

**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 July 7, 2018 Blessed Virgin Mary

4:00 PM Confessions

5:00 PM Souls in Purgatory

Sunday July 8, 2018 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

10:30 AM *Kazimierz Manoryk req. by the Edgar & Mazun families*

Monday July 9, 2018 St. Augustine Zhao Rong, priest & companions, martyrs

NO MASS

Tuesday July 10, 2018 Weekday

NO MASS

Wednesday July 11, 2018 St. Benedict, abbot

9:00 AM *Rev. Anthony Gruber*

Thursday July 12, 2018 Weekday

NO MASS

Friday July 13, 2018 St. Henry

9:00 AM *Robert Burns req. by Irene Burns*

Saturday July 14, 2018 St. Kateri Tekakwitha, virgin

4:00 PM Confessions

5:00 PM

Sunday July 15, 2018 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM *Dottie Goldstein req. by the Dyer family*

10:30 AM *Julie Coscia req. by her family*

Offertory to be reported next week end, due to early submission of the bulletin.

Today's second collection is for our endowment fund. Our Parish currently has a small Endowment Fund which was begun in June of 1991. The purpose of gifts of monies to the endowment fund is to provide for the future support or maintenance of the Parish. The interest earned can be left in the fund to increase the principal or used for parish expenses. With an Endowment Fund, only the interest would be distributed each year, with the principal remaining intact. Over time, with additional gifts and interest earned, the account balance could become large enough to give the parish a nice annual income. This year the parish received a check for \$1,637 for interest from the endowment fund.

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

Knights of Columbus meet and greet after the 8:00am Mass next Sunday, July 15.

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 Rev. Patrick Martin, Rev. Joseph Tito, Rev. Paul Boudreau, Rev. Anthony DiMarco, Rev. Michael Sequeira, Rev. Richard Sliwinski, V. Rev. Ted Tumicki, Rev. William Flynn, Rev. Thomas Angelo, Msgr. Kevin Randall, Rev. Richard Breton. We also pray for those priests who have left the ministry.

Precious Blood of Jesus, cover our priests and protect them from the snares of the enemy. Bless them and make them guardians to watch over Your sheep. May the Blood of Jesus always help them. (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.

July Prayer Service Canceled Due to the holiday weekend and vacation schedules, the Praise, Worship, and Healing Service normally held on the first Thursday of each month at St. Andrew Church in Colchester will not be held on July 9th.

Weekend July 14 & July 15

5:00pm Lector: Carole Briggs

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Michael

Altar Servers: Steve Bardes, CJ Frank

8:00am Lector: Rosanne Coffey

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Michael

Altar Servers: Emily Pomerleau, Becca Wheaton

10:30am Lector: Maureen Polana

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Michael

Altar Servers: Drew Taylor, Erika Densman

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](#)
- ✓ **Eucharistic Holy Hour for Vocations** July 19 from 6-7pm at St. Mark, Westbrook, CT.
- ✓ **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.
- ✓ **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
- ✓ **2018 Connecticut Catholic Men's Conference** Go Into the World (Mark 16:15) Saturday October 20th 8:00am – 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.
- ✓ **Trip to Haiti!** Are you interested in seeing what Haiti is like? Or seeing it again? Diocese of Norwich Outreach to Haiti is organizing an Immersion Trip for October 24-31. Visitors will experience many different aspects of Haiti. You will see some of the work our ministry is doing - visit our clinic, a school, experience Mass at a twinned parish. You'll also get a chance to see the amazing spirit of the Haitian people, and get a sense of their culture and history through a neighborhood tour, and a visit to the National Museum. If interested, contact info@outreachtohaiti.org, or call 860-800-3601. See more on our website at outreachtohaiti.org. If you are interested, but this time doesn't work for you, contact us anyway, and we'll put you on the list for the future!

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

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.

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!

Programs at Enders Island Mystic

860.536.0565

- Sacred Art Workshop: Beginner's Gregorian Chant Workshop. Sun – Fri August 12-17
- Weekend Retreat Centering Prayer – Psalm 46:10 July 13-15
- Weekend Retreat Looking for God in the Garden August 3-5

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.

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 into 3 hour segments. The time goes fast and I believe you will have a good time.

**Soda booth chair
Estelle Elliott**

East Catholic High School Join us on one of the dates below to explore our campus, hear student and parent testimonies and learn about important dates and deadlines for the Fall. July 18th 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. July 31st 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. and August 8th 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. Pre-registration for these events is preferred but not required. You may reach out to the Admissions Office at 860-649-5336 ext. 6238 or visit us at www.echs.com

MASS INTENTIONS

We have several open Masses during 2018. You may have a Mass said for a variety of intentions: for a deceased loved one, in celebration of a marriage, anniversary, birthday, in thanksgiving, for a special intention, for world peace, etc.

To request a Mass intention, please call Cheryl in the parish office during office hours.

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!

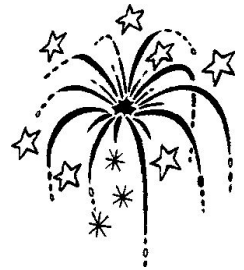
Tickets are \$10.00 each and will be sold at Church entrances after all Masses on June 30/July 1 and July 7/8.

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!



YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!



Sunday School Begins in September. Classes are held from 9:00am to 10:00am at the Elementary School. Teachers and teacher assistants will be

needed. Diocesan requirement is a teacher and an assistant per each class.

Parents please consider volunteering as a teacher or assistant. U-R qualified if you are over 16 and a practicing Catholic who attends weekend Mass. We will help you with the rest of the job and help you to easily get certified to work with our youth. Call Jim Hay, the DRE at 860.886.1882 or the parish office at 860.642.6711.

St. Benedict (480-547) abbot: St. Benedict was the brother of St. Scholastica. He was born in Nursia, Italy. He was born to a wealthy family at a time when barbarian invasions and moral decline threatened to destroy the Roman Empire. Disgusted with the moral decline of his companions and society, Benedict left Rome. About 500, he went to the wild and remote area of Subiaco where he came under the tutelage of the monk, Romanus. Benedict became a monk and spent the next three years living a life of prayer and solitude in a cave. He began to attract many followers and by 525, he had founded twelve monasteries in Subiaco. In 530, he founded the great monastery at Monte Cassino. Benedict organized his companions into one monastic community. The Benedictine Rule inspired monastic life in the Western church for centuries to come. A wise spiritual leader and worker of miracles Benedict's life and works profoundly affected the spirituality and life of the Church and Western civilization. He died March 21, 1547.



75th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The commemorative book is done and will be going to the printer soon. Invitations to our former priests and special guests have been mailed for the September Mass. More information on the August and September events will be available at the beginning of August.

**We are still looking for a parishioner
Who was born in 1980. Do you know anyone?
Please contact Barbara at bobbi.w@charter.net**

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.

We're less than two months away—
Only 46 days to the start of our celebration!

We are happy to welcome all new parishioners and glad to have you here with us today. All visitors are also welcome and we sincerely hope you have found nourishment for your life and faith as you worship here.



If you have recently moved to the area, please introduce yourself to our parish priest. You are cordially invited to register as a parishioner at the rectory office or fill out the form below and mail it in for more information. Please take a moment to complete this form, clip it out and either mail it or drop it in the offertory basket next week.

Every Catholic should be registered and make themselves known to the priest. Registration is necessary for enrollment in CCD classes, Confirmation classes, to arrange for baptisms, marriages, and to obtain sponsor certificates as godparents and witnesses. Thank you!

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Parish Bulletin E-mailed to You

If you would like the parish bulletin emailed to you, a friend, or a college student away from home, E-mail the parish office a request to be put on the email list.

**Parish E-mail address:
cheryl@sfrancisassisilebanonct.org**

SEEKING - PARISH ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Consideration for candidates to the Parish Advisory Council.

- (a) Active parishioners are eligible.
- (b) Parishioners may nominate any interested parishioner, including themselves.
- (c) Must be a Roman Catholic.
- (d) Must be a practicing Catholic in accordance of Canon Law.
- (e) Must be Confirmed (meaning, has received the Sacrament of Confirmation).

A parishioner desiring to serve on the Parish Advisory Council should be nominated by making his or her interest known to the Fr. Mark. Fr. Mark will verify and confirm that such individual is eligible and is a Catholic in good standing.

WE CAN HELP

To report inappropriate contact of any kind by a representative of the Diocese of Norwich or for assistance to victims, please call: 1.800.624.7407

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**Dear Parishioners,
The parish has change its vendor for the weekly offertory envelope packets. The design of your weekly offertory envelopes**

will be changing with the August/September packet.

Our new company will be providing a cost savings for the parish.

I believe you will like the new look, and the savings will be a plus for the parish.

**Yours in Christ,
Fr. Mark**