

**We are pleased and honored
To welcome you to
St. Francis of Assisi Parish**
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Rev. Mark Masnicki, Pastor
Rev. Richard Breton, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Michael Puscas



Saturday August 25, 2018 St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz

5:00 PM OUTDOOR MASS

Nick Wengloski req.by his family

Sunday August 26, 2018 21th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**8:00 AM For the parishioners on the celebration of the 75th
Anniversary**

10:30 AM Patricia Vogler req. by her family

Monday August 27, 2018 St. Monica

NO MASS

Tuesday August 28, 2018 St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor

NO MASS

Wednesday August 29, 2018 Passion of St. John the Baptist

9:00 AM Robert Burns - Req. by Irene Burns

Thursday August 30, 2018 Weekday in Ordinary Time

NO MASS

Friday August 31, 2018 Weekday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM Special Intentions of Jose Gillen Req. by Mackie

Saturday September 1, 2018, 2018 Weekday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM Irene Wengloski req. Cheryl & Becca

Sunday September 2, 2018 22th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Margaret O'Neill Req. by Stygar Family

10:30 AM Francois Fauteux Req. by Family

8/12 Offertory: \$ 1,589.00 Mission Co-op: \$ 342.00
Assumption: \$ 196.00
8/19 Offertory: \$ 1680.88
Ladies Guild Membership envelopes may be placed in the offertory collection.
Today's second collection is for building maintenance.
Next weekend's second collection is for the National Combined collection for the Diocese.
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 September 1 & 2

5:30pm Lector: Richard Lataille

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Michael

Altar Servers: Genevieve & Nina Gardella

8:00am Lector: Jim Dyer

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Michael

Altar Servers: Christian Terwilliger

10:30am Lector: Paul Pelletier

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Michael

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 Spedalieri 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. Michael Phillippino, Rev. Grzegorz Jednaki, Rev. Gerald Kirby, Rev. Walter Nagle, Rev. Leo Almendra, Rev. James Thaikootathil, Rev. Stephen Gulino, Msgr. Michael Donohue, Rev. Elson Kattookaran MS, Rev. Brian Converse, Msgr. Richard LaRocque, Rev. Thomas Smith, Rev. Arthur Archer, V. Rev. Richard Ricard.

May Your priests be happy, may they be esteemed a thousand times, privileged to drink the Fountain of the Savior each day! Glory to the Precious Blood! (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.

Hospital Visits

Middlesex Hospital will no longer contact the parish if a parishioner is admitted. It is the families responsibility to notify the parish if a loved one is in the hospital. By doing so arrangements can be made in order for the priest to visit. Remember the Sacrament of the Sick can be given at any time a person falls sick or injured. Please do not wait until the person is near death to call the parish to inform the priest.

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
- ✓ **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. Pius X 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 September 9, 2018, at 8:45 a.m.** The Twenty-Third Annual Diocesan Mass for Those Dedicated to Education will be celebrated on Sunday, September 9, 2018, in the Cathedral of St. Patrick, at 8:45 a.m. Bishop Cote will celebrate this Mass for all teachers and support staff, public, parochial, and private, active and retired, of all faiths.
- ✓ **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 **Thursday, Sept. 13, 2018, from 7-9 P.M. at St. Bernard Church Hall, 25 St. Bernard's Terrace, Rockville, 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 860-848-2237, Ext 306.
- ✓ **Are you separated or divorced and in need of support? The Church is here to help.** The Catholic Family Services Office is sponsoring a monthly **Support Group for Divorced and Separated Catholics** the third Wednesday of each month from 7-8:30 P.M. beginning Sept. 19th at St. John the Evangelist Parish Hall, 22 Maple Ave., Uncasville, CT. To register, or for more information, call Catholic Family Services, 860-848-2237, ext. 306.
- ✓ **Eucharistic Holy Hour for Vocations** September 20 from 6-7pm at St. Mary, Coventry
- ✓ **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!** Diocese of Norwich Outreach to Haiti is organizing an Immersion Trip for October 24-31. Visit our clinic, a school, experience Mass at a twinned parish. 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, call 860-800-3601 or contact info@outreachtohaiti.org. See more on our website at outreachtohaiti.org.

Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center Programs

For information & to RSVP call 860.677.8519

- ❖ Morning Star Rising Performance (a Christian praise and worship band) Sunday, September 9 from 2pm-4pm
- ❖ Book Club beginning 4th Tuesday of the month – Sept. 25th 10-11:30am. This month's book **Jesus, a Pilgrimage** by James Martin SJ. Books available at our gift shop.
- ❖ Full of Grace October 3rd from 12 noon – 3pm. \$25 includes box lunch.
- ❖ Anniversary Mass & Reception October 6 at 4pm in celebration of our 60th Anniversary. Please call if you will attend.
- ❖ Anniversary Celebration Wine Tasting & Car Raffle, Saturday October 6 from 7-9:30pm Cost: \$75 per person
- ❖ October 10th. Celebrating 300 Years of CT Remarkable Women from 7-8pm.
- ❖ October 17 from 7-9pm. Amazing Grace with Moving in the Spirit. Dress comfortably. Looser clothing recommended.

Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center is located at 31 Colton Street in Farmington.

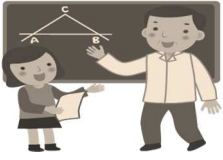
"You are invited, along with all women of your parish, to join CT ACTS Women for A Day of Prayer & Reflection: Walking with Jesus & Mary. This one day reflective retreat will be held on September 8, 2018, from 8AM to 8PM, at My Father's House, 39 N Moodus Road, Moodus, CT. Fee is \$45 and includes breakfast, lunch & dinner. Registration forms may be found at <http://www.actsct.org>. For more information, contact Elizabeth Percy at espercy@msn.com 860-648-2615 or Maureen Fleming at mfcovenry@charter.net 860-338-1392. Note: Overnight accommodations are available based on double occupancy rooms; see registration form at the entrances to Church for details. Registration closes on 9/1/18."

ATTENTION ALL GOLFERS: Catholic Charities 13th Annual Golf Tournament will be held on **Wednesday, September 19th** at the Fox Hopyard Golf Club in East Haddam CT. Entry fee of \$175.00 includes: green fees, cart, lunch, dinner buffet and awards. Registration begins at 10:30 AM; Lunch at 11:30 AM, Shotgun Start at 1:00 PM and Dinner Buffet/Awards at 6:00 PM. **Sponsorships are available!** Funds raised at the tournament help support those most in need throughout Eastern Connecticut. For more information, contact **Christine Jackel**, Development Coordinator via phone at: 860-886-1928 x12 or via e-mail: cjackel@norwichdiocese.net

Legion of Mary, Norwich Curia Day of Recollection at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 63 Old Norwich Road, Quaker Hill, CT.
Mary Our Model, September 15 from 9am – 2:30pm. Rev. James Sucholet. 3 Conferences, Mass, Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Benediction, lunch included. Cost: \$25. Please register by September 10. Send check to: c/o Legion of Mary, PO Box 323, Moodus, CT 06469. For information please call Armand Lambert 860.437.1430 or Mary Alice Rossini 631.946.2888.

JOB OPENING: Mercy High School, an all-girls Catholic high school located in Middletown, CT is now accepting applications for a full-time evening custodian. Please call 860-343-5989 for further details and/or pick-up an application in the Main Office. Mercy High School – 1740 Randolph Road – Middletown, CT www.mercyhigh.com

Each Friday, August 3–September 28, answer the U.S. bishops' call to pray and fast that a change in the U.S. Supreme Court will move our nation closer to the day when every human being is protected in law and welcomed in life. Join at www.usccb.org/pray



Sunday School Begins September 9th. TEACHER & ASSISTANT NEEDED FOR GRADE 3. Please give prayerful consideration to volunteering. Class cannot be held without volunteers. If you could volunteer, please call Jim Hay, the DRE at 860.886.1882 or the parish office at 860.642.6711. Registrations for classes is ongoing. Registration deadline ARE PAST DUE.

The Ingela Gram Golf Classic BENEFITING THE RECOVERY ENDOWMENT FUND Monday, October 1, 2018 Lake of Isles Golf Club, North Stonington, CT Please join us for the Ingela Gram Golf Classic and test your golf skills on the spectacular 7,300-yard layout of the exclusive and private Lake of Isles Golf Club South Course! Now in its 15th year, we've renamed the Enders Island Golf Classic in memory of Ingela Gram, a beloved friend of the Island and the tournament. Ingela, who passed away earlier this year, was an effervescent presence at registration, where she loved to greet our golfers each year. She will be missed greatly and we are pleased that her legacy to the Enders Island Recovery Program will live on through this tournament. Your player package includes: Greens fee and cart, lunch, after golf reception, prizes, a great time, wonderful memories, and more! \$100 of each golfer's \$200 ticket is tax deductible. For further information, contact Deb Neuman by calling (860) 536-0565 or dneuman@endersisland.com.

Next weekend our parish will take up the National Combined Collection which benefits: The Catholic Communication Campaign, The Annual Appeal for the Holy Father (Peter's Pence), The Retirement Fund for Religious, and Catholic University of America. These collections provide the Holy Father with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world; helps provide prescription medications, nursing care, and more for our senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests; and offers students an excellent education in a faith-filled atmosphere grounded in Catholic intellectual tradition. The communication campaign, of which half the proceeds stay in our Diocese, helps connect people to Christ, here and around the world, through Internet, television, radio, and print media. Registered parishioners will receive a mailing with more detailed information. Please read the material and if you are so inclined, bring your gift envelope to Mass next weekend, September 1/2, 2018. (Gift envelopes and an informational brochure are also available at the church.) Your support of these needs of the Universal Church will truly make a difference. Please be as generous as your means allow.

Thank you to Alicia Lamb, Estelle Elliott, Kathy Walden, Katie Pomerleau, Sarah Buskey, Sandra Spedaliere and Barbara Wengloski for hosting the 2018 Steeple Chase rest stop at St. Francis benefiting WAIM and Perception Programs. St. Francis has hosted a rest stop for the bike tour's entire 27 years. Despite the heat & humidity, 109 riders came through on their first stop on either the 50, 62.5 or 100 mile routes from "steeple to steeple" and enjoyed a variety of snack items including the most popular, homemade oatmeal raisin cookies. Thank you everyone!

STAY AFTER MASS FOR 15-MINUTES (on: 9/2, or 9/8, or 9/9) as follows:

We have some great news to share with you (if you remain for 15-minutes after mass) for a 15-minute lecture. We will present the Great-News after each of the following 3-masses so, you can pick the mass you wish to attend accordingly. You will hear some great things about our Catholic Faith and about Jesus, which should help your life become its happiest and most exciting version-of-life for you during the 15 minute lecture. You do not have to stay after mass (it is not a requirement) but we promise you will not be sorry you invested 15-minutes to do so. You may pick from the following options because our speaker has offered to give the lecture 3-times, in order to be most helpful to all parishioners.

(Attend your choice of: -- Sun. 8:00 AM 9/2, -- or Sat. 5:00 PM 9/8, -- or Sun. 10:30: AM 9/9).

RCIA to Begin

If you or a family member or a friend is considering becoming Catholic or learning more about the Catholic faith, the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) will begin on Sunday, September 9 at St. Andrew Church. Classes are held after the 9:30am Mass in the classroom attached to the rectory. All are welcome to learn more and journey deeper into the Catholic faith. For more information or questions, please contact John or Nicole Peck at 860.537.6981 or at jnpeck@mac.com

Diocesan Council of Catholic Woman Conference

All ladies of the Parish are invited to the 63rd Norwich Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Annual Convention, *Catholic Women: Living the Joy*, Saturday October 6 at St. Matthew's Church, Tolland. The day begins at 9 a.m. with coffee and registration and goes until 2:30. The keynote speaker is Sr. Elissa Rinere, C.P., J.C.D., Chancellor of the Diocese of Norwich.

A celebration of the Eucharist with Bishop Cote and lunch will follow. \$25.00 includes lunch and materials. The deadline to register is September 25. Registration forms can be found at the church entrances.

75th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



HAPPY 75th ANNIVERSARY SAINT FRANCIS CHURCH!

ON THIS DATE ... August 29, 1943

The new Saint Francis of Assisi Chapel, on the east side of Lebanon Green, was dedicated and blessed by Bishop Maurice McAuliffe. So many people came that the overflow had to remain on the Green and listened through the open windows. The collection taken on the dedication day totaled \$434!

Our first trustees were Thomas J. Dodd Sr. and Patrick J. Sullivan.

OUR KICKOFF TO 75 YEARS STARTS

this weekend with the Outdoor Mass and Parish Picnic.

(Rain date for picnic only is August 26 after the 10:30 Mass)

Thank you to*Glen Coutu and the Kuzel family for our outdoor Altar,

*Bill Watson for tonight's electrical and sound,

*Musicians Louis Rescigno & Stacie Schultz,

*Jim McCaw for the use of the tent,

*Ladies Guild & Knights of Columbus for hosting the picnic,

*CT Senator Cathy Osten,

and our 75th Anniversary Committee who has worked tirelessly to make this all happen!

Sunday, September 16th at 2:00P.M.

Solemn 75th Anniversary Mass

Celebrated by

His Excellency

The Most Reverend Michael R. Cote, D.D.

Bishop of Norwich

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

Information on this special Mass is available in the enclosed bulletin flier.

DUE TO LIMITED SEATING, ADMISSION WILL BE BY TICKET ONLY. A LIMITED NUMBER OF TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE STARTING THIS WEEKEND, AUGUST 25-26 AFTER ALL MASSES UNTIL SEPTEMBER 9.

Please come join us –

WE ONLY CELEBRATE 75 YEARS ONCE!

26 days to the Anniversary Mass