

**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. Richard Breton  
Deacon Michael Puscas



**MASS  
INTENTIONS**

**Saturday February 11, 2017 Our Lady of Lourdes**

4:00 PM Confessions

5:00 PM Souls in Purgatory

**Sunday, February 12, 2017 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM Ken Gardner req. by the Palmer family

10:30 AM People of the parish living & deceased

**Monday February 13, 2017 Weekday**

NO MASS

**Tuesday February 14, 2017 Sts. Cyril, monk, & Methodius,  
bishop**

NO MASS

**Wednesday February 15, 2017 Weekday**

9:00 AM Jennifer & Robert Chesters req. by their family

**Thursday February 16, 2017 Weekday**

NO MASS

**Friday February 17, 2017 Seven Holy Founders of the Servite  
Order**

9:00 AM Souls in Purgatory

**Saturday February 18, 2017 Blessed Virgin Mary**

4:00 PM Confessions

5:30 PM

**Sunday, February 19, 2017 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM Ed Bigenski req. by the Knights of Columbus

**No 10:30 AM Mass**

Offertory 1/29: \$ 2,412.25

Offertory: \$ 2,242.85 Monthly Extraordinary: \$ 649.00

Today's second collection is for Building Maintenance. 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 18 & 19**

5:30pm Lector: Bob Nejako

Eucharistic Minister: Carole Briggs

Altar Servers: Grace & Genevieve Gardella

8:00am Lector: Jim Dyer

Eucharistic Minister: Joan Grecki

Altar Servers: Emily & Anthony Pomerleau

10:30am Lector: No Mass

Eucharistic Minister: No Mass

Altar Servers: No Mass

The parish library is open at all times. Please stop by and choose a book.

The library is not accepting donations at the present time.

**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 Bishop Michael R. Cote, Rev. Erik Lenhart OFM Cap, Rev. Patrick Martin, Rev. Richard Crawley OFM Cp, Rev. Martin Noe, Rev. Michael Smith, Rev. Dennis Mercieri, Rev. Patrick McCorry, Rev. William Olesik, Rev. P. Grzegorz Jednaki, Rev. Gregoire Fluet, Msgr. Leszek Janik, Rev. Richard Sliwinski. 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)

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

**Knights of Columbus sponsored Meet &  
Greet with donuts & coffee in the meeting  
room after the 8am Mass on February 19.**

**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.**

**&**

**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
- ✓ **BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP** ~ A New Catholic-based Bereavement Support group will meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at three alternating diocesan parishes. The first meeting is **Thursday, Feb. 16** from 7-8:30 P.M. at **St. Mary's Parish Hall, 34 No. Main St., Jewett City**. For more information, contact Catholic Family Services at 860-848-2237, ext. 306.
- ✓ **Natural Family Planning** is scientific, safe, and is 99-percent effective for conceiving or responsibly postponing a baby. Two three-session classes for married and engaged couples will begin in March. For information about classes in the Montville area beginning **Saturday, March 4**, call **Chad and Sara Estabrooks at 860-917-3938**. For classes in the Old Saybrook area beginning **Monday, March 13**, call **Steve and Lisa Collison at 860-399-8265**.
- ✓ **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 [vs2525@gmail.com](mailto:vs2525@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](http://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](mailto:museum@historyoflebanon.org)  
[www.historyoflebanon.org](http://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](http://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**

- **Women's' 11<sup>th</sup> Step Retreat** Friday 2/24/17 through Sunday 2/26/17 \$210 shared room.  
<http://enders.is/feb11thstep>

**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: Valimar Jansen**

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

**"Discover Mercy" for 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, & 7<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 17<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.mercyhigh.com) or call Mercy at 860-347-8957.

### **Holy Family Retreat Center, West Hartford Upcoming Programs**

[www.holyfamilyretreat.org](http://www.holyfamilyretreat.org) 860-760-9705

- **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.

### **Third Annual Collection of Household Goods for WAIM Weekend of April 8 & 9**

**Just in time for spring cleaning.**

**A truck will be in the Church parking lot  
before and after Masses on April 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>  
for the drop off of your good, usable donation  
items.**

#### **Defending Our Religious Liberty Feb. 5, 2017**

Let us pray that as the new administration repeals the health care mandate that it not only restore the Church's First Amendment right to religious freedom, but also makes coverage accessible to all Americans.

#### **Defending Our Religious Liberty Feb. 12, 2017**

Pope Francis has said: "Religion [cannot] be relegated to the inner sanctum of personal life, without influence on societal and national life (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 183). As our leaders work to alter the health care mandate, may they keep the common good of all Americans in the forefront of their minds.

#### **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).

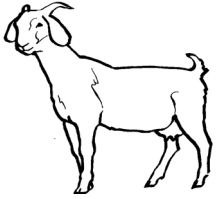
You will hear some true miracle stories from our Lay Evangelist Tony Coscia; which he has personally experienced or heard about over the past 40-years. Then Tony will ask any attendees who are willing -- to also volunteer to give us all a 1 or 2 minute presentation of their own miracles as well. Attendee-Voluntary-Sharings 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.

**March for Mercy- Youth Service Event** – A great way to get service hours! On Saturday March 25<sup>th</sup> from 10am – 3pm, Youth are invited to a special service event; The March for Mercy. The March will begin at St. Joseph in Norwich with a witness talk about the realities of drug addiction. Followed by a physician speaking on the effects of drugs. We will then tour St. Vincent de Paul Place, and March to the Cathedral. At the Cathedral, Cooper Ray, a national speaker and musician, will lead our Service Rally Event in the hall. Youth are asked to collect pledges for the mile walk to benefit the Catholic Charities Substance Abuse and Treatment Program, the minimum to participate is \$15. Contact your Catechetical Leader or Liza Roach at [lroach@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:lroach@norwichdiocese.net) or (860)848-2237 to attend.

**On Thursday, February 23, 2017.** Come join in praying with Bishop Cote a Eucharistic Holy Hour for Vocations. This month the holy hour will be at Church of the Holy Family, Hebron, CT from 6:00-7:00pm. Come pray for those who are called to priestly or consecrated religious life Pray for our seminarians and those in the process of applying to the Diocese. Join our Diocesan Pray Team for Vocations by emailing the vocation office for more information at [vocations@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:vocations@norwichdiocese.net) and check out our website at [god-calls.com](http://god-calls.com)

**Saint Joseph Church 120 Cliff Street, Norwich is hosting their annual Lenten Fish and Chips Dinner every Friday beginning Feb.24 and ending April 14<sup>th</sup> (Good Friday) from 4:30-6:30. A full meal consisting of 2 pieces of fish; a 1 piece meal and Chowder will be available. Meals include fish, French fries, coleslaw, dessert and beverage. Please join us! For more information, call 860-887-1565.**



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 thru mid-May.

#### **Employment Opportunity**

Catholic Charities is seeking a full time, temporary Behavioral Health Program Manager for our Behavioral Health Clinic in Norwich. This person will be responsible for managing our outpatient behavioral health clinic in Norwich. Responsibilities include supervision of all staff, quality assurance, and utilization management. This position requires direct service responsibilities. Requirements: MSW, LCSW with at least five year's post-graduate experience. Please email resume, cover letter, and salary requirements to Laura Malone, Executive Assistant at [lauramalone@cfsn.org](mailto:lauramalone@cfsn.org)



## **Altar Server Training Sessions**

**Saturday  
March 4, 2017  
At 10:00am  
St. Francis,  
Lebanon**

**Saturday  
March 11, 2017  
At 10:00am  
St. Andrew,  
Colchester**

#### **Caregiver Spirituality Support Group:**

Join us for a night to listen and share with others who are experiencing the struggles of caregiving. March 21 from 6:30-8:00pm at Our Lady of Lourdes, Gales Ferry. This night will be interactive and designed to provide support and hope to caregivers.