and will be directed by Nathan Caron. The cast includes a 60 voice choir. Special performances will be by Fr Richard Breton (playing a 19th century clergyman) and Deacon Michael Puscas (playing the part of Ebenezer Scrooge) Tickets are limited to 300 each performance, and will be available beginning Nov 7 by calling Jeannine Gilbert at 860 977-9416

What: "A Christmas Carol" musical

When: Friday December 2, 7pm,  
Saturday December 3 1pm matinee, and 7pm  
Doors open 30 minutes prior to each  
Performance

Where: St Andrew Hall

Tickets: General admission (ages 13-61) \$10  
(\$12 at the door)

Phone: (beginning Nov 7) Jeannine Gilbert  
860 977 9416

St. Joseph School, Baltic, will hold its **Annual Christmas Auction and Basket Raffle** on Saturday, December 3rd, in the school gym. Viewing begins at 4:40pm. The Basket Raffle starts at 6:15pm followed by a silent auction. This includes fully loaded theme baskets, museum memberships, gift certificates and much more! Dinner is hosted by the Knights of Columbus starting at 5:00pm for \$5.00 per person and \$20.00 per family. For further information, please call 860.822.6141.

## Christmas GIVING BASKET

It is time to replenish our food supplies in preparation for Christmas Food Baskets.

We ask that those able and willing to donate consider the following items that are needed:

### HAMS

Gravy, Stuffing, Cranberry Sauce, Jelly, Peanut Butter, Flour, Sugar, Pie Crusts and Fillings, Bread and Cake Mixes, Spices, Vegetable Oil, Frostings, Canned Vegetables, Soups, Tuna, Canned Fruits, Chef Boyardee, Mac & Cheese, Cereals (hot or cold), Jell-O, Puddings, Pasta, Pasta Sauce, etc.

As always, we are thankful for food donations of all types. Your continued support of this program has helped many of our friends and neighbors when they have stumbled upon difficult times. Thank You.



The Knights of Columbus Museum, at 1 State Street in New Haven, opens its annual Christmas exhibit November 19. The show features crèches from Germany as well as many from the museum's collection, including a hand-carved cedar nativity scene from Mexico and its popular 120-square-foot Baroque Neapolitan (Italian) diorama. Open daily. Free admission & parking. More information at 203.865.0400 or [kofcmuseum.org](http://kofcmuseum.org).

**Holy Family Retreat Center, West Hartford - Advent Day or Evening Retreat: Be My Light – Mother Teresa's Journey of Doubt and Hope, with Dr. Brandon Nappi - Wednesday, Dec 7, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. or 6-9 p.m.** Shortly after Mother Teresa died in 1997, her secret journals were published expressing a woman of intense paradox. Even as she lived out the Christian life in heroic radiance, she was accompanied by extreme doubt, struggle and dryness in the spiritual life. In this retreat, we'll examine Mother Teresa's incredible contribution to the history of spirituality and discover the constructive role doubt can play in our own Advent journey toward hope and light. \$40, includes meal. 860-760-9705. [www.holyfamilyretreat.or](http://www.holyfamilyretreat.or)

thanksgiving  
gather  
thankful family  
blessed grateful  
together  
blessings  
november

The Lebanon Faith Communities and the Franklin Congregational Church invite you to a Community Faith Event.

The annual Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service will be held at Saint Francis of Assisi, 67 West Town Street, Lebanon, on Sunday November 20th at 7:00pm.

Please bring a non-perishable food or toiletry item for Lebanon Neighbors Helping Neighbors.

**Emmanuel adoration on Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> at St. Andrew Church, Colchester.**

There will be adoration on Sunday, Dec. 18th from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. What a beautiful way to start Christmas week. Every one of every age is invited. Music will be provided by Emily Kubena from St. Francis and Andre Toussaint from St. Andrew. Speaker will be Sean Norris. Sean is from St. Andrew Parish and graduated in 2006. He has been doing ministry and speaking since his graduation from Franciscan University in 2011. There is NO cost to this event.

*Defending Our Religious Liberty Nov. 20, 2016*  
The Connecticut Catholic Conference notes that since 1919, the Catholic Church has been a longstanding advocate of universal, accessible and life-affirming health care. However, the Affordable Health Care Act harshly penalizes those employers, such as the Church, who do not provide abortions and other contraception coverage for their employees. 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 newly elected representatives. Let them know that the mandate is in violation of our First Amendment right to religious freedom.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
HONORS**



**Star Council Award:** Recently I had the privilege of attending the State Council, Knights of Columbus Star Council ceremony held in New Haven at the Knights of Columbus Museum. I am proud to announce that St. Francis of Assisi Church, Council 9653, was one of only 30 councils, out of approximately 300 hundred Connecticut councils, to have the honor of receiving this award of the highest distinction.

**Thank you to all members of Council 9653** for your time, talent, and expertise you have given to the Knights of Columbus through your participation in the Knights of Columbus program. You have made a difference through your dedication and continued support of our community and programs. Your ideas, input and enthusiasm were most helpful and have assisted Council 9653 in achieving the Star Council Award.

**Knight of the Year: Congratulations to Council 9653, Knight of the Year, Steve Wengloski.** Your commitment is greatly appreciated.

**New Members: Welcome our new members, Robert Paris, James Macauley III and Roddy McComber.** New members help us move forward with fresh ideas to achieve our goals of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. All Catholic men in good standing is welcome to join the Knights of Columbus.

**Again, I thank everyone for your contributions, time and effort through service to the Knights of Columbus.**

**BAMBINELLI WEEKEND – GAUDETTE SUNDAY**

Bambinelli is Italian for Christ Child. This will be the second year at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, in celebration of Gaudette Sunday – 10 & 11 December 2015.



Pope Francis, on a recent visit to America said, "The family is the core of the Church."

A special blessing will take place at all Masses 10 & 11 December 2016 – for your Bambinelli (Baby Jesus) from your family Nativity set.

Remember to bring your Family Bambinelli, from home, to Mass that weekend.

Thank you. ~ Liturgy Committee



*All children Grades 3 through 12 are welcome to become Altar Servers. Altar Server training will be provided by Fr. Richard. Please complete the form below and return by November 8 to the parish office.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Tel. \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: (parent) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: (server) \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mass you are able to serve at:

5:00pm \_\_\_\_\_

8:00am \_\_\_\_\_

10:30am \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of parent/guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

**35th Annual Convocation**

**for the Priests in the Diocese of Norwich**

NEWPORT, RI.—The Annual Convocation for Priests will be held from November 28-30, 2016, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel on Goat Island in Newport, RI. It will be a time for all priests to gather with their bishop for spiritual renewal, support, education and rest. No parish, school or institutional activities will be scheduled during these days. Please pray for your priests, as they will be praying for you.

The theme of this year's Convocation is "Becoming Merciful Servants of the New Evangelization." The key presenter will be Reverend Jack Rathschmidt, a Capuchin Franciscan Friar, who holds a M.Th. in spirituality from the Weston College School of Theology and a Ph.D. from Fordham University in Historical Theology

Bishop Cote emphasized the importance of this annual gathering in his letter inviting each priest to the Convocation, "Your presence and commitment to this time together is important to me. This year we celebrate the 35th year of gathering as a presbyterate for the Convocation."

The Convocation is coordinated by the Norwich Diocesan Continuing Education and Formation Commission: Very Rev. Dennis M. Perkins, Very Rev. David P. Choquette, Reverends John Antonelle, Gregory P. Brozonowicz, Peter B. Liszewski, Walter M. Nagle, and Michael Smith.

**How Reluctant Priest was Baptized in the Holy Spirit**

Wednesday, November 30, 2017 at 2pm and 7pm  
Fr. Raniero Cantalamessa speaks about the miracles in his life. He is the Retreat Director for Pope Francis and Leaders of ALL Religious Communities each Advent and Lent.  
Spiritual Renewal Center, 11 Bath Street, Norwich, CT  
(860-887-0702)

Copies of The Word Among Us Advent issue are available at the Church entrances. Please bring home a copy and welcome the King of Glory during this Advent season.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

We have several open Masses during 2016. You may have a Mass said for a variety of intentions: for a deceased loved one, in celebration of a marriage, anniversary, birthday, in thanksgiving, for a special intention, for world peace, etc.

To request a Mass intention, please call Cheryl in the parish office during office hours.