

**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 September 2, 2017 Blessed Virgin Mary
4:00 PM Confessions
5:00 PM Maurice Pelletier req by his family
Sunday, September 3, 2017 22nd Sunday - Ordinary Time
8:00 AM For the people of the parish living & deceased
10:30 AM James Nowosad req. by Cheryl & Becca
Monday September 4, 2017 Labor Day
9:00 AM Sanctification of human labor
Tuesday September 5, 2017 Weekday
NO MASS
Wednesday September 6, 2017 Weekday
9:00 AM Angelo Collura req. by Mackie
Thursday September 7, 2017 Weekday
NO MASS
Friday September 8, 2017 Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
9:00 AM Josephine Collura req. by Mackie
Saturday September 9, 2017 St. Peter Claver, priest
4:00 PM Confessions
5:00 PM
Sunday, September 10, 2017 23rd Sunday - Ordinary Time
8:00 AM Sierra Sekator Stanton req. by her family
10:30 AM

Offertory: \$ 1,976.00 Building Maintenance: \$ 674.00
Today's second collection is for the National Combined Diocesan Collection.
Next weekend's second collection is for Catholic Elementary Schools.

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 September 9 & 10

5:00pm Lector: Anne Staebner
Eucharistic Minister: Carole Briggs
Altar Servers: Grace & Genevieve Gardella
8:00am Lector: Rick Kane
Eucharistic Minister: Ella Mae Kuzel
Altar Servers: Anthony & Emily Pomerleau, Sarah Dungan
10:30am Lector: Angela Corentin
Eucharistic Minister: Tony Coscia
Altar Servers: Drew Taylor & Becca Wheaton

MEETINGS

- Parish Advisory Council Wednesday Sept. 6 @ 6:30pm
- Knights of Columbus Thurs. Sept. 7 @ 7pm

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
CTN3 Jonah Swett, U.S. Navy
Seaman Recruit Rocky Spedaliere
2nd 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 Rev. Erik Lenhart OFM Cap, Rev. Patrick Martin, Rev. Richard Crawley OFM Cp, Rev. Martin Noe, Rev. Dennis Mercieri, Rev. Patrick McCorry, Rev. William Olesik, All our priests, Rev. P. Grzegorz Jednaki, Rev. Gregoire Fluet. We also pray for the priests who have left the ministry.

We pray for our priests: for the sanctity of their souls: and for perfect love that they may be the Voice of Christ. May they be a channel for His Precious Blood, always acting through love. (Ven. Mother Catherine Aurelia, foundress)

RCIA to begin: If you, a family member or friend is considering becoming Catholic or learning more about the Catholic faith, the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) will begin on Sunday, September 10 at St. Andrew Church. Classes are held after the 9:30am Mass in the classroom attached to the rectory. All are welcome to learn more and journey deeper into the Catholic faith. For more information or questions, contact John or Nicole Peck at 860.537.6981 or at jnpeck@mac.com

Annual Parish Picnic Sunday
September 10
Immediately Following the
10:30am Mass



Help is need in running games for the children, please contact Cheryl. More information to come.

ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

- ✓ **Charismatic Prayer Meeting** every Tuesday at 2 PM Spiritual Renewal Center, 11 Bath Street, Norwich, CT (860-887-0702).
- ✓ **TRUST IN THE MERCY OF GOD'S LOVE** ~ If you are carrying the grief and sorrow of past abortions and seek healing and forgiveness, call **Project Rachel**, a post-abortion healing ministry. Priests in the **Project Rachel** ministry are there for you with God's Grace and Mercy. Call **860-861-4439**. All calls are confidential.
- ✓ **Blue Mass Steak Dinner Fundraiser** Friday, September 8, 2017 East Great Plain Fire Department, 488 New London Turnpike, Norwich 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Steak – Baked Potato – Salad – Bread & Butter – Soda & Water \$20.00 Adults \$10.00 Children 12 and under *The Blue Mass is celebrated at the Cathedral on September 24, 2017, 10:15 a.m., for all law enforcement personnel and their families.* This fundraiser helps to defray expenses associated with the Annual Blue Mass honoring law enforcement personnel. For more information or tickets please call Monsignor Brown at 860-887-9294, ext. 232 or Ms. Becky Cady 860-887-9294, ext. 235.
- ✓ 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 22nd Annual Mass for Those Dedicated to Education. Contact Mrs. Rebecca McDougal at 860-887-9294.
- ✓ **Diocese of Norwich Outreach to Haiti Golf Charity Event** Join Bishop Cote at the Diocese of Norwich Outreach to Haiti annual Charity Golf Tournament which will be held Saturday, September 16. at Wintonbury Hills Golf Course - Ranked #6 Municipal Golf course in the USA by Sports Illustrated Golf.com. On-line registration www.outreachtohaiti.org. or call Outreach to Haiti **860 800 3601**. Proceeds benefit the Diocese's mission in Haiti: nutrition & feeding programs, medical care, orphanages, education and efforts to rebuild the medical clinic & mission house in Port-au-Prince. The event includes golf, lunch & dinner. Thank you for your support!
- ✓ **SAVE THE DATE** – All couples married 25 & 50 years or celebrating any significant anniversary year are invited to attend a **Silver and Gold Jubilee Anniversary Mass** at the Cathedral of Saint Patrick in Norwich on Sunday, September 17th at 2:00pm. Come and renew your commitment to live your marriage in holiness in a Pontifical Mass celebrated by Bishop Michael R. Cote. Family and friends are invited to share in this special testimony and witness to love and marriage. Light refreshments will be served following the Mass in the Cathedral Hall. Register through your parish. For more information call the Catholic Family Services Office at 860.848.2237, Ext. 306.
- ✓ **ATTENTION ALL GOLFERS:** Catholic Charities 12th Annual Golf Tournament will be held on **Wednesday, September 20th** at the Fox Hopyard Golf Club in East

Haddam CT. Entry fee of \$175.00 includes: green fees, cart, lunch, dinner buffet and awards. Registration begins at 10:30 AM; Lunch at 11:30 AM, Shotgun Start at 1:00 PM and Dinner Buffet/Awards at 6:00 PM. Sponsorships are available! Funds raised at the tournament help support those most in need throughout Eastern Connecticut. For more information, contact **Christine Jackel**, Development Coordinator via phone at: 860-886-1928 x12 or via e-mail: cjackel@norwichdiocese.net

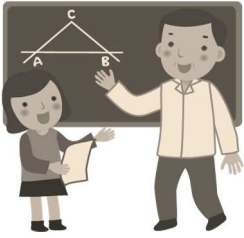
- ✓ **Holy Hour for Vocations** September 21 St. John, Old Saybrook 6-7pm
- ✓ **Twenty-seventh Annual Blue Mass For All Law Enforcement Officers Sunday, September 24, 2017, at 10:15 a.m.** All law enforcement officers (federal, state, and municipal, active and retired) and their families are invited to the Twenty-seventh Annual Blue Mass and Reception, Sunday, September 24, 2017, in the Cathedral of Saint Patrick, 10:15 a.m. All parishioners are cordially invited to attend this Mass. Bishop Cote, the Bishop of Norwich, will celebrate the Mass and Deacon Christopher Deskus, Director of Prison Ministries, Diocese of Norwich, and Deacon at Saint Jude Church, Willington and Saint Philip Church, Ashford, will be the Homilist. Groton Town Police Chief Louis J. Fusaro, Jr. and Norwich Police Chief Patrick Daley are the Blue Mass Co-Chairs. For more information, please call Chief L.J. Fusaro, Chief Daley, or Monsignor Brown at 860-887-9294, ext. 232.
- ✓ **Upcoming Workshop for New Lectors & Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** Saturday, September 30 from 9:30am to 11:30am St. Patrick Parish Hall, 47 W. High Street, East Hampton, CT 06424. Register by September 23 at worship@norwichdiocese.net or call 860.848.2237 x302. Fee is \$10.
- ✓ **SAVE THE DATE Saturday, October 21, 2017 HOW TO HAVE THE BEST LITURGICAL MUSIC IN YOUR PARISH GIVEN WHAT YOU HAVE – AND DON'T HAVE** For presiders, music ministers, choirs, cantors, RCIA Teams, catechists, liturgy committees, all who love to sing! Come to meet and learn from renowned composer and liturgist Tom Kendzia. St. Mathias Parish Center, East Lyme, CT 9:00 to Noon. Cost: \$10 Registration materials available in September.
- ✓ **Connecticut Catholic Men's Conference** Saturday, October 21, 2017 at St. Paul Catholic High School in Bristol. 8am – 5pm. Tickets at www.ctcatholicmen.org Cost \$45. Theme "You will be my witness"
- ✓ **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** "After the fire there was a tiny whispering sound. When he heard this, Elijah hid his face in his cloak and went and stood at the entrance of the cave." Help each other hear God's plan for your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next WWME Weekends are Nov 3-5, 2017 in Manchester, CT and Sep 15-17, 2017 in Huntington, NY. For more information, call Dennis & Jane Lamondy at **860-481 3720** or visit us at <https://wwmectw.org/>.

Programs at My Father's House – 39 N, Moodus Rd, Moodus Mfh.moodus@gmail.com 860.873.1906

- ❖ October 7 Retreat on the Rosary
- ❖ November 18 Thanksgiving Retreat
- ❖ December 9 Retreat on Our Lady of Guadalupe

Kris Kringle Fair Saturday, November 11, 2017

Sts. Peter & Paul Church 181 Elizabeth Street, Norwich
Vendors wanted for the annual Kris Kringle Fair from 9am-4pm.
Spaces available at \$25 each, including 8 foot table & chairs. To
apply, please call 860.889.2794. Application and information will
be sent to you. Application deadline is September 30.



**Sunday School Begins
September 10th.**
Classes are held from
**9:00am to 10:00am at
the Elementary
School.**

**Grade 9 classes are held at the same
time in the Church.**

CT Right to LIFE, Eastern Chapter, presents Melissa Ohden...On September 16, 2017 at 10am at Christian Fellowship Church in Hampton CT (Scotland CT) Come hear HER powerful story... Melissa Ohden, wife, mother, speaker, abortion survivor...Author of *You Carried Me*. Doors open at 9am. Q & A to follow. Book signing. Vendors. Lunch included.

For TICKETS or info: <http://bit.do/Melissa-Ohden-CT-RTL-E>
Childcare available - email
sancloutier@juno.com for details.

Please join us for the **9th Annual Race to End Hunger** in our Community on September 16th, 2017. It is a certified 5K run/walk with all proceeds going to the local Food and Fuel Banks and the Free Community Lunch Program. **The course begins at the Colchester town hall on Norwich Ave. at 9:00 a.m. with same day registration starting at 8.**

You may also register at www.RunReg.com, pick up a registration form at Sunshine Bike/Run located on Lebanon Ave., or contact Jamie Roach-Decker at atjrdmdd@comcast.net Registration cost is \$20.00 and prizes will be awarded to top 3 finishers in all age groups. We encourage teams of 3 or more to enter and compete for a trophy. The first 100 to register also receive a free T shirt.

We once again we will have a slice of wonderful apple pie waiting for you at the finish line as well as other refreshments provided by the St. Andrews Choir, who sponsors the race, and the Bacon Academy Culinary Arts program. We are pleased to announce that Ana Cara will once again be providing live music and chair massages will be available. Hope you can join us for a good cause!

Life Teen News: On Sunday, September 24th, we are having a huge celebration for our 15th anniversary of our Life Teen program. If you are a Life Teen alumni in ANY way, former teen core, meal coordinator, music minister...etc., please email Carol Petit at carolannpettit1@gmail.com with your current email and mailing address.

The Knights of Columbus and Ladies Guild will be sponsoring their 3rd Polish Dinner on October 14th, 5-7 at the



FSC. The number of tickets is limited and advance tickets are required—none will be sold at the door. TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW AFTER ALL MASSES through October 8th. \$18 per person; meal includes: 1 Golumpki (Stuffed Cabbage), 3 Pierogis, kielbasa, sauerkraut, vegetable, bread, dessert & drink. All proceeds will go to St. Francis Parish. Or contact Kathy at **860-617-9577 before October 8th.**

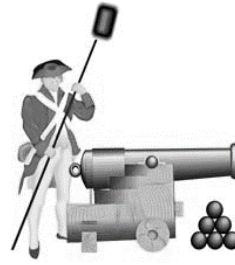
Praise, Worship, and Healing Prayer Service

Nothing uplifts the soul like praising and worshipping God! Come and rejoice for answered prayer, seek prayer for yourself or for a burden you're carrying for someone else. Join us on Thursday evening, September 7th, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Andrew Church for an evening of praising and worshipping God with music, teaching, witnessing, and prayer. If desired, you may also meet with a prayer team for personal, intercessory, or healing prayer. This service will be held on the first Thursday every month, immediately following Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

A photo album of the 21 goats you donated through your generosity to Haitian Health Foundation and their grateful recipients may be found at the side entrance of Church. Your generosity has made a difference in the lives of people terribly impacted by Hurricane Matthew. Even now, the area continues to suffer and HHF continues to provide health care, food, and food security strategies, reconstruction of houses and support of micro-enterprise opportunities. As you know, Hurricane Matthew's winds and flooding killed most of the animals in our catchment area, including goats. In the month following the hurricane, it has been very difficult to find breeding goats for sale. Goats are an important part of recovery after Hurricane Mathew. Recipients can breed their goats and sell or barter the offspring, providing some income as well as animal protein. When the HHF sent the photos of the 21 goats, they also sent a heartfelt thank you for reaching out to vulnerable people trapped in poverty.



Thank You to our Ladies Guild for the purchase of new carpet for the Sanctuary. The carpet had become worn and wrinkled, the wiring for the overhead projection screen had been laid above the floor when the screen was added many years ago. Our insurance company's annual risk management assessment had listed this situation as a trip & fall hazard. Through their hard work and your generous support of the Ladies Guild functions, the Guild was able to pay for the wiring to be run through a conduit under the floor and for the removal of the old carpet and installation of the new carpet. The new church carpet replaced the existing 37 year old carpet, original to the building. The color is almost the same as before, a burgundy and if you did not know we were doing this, you would not know it had been done. It looks wonderful! It did however take the 3 man crew longer than expected to complete. They worked Tuesday 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and the 5 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday. Morning Mass was said in the cry room. Everything was put back on Thursday evening to allow the glue to dry. The men from BT Tile & Carpet were a pleasure to work with. We thank Glenn Stygar and Manny Rodrigues for their many unpaid hours of doing the electrical work prior to installation and thank Glenn, Bert Bosse, Steve & Tim Wengloski as our moving crew and to Barbara Wengloski for organizing and overseeing the project from start to completion. Let us pray that this new carpet lasts for a very long time.



Ye Olde Lebanon Towne Militia and the Lebanon Historical Society invite one and all to a Revolutionary War Encampment on Saturday, September 9 and Sunday, September 10. Held on the Lebanon Historical Society grounds at 856 Trumbull Hwy. Continental Regulars and British Infantry will join

several militia units in settling up camp. Reenactors will demonstrate their trades while the ladies and children tend to chores. Sutlers, including a potter, blacksmith and general goods merchants will sell reproduction colonial wares. Military units will demonstrate tactical drilling with muskets and artillery on the Green. Admission to the encampment and all demonstrations are free. Camp opens to the public at 10am on Saturday and ends the day with a candlelight tour at 7pm. On Sunday the camp opens at 11am and ends with a skirmish between Colonial and British forces on the Green at 2pm. Camp closes at 4pm. For a schedule of events go to www.historyoflebanon.org and click on Calendar of Events.

Units of Continental Regulars and British Infantry will join several militia companies in setting up camp behind our Beaumont House.

The camp will be open to visitors during the day Saturday and Sunday with ladies and children demonstrating crafts and cooking. Sutlers, including a potter, herbalist coppersmith and general goods merchant, will set up to sell their reproduction colonial wares. Soldiers will be drilling on the Green presenting an authentic 18th century tactical demonstration with muskets and artillery. Admission to the encampment and demonstrations is free.

Special events will include the raising of a Liberty Pole and a candlelight tour of the camp and the Beaumont House. Check our Facebook page for the latest additions to the roster of events and participants. Or, call the Museum.

MISGIVINGS: A "Divine" Comedy of belly laughs, blessings, blarney and bingo. Saturday, September 23rd, 2017 St. Andrew Parish Hall, 128 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, CT

**Doors open: 6:30pm Showtime: 7:00pm
\$20 (Last day to buy tickets will be September 18th)
For Reservations and information please call the Parish Office at 860.537.2355**

Join Father Patrick Aloysius Misgivings for this divine presentation of stories and one liners about growing up Catholic. From miracles and marriage counseling to bazaars and birth control, nothing escapes the good father's razor sharp Irish wit. This hilarious, interactive comedy includes a collection, a raffle and even an actual Bingo game.

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The **Norwich Diocesan Choir** invites all interested singers to join the choir as they begin their 39th season. Rehearsals begin in September and take place in the choir room of St. Patrick Cathedral every Sunday afternoon at 2:30pm. Contact the Cathedral Music Office at 860.886.0403 or DGGreen860@aol.com

Saturday, October 21, 2017
COMPOSER AND LITURGIST
TOM KENDZIA

How to make the best use of musical resources of your parish

Come all presiders, music ministers, choirs, cantors, RCIA Teams, catechists, Liturgy committees, all who love to sing!
St. Mathias Parish Center, East Lyme, CT
9:00 to Noon

Register by October 16th.

Cost: \$10 Registration materials available at www.Norwichdiocese.org
Or call 860-848-2237