

**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 May 6, 2017 Easter Weekday

4:00 PM Confessions
5:00 PM Souls in Purgatory,

Sunday, May 7, 2017 Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM John & Mary Clinch req. by Norm & Ella Mae Kuzel
10:30 AM Janet Gagnon req. by her family

Monday May 8, 2017 Easter Weekday

NO MASS

Tuesday May 9, 2017 Easter Weekday

NO MASS

Wednesday May 10, 2017 St. Damien de Veuster, priest

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

Thursday May 11, 2017 Easter Weekday

NO MASS

Friday May 12, 2017 Sts. Nereus & Achilleus, martyrs; St. Pancras, martyr

9:00 AM People of the parish living & deceased

Saturday May 13, 2017 Our Lady of Fatima

4:00 PM Confessions
5:00 PM

Sunday, May 14, 2017 Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM Gene Grecki req. by the Stygar family
10:30 AM Jo Anne Pomerleau req. by her family

Offertory: \$ 2,150.50 Monthly Extraordinary: \$ 676.00
Today's second collection is for the Seminarians.
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.

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 May 13 & 14

5:00pm Lector: Steve Wengloski
Eucharistic Minister: Sharon Nejako
Altar Servers: Grace & Nina Gardella
8:00am Lector: Kathy Pellerin
Eucharistic Minister: Kathy Walden
Altar Servers: Sarah Dungan, Emily & Anthony Pomerleau
10:30am Lector: Paul Pelletier
Eucharistic Minister: Pat Dubiel
Altar Servers: Marianne & Henry Clippinger, Drew Taylor

Please save the date: We will hold a reception on Sunday June 25th from 2-4pm for Father Mark's 25th Ordination Anniversary. More information will be coming.

12 Goats for Haiti: Collected to date \$ 1,674

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
AM3 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.

Parishioners: Please submit Cheryl in the parish office the name, rank, branch of service of Lebanon Active Duty Service men & women in your family. Their names will be announced at the Lebanon Ecumenical Clergy Community Day of Prayer on May 23, 2017 hosted by the Redeemer Lutheran Church. All are invited. Please show your support and attend. The Theme is Remembrance. Deadline for submission of names is May 7. Thank you.



Liturgy Committee Wednesday May 10 @ 6:30pm

Packets of beans, squash, peas, pumpkins, & cucumbers are available for parishioners to take. Seeds may be found in front of the altar.

APOSTOLATE OF PRAYER — We pray for Rev. John Gallagher OFM Cap, Msgr. Robert Brown, Rev. Charles McGrail, Rev. Joseph Whittel, Rev. Grzegorz Brozonowicz, Rev. David Zercie MSA, Rev. Victor Chaker, Rev. Joseph Castaldi, Rev. John Ashe, Rev. Domink Libiszewski OSPPE, Rev. Mark Masnicki, Rev. Anthony DiMarco. We also pray for all priests who have left the ministry.

Mary Immaculate, we know you are blessing our priests. Dear Mother, cover with your maternal mantle those whom Jesus has honored with the authority and dignity of His priesthood. (Ven. Mother Catherine Aurelia, foundress)

ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

- ✓ "Like" the **Office of Faith Events Diocese of Norwich** page on Facebook and stay informed of all our upcoming faith-filled events for Youth, Young Adults, Adults, and Families.
www.facebook.com/ofenorwichdiocese
- ✓ **Charismatic Prayer Meeting** every Tuesday at 2 PM Spiritual Renewal Center, 11 Bath Street, Norwich, CT (860-887-0702).
- ✓ Mass of Healing and Hope Sunday, May 7th at 2PM @ St. Agnes Church, Niantic. Fr. Ray - Celebrant, Judith Hughes - Healing Prayers. Prayer Teams available. Call Nancy Delaney for more info (860)739-6455
- ✓ **Healing Mass:** Monday, May 8 & 22, 2017 at 2PM, Spiritual Renewal Center, 11 Bath Street, Norwich
- ✓ **Holy Hour for Vocations:** May 18 at St. Matthias in East Lyme from 6-7pm
- ✓ **7 Myths about the Catholic Church & Science** ~ a four week DVD based series. The series opens at 7pm in the rectory meeting room on Wednesday May 10 & continues on May 17, 24, & 31. Register by April 30 at 860.464.7251 secretary@ololgforg. \$8 fee for the participant's book may be paid in advance or at the first meeting.
- ✓ **Please join us on Wednesday, May 31, 2017, at 7:00 pm at the Chancery as we begin planning the 25th Annual Firefighters/EMS Personnel Mass** scheduled for Saturday, October 14, 2017, 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. For more information call, Mrs. Terri Zampini at [860-887-9294](tel:860-887-9294), [x265](tel:860-887-x265), or Monsignor Brown at [x232](tel:860-887-x232).

San Jose Assembly 121, Fourth Degree, Knights of Columbus, is pleased to announce the Andrew J. Kuhar Memorial **Scholarship**. The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal organization of Catholic men based on the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. Although academics will be one of the criteria for this award, the major criterion will be voluntary service to the applicant's Church, community or both. This scholarship is open to all graduating high school seniors in eastern Connecticut, who will be attending a two-year college, four-year college, university or technical school in the fall of 2017.

Application deadline is May 10. The award for this year is \$500 and will be awarded on or about June 5, 2017. Applications available in the parish office.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

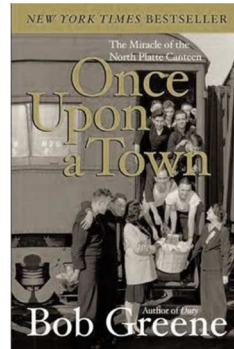
Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." Celebrate God's love and mercy for each other by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next WWME Weekends are Jul 7-9, 2017 in Manchester, CT and Nov 3-5, 2017 in Manchester, CT. For more information, call Paul & Kim Gilbert at [860-376-0440](tel:860-376-0440) or visit us at <https://wwmectw.org/>.

WAIM is looking for gently used Prom dresses and accessories. For example, clutch bags, high heel shoes and jewelry. Drop off at donation warehouse; Riverside Dr. off Bridge ST. in Willimantic. Donations would be needed by May 20th.

Mother's Day cards with Mass intention requests are available at the entrances of Church. Please return the request as soon as possible. Your intentions will be remembered in the Masses on Mother's Day.



Lebanon Historical Society



The Lebanon Historical Society History Book Club will be discussing "Once Upon a Town" on May 10 2017 at 7 PM at the Museum.

"Once Upon a Town" is the story of the North Platte Nebraska Canteen that fed every military man that came through North Platte on the Troop trains, several trains at all hours of the

night for every day of WWII.

A member of our parish was a young girl at that time and has firsthand experience with this extraordinary event.

Ella Mae Kuzel will tell us the rest of the story on May 10th. She has requested that everyone attending please wear an apron. It will be an engaging, hands-on look at this historical event.

Books are available at the Jonathan Trumbull Library.

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 during the Mercy Spring Concert 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](tel:860-347-8957). Join us for the Mercy Spring Concert – May 17th at 7 pm. The concert is free and open to the public!



BABY BOTTLES FOR LIFE Take an empty baby bottle with you on Mother's Day. Fill them with check, currency or coin. Return them by Father's Day June 18th. Help protect the unborn. Support Care Net Pregnancy Resource Center. Involve your children! Show them by example that all life is precious and loved. Join our Baby Bottle Campaign. Your donation brings Mother's Day to our clients. Or fill a virtual bottle at www.psclife.org. You choose the amount. \$5 fills a bottle with pennies, \$15 fills a bottle with nickels, \$40 fills a bottle with dimes, and \$60 fills a bottle with quarters. Empty baby bottles can be found at the side entrance.

Grief Support Group Schedule ~ Center for Hospice Care, 227 Dunham Street, Norwich, CT. 860.848.5699 hospicesect.org.
Yoga for Grief and Coping with Loss: Mondays, May 1, 8, & 22 from 5:30-7:00pm
Coping With the Loss of a Spouse/Partner: Wednesdays April 25, May 2, 9, 16 & 23 from 5:30-7:00pm
Coping With the Loss of a Parent: Tuesdays, April 26, May 3, 10 17, & 24 from 5:30-7:00pm
Coping With the Loss of a Loved One: Every 1st and 3rd Tuesday: May 2 & 16, June 6 & 20 from 10am – 11am meeting at Mystic/Noank Library, 40 Library Street, Mystic.

Expressive Arts Groups Schedule ~ Center for Hospice Care, 227 Dunham Street, Norwich, CT. 860.848.5699 hospicesect.org.
For Children: Ages 5 – 12. A program in which each week offers a different theme and focus for processing grief in imaginative and therapeutic ways. Join us before each session for Pet Therapy and snack time from 4:30-5:15pm. The Expressive Arts Session is from 5:15-6:15pm.
Clay Play Part 1 April 25
Clay Play Part 2 May 2
Mother's Day Remembrance May 9
Say it With Music May 16

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH EVENT – FAITH AND FUN
 All Middle School youth, grades 6-8, are invited to share faith and fun! This event is on Friday May 12th at Sky Zone in Wallingford, CT beginning at 6:10pm-8:30pm. The event will include 90 minutes of jump time, socks, a slice of pizza endless soda and prayer! Parents must fill out the Sky Zone waiver online, turn in permission slip and \$24 fee to the Diocese no later than Monday, May 1st. If you need forms, please email Liza Roach at lroach@norwichdiocese.net. Rides are not provided.

Get M-Powered! Join the Mercy High School Summer Program 2017 Programs and clinics are available for girls rising to grades 5th – 9th Basketball, Cultural Awareness, Field Hockey, Higher Achievement, Soccer, Theatre Arts, and Vocal!
 Please visit www.mercyhigh.com for specific program information and online registration or call 860-346-6659 and request a brochure be sent to you.

MASS INTENTIONS
 We have several open Masses during 2017. 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.

Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center
 303 Tunxis Road, West Hartford, CT 06107-3119
 Phone: 860.521.0440 | Fax: 860.521.1929
 Email: info@holyfamilyretreat.org
Music Ministers' Evening Retreat: A Singing Church A Praying Church, with Fr. David Cinquegrani - Tuesday and Wednesday, June 6 and 7, 6-9 p.m. (same program both evenings). Music can melt and reshape our spirits and move us from singing to praying, from musical expression to deep relationship with God and one another. Ministers of music, their choirs, friends and family are invited to join us for this wonderful evening that includes a delicious dinner, presentation with singing, and celebration of the Eucharist. \$30 NPM members, \$40 non-members, includes dinner. Clergy no cost.

Ladies Guild Graduating Senior Award
 Any graduating high school senior who is an active member of St. Francis Parish may apply for the Ladies Guild annual Graduating Senior Award. This Award is based on academic record, activity in school and community, and most importantly, devotion to your Parish. The maximum award is \$200. Applications are found at the Church entrances or contact Barbara at bobbie.w@charter.net to be emailed a copy. Please return by June 4th.

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 All ladies of the parish are invited to join the Ladies Guild on their annual **Mystery Ride Monday, May 15th**. Please be at the Church parking lot between 4:45 and 5:00pm. We will leave promptly at 5:00pm. Please bring money for supper. A Sign-up sheet is at the side Church entrance. Questions, please contact Barbara at 860.642.7168.

Defending Our Religious Liberty May 7, 2017
 Religious liberty is not an eccentric uncle of the human rights family. It is as real as our Constitution. It is very real to our Catholic ministries, to the people that the Catholic Church serves, and to all Americans. Catholic organizations will have to face exorbitant penalties amounting to tens of millions of dollars, or shut down, if the federal healthcare mandate is not revised.
 Let us pray that as lawmakers make changes to the current mandate that it return the safeguards that protect religious freedom in the Constitution of the United States.

Parish Bulletin E-mailed to You
*If you would like the parish bulletin emailed to you, a friend, or a college student away from home,
 E-mail the parish office a request to be put on the e-mail list.
 Parish Email address:
cheryl@stfrancisassisilebanonct.org*

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I know from our many conversations across the Diocese, that you are keenly aware of the continuing need for more priests to meet the demands of our active faith community. I deeply appreciate your encouraging a culture of vocations.

We all contribute by praying for our future priests and supporting them in every way possible. I thank you for your very generous response to the *Annual Seminary Education Fund Appeal*. This year's appeal takes place in your local parish the weekend of May 6 – 7th. The young men discerning a commitment to the priesthood thank you for being there for them. They feel your strong support.

At this time last year, we had eleven men studying for the diocese, all at different points of the journey through formation. Four of those men I was blessed to ordain to the priesthood last June 25th. In turn, we are blessed by their service in the diocese.

Presently, we have two men who are in their philosophical studies, four in different years of major seminary, and two who are just now finishing up their two-year English programs before transitioning back to college undergraduate work and/or seminary work. Please pray for Mr. Frank Gilbert as he prepares for ordination to the transitional diaconate on June 8, 2017, at St. Mary of Czestochowa in Middletown CT.

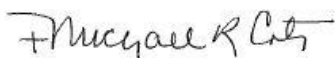
I ask you to please also join me in praying for the ten other men in the diocese discerning a call to priesthood, and for others you may know or think should also discern God's call. Have you noticed priestly characteristics in a young man in your parish, your town community, or possibly even in your own son? If so, speak with them, pray for them and recommend them to your pastor. Our heavenly Father often chooses to "wake up" a call by using others as His instruments.

We look forward to many of these men responding generously to God's call and to be welcomed into sponsorship one day in the Diocese of Norwich. As we accept new candidates to study for the diocese, we must be ready financially to give them the necessary support they need as they give themselves over to the Church for formation to the priesthood. Again, I thank you for your kindness and generosity. You may wish to consider increasing your gift this year to the *Seminary Education Fund Annual Appeal*. Our costs of education for the past two years reached \$548,300.00. Our need continues to be significant.

Each year our seminarians return to the diocese during the first couple of weeks of May. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers as they finish their academic, spiritual, pastoral and human formation for this year.

Your future priests know you are with them. May God bless you for your generosity, kindness, faithfulness and prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Bishop of Norwich

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Job Opportunities

APRN *Catholic Charities, Diocese of Norwich is seeking a consulting psychiatric APRN to provide psychiatric evaluations, medication evaluations, and medication follow-up appointments for clients served at our Norwich and Middletown behavioral health clinics. Experience working with children desired, but not required. Connecticut license to practice as an APRN is required. If interested, please send your resume to Laura Malone at lauramalone@cfsn.org.*

Full-time Clinical Site Supervisor (LCSW) - Norwich

Catholic Charities is seeking a full-time Behavioral Health Clinical Site Supervisor 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 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

Fee for Service LCSWs - Catholic Charities, Diocese of Norwich, Inc. **We are seeking Licensed Clinical Social Workers (LCSW)** to provide fee for service clinical services for a diverse client population in our Norwich, Middletown, and New London Offices.

To apply:

Please email resume, cover letter, salary requirements, and the contact information for three professional references to Laura Malone, Executive Assistant at lauramalone@cfsn.org

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See the side bulletin board for details on a Principal Vacancy at St. John Paul II Regional, Diocesan PreK – 8 School in Middletown. Deadline is May 23 for submission of application.

*Congratulations to our young parishioners who received their First Holy Communion Saturday morning, May 6<sup>th</sup>.*



*Grace Dunnack  
Luci Gardella  
Vanni Guachione  
Gage Hassler  
Gianna Kovach  
Calvin Sammarco  
Ethan Taylor  
Kaiden Walsh  
Talon White*

*Also the following who received their First Holy Communion in another parish:*

*Shannon Austin  
Brody Frank  
Brady Hayward*



## **PLANT SALE**

*Sponsored By*

Lebanon Knights of Columbus #9653

**Saturday May 20**

**From 9am – 6pm**

**And Sunday May 21**

**From 9am to 3pm.**

**The Knights will be selling flower plants ~ veggie plants ~ shrubs ~ and more!**

**Also large Raffle table with many great items.**

**Local Lebanon Honey & Maple Syrup.**

**Free Coffee**

**HELD AT:** St. Francis of Assisi Church  
67 West Town St., Lebanon, CT.

St. Philip the Apostle Church, Route 44 (64 Pompey Hollow Road) in Ashford, CT will be holding it's Annual Used Book Sale Fundraiser, May 13-28, 2017, Saturday & Sunday 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Monday to Friday 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. History, fiction, non-fiction, cookbooks, children's, religious, classics, Specials, etc. 40,000 books from which to choose! Hardcover \$1.00, soft covers \$.50.

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP** ~ A Catholic-based Bereavement Support group will meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at three alternating diocesan parishes. The next meeting is **Thursday, May 18** from **7-8:30 P.M.** at **St. Mary's Parish Center, 34 North Main St., Jewett City, CT.** For more information, contact Catholic Family Services at 860-848-2237, ext. 306.