

**We are pleased and honored  
To welcome you to  
St. Francis of Assisi Parish**  
67 West Town Street, Lebanon, CT 06249  
Telephone: 860.642.6711 Fax: 860.642.4032  
Rev. Mark Masnicki, Pastor  
Rev. Richard Breton  
Deacon Michael Puscas



## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday September 23, 2017 St. Pius of Pietrelcina, priest**  
4:00 PM Confessions  
5:00 PM Lauren Lafontaine req. by her family  
**Sunday, September 24, 2017 25th Sunday - Ordinary Time**  
8:00 AM Richard & Alice Kristoff 65<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary  
10:30 AM Gene Grecki req. by his wife  
**Monday September 25, 2017 Weekday**  
NO MASS  
**Tuesday September 26, 2017 Sts. Cosmas & Damian, martyrs**  
NO MASS  
**Wednesday September 27, 2017 St. Vincent de Paul**  
9:00 AM Diane C. Fucetola req. by the Kasuba family  
**Thursday September 28, 2017 St. Wenceslaus, martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz & companions, martyrs, evangelist**  
NO MASS  
**Friday September 29, 2017 St. Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael, archangels**  
9:00 AM Rev. Leoncio T. Almenda  
**Saturday September 30, 2017 St. Jerome, priest, doctor of the Church**

4:00 PM Confessions  
5:00 PM Michael & Amy Goba in celebration of their recent Marriage req. by Bill & Joan Russoniello Goba  
**Sunday, October 1, 2017 26th Sunday - Ordinary Time**  
8:00 AM Barbara Abel req. by Norm & Ella Mae Kuzel  
10:30 AM Jaimie Nowosad req. by Bill & Joan Russoniello Goba  
**Baptism during 10:30AM Mass**

Offertory: \$ 2,258.00 Building Maintenance: \$ 705.64  
Today's second collection is for monthly extraordinary expenses  
Next weekend's second collection is for the Diocesan Cradle Fund.

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 30, October 1**

5:00pm Lector: Richard Lataille  
Eucharistic Minister: Deacon  
Altar Servers: Steve Bardes, CJ Frank  
8:00am Lector: Rosanne Coffey  
Eucharistic Minister: Deacon  
Altar Servers: Christian & Jack Terwilliger  
10:30am Lector:  
Eucharistic Minister: Deacon  
Altar Servers: Becca Wheaton, Felipe & Gabriella Mastroluca

### **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 Rev. Rev. Victor Chaker, Rev. Joseph Castaldi, Rev. John Ashe, Rev. Domink Libiszewski OSPPE, Rev. Mark Masnicki, Rev. Anthony DiMarco, V. Rev. Laurence LaPointe, Rev. Brian Converse, Rev. V. Antony Alaharasan, Rev. Brian Romanoski, Rev. Augustine Naduvilekoot, Rev. Arthur Archer, Rev. Michael Sequeira, Rev. Keith Shuley.

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)

**This week we will be retiring our Glory & Praise Hymnals. These books have become worn with use and age, many with damaged covers. These are no longer used at Mass, as we now use the music found in our Breaking Bread Missalettes.**

**The parish has several heavy wooden tables which are no longer used. If you would like one, please contact the parish office by Sunday September 24.**

### **Meetings:**

CCD Classes Sunday Sept. 24 9-10am LES  
75th anniversary Meeting Monday Sept. 25 @ 6:30pm  
Antique Show & Bake Sale Saturday Sept. 30

## 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 September 25, 2017 at 2pm Spiritual Renewal Center, 11 Bath Street, Norwich.**
- ✓ **The Norwich 40 Days-For- Life campaign** will begin with a Vigil Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Tuesday, September 26, at 7PM. Bishop Michael R. Cote will be the principal celebrant and Fr. Brian Maxwell will be the homilist. Following Mass, the 40 Days for Life Team will be available to answer any questions. This year, The 40 Days for Life Campaign runs from Wednesday, Sept. 27th through Nov. 5th. It is hoped that you will join our Parish by praying, fasting, and signing-up to attend the peaceful prayer vigil held outside the Planned Parenthood facility at 12 Case St. in Norwich.
- ✓ **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](mailto:worship@norwichdiocese.net) or call 860.848.2237 x302. Fee is \$10.
- ✓ **Pontifical Mass for the Diocesan Partnership on Disability** Join us for a Celebration of the Liturgy for people living with disabilities; for their family, friends, care-givers, co-workers, support staff and health care professionals. **Principal Celebrant Bishop Michael R. Cote Saturday September 30, 2017 @5:00 p.m. The Cathedral of St. Patrick, 213 Broadway, Norwich** \*sign language provided for Mass and reception presentation\* Presentation & Reception to follow in Cathedral Hall For more information or to RSVP for the reception, please contact the Office of Faith Events, 860-848-2237 x304 or [faithevents@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:faithevents@norwichdiocese.net)
- ✓ **AREA YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM LEADERSHIP TRAINING** On Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> from 1pm – 7pm at St. Joseph's Church in New London, there will be Leadership Training, by Tom East from the Center for Ministry Development, for youth and adults who would like to collaborate with area churches to do Youth Ministry. The training will teach youth and adults how to be leaders and how to plan effective youth ministry events. If you would like to join us, please contact your Catechetical Leader about a recommendation to the training or contact Liza Roach at [lroach@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:lroach@norwichdiocese.net)
- ✓ **Mass of Healing and Anointing** Sunday, October 1, 2017 St. Mary Church, Portland at 2pm Celebrant - Fr. Ray Introvigne Healing Prayer - Judith Hughes Prayer Teams available for personal prayer
- ✓ **Annual Red Mass – Sunday October 1 at 10:30am in St. Patrick Cathedral** (213 Broadway, Norwich). For judges, lawyers, paralegal, law students, all involved in administration of justice, legislators, public officials, civic leaders and all interested persons. Reservations are required for the Breakfast Reception at the Bishop's Residence. Please RSVP for the Breakfast Reception to Terri at the Chancery at 860.887.9294.
- ✓ **ANNUAL DIOCESAN MASS OF REMEMBRANCE** – The Annual Diocesan Mass of Remembrance to honor children who have died from stillbirths, miscarriages or abortions, whether recently or years ago, will take place **Tuesday, October 10**, at 7 P.M. at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich. Bishop Michael Cote will be the main celebrant. The Mass of Remembrance is an opportunity for family members to memorialize and honor the dignity of the precious lives of pre-born children. Light refreshments will be served following the Mass. For more information, call the Catholic Family Services Office at 860-848-2237, Ext. 306.
- ✓ **Holy Hour for Vocations October 12 at St. Mary, Groton 6pm – 7pm**
- ✓ **MINISTERING TO GENERATION Z AND THEIR FAMILIES Workshop** Hartford Date Friday October 13 from 10am-3pm at St Jerome Church, 1010 Slater Road, New Britain. Providence Date Saturday October 14 from 10am-3pm at Cathedral of SS. Peter & Paul Parish Hall, 30 Fenner Street, Providence, RI. Register online at <https://www.cmdnet.org/genz-locations>
- ✓ **Twenty-Fifth Annual Mass for Firefighters/EMS Personnel.** On 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. Assembly at Chelsea Parade for the line-up and the procession (to the Cathedral) of all personnel and apparatus will begin at 3:30 p.m. The Homilist will be Reverend Robert Marciano, Pastor, Saint Kevin Parish, Warwick, RI. Reception immediately following. All companies, departments, and personnel and their families are cordially invited to participate. For more information call, Mrs. Terri Zampini at 860-887-9294, x265, or Monsignor Brown at x232.
- ✓ **RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT WEEKENDS** If you are silently grieving or suffering from an abortion, experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a **Rachel's Vineyard Retreat**. The weekend healing process includes discussions, Living Scriptures with meditations, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service and Mass. Participation is confidential and offers an opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion. The next weekend in Connecticut is October 20-22 in Litchfield, CT. For more information call 203-631-9030 or visit the national website at [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org). **"PROJECT RACHEL"** is our Diocesan ministry for anyone seeking healing and forgiveness from an abortion. Priests in the **Project Rachel** ministry are there for you with God's Grace and Mercy. Call 860-861-4439. All inquiries are confidential.
- ✓ **Unlocking the World of Jesus & the Bible** Come for a day long presentation by Speaker Tom Smith, Director of the Denver Catholic Biblical School. Discover the meaning of discipleship, unlock the Gospels with a new understanding of idioms and images in the Bible. **Saturday, October 21, 2017, Christ the King Church, Old Lyme, from 9 a.m. to 2p.m. \$35 (includes lunch).** For more information please contact the Office of Faith Events, 860-848-237 x304 or [manicholas@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:manicholas@norwichdiocese.net)
- ✓ **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 16<sup>th</sup>.** Cost: \$10 Registration materials available at [www.Norwichdiocese.org](http://www.Norwichdiocese.org) or call 860-848-2237

- ✓ **Connecticut Catholic Men's Conference** Saturday, October 21, 2017 at St. Paul Catholic High School in Bristol. 8am – 5pm. Tickets at [www.ctcatholicmen.org](http://www.ctcatholicmen.org) Cost \$45. Theme "You will be my witness"
- ✓ **8<sup>th</sup> Annual Seton Scholarship Dinner** Please join Bishop Cote at the Eighth Annual Seton Scholarship Dinner honoring the recipients of the *Most Reverend Michael R. Cote, D.D. Award for Contributions to Catholic Education* to be held at 4 PM on Sunday, October 29, 2017 at The Riverhouse at Goodspeed Station, 55 Bridge Road, Haddam Connecticut. This year's honorees are: **Ms. Sharon Briere, Principal, St. Joseph School, North Grosvenordale, CT; Mrs. Robin Holtsclaw, Claims/Risk Manager, representing Catholic Mutual Relief Society; and Mr. James Leone, Theology Teacher, St. Bernard School, Uncasville, CT.** Tickets are \$150/person and will be available for purchase until October 16, 2017. All proceeds benefit Catholic elementary school students within the Diocese in the form of tuition assistance. For tickets and more information, please contact Kathy Gaito at 860-886-1928 ext. 15, [kgaito@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:kgaito@norwichdiocese.net) or visit [www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org](http://www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org).
- ✓ **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](tel: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](mailto:Mfh.moodus@gmail.com) **860.873.1906**

- ❖ October 5 Holy Spirit Breakfast \$10 Bud Macfarlane presenting St. Faustina and Divine Mercy
- ❖ October 7 Retreat in honor of the Rosary \$45
- ❖ October 26 Msgr. Robert Batule \$10 "Church & Culture"
- ❖ October 28 Frank Runyeon \$25 performing the Sermon on the Mount
- ❖ 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.

**Timely News:** ... **Tony Coscia's long-awaited book about True Miracle Stories and Conversations with God (entitled: "Tony's 50,000 Co-incidence Miracles") will be on sale in bookstores nationally as of 09/15/17. This book will help everyone to notice, comprehend, and appreciate their own daily miracle-gifts from God. The Blessed Virgin's Medjugorje message of 08-02 confirmed this same mission. For more info: (Google: <http://www.enroutebooksandmedia.com/50000miracles>) ... or Email: (Tony And 777 @ AOL.COM). Books are on sale at Merciful Saviour, Colchester, CT; Tel. [860-537-0079](tel:860-537-0079).**

**The Knights of Columbus and Ladies Guild will be sponsoring their 3rd Polish Dinner on October 14<sup>th</sup>, 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](tel:860-617-9577) before October 8<sup>th</sup>.

**SAVE YOUR HANGING FLOWER POTS!**  
 The Ladies Guild will again make cemetery arrangements. Please donate your **EMPTY** hanging flower pots from your summer/fall flowers for use in this fundraiser. **PLEASE EMPTY ALL DIRT & old flowers** from the pots. You may leave them near the side door of the church garage. Please contact Barbara at 642-7168 with any questions. Thank you.

All women of the parish are invited to join the **Norwich Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (NDCCW)**. Membership is only \$5. Membership Drive begins the weekend of Sept. 23 & 24 thru the end of October. Many men donate to the Membership Drive and are listed as supporters. We are truly grateful to them. The Norwich Council of Catholic Women was started in 1955 by Bishop Bernard J. Flanagan, the first Bishop of Norwich. Bishop Flanagan designated the NDCCW as the official women's organization of the diocese. The money collected through the membership drive is divided up as follows: 60% of the dues collected is given to Catholic Charities at our Annual Convention in May (a check for \$16,629 was given his year); 15% of what is collected in each deanery stays in that district for operating expenses; 20% of what is collected goes to the Norwich Diocesan CCW for operating expenses; 5% is given to the National Council of Catholic Women. The Norwich Diocesan CCW and its seven Districts are all affiliated with the National Council of Catholic Women., You may drop your membership envelope in any collection basket. Envelopes may be found at Church entrances.

**Religious Education Program  
Curriculum on Maintaining Safe  
Environments**

The Office for Safe Environments of the Diocese of Norwich has mandated that a curriculum on maintaining safe environments be implemented into the Religious Education Program each year. In compliance with that mandate our CCD teachers will be discussing safe environments on Sunday, September 24 with their individual classes during regular class time from 9:00 – 10:00 AM. If a parent does not wish to have their child attend the safe environment program, their child will be able to attend a separate class.  
Questions: please contact Jim Hay at 860.886.1882.

**SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI  
PARISH BAKE SALE**

On the Lebanon Green

Saturday, September 30th 9:00am to 3:00pm  
St. Francis' 50th year of holding a food booth at  
the Historical Society Antique Show.



Parishioners of St. Francis  
are asked to bake for our  
annual Bake Sale.

Requested items are finger  
foods such as cookies, cakes, muffins, brownies,  
breads, pies or anything yummy!

Baked goods may be dropped off at the food  
booth (by the main Show entrance) after 9:00am  
at the Lebanon Green on the morning of  
September 30th.

Any questions, please call Chairpersons,  
Nancy Godere (860.642.7685)  
Dottie Goldstein (860.423.0077)

All proceeds go to Saint Francis Parish

**East Catholic High School**

Come visit East Catholic High School during our Open House this year on *Thursday, November 2, 2017 at 6:45 p.m.* The Entrance Exam for eighth graders will be given on the following Saturday, November 11, 2017 at 8 a.m. at East. Pre-registration for the exam is advised but not required. Visit [www.echs.com](http://www.echs.com) or call our Admissions office at [860-649-5336 x6456](tel:860-649-5336) for more information!

**Saint Bernard School**

1593 Norwich-New London Turnpike, Uncasville  
[cbrown@saint-bernard.com](mailto:cbrown@saint-bernard.com) 860-848-1271

One of the first impressions our new students have when coming to campus is the sense of being a part of something greater – a sense of being part of a close-knit community of faculty, staff, and students – a sense of “family”. At Saint Bernard School, students in grades 6-12 benefit from a unique and leading edge curriculum. Our learning community, which is infused with the teachings of the Catholic Church as well as the traditional Xaverian values of humility, compassion, trust, zeal, and simplicity, inspires students to form a greater sense of self, of others, and of purpose.  
Information Sessions Saturday, October 21st 10am – Noon and Thursday, November 9th 6pm  
Placement Testing Saturday, November 4th 8:30am – Noon and Saturday, November 18th 8:30am - Noon  
Accepting Applications for Fall 2018 Apply Today

**St. Francis of Assisi –  
Born 1181 - Died 1226**

**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**

All pets accompanied by their owners (young & old) will be welcomed at St. Francis of Assisi Parish's Annual Blessing of the Animals to be held on **Sunday, October 8, 2017 at 1:00pm**, gathering near the Statue of Saint Francis in front of the Church.

**All pets MUST be leashed or cage**

