

**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 July 8, 2017 Blessed Virgin Mary**

4:00 PM Confessions

5:30 PM Christopher & Trish Goba Churchill 18<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary req. by Bill & Joan Russoniello Goba

**Sunday, July 9, 2017 Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM Mary Kay Clinch req. by Norm & Ella Mae Kuzel  
NO 10:30am MASS

**Monday July 10, 2017 Weekday**

NO MASS

**Tuesday July 11, 2017 St. Benedict, abbot**

NO MASS

**Wednesday July 12, 2017 Weekday**

9:00 AM Richard & Lisa Napolitano special intention req. by  
Mackie

**Thursday July 13, 2017 St. Henry**

NO MASS

**Friday July 14, 2017 St. Kateri Tekakwitha, virgin**

9:00 AM Souls in Purgatory req. by P. Roberts

**Saturday July 15, 2017 St. Bonaventure, bishop & doctor of  
the Church**

4:00 PM Confessions

5:00 PM James Maffiolini req. by his family

**Sunday, July 16, 2017 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM Joseph Bendoraitis req. by his family

10:30 AM Alex Ross req. by C. Wheaton

11:30 AM Baptism

7/1&2/2017 Offertory & Monthly Extraordinary will be reported next week due to early submission of the bulletin.

Today's second collection is our endowment fund. Our Parish currently has a small Endowment Fund which was begun in June of 1991. The purpose of gifts of monies to the endowment fund is to provide for the future support or maintenance of the Parish. The interest earned can be left in the fund to increase the principal or used for parish expenses. With an Endowment Fund, only the interest would be distributed each year, with the principal remaining intact. Over time, with additional gifts and interest earned, the account balance could become large enough to give the parish a nice annual income.

Next weekend's collection is the Mission Co-Op collection. This year Fr. Ben will be here to speak to you about his diocese of Tuticorin, India.

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

**✝ Blood Drive – Lebanon Senior Center  
Community Room** Wednesday July 12 from 1-6pm.  
Appointments: call 1.800.733.2767 or visit  
redcrossblood.org

**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  
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  
CTN3 Jonah Swett, U.S. Navy  
Seaman Recruit Rocky Spedaliere  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Tyler McGuire, U.S. Air Force

**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. Timothy Roth MIC, Rev. George Richards, Jr., Rev. Martin Jones, Rev. Benjamin Soosaimanickam, Rev. William McNulty, Rev. Stanley Szczapa, Rev. William Flynn, Rev. Christopher Feeney, Rev. John Gallagher OFM Cap, Msgr. Robert Brown, Rev. Charles McGrail, Rev. Joseph Whittel.

Precious Blood of Jesus, cover our priests and protect them from the snares of the enemy. Kindle in their hearts a great love for You and for all souls. Bless them and make them guardians to watch over Your sheep...May the Blood of Jesus always help them. (Ven. Mother Catherine Aurelia, foundress)

**Weekend July 15 & 16**

5:00pm Lector: Bob Nejako

Eucharistic Minister: Jim Hay

Altar Servers: Grace & Genevieve Gardella

8:00am Lector: Rick Kane

Eucharistic Minister: Ella Mae Kuzel

Altar Servers: Wayne Woodward, Becca Wheaton

10:30am Lector: Sandy Grillo

Eucharistic Minister: Wally Gagnon

Altar Servers: Drew Taylor & Nicholas Barrett

**LEBANON FAIR Aug. 11 – 13, 2017**

The St. Francis Ladies Guild Soda Booth needs your help.



Sign-up sheets will be located at the side entrance of the church. All new volunteers MUST complete background paperwork and an on-line Training module. Please see Cheryl during office hours for forms and training information. Give it a try - you're in the shade and you get to talk with friends. Questions please call Estelle Elliott 860-420-7221.

### **Defending Our Religious Liberty July 9, 2017**

Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore, Chairman of the U.S. Bishops' Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty, issued a statement encouraging the broadening of the exemption from the HHS mandate. "If issued, these regulations would appropriately broaden the existing exemption to a wider range of stakeholders with religious or moral objections to the mandated coverage—not just houses of worship. This not only would eliminate an unwarranted governmental division of our religious community 'between our houses of worship and our great ministries of service to our neighbors,' but would also lift the government-imposed burden on our ministries 'to violate their own teachings within their very own institutions...Relief like this is years overdue and would be most welcomed."

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH**

- ✓ **Charismatic Prayer Meeting** every Tuesday at 2 PM Spiritual Renewal Center, 11 Bath Street, Norwich, CT ([860-887-0702](tel:860-887-0702)) .
- ✓ **Healing Mass** ~ Mondays, July 10 and 24, 2017 Spiritual Renewal Center, 11 Bath Street, Norwich
- ✓ **Holy Hour for Vocations: July 20 at St. Pius X, Middle town from 6-7pm**
- ✓ On Sunday, September 10, 2017, at 8:45 a.m., Bishop Cote will celebrate **Mass for Those Dedicated to Education**, in the Cathedral of Saint Patrick. Currently, the Planning Committee for this Mass is seeking additional members to assist in preparing this very meaningful tribute to Educators and to become an active member of the planning committee. The next meeting of the Mass Committee will be held on June 26, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. in the Bishop Hines Conference Room of the Chancery. Please join us in planning the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Mass for Those Dedicated to Education. Contact Mrs. Rebecca McDougal at 860-887-9294.
- ✓ **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** "And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love Him and reveal myself to Him." Expand your married love by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next WWME Weekend is Nov 3-5, 2017 in Manchester, CT. For more information, call Dennis & Jane Lamondy at [860-376-0440](tel:860-376-0440) or visit us at <https://www.mectw.org/>.

**Women's ACTS Retreat:** The Corpus Christi Catholic Community of Willimantic is sponsoring a Women's ACTS retreat at Immaculata Retreat House in Willimantic from July 13-16, 2017. This retreat experience is an opportunity for spiritual renewal, faith strengthening and experiencing God's unconditional love through the women who serve on the retreat team. It would be a great gift to yourself or any of the special women in your life. Informational brochures and registration forms are available at the Church doors. For more information you can contact Donna Cawley at [860-456-2505](tel:860-456-2505) or go to [actsct@net](mailto:actsct@net).



### **Registration Information**

**IT IS TIME TO REGISTER FOR CCD CLASSES!**

We are now accepting

registrations for the 2017-2018 CCD Classes. Registrations are due August 1<sup>st</sup>. Forms are available from the parish office, and at the entrances of Church. Please return registrations ASAP.

Sr. Mary A. McCarthy, President of Mercy High School, Middletown, CT has announced the names of the following students as honor roll students for the 4th marking period for school year 2016-2017. First honors: Giana Pirolli, Sophia Pirolli

### **26th Annual Steeple Chase Bike Tour**

August 19, 2017.



20, 35, 50, 62.5 & 100 mile bike routes and a 5 mile walk through scenic northeastern CT. Ride starts at Eastern CT State University Athletic Complex, 69 Mansfield City Road, Mansfield Center, CT.

Registration opens at 7am. Info @ [860.450.7122](tel:860.450.7122) and [www.steeplechase.org](http://www.steeplechase.org) Register @ [Bikereg.com](http://Bikereg.com)

### **Fr. Ben is back again to St. Francis**

Mission is the purpose of vocation. All who are called to follow Christ are sent by Christ, in the person of His Church, to extend the Kingdom of God. To support the extended Catholic people of God in the Diocese of Tuticorin in India, Fr. Ben will visit our parish on July 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> requesting our support and prayers. Tree of Faith was planted in the Diocese of Tuticorin by St. Francis Xavier a Jesuit missionary from Portugal. We have to continue planting trees of faith that will bear fruits of truth and love in the Diocese of Tuticorin in India.

### **June was "Leave a Legacy" month in the Diocese of Norwich**

Most recently, through his Estate, Reverend Thomas W. Ahern who served our Diocese for over 41 years, established two endowments within the Catholic Foundation, one to benefit our seminarians and the other, the hungry poor of our Diocese. We are blessed that Father Ahern's generosity will forever allow him to help many in our Diocese. If you are interested in learning more about how you can leave your legacy and support all the good works that the Church is involved in, please contact Mary Ellen Mahoney, Development Manager, at (860) 886-1928 or [memahoney@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:memahoney@norwichdiocese.net) .

31st ANNUAL Rummage Sale St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Church in Baltic (70 W. Main St.) is seeking donations for its annual rummage sale. Donations of furniture, household items, clothing, etc. will be gratefully accepted through July 23. Please call St. Mary Rectory at (860) 822-6378 to arrange pick-up of larger items. Thank you very much for your support!  
<https://www.facebook.com/SaintMaryRummageSale>

Free Admission on all days except Thursday, July 27

August 5 LAST DAY BARGAINS!

**Early Bird Shopping** - \$10 admission

Thursday, July 27 ~ 5 PM to 8 PM

Friday, July 28 ~ 9 AM to 6 PM

Saturday, July 29 ~ 9 AM to 2 PM

Friday, August 4 ~ 10 AM to 5 PM

Saturday, August 5 ~ 9 AM to 2 PM

### **My Dear Parishioners,**

*It is with much gratitude and joy that I extend to you my deepest thanks for the wonderful party you gave to me for the occasion of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of my ordination into the priesthood.*

*It was an afternoon of good food, good wine, and good company. I thank you all for your gifts, words of congratulations and your presence.*

*Special thanks to the Ladies Guild and the Knights of Columbus for planning and holding this celebration.*

*With God's Blessings to you all,  
Fr. Mark*