

**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 January 7, 2017 St. Raymond of Penyafort, priest**

4:00 PM Confessions

5:00 PM Souls in Purgatory

**Sunday, January 8, 2017 Epiphany of the Lord**

8:00 AM Ed Bigenski req. by Paul Puhlick

10:30 AM Souls in Purgatory

**Monday January 9, 2017 Baptism of the Lord**

NO MASS

**Tuesday January 10, 2017 Weekday**

NO MASS

**Wednesday January 11, 2017 Weekday**

9:00 AM Stanley Moss & Dr. Hilario req. by C Wheaton

**Thursday January 12, 2017 Weekday**

NO MASS

**Friday January 13, 2017 St. Hilary, bishop, doctor of the Church**

9:00 AM Josephine Collura req. by Mackie

9:30 AM Chaplet of Divine Mercy

**Saturday January 14, 2017 Blessed Virgin Mary**

4:00 PM Confessions

5:00 PM

**Sunday, January 15, 2017 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM

10:30 AM

12/25 Offertory: \$ 2,154.05 Christmas Holy Day: \$ 1,514.00  
Christmas Gift to Parish: \$ 1,013.00  
1/1/ Offertory: \$ 2,030.00 Solemnity of Mary: \$ 538.00  
Today'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 8:30pm ~ Rosary at 6:00pm  
~ Benediction at 7:00pm at St. Andrew Church.**

**Weekend January 14 & January 15**

5:00pm Lector: Bob Nejako

Eucharistic Minister: Jim Hay

Altar Servers: Nina Gardella & Elizabeth Spedalieri

8:00am Lector: Jim Dyer

Eucharistic Minister: Rick Kane

Altar Servers: Christian & Jack Terwilliger

10:30am Lector: Roger Proulx

Eucharistic Minister: Paul Pelletier

Altar Servers: Erika Densman & Becca Wheaton

**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  
SFC 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  
LCPL Chad Wengloski, U.S. Marines  
Seaman Jonathan Wengloski, 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. Luis Agudelo, Rev. Alfred Irving, V. Rev. Michael Phillippino, Rev. Walter Nagle, Rev. C. Paul Boudreau, V. Rev. Richard Ricard, Rev. Thomas Griffin, V. Rev. Gregory Galvin, Rev. Leon Susaimanickam, Rev. John Welch MS, Msgr. Thomas Bride, Rev. Richard Archambault. We also pray for those priests who have left the ministry.

Heavenly Father, may the Immaculate Virgin prepare our priests for the radiant feast of Christmas so that the Divine Emmanuel might find in each of their hearts a little cradle scented by the purity of His all beautiful and loving Mother. (Mother Catherine Aurelia, foundress)

**MEETINGS**

**Liturgy Committee Wednesday Jan. 11 @ 6:30pm**

**Thank you! Thank You! Thank You!**  
**Dear Parishioners of St. Andrew and St. Francis Parishes,**  
**I want to thank you for the kindness I have received from you since my arrival in September. You have all been very kind and supportive to me during my recent eye issues. I also wish to thank you all for your Christmas cards, gifts and well wishes.**  
**Please be assured of my prayers for you during the Christmas Season and in the New Year!**

**God Bless you all!**

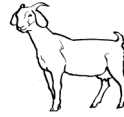
**Fr. Richard**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

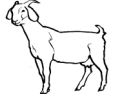
- ✓ **Charismatic Prayer Meeting** every Tuesday at 2 PM Spiritual Renewal Center, 11 Bath Street, Norwich, CT (860-887-0702).
- ✓ **Healing Mass** Monday, January 9 & 23, 2017 at 2PM Spiritual Renewal Center, 11 Bath Street, Norwich, CT
- ✓ **Nominations are underway for the Longest Married Couple search** sponsored by Worldwide Marriage Encounter. Nominations are open to all husband and wife couples regardless of religious affiliation through January 10, 2017. Email the couple's name, wedding date and city and state where they reside to [wwwmelmc2017@gmail.com](mailto:wwwmelmc2017@gmail.com). Include your contact phone or email address. Or, visit the national website at [www.wmme.org](http://www.wmme.org). For more information, contact the Catholic Family Services Office at 860-848-2237, Ext 306.
- ✓ **Sports and Spirituality: How Do We Balance Both in Today's World?** Vs. Who: Adults, Coaches and Parents When: January 10, 2017, 7-8:30 pm Where: Our Lady of Lourdes, Gales Ferry A panel of experts with over 70 years of experience in organized athletics on the college and high school levels will discuss the importance of "Coaching the Whole Person" Speakers include: Mr. Anthony Jaskot, Athletic Director, Xavier HS, Middletown, Ct Mr. Nicholas Cerreta, Varsity Baseball Coach Xavier HS, Middletown, Ct. Fr. Gregory Galvin, Pastor St Bridget of Kildare, Moodus, Ct and Varsity Hockey Coach, Xavier HS, Middletown, Ct Sign up with the Office of Faith Events at 860-848- 2237, ext. 312 or via email at [faith\\_events@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:faith_events@norwichdiocese.net).
- ✓ **Retrouvaille** 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 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 January 20-22, 2017 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).
- ✓ **The March for Life Bus Trip.** The Annual March for Life will take place this year on Friday, January 27, 2017, in Washington, D.C., as a way for people to express their opposition to abortion. This year's event coincides with the 44th anniversary of the Supreme Court's decision to legalize abortion. Buses sponsored by the Southeast Chapter of Connecticut Right to Life. We will travel to the March leaving from the Norwich Municipal Parking Lot (Exit 11, I-395) on Thursday, January 26, 2017, at 9 P.M. Bus fare is \$67 per person. For information, to reserve a seat, or, if you cannot go, to sponsor a seat, please call Margaret Becotte at 860-822- 1362.
- ✓ **Natural Family Planning** is scientific, safe, and is 99-percent effective for conceiving or responsibly postponing a baby. A three-session class for married and engaged couples begins on Saturday, January 28 at 7 P.M. in Gales Ferry. For more information, call Craig and Liz Schantz at 860-464- 1184 or to register for a class go to [www.ccli.org](http://www.ccli.org). Natural Family Planning is scientific, safe, and is 99-percent effective for conceiving or responsibly postponing a baby. A three-session class for married and engaged couples begins on Saturday, January 28 at 7 P.M. in Gales Ferry. For more information, call Craig and Liz Schantz at 860-464- 1184 or to register for a class go to [www.ccli.org](http://www.ccli.org).

**Nine Days for Life Novena** – The U.S. bishops invite us to pray for the protection of all human life. A special novena called 9 Days for Life will take place from January 21st through the 29th. Pray for the respect and protection of all human life with new intentions, brief reflections, and more each day. Download the novena online, or participate through Facebook, email, text message or an app. Join at [www.9daysforlife.com](http://www.9daysforlife.com)!

### CCD Project: Twelve Goats for Haiti



Hurricane Matthew devastated southwestern Haiti. The city of Jeremie and surrounding villages were at the storm's epicenter, and 80% of buildings and 90% of crops were destroyed. Over 1,000 lives were



lost. Desperate families continue to face homelessness, hunger, and disease.

Since the hurricane the Haitian Health Foundation has been working non-stop to collect food, medicine, and building supplies to ship to Haiti, gather the latest information from Jeremie, respond to donor inquiries and fundraise.

HHF has recently been able to access many of the mountain villages under their care; in many cases HHF is the only agency to reach these rural villages.

HHF continues to work to access more remote locations, which is difficult as flooding, mudslides, and debris still block the roads. This has been made worse by the rain that continued daily since the hurricane struck. Cholera is a growing threat, as the number of cases rise, and other medical conditions – malnutrition, pneumonia, and intestinal problems like diarrhea –are widespread among vulnerable children and pregnant women.

This year we will again work to raise monies for goats for Haiti. The cost for one goat is \$150.00. Each goat given is pregnant. As the people raise their goats, they are provided with milk, meat, and a source of income through the sale of goats as the herds become larger. Our CCD will be able to name the goats. When the goats are presented to the selected families, a picture is taken and sent back to us.

Each class will have a collection jar and one will also be near the giving basket in Church. This project will continue until mid-May.



**War Room:** a movie about battles. Not on the typical battlefield but on the battlefield of everyday life. THE MOVIE WILL BE SHOWN SATURDAY, JANUARY 14 TH 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](mailto:brian@journeyforlife.org) or CALLING BRIAN JOHNSON AT (860) 961-7609 YOU

### Defending Our Religious Liberty Jan. 8, 2017

The passage of the federal health care mandate was supposed to provide affordable health care to all Americans. By many accounts, this is not the case, and in the process our First of Amendment Right, which is supposed to safeguard our religious freedom has been taken away.

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.