

**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 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

**Monday May 14, 2018 St. Matthias, apostle**

NO MASS

**Tuesday May 15, 2018 St. Isidore**

NO MASS

**Wednesday May 16, 2018 Easter Weekday**

9:00 AM Rosario Jacobeno req. by Mackie

**Thursday May 17, 2018 Easter Weekday**

NO MASS

**Friday May 18, 2018 St. John I, pope, martyr**

9:00 AM Dominic Jacobeno req. by Mackie

**Saturday May 19, 2018 Easter Weekday**

4:00 PM Confessions

5:00 PM Anne Dudar req. by Stephen & Barbara Wengloski

**Sunday May 20, 2018 Pentecost Sunday**

8:00 AM Raymond Boisvert req. by his family

10:30 AM Joanne Pomerleau req. by her family

Offertory: \$ 2,527.50 Seminary: \$ 641.00  
Today's second collection is for extraordinary expenses.  
Next weekend's second collection is for building maintenance.  
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 19 & 20**

5:00pm Lector: Bob Nejako

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Michael

Altar Servers: Nina, Luci & Genevieve Gardella

8:00am Lector: Jim Dyer

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Michael

Altar Servers: Christian & Jack Terwilliger

10:30am Lector: Roger Proulx

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Michael

Altar Servers: Drew Taylor & Nicholas Barrett

**Goats for Haiti: To date total \$ 1,449.50 = 9+ goats**

**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

Sergeant 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 Rev. George Villamthanam CST, Rev. George Richards Jr., Rev. Aguirre Palacio, Rev. Izydor Sadowski SDB, Rev. Francis Rouleau, Rev. Edward Wisneski, Rev. John Gallagher OFM Cap, Rev. Bogdan Olzacki OSPPE, Rev. Gregoire Fluet, Rev. Russell Kennedy. We also pray for those priests who have left the ministry.

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**

- First Holy Communion Saturday May 12 at 10:30am in Church followed by reception given by the Ladies Guild

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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.



## **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 [ahoisl@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:ahoisl@norwichdiocese.net)
- ✓ **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.
- ✓ **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.
- ✓ **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.

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://wwmectw.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).

**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 208:00am – 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.

### Programs at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center

31 Colton Street, Farmington, CT

Call 860.677.8519 to register

Or olcretreat@sbcglobal.net

- In the Upstairs Room Wednesday May 16 9am-2pm
- Tea Tasting Wednesday May 30 10am-12noon
- Silent Theme Weekend for Women "Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace June 21-24
- Silent Direct Retreat June 21-28 Week long or June 21-24 Long Weekend

#### A BIG THANKS TO ALL

The St. Andrew Choir would like to thank everyone involved with the recent 10th Annual Multi-Family Tag Sale held on April 21st. First, we must thank Annette from the St. Andrew Rectory and Cheryl from the St. Francis of Assisi Rectory who always place our ads in the bulletin 6 weeks before and right up to the tag sale. Thanks for always spreading the word!!

Also the (23) families who rented tables to sell their goods....as well as the (36) families who donated such wonderful items to sell in the choir room. The proceeds from the choir room sales will benefit the Colchester Food and Fuel Banks, as well as the Colchester Free Lunch Program.

Thanks to the hundreds of tag sale attendees who lined up at 8:00 am and flowed through the halls all day looking for bargains....also to the community who always supports our tag sales. Also to the local businesses who let us advertise our Tag Sale Flier. As well as Terry Philips' Girl Scout Troop (and some of their parents) who always give a helping hand wherever needed.

We really appreciate all that each of you has done. God Bless one and all... Hope to see you again next year!  
Sincerely, The St. Andrew Choir

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.psclife.org](http://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.



#### Items needed for the Neighbors Helping Neighbors Food Pantry:

Peanut butter (creamy)  
Fluff  
Jam  
Tuna in water  
Brownie mix (no nuts)

Consider attending this upcoming Women's ACTS retreat, a three-day, a three-night Catholic lay retreat presented by women who have attended prior ACTS retreats, under the guidance of a Catholic Guide. This is a simple, reverent, Catholic retreat with goals of renewing yourself spiritually, strengthening your faith in your daily life, and creating lasting and supporting friendships within your church communities. Retreat begins on Thursday evening June 28th, with a 5:45 PM check-in at Saint Mary Church in Coventry, CT. Participants will then go to My Father's House in Moodus, CT, for the remainder of the retreat where you will experience true faith, fun and unconditional love. The retreat will end on Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, with a morning Mass and reception at Saint Mary Church in Coventry, CT.

\*\*\$199 First Time Retreatant Special

Brochures & registration forms at Church entrances.

Questions? Contact Maureen Fleming 860-338-1392

For more information, go to [actsct.org](http://actsct.org)

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.





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

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

**THANK YOU TO THE ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE FOR YOUR WORK SO FAR IN THE PLANNING OF OUR 75<sup>th</sup>!**

The Anniversary Committee has been meeting since June 2017 and have some wonderful events planned to help celebrate this religious milestone. There are numerous details to every event.

Please save the dates and come celebrate with us:

**August 25, 5:00pm Outdoor Mass & Parish Picnic**

**September 16, 2:00pm Mass with Bishop Cote**

**October 13, 6:00pm Parish Appreciation Potluck Supper.**

**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**

We are still looking for any parishioner who was born in 1980, and everyone over 90.

Thank you to those who provided dates of birth and marriages; we will let you know as it gets closer to the August 25, 2018 parish picnic if you have been chosen to be recognized. If you qualify for either of the above categories, please contact Barbara at [bobbi.w@charter.net](mailto:bobbi.w@charter.net).

Only 102 days until the celebration begins!

**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**



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



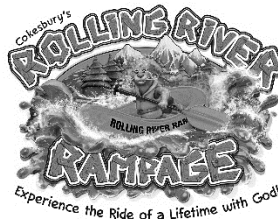
The Ladies Guild will be holding a Bake Sale on May 19 & 20 in conjunction with the Knights' Plant Sale. Parishioners are asked to bake for this event.

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.

**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.



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

St. Andrew Church

Registration is open for this year's vacation bible school.

Sign-up through the St. Andrew Church website:

[www.standrewcolchester.org](http://www.standrewcolchester.org).

June 25 – 29<sup>th</sup>. 6-8:30pm. All kids kindergarten-ready through 6<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to participate. Contact Tracy Wilson for questions.

**Living Mother's Day Intentions** (received to date)

Janet Gagnon	Melissa Taylor	Louise Getman
Anastasia Getman	Alexis Burgess	Susan Pion
Cynthia Paris	Dolores Worth	Jennifer Wheaton
Rita Tays	Irene Wengloski	Jennie Brewster

**Deceased Mother's Day Intentions** (received to date)

Gladys Lariviere	Cecile Pion	Frances Flaherty
Barbara Longo	Peg Jusyk	Anne Dudar
Theresa Wengloski	Connie Hayward	Edith Perotti
Jennifer Wheaton		