

**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 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

Monday May 21, 2018 St. Christopher Magallanes, priest & companions, martyrs

NO MASS

Tuesday May 22, 2018 St. Rita of Cascia, religious

NO MASS

Wednesday May 23, 2018 Weekday

9:00 AM Intentions of Ron Melewski req. by Mackie

Thursday May 24, 2018 Weekday

NO MASS

Friday May 25, 2018 St. Bede the Venerable, priest & doctor of the Church; St. Gregory VII, pope; St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi, virgin

9:00 AM Rev. Joseph Whittel

Saturday May 26, 2018 St. Philip Neri, priest

4:00 PM Confessions
5:00 PM Dottie Goldstein req. by the Paris family

Sunday May 27, 2018 Most Holy Trinity

8:00 AM Dottie Goldstein req. by the Ladies Guild
10:30 AM Michael Martin req. by C Wheaton

Offertory: \$ 2,199.00 Extraordinary: \$ 568.00
Ascension: \$
Today's second collection is for building maintenance.
Next weekend's second collection is for St. Bernard School.
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 26 & 27

5:00pm Lector: Richard Lataille
Eucharistic Minister:
Altar Servers: C.J. Frank, Nina Gardella
8:00am Lector: Rick Kane
Eucharistic Minister: Kathy Pellerin
Altar Servers: Anthony & Emily Pomerleau
10:30am Lector: Sandy Grillo
Eucharistic Minister: Wally Gagnon
Altar Servers: Erika Densman, Becca Wheaton

Goats for Haiti: To date total \$ 1,641.05 = 10+ goats

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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
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
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. V. Antony Alaharasan, V. Rev. Dennis Perkins, V. Rev. Gregory Galvin, Rev. Thomas Hoar SSE, Rev. Thomas Griffin, Rev. John Welch MS, Rev. Erik Lenhart OFM Cap, Rev. Rafal Walczyk OSPPE, Rev. John Antonelle, V. Rev. David Choquette, Rev. Michael Giannitelli, Msgr. James Carini, Rev. Gregory Mullaney. 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)

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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. There will be a \$4 admission fee. Questions, please contact Barbara at 860-642-7168.



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

ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

- ✓ **Charismatic Prayer Meeting** every Tuesday at 2pm. **Healing Mass:** Every 2nd and 4th Mondays at 2pm. No meeting May 28 due to Memorial Day. Spiritual Renewal Center, **11 Bath Street, Norwich**
- ✓ **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
- ✓ **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 or visit the national website at 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.
- ✓ **Eucharistic Holy Hour for Vocations** June 29 from 7-8pm at Cathedral of Saint Patrick, Norwich.

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-faithevents.html> Registration and deposit is due by June 4th. For more registration forms or questions please contact Liza Roach at lroach@norwichdiocese.net or (860)848-2237 ex. 305

Program at Enders Island, Mystic
860.536.0565
June Day of Recollection
Wednesday June 6 @ 9:00am. \$50pp.
<http://enders.is/JuneDOR>

Get M-Powered! Join the Mercy High School Summer Program 2018. Programs and clinics are available for students rising to grades 6th – 9th Basketball, Higher Achievement, Soccer, Theatre Arts (Co-Ed), Vocal (Co-Ed). Please visit 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 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).

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 ~ 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

- 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

Corpus Christi Catholic Community is sponsoring a raffle to benefit St Mary-St. Joseph School. First prize is a choice of a 2018 Nissan Frontier SV Truck, King Cab 4WD or a 2018 Buick Encore Essence AWDI. Second prize is a \$5000 Travel Gift Certificate. Third Prize is an Apple 13' MacBook Pro. Tickets are \$50 each and are available in the school office, at 35 Valley Street, Willimantic. Checks should be made payable to St. Mary Church. The drawing will be held on June 16, 2018. Please visit or call 860.423.8479.

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 17th. 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. 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.

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 1st, 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

Sunday May 20 on Jillson Square in Willimantic, from 11:30am – 3:00pm the Corpus Christi Catholic Community is hosting a **Family Fun Day**. This event is for our school family as well as the general public. There will be Zumba, pizza, carnival games, prizes, etc.

Saturday, June 16 at Eastern Connecticut State University's Student Center Café, from 7:30pm – 10:00pm, the Corpus Christi Catholic Community is hosting the Jumping Jiving Jubilee Jam. It will be a dance with hors d' oeuvres, dessert, beer, and wine. Please call the school office at 860.423.8479 for ticket information.

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/>.

Baccalaureate Service

The Lebanon faith communities invite our young people who are graduating from high school in 2018, their family, and friends, regardless of church affiliation, to a Baccalaureate Service Sunday, June 3rd at 7:00 p.m. at Saint Francis. A light reception will follow the service. Graduates are requested to come in cap and gown (if they are available) and to arrive by 6:45. *All are welcome!*

Congratulations to the members of our parish will be graduating this year and their families!

Victoria Beckwith, Tyler Briggs, Meghan Domanico, Michael Flaherty, Meredith Morin, Anthony Pomerleau, Lauren Russo, Anthony Spedaliere, Elizabeth Spedaliere, Jason Valliere, Rebecca Wheaton, and Bradley Wiczorek.

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 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. June 25

– 29th. 6-8:30pm. All kids kindergarten-ready through 6th grade are welcome to participate. Contact Tracy Wilson for questions @ 860.334.3343.



75th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Anniversary Committee is working hard to make this milestone one to remember. You only celebrate 75 years once!

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.

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY RECOGNITIONS

Were you born in 1980, are over 90 years old or have a baby born this year?

We are looking for any parishioner who fits this category. We will be recognizing these people at the August picnic. If you qualify for either of the above categories, please contact Barbara at bobbie.w@charter.net.

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.

Only 95 days until the celebration begins!

A ♪ from the organist. Though many of the hymns we are singing may seem very unfamiliar right now, I encourage you to join in singing together. Do not worry if you think it is not perfect. With a little practice over time, I assure you that you will become more confident. Unbelievably, it is easier to sing loudly than it is to sing softly. Try it! Sacred music is that music created to support, elevate, and better express the words and actions of the sacred liturgy. Those who sing, pray twice! Let us raise our voices in song to the risen Lord!

We are now accepting registrations for the upcoming CCD year. Registration forms have been sent home with your child. Extra forms are available at Church entrances. Please register by August 1st.

Living Mother's Day Intentions

Janet Gagnon	Melissa Taylor	Louise Getman
Anastasia Getman	Alexis Burgess	Susan Pion
Cynthia Paris	Dolores Worth	Jennifer Wheaton
Rita Tays	Irene Wengloski	Jennie Brewster
Shawn Smith	Shayla Coutu	Sherrilyn Flannery
Shirleen Garrahy	Shannon Kuzel	Alice Kuzel
Leah Prescott	Alisa Carlson	Mary Horan
Sara Cooper	Marisa Seng	Jacqie Cooper
Lynn Johnson		

Deceased Mother's Day Intentions

Gladys Lariviere	Cecile Pion	Frances Flaherty
Barbara Longo	Peg Jusyk	Anne Dudar
Theresa Wengloski	Connie Hayward	Edith Perotti
Jennifer Wheaton	Erma Kuzel	Mary Clinch
Margaret Rea	Doris Clinch	Betty Anne Gardner
Norma Gilleese	Polly Haralson	Viola Smutko

**4th 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
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To our 9th grade students who were confirmed on Saturday May 5th.

- Nicholas Barrett
- April Beckwith
- Anna Campbell
- Madilyn Crawford
- Sydney Crawford
- Grace Gardella
- Felipe Mastroluca
- John McCarthy
- Matthew Palombizio
- Vincent Pirolli
- Ava Spatola



To our First Holy Communion Class who receive their First Holy Communion on Saturday May 11th:

- William Arthur Blakeslee
- Keegan Joseph Davis
- Logan Michael Davis
- Madison Kathryn Henry
- Maeve Carey LaFleur
- Bridey Carey LaFleur
- Gabriel Lee McGillicuddy
- Gavin Thomas McManus
- Kristina Alyssa Nieminen
- Isabelle Temperance Nowosad
- Tessa Kate Ruffo