

**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 June 23, 2018 Blessed Virgin Mary

4:00 PM Confessions

5:00 PM Anne Dudar req. by C. Wheaton

Sunday June 24, 2018 Nativity of John the Baptist

8:00 AM Living members of the Clinch & Kuzel req. by
Norm & Ella Mae Kuzel

10:30 AM 10th anniversary Rev. Adam Hildebrand req. by
John & Cindy Ramatowski

Monday June 25, 2018 Weekday

NO MASS

Tuesday June 26, 2018 Weekday

NO MASS

**Wednesday June 27, 2018 St. Cyril of Alexandria, bishop,
doctor of the Church**

9:00 AM George Boone req. by Mackie

Thursday June 28, 2018 St. Irenaeus, bishop, martyr

NO MASS

Friday June 29, 2018 Sts. Peter & Paul, apostles

9:00 AM John Van Wagner req. by C. Wheaton

**Saturday June 30, 2018 First Martyrs of the Holy Roman
Church**

4:00 PM Confessions

5:00 PM Anne Dudar req. by Jennie Brewster

Sunday July 1, 2018 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Anne Dudar req. by the Dyer family

10:30 AM

**The Sanctuary candle is lit for the improved health of Rene
Soucy. Please remember him in your prayers at Mass and
throughout the week.**

Offertory: \$ 1,819.00 Building Maintenance: \$ 509.00
Today's second collection is for the world combined collection.
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 30 & July 1

5:00pm Lector: Bob Nejako

Eucharistic Minister: Carole Briggs

Altar Servers: Genevieve, Nina & Luci Gardella

8:00am Lector: Jim Worth

Eucharistic Minister: Kathy Walden

Altar Servers: Christian & Jack Terwilliger

10:30am Lector: Sandy Grillo

Eucharistic Minister: Wally Gagnon

Altar Servers: Drew Taylor & Nicholas Barrett

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
PO 3 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 Msgr. Michael
Donohue, Rev. Elson Kattookaran MS, Rev. Brian Converse,
Msgr. Richard LaRocque, Rev. Thomas Smith, Rev. Arthur
Archer, V. Rev. Richard Ricard, Rev. David Zercie MSA, Rev.
Edward Dempsey DBA, Rev. Patrick McCorry, Our Holy Father
Rev. Jeffrey Ellis, Rev. Dariusz Dudzik.

Heavenly Father, the responsibility of Your priests is great. May
the love of the Precious Blood of Jesus abound in their hearts.
Kindle in their hearts a great love for You and for all souls. (Ven.
Mother Catherine Aurelia, foundress)

**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.**

**Knights of Columbus Meeting
Thursday July 5th at 7:00pm.**

Annual Catholic Appeal: If you have made a pledge,
our sincere thanks. If you have yet to make your gift or
pledge, please consider doing it this week. Our goal:
\$21,345. To date gifts & pledges = \$20,299. We are at
95.1% of our goal.
For additional information contact the Development
office at 860.886.1928 or visit their website at
norwichdiocesedevelopment.org. Thank you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

- ✓ **Charismatic Prayer Meeting** every Tuesday at 2pm. **Healing Mass:** Every 2nd and 4th Mondays at 2pm. 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
- ✓ **Eucharistic Holy Hour for Vocations** June 29 from 7-8pm at Cathedral of Saint Patrick, Norwich.
- ✓ **The monthly Diocesan Pro-Life Mass** will take place at The Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on Saturday, July 7 at 8:30 A.M. Please join our celebrant Rev. Ray Introvigne at Mass as we pray to end abortion and for the healing for those who have had an abortion. Following the Mass, the Rosary will be prayed.
- ✓ **Mass for Those Dedicated to Education** Sunday, September 9, 2018, at 8:45 a.m. Bishop Cote will celebrate in the Cathedral of Saint Patrick. Currently, the Planning Committee for this Mass is seeking additional members to assist in preparing this very meaningful tribute to Educators and to become an active member of the planning committee. The next Mass Committee meetings will be held on June 25, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. and August 27, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. in the Bishop Hines Conference Room of the Chancery. Please join us in planning the 23rd Annual Mass for Those Dedicated to Education. Contact Mrs. Rebecca McDougal at 860-887-9294 or rebecca@norwichdiocese.net



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



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.

It is back to school time! Some of our Lebanon neighbors are in need of a little help getting their students ready for the new school year.

Items needed:



1 ½"-2" size binders
"Trapper keeper type" notebooks
Loose leaf paper (lots!)
Dividers for notebooks
Folders, (all types)
Notebooks
Pens
Pencils
Highlighters
Colored pencils (Crayola)
Crayons (Crayola)
Markers
Erasers
Glue
Rulers

Heavier duty backpacks for older kids

Reusable lunch bags

Please have all donations to St. Francis by Sunday July 29. Donation totes are at both Church entrances.

Your help will make the first day of the new school year a lot brighter for Lebanon students. Thank You.

Banns of Ordination

The following Candidates will be ordained to the Order of Permanent Deacon on Saturday, July 14, 2018:

Mr. Bryan Jones
Mr. Kim Thompson
Mr. Daniel D'Amelio

Should you know of any reason why these men should not be ordained deacons, please write to:
The Most Reverend Michael R. Cote, Bishop of Norwich, 201 Broadway, Norwich, CT 06360

Banns of Ordination

The following deacon will be ordained to the Order of the Priesthood on Saturday, June 30, 2018:

Rev. Mr. Frank Gilbert

Should you know of any reason why this man should not be ordained a priest, please write to:
The Most Reverend Michel R. Cote, Bishop of Norwich, 201 Broadway, Norwich, CT 06360.

The Combined Collection for World Charities is this weekend. The causes supported by this collection are:

The Catholic Relief Services Collection – helps six Catholic agencies provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and work towards peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world.

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) –In the United States one in six people lives in poverty. This collection supports programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those who are struggling across the country.

The Church in Central and Eastern Europe – helps restore the Church and build the future in 20 countries, many of which still struggle to recover in the aftermath of Soviet rule, by providing help with reconstruction, education, formation and poverty outreach.

Holy Land Collection – 800 years ago, the Roman Catholic Church entrusted the guardianship of the Holy Land and Christian shrines to the Order of St. Francis. This work includes support of schools, protection and upkeep of shrines and care for refugees and other needy people.

This combined collection offers an excellent opportunity to support hands-on efforts towards helping people in need. Your gift does make a difference. Please be generous.

ENHANCING MINISTRY WITH TECHNOLOGY

Learn how to be innovative with updated technology that's available to everyone. Learn how to communicate in the most efficient way through virtual meetings, webinars, programs which make flyers or videos, and more - all for free. There are three dates: August 28th at Christ the King in Old Lyme, September 6th at Holy Family in Hebron, and September 18th at St. Francis in Middletown at 7pm. To register, please email Marianne at manicholas@norwichdiocese.net or call (860)848-2237 ex. 305.

Please help us fill Boxes of Joy. The Ladies Guild has



set a goal to send Christmas blessings to 20 needy children and they need YOU! The *Box of Joy* program is an annual Christmas gift ministry organized by local Catholic schools, parishes and groups across the United States and

facilitated by *Cross Catholic Outreach*. Together we can gather items needed to fill Box of Joy shoeboxes. The Ladies Guild will supply the boxes, all you have to do is go shopping! Select gifts to bring joy to a child. Lists of suggested items can be found at the church entrances. **COLLECTION DATES:** June 9 to August 26. Please put items in the collection box by the side entrance. For more information, please contact Estelle at 860-420-7221 or estelle7moodus@yahoo.com.

Lebanon Vacation Bible School



CALLING ALL YOUTH (any age) to join us for a week of adventure July 16-20, 2018: Venture onto an uncharted island where you will learn to survive and thrive! We will have a week filled with pirates and buried treasure, building

relationships and expanding imaginations. This is Vacation Bible School for our community and our theme this year is *Shipwrecked*. It is a Christian based camp supported by our local churches yet affiliation with a church is not required. Camp is free to all participants and we always welcome parents or teens who want to help out. Registration is required and can be completed on line lebanonfirstcong.org or by calling 860-642-6179. Program runs daily from 9am – noon. All are welcome here!

SAVE THE DATE

Come join the

Knights of Columbus

At our 10th Annual "Knights at the Ballpark"

On Friday, July 13, 2018.

Fireworks follow the game!

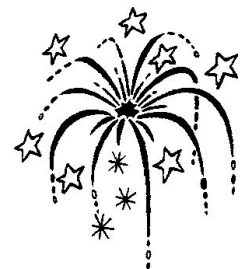
Tickets are \$10.00 each and will be sold at Church entrances after all Masses on June 30/July 1 and July 7/8.

If you can't make the July 13th game, but would still like to go to a different game, all you need to do is present your ticket at the box office on the day of the Game you wish to see.

You will be given an even-exchange for that game.

For questions or more information, please call Bob Nejako at 860.456.0301 or 860.930.0226

SEE YOU AT THE GAME!





75th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

ONLY A SHORT TIME LEFT TO ORDER YOUR COMMEMORATIVE BOOK – ORDER YOURS TODAY!

The History of the Catholic Church in Lebanon commemorative book is being finalized and will make a great keepsake of our 75th anniversary milestone. The cover has been sent to the printer and looks great. If you are interested in getting one, please complete an order form found at the Church entrances.

A limited number will be printed.
Order your copy before July 1st.

For those who donated towards the celebration and are listed in the book, you do not need to re-order.

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.

More information on the August and September events will be available in August.

Only 60 days to the start of our celebration!

Please welcome Father Brian Carpenter who will speak at all the Masses on behalf of Cross Catholic Outreach which was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America. Please be generous in your response to Father's appeal. Brochures will be provided if you wish to support this worthy Catholic ministry.

The time is here again, we will start preparing for the Lebanon Fair, **WE NEED YOUR HELP.**

Help will be needed to set up the booths, load the soda in the coolers, restocking in the evenings after closing each evening.

Also please give some serious thought to helping in the booths. Talk to Cheryl in the office about paper work. Do it as a couple, or with friends, parents and siblings. The days are divided in 3 hour segments. The time goes fast and I believe you will have a good time.

Soda booth chair
Estelle Elliott



Who Can Doubt The Real Presence?

On the evening of the last day of his October 1995 visit to the United States, Pope John Paul II was scheduled to greet the seminarians at St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore. It had been a very full day, beginning with Mass at the Oriole Park in Camden Yards, followed by a parade through the downtown streets, a visit to the Basilica of the Assumption, the first cathedral in the country, lunch at a local soup kitchen, run by the Catholic Charities, a prayer service at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen in the north Baltimore area, and finally a quick stop at St. Mary's Seminary.

The schedule was tight so the plan was to simply greet the seminarians while they stood outside on the steps. But Pope John Paul II made his way through their ranks and into the building. His plan was first to make a visit to the Blessed Sacrament. When his wishes were made known, security personnel quickly flew into action ahead of the Pope. Their activities included a sweep of the building, paying close attention to the chapel where Pope John Paul II would be praying.

For this purpose, highly trained dogs were used to detect any persons who might be present. The dogs are trained to locate living people in collapsed buildings after earthquakes and other disasters. These intelligent and eager canines went through their rounds in the halls, offices and classrooms quickly, and were then sent into the chapel. They went up and down the aisles and past the pews, and finally into the side chapel where the Blessed Sacrament is reserved.

UPON REACHING THE TABERNACLE, THE DOGS SNIFFED AND WHINED AND POINTED, REFUSING TO LEAVE; THEY WERE CONVINCED THAT THEY DISCOVERED SOMEONE THERE AND FIRMLY REMAINED, THEIR ATTENTION RIVETED TO THE TABERNACLE, UNTIL CALLED OUT BY THE HANDLERS. We Catholics know they were right; they found a REAL LIVING PERSON in the tabernacle!

On behalf of the Ladies Guild, it gives me great pleasure to announce **this year's recipients of the St. Francis of Assisi Ladies Guild 2018 Graduating Senior Award.** This award is given to a high school senior who has demonstrated involvement in our Parish, as well as school and community organizations and academic grades throughout high school. This year's awards went to **Elizabeth Spedaliere and Rebecca Chesters Wheaton.** We congratulate and wish these young ladies the best as they continue their education at Western New England University and Central Connecticut State University.

We would like to thank the Senior Award applicants for applying and for all you have done for our Parish. The Ladies Guild congratulates you on your graduation from high school and wishes you all the best in your future accomplishments. *Barbara Wengloski, President*