

**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**



**Saturday May 5, 2018 Easter Weekday**

4:00 PM Confessions

5:00 PM Anne Dudar req. by the Ladies Guild

**Sunday May 6, 2018 Sixth Sunday of Easter**

8:00 AM John & Mary Clinch req. by Norm & Ella Mae Kuzel

10:30 AM Dottie Goldstein req. by C. Wheaton

**Monday May 7, 2018 Easter Weekday**

NO MASS

**Tuesday May 8, 2018 Easter Weekday**

NO MASS

**Wednesday May 9, 2018 Easter Weekday**

9:00 AM Robert Burns req. by Irene Burns

7:00 PM Vigil Ascension of the Lord

Mass intention for Rev. Joseph Whittel

**Thursday May 10, 2018 Ascension of the Lord**

9:15 AM Rev. Joseph Whittel

**Friday May 11, 2018 Easter Weekday**

9:00 AM For the intentions of Mary Evancho req by Mackie

**Saturday May 12, 2018 Sts. Nereus & Achilleus, martyrs; St. Pancras, martyr**

4:00 PM Confessions

5:00 PM All mothers living & deceased

**Sunday May 13, 2018 Mother's Day**

8:00 AM All mothers living & deceased

10:30 AM All mothers living & deceased

Offertory: \$ 2145.10

Today's second collection is for the seminary.

Next weekend's second collection is for 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 1.adorers, please consider omitting to a specific hour. Contact Dennis Girard @ 860.334.9894 or dennisgirard51@gmail.com

**Weekend May 12 & 13**

5:00pm Lector: Carole Briggs

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Michael

Altar Servers: Steve Bardes, C.J. Frank

8:00am Lector: Rosanne Coffey

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Michael

Altar Servers: Emily & Anthony Pomerleau

10:30am Lector: Maureen Polana

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Michael

Altar Servers: Becca Wheaton

**SAINT FRANCIS'S ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR WAIM**

**House hold Items.** These can be dropped off in the church parking lot on May 5 & 6 before and after all Masses.

**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

AM2 Emerson Flannery, U.S. Navy

Seaman Alex R. Paris, U.S. Navy

LCPL Chad Wengloski, U.S. Marines

CTN3 Jonah Swett, U.S. Navy

IT3 Rocky Spedaliere Jr., U.S. Navy

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. Thomas Angelo, Msgr. Kevin Randall, Rev. Richard Breton, Rev. Joseph DeCosta, Rev. Augustine Naduvilekoot, Rev. Peter Langevin, Our Holy Father, V. Rev. Douglas Mosey CSB, Msgr. Thomas Bride, Rev. Leon Susaimanickam, Rev. Mark Curesky OFM Cv.

Father, recall to our priests that they hold between their hands the Most Precious Treasure of the Church: the Blood of the Sacred Victim. Enkindle in them the fire of love of Christ as they do Your work. (Ven. Mother Catherine Aurelia, foundress)

**Meetings This Week & Next**

- o First Confession Grade 2 May 7 at 6:30pm in Church
- o First Holy Communion Rehearsal Friday May 11 @ 6pm in Church
- o First Holy Communion Saturday May 12 at 10:30am in Church followed by reception given by the Ladies Guild

**Bishop Daniel P. Reilly's 90th Birthday, May 2018**

The Knights of Columbus in Worcester, Mass are honoring Bishop Reilly and combing a Fundraiser for the Health Care Facility (Notre Dame Health Care Facility), Where he is a resident. A luncheon will be held in his honor on Saturday, May 12, 2018 at 12noon at St. John High School, 378 Main Street, Shrewsbury, Mass. Tickets are \$45 per person. Please send any ticket request with a stamped envelope and money to: Bishop Reilly 90th Celebration, 206 Quinsigmond Avenue, Shrewsbury, Mass 01545 "If you plan to come, please order early as we are expecting a grateful attendance!" Any questions call Fr. Ray Introvigne at [1-860-887-0702](tel:1-860-887-0702)

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

- ✓ **Charismatic Prayer Meeting** every Tuesday at 2 PM Spiritual Renewal Center, 11 Bath Street, Norwich (860-887-0702).
- ✓ **Office of Faith Events: Ministry to the Deaf** If you or anyone you know in our Diocese could benefit from deaf ministry outreach the Office of Faith Events has recently acquired numerous resources such as books, CDs, tapes, flashcards, and posters on teaching and learning sign language. If you are interested in any of these resources or in attending/ participating in a Diocesan Mass celebrated in American Sign Language please contact the Office of Faith Events at 860-848-2237, ext. 312 or [ahois1@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:ahois1@norwichdiocese.net)
- ✓ **Annulment Workshop** ~ If you are a divorced Catholic who would like to know more about annulments or is considering beginning the annulment process but aren't quite sure what it is or how to go about doing so, consider attending this informational workshop **Wednesday, June 6, 2018, from 7-9 P.M. at St. Mark's Church Hall, 222 McVeagh Rd., Westbrook, CT.** A panel of experts from the Diocesan Marriage Tribunal will be there to answer questions and explain the numerous aspects of the annulment process. For more information, contact the Catholic Family Services Office at 860-348-2237, Ext 306.
- ✓ **Eucharistic Holy Hour for Vocations** May 17 from 6-7pm at St. John in Plainfield.
- ✓ **Blue Mass Breakfast Fundraiser Sunday, May 20,** Billy Wilson's Restaurant, 57 Broadway, Norwich 11:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m. MENU: Eggs, sausage wrap, pancakes, orange juice, home fries! Tickets are available. Suggested donation \$10.00. For tickets or information please contact any Committee member or call Becky Cady at 860-887-9294, ext. 235. To benefit the Blue Mass Committee to defray expenses associated with the Annual Mass honoring law enforcement personnel.
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- ✓ **RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT WEEKEND** ~ 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 is confidential and offers an opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion. It includes discussions, Living Scriptures with meditations, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service and Mass of Entrustment. The next weekend in Connecticut is June 8-10. For more information call Marie at 203-631-9030, email her at [mlaffin@prolifeministry.org](mailto:mlaffin@prolifeministry.org) or visit the national website at [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org). **"PROJECT RACHEL"** is our Norwich 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.

Programs at Enders Island ~ Mystic 860.536.0565  
Suicide Prevention Seminar Saturday May 15 @ 6:30pm.  
No cost. Please register at <http://enders.is/SuicidePrevention>

Interested in World Youth Day 2019? Diocesan Pilgrimage to World Youth Day in Panama, January 21-28, 2019 for Young Adults ages 21+. Check out the flyer at <http://www.norwichdiocese.org/upcoming-faith-events.html>  
Registration and deposit is due by June 4<sup>th</sup>.  
For more registration forms or questions please contact Liza Roach at [lroach@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:lroach@norwichdiocese.net) or (860)848-2237 ex. 305

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter** "Brothers and sisters, I should like you to be free of anxieties." Let us learn to calm our anxieties about our spouses by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekend is Jul 6-8, 2018 in MANCHESTER, CT. For more information, call Dennis & Jane Lamondy at [860-481-3720](tel:860-481-3720) or visit them at <https://www.mectw.org/>.

### **63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Norwich Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Convention.**

All women in the Diocese of Norwich are cordially invited to attend the 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Norwich Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Convention on Saturday, May 19, 2018 at St. Matthew Church, 111 Tolland Green, Tolland, CT beginning at 9:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.. The guest speaker will be Sr. Elissa Rinere, C.P., J.C.D., Chancellor of the Diocese of Norwich. To register please send your name, address, church, city, email and phone number to: Judy Pappagallo, 199 Broadway, Norwich, CT 06360. Cost is \$25 per person, includes lunch & materials, choose Chicken or Vegetarian. Make check out to Norwich Diocesan CCW. Deadline for registrations, May 8, 2018. Forms can be found at the church entrances.

Get M-Powered! Join the Mercy High School Summer Program 2018. Programs and clinics are available for students rising to grades 6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>  
Basketball, Higher Achievement, Soccer, Theatre Arts (Co-Ed), Vocal (Co-Ed). Please visit [www.mercyhigh.com](http://www.mercyhigh.com) for program information and online registration or call 860-346-6659 and request a brochure be sent to you.

YOU MAY ORDER ... an author-signed-copy of Tony Coscia's new book by E-mailing [TonyAnd777@aol.com](mailto:TonyAnd777@aol.com) and then by picking up your signed copy at your designated Church Rectory office during normal business hours. For more info about the book; just GOOGLE: (TONY'S 50,000 CO-INCIDENCE MIRACLES).

### **BLOOD DRIVE**

#### **LEBANON SENIOR CENTER**

Held in the Community Room

37 West Town Street #R

Wednesday May 9 from 1:00pm - 6:00pm

For an appointment, please visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)

Or call 1.800.733.2767

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting [RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass](http://RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass) to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

**Mercy High School 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Honor Roll**  
**Congratulations to Sophia Pirolli, junior - Honors**

*Take a Chance and Support a Local Retreat Center!* Buy Car Raffle tickets to upgrade heating and cooling systems at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center, Farmington --- win a 2018 Mercedes-Benz C-Class Sedan! Only \$60 each, in honor of the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of this ministry. Call 1-888-816-5813 to order - *leave only name and telephone number so that staff can call you.* For more information please visit [www.OurLadyofCalvary.net](http://www.OurLadyofCalvary.net); Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/olcretreat>. *Our goal is to sell 2,500 tickets!*

**Color Craze Fun Run/Walk and 5K Cross Country** - Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> Fun for the whole family - including Grandma and Grandpa!! Join the Mercy community at their annual Color Craze spring festival on May 19<sup>th</sup>! Located on the Mercy campus, the Color Craze includes a food truck festival, children's fun color run / walk, a timed cross country 5k color run, free children's activities such as face painting and obstacle course, a vendor fair, and so much more! For more information and to register, visit [mercyhigh.com/page/color-craze](http://mercyhigh.com/page/color-craze). (Link is available on the homepage of the web site.) Hosted by the Mercy Alumnae Association. Contact Barb Miller at [bmiller@mercyhigh.com](mailto:bmiller@mercyhigh.com) with any questions. We'll see you there! Saturday May 19<sup>th</sup>, 9:30-1:30  
Mercy High School, 1740 Randolph Road, Middletown

**SAVE THE DATE! 2018 Connecticut Catholic Men's Conference** ~ Go Into the World (Mark 16:15) ~ Saturday October 20:00am – 5:00pm at St. Paul Catholic High School, 1001 Stafford Ave., Bristol, CT. **TICKETS ON SALE NOW**  
[CTCATHOLICMEN.ORG](http://CTCATHOLICMEN.ORG) ~ 860.484.7950  
Great talks, exciting events, free food, meet new people, share the faith, adoration, confession & Mass.  
Special guests: Archbishop Blair of the Hartford Diocese & Deacon Doug Hoffman.



Looking for volunteers to help at WAIM on Saturday May 12 from 9am-12 noon. As a member Church of WAIM, each year St. Francis is asked to send a few volunteers to help with unpacking boxes, stocking shelves. WAIM is located at 866 Main Street in Willimantic. Please contact Cheryl in the parish office for more information.

Mother's Day cards with Mass intention requests are available at the entrances of Church. Please return the request by May 11<sup>th</sup>. Your intentions will be remembered in the Masses on Mother's Day.



Corpus Christi Catholic Community is having a Car or Truck Raffle to benefit St. Mary- St. Joseph School. Number of tickets limited to 1968 - the year St. Mary & St. Joseph School merged. This is our Jubilee Year and we are celebrating! The tickets are \$50. Each. Prizes are fantastic and the odds are great! See the flyer which has all the details posted at the entrances to Church. For tickets, folks can Donna Marouski (860.423.5835 or any of the others noted on the bottom of the flyer.

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 2018. Application deadline is May 26. The award for this year is \$500 and will be awarded on or about June 5, 2018. Applications available in the parish office.



**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 17<sup>th</sup>. 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.pscilife.org](http://www.pscilife.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.



**Items needed for the Neighbors Helping Neighbors Food Pantry:**  
Peanut butter (creamy)  
Fluff  
Jam  
Tuna in water  
Brownie mix (no nuts)

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All ladies of the parish are invited to join the Ladies Guild on their annual Mystery Ride Monday, May 21. We will depart from the church parking lot at 6:30 (please eat at home). A sign-up sheet is at the side church entrance. Questions, please contact Barbara at 860-642-7168.

Saint Joseph School in Baltic will hold an Open House on Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. and again on Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. All are invited to attend to meet our teachers, parents, and students. For further information, please contact Sister Mary Patrick at (860) 822-6141 or at [sistermarypatrick@gmail.com](mailto:sistermarypatrick@gmail.com).



### **75<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

#### **OUR 75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY STORY HAS BEGUN....**

On May 1, 1943, a suitable house and one-half acre on the Route 87 side of the Lebanon Green was purchased. During the summer, the Greek Revival house would be renovated and transformed into the Saint Francis of Assisi Chapel. The first Mass to be read on August 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO DONATED. Your generosity is very much appreciated.**

**THANK YOU to Jennie Brewster and Bill & Joan Goba for their donations of the Route 87 Church commemorative plate.**

#### **PHOTOS STILL NEEDED!**

**There is another story behind a photo...**Have you looked at a photo and saw something else happening in the background? Do you have wedding, baptism or Holy Communion photos from the Route 87 Church? You would not believe what stories the backgrounds in these photos are telling us – especially interior photos, they tell the story of church renovations that occurred over a number of years. Please see if you have something to share.

#### **BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY RECOGNITIONS**

At the August 25, 2018 parish picnic we would like to recognize those in our parish who are the **OLDEST** (anyone 90+), **YOUNGEST** (born late 2017 or 2018), **AND THE NEWLY MARRIED**. If you qualify for any of the above categories please contact Barbara at [bobbie.w@charter.net](mailto:bobbie.w@charter.net).

109 days to go to the August 22 start of our celebration!!

Thank you to the parishioners who participated in the Guild's first Junk in the Trunk Sale last weekend. And to the people who came out to support those selling and the Guilds' bake sale. Thank you to all the ladies who baked so many delicious goodies. A big thank you goes to Estelle Elliott for coordinating this spring fundraiser. We hope that we can continue this event.



**4<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL PLANT SALE  
SPONSORED BY LEBANON  
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #9653  
Forget the cold, snowy winter.  
May 19 & 20 Sat. 9-6 Sun. 9-3  
Veggie plants for your Garden  
Flowers to make your yard beautiful  
Variety of Shrubs ~ Raffle Prizes  
Honey & Maple Syrup  
To be held at St. Francis of Assisi Church**

My Dear Parishioners,

I wish to thank you for your kindness and love as I celebrate my Tenth Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood. The receptions after the Masses on the weekend of April 21st and 22nd were very enjoyable. Thank you to all who came to offer congratulations and thank you to the Ladies Guild for organizing the celebration. I feel blessed to be able to exercise my Priestly Ministry at St. Francis with parishioners who are so faithful and loving. Please be assured of my prayers for you all!

With much love,

Father Richard

All Parishioners are invited to join the CCD classes for a Living Rosary, Sunday May 13 at 9:00 in the Saint Francis Rosary Path, by the Marianne Jean Fortin Parish House. In case of inclement weather the Rosary will be said at the Lebanon Elementary School gymnasium, 479 Exeter Road. Please join us as we come together to show special devotion to the Blessed Mother in her month of May.



#### **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](mailto:bobbie.w@charter.net) to be emailed a copy. Please return by June 3rd.



The Ladies Guild will be holding a Bake Sale on May 19 & 20 in conjunction with the Knights' Plant Sale. Parishioners are asked to bake for this event. Requested items are finger foods such as cookies, cakes, brownies, breads, pies or anything yummy! Please place cookies in packages of 2 or 6 and identify all items. Baked goods may be dropped off at the church after 9:00 a.m. Saturday May 19th. Thank you in advance for all baked goods and help with this spring fundraiser.

The Norwich Diocesan Council of Catholic Women's 38th Annual Layette Program was a great success. Thank you to all our parishioners who graciously donated to this Program. All items collected went to Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Norwich.

**Mass Honoring Our Senior Citizens:** Wednesday May 23, 2018 at 2:00pm the parish families wish to honor the Senior Citizens (those 60+) of the parishes. It is a fitting time to honor participants of Saint Andrew and Saint Francis during the month of May since it is Older Americans Month. We want to celebrate the many contributions seniors have made and make a difference in the support and contributions they have made to the church. Mass will be held at Saint Andrew Church at 2:00pm with a special blessing for the seniors. Followed by a social offering strawberry shortcake in the parish hall. Please call and make your reservation by calling Cathy @ 860-887-9621. Please inform the committee if you have any dietary restrictions.