

**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 14, 2018 St. Kateri Tekakwitha, virgin

4:00 PM Confessions

5:00 PM Irene Wengloski req. by Norm & Ella Mae Kuzel

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

Monday July 16, 2018 Our Lady of Mount Carmel

NO MASS

Tuesday July 17, 2018 Weekday

NO MASS

Wednesday July 18, 2018 St. Camillus de Lellis, priest

9:00 AM Living & deceased members of the Harding family

Req. by their family

Thursday July 19, 2018 Weekday

NO MASS

Friday July 20, 2018 St. Apollinaris, bishop, martyr

9:00 AM Living & deceased members of the Maloney family

Req. by their family

Saturday July 21, 2018 St. St. Lawrence of Brindisi, priest,

doctor of the Church

4:00 PM Confessions

5:00 PM

Sunday July 22, 2018 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

10:30 AM Francois Fauteux req. by M/M Rejean Fauteux

7/1 Offertory: \$ 2,375.37 Extraordinary: \$ 598.00
7/8 Offertory: \$ 2,433.00 Parish Endowment: \$ 675.00
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 July 21 & July 22

5:00pm Lector: Bob Nejako

Eucharistic Minister: Jim Hay

Altar Servers: Nina & Luci Gardella

8:00am Lector: Jim Dyer

Eucharistic Minister: Betsy McComber

Altar Servers: Christian & Jack Terwilliger

10:30am Lector: Paul Pelletier

Eucharistic Minister: Tony Coscia

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 Rev. Joseph DeCosta, Rev. Augustine Naduvilekoot, Rev. Peter Langevin, V. Rev. Douglas Mosey CSB, Msgr. Thomas Bride, Rev. Leon Susaimanickam, Rev. Mark Curesky OFM Cv, Rev. George Villamthanam CST, Rev. George Richards, Jr., Rev. Aguirre Palacio, Rev. Izydor Sadowski SDB, Rev. Francis Rouleau, Rev. Richard Wisneski, Rev. John Gallagher OFM Cap. 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.

Programs at Enders Island Mystic

860.536.0565

- Weekend Retreat Looking for God in the Garden August 3-5
- Sacred Art Workshop: Beginner's Gregorian Chant Workshop. Sun – Fri August 12-17

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!

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

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.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Jesus is asking us to go out two by two and proclaim His good news. Strengthen your relationship, rekindle your romance and renew your sacrament by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Nov 2-4, 2018 in Manchester, CT and Sep 14-16, 2018 in Huntington, NY. For more information, call Pat & Mary-Jo McLaughlin at 860-315-2127 or visit them at <https://www.mectw.org/>.

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

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. Teachers & Assistants needed for Kindergarten & 1st grades. Assistants needed for 5th & 8th grade. 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.

*Dear St. Francis Parishioners,
Thank you for your grocery donations for the months of April through June. Your remembrance of those in need in our community is deeply appreciated.*

*Sincerely,
Neighbors Helping Neighbors*

Dear Parishioners: Cross Catholic Outreach wishes to thank you for the welcome you extended to Fr. Carpenter on our recent visit to your parish. On behalf of the poorest of the poor, we thank you for having shared in their lives. May our Lord continue to bless all of you for your love and support.

RAFFLE

Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center 60th Anniversary Car Raffle ~ Proceeds will benefit the installation of new heating and cooling system.

2018 Mercedes-Benz C-Class Sedan

Tickets: \$60 each

Call 1.888.816.5813 to order tickets. Do not leave credit card information on the answering machine. We will return your call. Drawing will take place at our 60th Year Anniversary Celebration on October 6, 2018 at 9:00pm. It will also be live-streamed on our website. (www.OurLadyofCalvary.net) (special thanks to New Country Motor Cars)

Center for Hospice Care

Expressive Arts

Thanks to the generosity of our supporters this program is free to all

Pre-Registration is required. Please call 860.848.5699

Ext. 250 or send an email to lbradley@hospicect.org

"Drawing on our Memories Expressive Arts Groups. Learning how to put grief into "a language without words". All materials will be provided.

FOR TEENS Thursdays, July 26, August 2, 9, & 16 from 5-6pm @ Center for Hospice Care, 227 Dunham St., Norwich

FOR ADULTS Tuesdays, July 24, 31, August 7 & 14 from 5-6pm Center for Hospice Care, 227 Dunham St., Norwich

FOR CHILDREN Different theme and focus each week for processing grief in imaginative and therapeutic ways. Join us before each session for pet therapy and a snack time from 4:30-5:15pm Expressive Arts from 5:15-6:15pm. Children's groups for 5 – 12 years old are held on Tuesdays from July 24 thru August 14 at Center for Hospice Care, 227 Dunham St., Norwich

Themes are July 24 Just for Kids Hospice Garden, July 31 Say it with Music, August 7 Sidewalk Stories and August 14 Ice Cream Social

The week of July 22-28, 2018, has been designated as **National Natural Family Planning (NFP) Awareness Week** as part of a national educational campaign of the USCCB to celebrate God's vision for marriage and promote NFP methods. The dates highlight the 50th anniversary of the papal encyclical *Humanae Vitae* (July 25) and the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne (July 26), the parents of the Blessed Mother. There will be an insert in next weekend's bulletin.



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



75th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The commemorative book is done and is ready to go to the printer. 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 to be recognized at the
August 25th picnic. Do you know anyone?
Please contact Barbara at bobbi.w@charter.net**

Please save the dates and come celebrate with us:
We'll kickoff our celebration

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

Food, games, music, friendship, and a whole lot more!

September 16, 2:00pm Mass with Bishop Cote

Everyone is welcome to mark 75 years blessed with our former priests and special guests.

42 days to the start of our celebration and
67 days to the Anniversary Mass.

Your friends at Holy Rosary Parish, Ansonia, would like to invite you to attend our 51st annual Italian Festival, Festa! 2018, August 9 - 11 from 5-10 pm on our church grounds, 10 Father Salemi Drive Ansonia. The festival features freshly prepared Italian foods, soffrito, calamari, porchetta, lasagna al forno, sweets from Luigi's Pastry, gelato, and more. Live musical entertainment each night including l'Liguri on Thursday, The Navels on Friday and our Three Tenors featuring Rich DePalma on Saturday. Flat, paved grounds for easy access and free admission. Visit our web site for more information: www.holyrosaryfestival.com.



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FOCUS

On college campuses, thousands of students are seeking community and the true meaning of their lives. But without someone to walk with them, so many go astray.

At FOCUS, we serve the one – the individual student – in a personal way.

As the Good Shepherd leaves all behind to find one lost sheep, FOCUS missionaries devote themselves fully to encountering the student who is lost. Missionaries make themselves one hundred percent available, walking with the student at every stage of their faith journey.

Through real friendships and a real vibrant witness of faith, the student becomes fully alive as they discover they were made for something far greater than anything the world has to offer them: **a life with Jesus Christ.**

Once the student has encountered Christ in friendship and community, FOCUS missionaries invite them to go deeper, through Bible studies and one-on-one discipleship. As missionaries help the students build a prayer life and participate in the sacraments, they can start to pursue a life of virtue and excellence, becoming who God is calling them to be.

When the student experiences fully the authentic joy of a relationship with Christ, they cannot help but want to share it with others. This student goes on to spread their joy, bringing many other souls into the fullness of life with Christ. FOCUS continues to accompany students as they strive to fulfill their lifelong Catholic mission wherever they go, living out the good news within their friendships, families, communities, workplaces and parishes.

FOCUS is a Catholic apostolate whose mission is to share the hope and joy of the gospel with college students. With the support of bishops, chaplains, and generous supporters across the country, FOCUS missionaries encounter students in friendship, inviting them into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and accompanying them as they pursue lives of virtue and excellence.

This weekend at all Masses, Lauren Lagassie spoke about FOCUS. Her missionary support link is:

www.focus.org/missionaries/Lauren-Lagassie

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 Pastor. The Pastor will verify and confirm that such individual is eligible and is a Catholic in good standing.

Council meets every other Wednesday at 6:30pm in the meeting room every other month September thru May. Meetings usually last 1 hour.

CHECK OUT OUR



WEB SITE!

Take a few moments to check out our Saint Francis of Assisi web page!

Information about Saint Francis:

Mass Schedules, Parish Organizations, Sacraments, Religious Education, History of Saint Francis Of Assisi Parish, Meetings & Events, Parish Bulletins.

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www.stfrancisassisilebanonct.lebanonct.org

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