

**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 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

11:30 AM Baptism

**Monday May 28, 2018 Memorial Day**

8:00 AM Memorial Day Mass for deceased men & women of the military

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED in observance of Memorial Day**

**Tuesday May 29, 2018 Weekday**

NO MASS

**Wednesday May 30, 2018 Weekday**

9:00 AM Rev. Anthony Gruber

**Thursday May 31, 2018 Visitation of Blessed Virgin Mary**

NO MASS

**Friday June 1, 2018 St. Justin, martyr**

9:00 AM Dominic Jacobeno req. by Mackie

**Saturday June 2, 2018 St. Marcellinus & Peter, martyrs**

4:00 PM Confessions

5:00 PM Anne Dudar req. by the Paris family

**Sunday June 3, 2018 Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ**

8:00 AM Dottie Goldstein req. by the Kuzel family

10:30 AM

Offertory: \$ 1,802.60 Building Maintenance: \$ 540.00

Ascension: \$ 150.00

Today's second collection is for St. Bernard School.

Next weekend's second collection is for monthly extraordinary.

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 June 2 & 3**

5:00pm Lector: Steve Wengloski

Eucharistic Minister: Sharon Nejako

Altar Servers: Grace & Nina Gardella

8:00am Lector: Jim Worth

Eucharistic Minister: Gregg Lafontaine

Altar Servers: Christian & Jack Terwilliger

10:30am Lector: Greg Jones

Eucharistic Minister: Paul Pelletier

Altar Servers: Drew Taylor & Nicholas Barrett

**Goats for Haiti: To date total \$ 1,757.53 = 11+ 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 V. Rev. Jan Swiderski, Rev. Joseph Castaldi, Rev. Tadeusz Zadorozny, Rev. William McNulty, Rev. John O'Neill MS, Rev. Frank McKenna, Rev. Joseph Ashe, Rev. Michael Gill, All priests,

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)

**Mass times will change for the weekends of June 9 & 10 and June 16 & 17 while Fr. Richard is away on vacation.**

**Saturday Vigil 5:30pm  
Sunday morning 8am only**

**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.**

## **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](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.
- ✓ **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.
- ✓ **Eucharistic Holy Hour for Vocations** June 29 from 7-8pm at Cathedral of Saint Patrick, Norwich.

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 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).



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

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.

### **Programs at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center**

31 Colton Street, Farmington, CT  
Call 860.677.8519 to register  
Or [olcretreat@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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

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.

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)

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.

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!

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



### 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 @ 860.334.3343.



### ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ PILGRIMAGE TO THE CANADIAN NATIONAL SHRINES

Enjoy a beautiful 4-day pilgrimage to: **Our Lady of the Cape** (Sanctuaire-Notre Dame-du-Cap) the Canadian National Shrine to Our Blessed Mother, where the miraculous statue of Our Lady opened her eyes in 1888 before **Blessed Frederic Janssoone**, Franciscan founder of the Shrine. We'll visit **St. Anne de Beaupre**, major French Canadian pilgrimage site known for miraculous healings; the **Ursuline Convent of Sainte Marie of the Incarnation**;



celebrate Mass at the newly-renovated **Cathedral of Notre-Dame in Quebec City**; visit **St. Joseph's Oratory**, founded by St. Brother Andre; go to the Tomb and Chapel of **St. Kateri Tekakwitha**, Lily of the Mohawks, at the old Jesuit Missionary settlement of Kahnawake; and **the Centre of Blessed Marie-Leonie** and her Community -**The Little Sisters of the Holy Family** -who's charism has been the care of Priests. \$500 p.p. double occupancy. Price includes Deluxe Motor Coach, Shrine Hotel, and all meals & tips for all 4 days. This pilgrimage is being organized and conducted by Fr. Brian Maxwell (Valid U.S. Passport or U.S. Passport Card required.) Pick-up/drop-off locations this year are St. Andrews in Colchester and All Saints in Somers. For further information, please call Anne Marie at (860) 875-5770 [aguadagnino@comcast.net](mailto:aguadagnino@comcast.net)

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

IN 1943

Work has begun on renovating the Hewitt house into the St. Francis chapel.

### May 26:

- Edwin Barclay of Liberia becomes the first president of a black country to visit the U.S.
- Jews riot against Germany in Amsterdam.
- Prime Minister Winston Churchill & General George Marshall fly from the U.S. to North Africa.

### May 27:

- French resistance under Jan Moulin meets secretly in Paris.
- The U.S. forbids racial discrimination in the war industry.

### May 29:

- Meat and cheese are rationed in the U.S.

### LAST CALL FOR PHOTOS!

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.

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.**

Only 88 days until the celebration begins!

**ALL LADIES OF THE PARISH ARE INVITED TO THE  
LADIES GUILD JUNE BANQUET  
MONDAY, JUNE 18, 2018**

**JOIN US AT HANK'S RESTAURANT  
418 PROVIDENCE RD, BROOKLYN, CT  
COCKTAILS 6PM, DINNER 6:30PM**

**SEE ENTRANCES TO THE CHURCH FOR ORDER  
FORM  
SEND IN YOUR DINNER SELECTION WITH  
PAYMENT BY JUNE 12TH**

## MEETINGS

June 3 Sunday Baccalaureate 7:00pm St. Francis Church  
June 7 Thurs. Knights of Columbus 7:00pm meeting room

**June is "Leave a Legacy" month** in the Diocese of Norwich. It is a wonderful time to remind parishioners in the Diocese about the value of charitable estate planning. Some people choose to mark their legacy by requesting gifts made in memoriam to their parish, school, ministry or the Diocese in lieu of flowers upon their passing. Others include a bequest in their Will to their favorite Catholic organization. Still others are interested in establishing an endowment with the Catholic Foundation of the Diocese of Norwich to benefit a Diocesan organization. Most recently, Mr. Leo Barron of Gales Ferry established The Leo E. and Lorraine A. Barron Endowment within the Catholic Foundation to support Our Lady of Lourdes Church. We are blessed that Mr. Barron's generosity will allow him to help his Church into perpetuity. If you are interested in learning more about how you can leave your legacy and support all the good works that the Church is involved with, please contact Mary Ellen Mahoney, Development Manager, at (860) 886-1928 or [mamahoney@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:mamahoney@norwichdiocese.net).

**Immediate Opening:** St. Vincent de Paul Place, Norwich is looking for a part-time chef, Wednesday and Thursday 7am-2pm. Be able to work with volunteers to make nutritious meals. Must have QFO. Please email or call Jillian Corbin at [jcsvdpp@gmail.com](mailto:jcsvdpp@gmail.com) 860-889-7374. For more information about St. Vincent de Paul Place, check out our website at [www.svdpp.org](http://www.svdpp.org)

**"The Father Wound"** Upon request, we are announcing an encore presentation of a special adult education program at St. Andrew Church on Tuesday June 12th at 7:30 pm (immediately following the 7:00 pm Mass). Deacon Michael Puscas will present an educational program on the subject of "The Father Wound." The father wound is the absence or withholding of love from your birth father. The wound can be caused by neglect, absence, abuse, control, and withholding love. Deacon Michael will explain the Father Wound and how you can heal from the wound and/or prevent wounding your own children. Finally the program will help you develop a healthy and close relationship with God our Father. This educational program is for all adults and parents regardless of your relationship with your birth father. Adults only are preferred due to the nature of the subject matter.



The Ladies Guild would like to thank its members and the St Francis parishioners who baked for our Bake Sale last weekend and to all who supported us in purchasing items and made donations. Despite the rain on Saturday, the sale was a success and we plan to join the Knights again next year when they hold their plant sale.