

**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 February 4, 2017 Blessed Virgin Mary
4:00 PM Confessions
5:00 PM Ladies Guild members living & deceased
Sunday, February 5, 2017 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 AM Frances Dyer req. by the Malozzi family
10:30 AM Souls in Purgatory
**Monday February 6, 2017 St. Paul Miki & companions,
martyrs**
NO MASS
Tuesday February 7, 2017 Weekday
NO MASS
**Wednesday February 8, 2017 St. Jerome Emiliani; St.
Josephine Bakhita, virgin**
9:00 AM Dave & Edith Perotti req. by their family
Thursday February 9, 2017 Weekday
NO MASS
Friday February 10, 2017 St. Scholastica, virgin
9:00 AM People of the parish living & deceased
Saturday February 11, 2017 Our Lady of Lourdes
4:00 PM Confessions
5:00 PM
Sunday, February 12, 2017 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 AM
10:30 AM

Offertory: To be reported next weekend.
Today's second collection is for monthly extraordinary expenses. Next weekend's second collection is for building maintenance.
A very sincere thanks to all those parishioners who make-up their offertory while away.

Adoration of our Lord. Jesus is the Friend who never abandons us. (St. Luigi Guanella) Adoration begins at 8:30am following the 8:00am Mass on Thursdays and continues until Benediction at 7:00pm at St. Andrew Church. There is always a need for faithful adorers, please consider omitting to a specific hour. Contact Dennis Girard @ 860.334.9894 or dennisgirard51@gmail.com

Weekend February 11 & 12
5:00pm Lector: Carole Briggs
Eucharistic Minister: Jim Hay
Altar Servers: Steve Bardes & CJ Frank
8:00am Lector: Rick Kane
Eucharistic Minister: Betsy Petrie
Altar Servers: Jack & Christian Terwilliger
10:30am Lector: Roger Proulx
Eucharistic Minister: Tony Coscia
Altar Servers: Becca Wheaton, Wayne Woodward

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
1st Lt. Miles N. Snelgrove USMC 2nd Batt. 6th 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. Christopher Zmuda, Rev. Edward Wisneski, Rev. Russell Kennedy, Rev. Jose Rizal Dimapilis OP, Rev. Wojciech Pelczarski SDS, Rev. Francis Rouleau, Rev. Thomas Sickler MS, Rev. Peter Liszewski, Rev. George Busto CO, Rev. Peter Langevin, Rev. Raymond Introvigne, Rev. Tadeusz Zadorozny. We also pray for priests who have left the ministry.
Our priests speak to the faithful with their hearts and their faith. Fill them, Lord, with burning zeal for the conversion of sinners. (Mother Catherine Aurelia, foundress)

*****Save the Date*****
Saturday, Feb. 11, 2017
6 – 10 pm
Lebanon Fire Safety Complex
Mid-Winter Break
Dinner with music and games by Wojo (DJ)
Turkey dinner with all the trimmings
Tickets on sale now – advanced sales only
Questions – call Jennie at 860-642-7146 or Alicia at 860-465-7603
Sponsored by the St. Francis Ladies Guild

Children's Mass with Grades 2 & 9 assisting.
February 12 at the 10:30am Mas.
Refreshments in the meeting room following the Mass.

Fr. Richard ~ vacation from Feb. 17 -27.

Our Mass times will change.

Saturday Feb. 18 5:30pm

Sunday Feb. 19 8:00am only

NO 10:30am Mass.

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Saturday Feb. 25 5:30pm

Sunday Feb. 26 8:00am only

NO 10:30am Mass.

Offertory statements for 2016 are available in the Parish Office.

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, February 13, 2017 at 2PM Spiritual Renewal Center, 11 Bath Street, Norwich, CT
- ✓ **BEGINNING EXPERIENCE WEEKEND** ~ If you are widowed, separated or divorced and want help in resolving the pain and grief of losing the marriage relationship, consider attending a **Beginning Experience weekend March 3-5 at St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield, CT.** Catholic-based, the weekend focuses on such topics as the grief process, changes in family and other relationships, trust and coping with life as a single person. *For more information, contact Victoria at 860-993-7866, email at vsa2525@gmail.com, or call the Catholic Family Services office at 848-2237, ext. 306.*
- ✓ **Marriage Encounter Weekend** ~ By offering married couples the beautiful experience of a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend, the Catholic Church is affirming and supporting you in your chosen vocation – Marriage. Take advantage of this great gift to enhance your relationship and enjoy a love-filled weekend away together. For more information or to register for the March 3-5 weekend in Manchester, call 860-376-0440 or visit www.wwmect.org.

Sunday, February 12 at 2 pm “Researching your Historic House” Speaker: Bruce Clouette, Historian and director of Archaeological and Historical Services, Inc. Members free, non-members \$2. Refreshments. *Snow date is Sun, Feb. 26.* Held at the Lebanon Historical Society Museum located at 856 Trumbull Hwy., Lebanon For more information call 860-642-6579 museum@historyoflebanon.org www.historyoflebanon.org

**Men’s ACTS Retreat
Weekend
March 2-5, 2017
Location is Immaculata
Retreat House
289 Windham Road,
Willimantic, CT
To register see Bob Paris or
www.actsct.org
Cost: \$240**

Life Teen @ St. Andrew Church
Life in the Spirit – Seven weeks that could really change your life.
Open to grades 9-12

Sunday February 12 - Life Teen Mass at 5pm followed by dinner and then Week three of our Life in the Spirit Seminar – Healing touch of God.

Sunday March 5 - Life Teen Mass at 5pm followed by dinner and then Week four of our Reconciliation Night – Forgiveness

Sunday March 12 - Life Teen Mass at 5pm followed by dinner and then Week five of our Life in the Spirit Seminar – Power of the Holy Spirit

Sunday March 19 - Life Teen Mass at 5pm followed by dinner and then Week six of our Life in the Spirit Seminar – Baptism of the Holy Spirit

Sunday March 26 - Life Teen Mass at 5pm followed by dinner and then Week seven of our Life in the Spirit Seminar – Living a transformed life

Programs at Enders Island – Mystic CT

860.536.0565

- **Married Couples Retreat** Friday 2/10/17 through Sunday 2/12/17 through Sunday 2/12/17 \$420 per couple For more information [http://enders.is/couples retreat](http://enders.is/couples%20retreat)
- **Women’s’ 11th Step Retreat** Friday 2/24/17 through Sunday 2/26/17 \$210 shared room. <http://enders.is/feb11thstep>

Come listen to (and share your) True Miracle-stories -- Part-01: Come to a free-lecture at both of our yoked parishes ... (St. Andrew's: on Feb. 14 -- at 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM -- immediately after the 7: PM Tuesday night Mass in Colchester, CT) ... and ... (St. Francis of Assisi's: on Thursday Feb. 16 -- at 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM -- in Lebanon, CT).

You will hear some true miracle stories from our Lay Evangelist Tony Coscia; which he has personally experienced or heard about over the past 40-years. Then Tony will ask any attendees who are willing -- to also volunteer to give us all a 1 or 2 minute presentation of their own miracles as well. Attendee-Voluntary-Sharings will all be optional and not required, but the opportunity will be available for some Willing-Volunteers to speak as time permits.

Pre-registration is required. Please send an E-mail to (Tony And 7 7 7 @ AOL .Com) stating your name, phone, and how many are attending. Please only register by phone if you do not have an E-mail -- at 860-786-7220 and leave your message. Voluntary Free-will offerings will be accepted after the lecture.

“Discover Mercy” for 5th, 6th, & 7th grade girls and their parents at Mercy High School, Middletown, CT. Saturday March 4, 2017 from 9:00am – 1:00pm. Register on line @ www.mercyhigh.com

Mercy High School is sponsoring a \$25,000 Education Raffle. Anyone can win! The \$25,000 is tax free and can be used at any accredited school in the U.S. (grades K – College) and for student loan payments. Tickets are \$100. The drawing is Wednesday, May 17th at Mercy's Spring Concert starting at 7:00 p.m. You do not need to be present to win. Only 650 tickets will be sold. For information, or to order a ticket, go to www.mercyhigh.com or call Mercy at 860-347-8957.

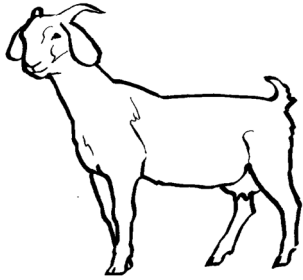
Save the Date!
7th Annual Catholic Women's Conference of the Diocese of Norwich
Sponsored by the Office of Faith Events and Norwich Diocesan Council of Catholic Women
Sat. April 8, 2017, 8:30am – 3:30pm
St. Bernard School-Uncasville, CT
Keynote Speaker: Vallimar Jansen

The day includes Mass with Bishop Cote, Reconciliation, Lunch, Adoration, Music, Vendors and much more!!!

Holy Family Retreat Center, West Hartford – Upcoming Programs
www.holyfamilyretreat.org 860-760-9705

- **Taste the Love at Our Hearts & Wine Valentine's Gourmet Dinner**
Saturday, Feb 11, 6 p.m. Join us for a gourmet buffet dinner prepared by Holy Family's talented chef and three wines to complement the meal courses. Menu includes spicy roasted tiger shrimp, chateaubriand with béarnaise sauce, Maine lobster cassoulet, nine spice Moroccan stew, and chocolate heart-shaped mousse cake with espresso cream Anglaise. All are welcome - consider reserving a table of 8 to 10! \$150 per couple, \$75 per person.
- **Ash Wednesday Day or Evening Retreat: The Price and the Promise of Easter, with Bill Walsh - Wednesday, Mar 1,**
10 a.m.-2 p.m. or 6-9 p.m. As we begin another Lenten season in preparation for Easter, we'll examine why Jesus died and how Jesus' passion, death and resurrection can bring healing and hope in our world. We'll also explore how our own struggles relate to Christ's resurrection and what the cross reveals about God's relationship with humanity. \$40, includes meal.

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.