

**We are pleased and honored  
to welcome you to**

**St. Francis of Assisi Parish**

67 West Town Street, Lebanon, CT 06249

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Rev. Mark Masnicki, Pastor

Rev. Richard Breton, Parochial Vicar

Deacon Michael Puscas



**MASS  
INTENTIONS**

**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

**Monday September 3, 2018 St. Gregory the Great, Pope,  
doctor of the Church**

NO MASS Parish Office Closed in observance of Labor Day

**Tuesday September 4, 2018 Weekday in Ordinary Time**

NO MASS

**Wednesday September 5, 2018 St. Teresa of Calcutta,  
religious**

9:00 AM +Dominic Jacobeno req. by Mackie Boone

**Thursday September 6, 2018 Weekday in Ordinary Time**

NO MASS

**Friday September 7, 2018 Weekday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 AM +Anthony Jacobeno req by Mackie Boone

**Saturday September 8, 2018, 2018 Nativity of the Blessed**

**Virgin Mary**

5:00 PM +Anne Dudar req. by the Smith & Connors  
families

**Sunday September 9, 2018 22th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM +Mary Petrowski req. by the Pomerleau family

10:30 AM +Rosa Maria de Los Geer req. by the Goba family

Offertory: \$ 1,812.00 Building Maintenance: \$ 412.00  
Ladies Guild Membership envelopes may be placed in the offertory  
collection.

Today's second collection is for the National Combined collection  
for the Diocese.

Next weekend's second collection is for the Catholic Elementary  
Schools 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 8 & 9**

5:00pm Lector: Anne Staebner

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Michael

Altar Servers: Steve Bardes & CJ Frank

8:00am Lector: Rick Kane

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Michael

Altar Servers: Jack Terwilliger

10:30am Lector: Roger Proulx

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Michael

Altar Servers: Erika Densman & 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

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

PO 3 Alex R. Paris, U.S. Navy

Sergeant Chad Wengloski, U.S. Marines

CTN3 Jonah Swett, U.S. Navy

IT3 Rocky Spedaliera 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 Bishop Michael R.  
Cote, Rev. David Zercie MSA, Rev. Edward Dempsey DBA,  
Rev. Patrick McCorry, Rev. Jeffrey Ellis, Rev. Dariusz Dudzik,  
Rev. Brian Romanoski, Rev. John Gwudz, Rev. Martin Noe,  
Rev. Charles McGrail, and all our priests.

We pray for our priests: for the sanctity of their souls; and for the  
perfect love that they be the Voice of Christ. May they be a  
channel for His Precious Blood, always acting through love...  
Increase in Your priests a hunger for the glory of Jesus, and for  
the salvation of souls. Grant them courage and confidence in  
carrying out their duties. (Ven. Mother Catherine Aurelia,  
foundress)

**CCD classes begin next Sunday, September 9  
from 9-10am at the elementary school. Please  
get your registrations in.**

**MEETINGS**

- **Parish Advisory Council Meeting Wednesday  
September 5 @ 6:30pm**
- **Knights of Columbus Meeting Thursday  
September 6 @ 7:00pm**
- **Cleaning of Church Saturday September 8 @  
9:00am**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH**

- ✓ **Charismatic Prayer Meeting** every Tuesday at 2pm.  
**Healing Mass:** Every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> at Christ the King in Old Lyme, September 6<sup>th</sup> at Holy Family in Hebron, and September 18<sup>th</sup> at St. Pius X in Middletown at 7pm. To register, please email Marianne at [manicholas@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:manicholas@norwichdiocese.net) or call (860)848-2237 ex. 305.
- ✓ **The monthly Diocesan Pro-Life Mass** will take place at The Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on **Saturday, September 1 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 both at the Cathedral and Planned Parenthood.
- ✓ **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. 19<sup>th</sup> 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
- ✓ **Twenty-eighth Annual Blue Mass For All Law Enforcement Officers Sunday, September 23, 2018, at 10:15 a.m.** All law enforcement officers (federal, state, and municipal, active and retired) and their families are invited to the Twenty-seventh Annual Blue Mass and Reception, Sunday, September 23, 2018, in the Cathedral of Saint Patrick, 10:15 a.m. All parishioners are cordially invited to attend this Mass. Bishop Cote, the Bishop of Norwich, will celebrate the Mass and Father Michael J. Drury, Pastor of Saint Luke Parish, Long Valley, New Jersey and Police Chaplain will be the Homilist. Groton Town Police Chief Louis J. Fusaro, Jr. and Norwich Police Chief Patrick Daley are the Blue Mass Co-Chairs. For more information, please call Chief L.J. Fusaro, Chief Daley, or Reverend Peter Langevin at 860-887-9294, ext. 235.
- ✓ **2018 Connecticut Catholic Men's Conference** Go Into the World (Mark 16:15) Saturday October 20<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:info@outreachtohaiti.org). See more on our website at [outreachtohaiti.org](http://outreachtohaiti.org).

**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](http://www.usccb.org/pray)**

**ANNIVERSARY MASS** – All couples married 25 & 50 years or celebrating any significant anniversary year are invited to attend a Silver and Gold Jubilee Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on Sunday, October 21, 2018 at 2 P.M. Come and renew your commitment to live your marriage in holiness in a Pontifical Mass celebrated by Bishop Michael R. Cote. Family and friends are invited to share in this special testimony and witness to love marriage. Light refreshments will be served following the Mass in the Cathedral Hall. Register through your parish by October 9<sup>th</sup>. For more information, call the Catholic Family Services Office at 860-848-2237, Ext. 306.

### **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 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month – Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> 10-11:30am. This month's book Jesus, a Pilgrimage by James Martin SJ. Books available at our gift shop.
- ❖ Full of Grace October 3<sup>rd</sup> from 12 noon – 3pm. \$25 includes box lunch.
- ❖ Anniversary Mass & Reception October 6 at 4pm in celebration of our 60<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup>. 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.
- ❖ 2018-19 Theme Retreat for Women: *The World Will be Saved by Beauty*
- ❖ "The World Will be Saved by Beauty," weekend women's retreat October 26, 2018 at 7:00pm to Sunday, October 28 at 12:00 PM .The Retreat concludes with Mass at 11:00 am followed by brunch. Families and friends may join retreatants for Mass and brunch. Offering is \$265.

To register and view our other available programs: contact OLC at 860-677-8519, [olcretreat@sbcglobal.net](mailto:olcretreat@sbcglobal.net) or visit [www.ourladyofcalvary.net](http://www.ourladyofcalvary.net). 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](mailto:espercy@msn.com) 860-648-2615 or Maureen Fleming at [mfcovenry@charter.net](mailto: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 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament will be held on **Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>** 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](mailto: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](http://www.mercyhigh.com)



**Sunday School Begins September 9<sup>th</sup>. 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.**

**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.

**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 15<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:dneuman@endersisland.com).

### 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 [inpeck@mac.com](mailto:inpeck@mac.com)**

Today we will take up the **National Combined Collection (NCC)** which benefits: The Retirement Fund for Religious, The Annual Appeal for the Holy Father, The Catholic Communication Campaign, and Catholic University of America. Please indicate on your NCC collection envelope how you wish your gift to be used. If you need a gift envelope, extra envelopes are available at ([please state location of extra envelopes](#)). Please support our aging religious, join our Holy Father in providing essential relief to the most disadvantaged, connect people with Christ through communication resources, and help provide a Catholic based education to university students. Your generous support is greatly appreciated.

### 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).



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

**HAPPY 75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**  
**SAINT FRANCIS**

**ON THIS DATE...September 5, 1943,**

The first Sunday offertory collection of the new Saint Francis Chapel was \$38.00. Later in the month, on September 26<sup>th</sup>, the second collection, a monthly collection began.

**OUR KICKOFF TO 75 YEARS** started last weekend with the **Outdoor Mass** and a huge crowd attending the picnic. Thank you to everyone who attended helped set up, clean up and participated in any way.

**WE ACKNOWLEDGED THE FOLLOWING:**

**Our youngest parishioners, both born on 2/16/18:**  
**TEIGAN ATWELL & AMELIA SENG**

**Our oldest parishioner: STANLEY BARAN, 95 years**  
**Those born in 1943: SHARON NEJKO & PAUL PELLETIER**

**Newly Married Couple: SANDRA GRILLO & WALLACE GAGNON, 10 months, married 10/14/2017**

**Longest Married Couples:**

**RICHARD & ALICE KRISTOFF, m. 9/27/1952, 65+ years,**  
**BEA & RAYOND ANDREWS, m. 1/11/1953, 65 years**

**CT Senator Cathy Osten presented citations from the CT General Assembly, Governor Daniel Malloy and Lt Governor Nancy Wyman**

**Letters from Father Mark, Father Richard and Deacon Michael are found in today's bulletin.**

**September 16, 2:00 Mass with Bishop Cote**

Everyone is welcome to mark 75 years blessed with our former priests and special guests. **DUE TO LIMITED CHURCH SEATING and reception planning, ADMISSION WILL BE BY TICKET ONLY. A LIMITED NUMBER OF TICKETS ARE STILL AVAILABLE.**

**Please come join us –**  
**WE ONLY CELEBRATE 75 YEARS ONCE**  
15 days to the Anniversary Mass

Thank you so much those who took the time to help in the soda booths at the Lebanon Fair. Whether it was taking the time to sell the soda or helping with the booth set up, or stocking the soda in the coolers. This fund raiser only works if you pitch in. Those of us on the committee cannot do it all; we had a few new faces this year, I only hope we have more new faces in the future. Thanks again. Remember we make the parish.  
Sincerely,  
Estelle Elliott, Committee chair

Come join the St. Andrews Choir in their Mission of Mercy to help the hungry in our community. They are sponsoring a 5K Race/Walk on September 15<sup>th</sup> with all proceeds going to the local Food and Fuel Bank and the Free Community Lunch Program. The race begins at 9:00 A.M. at the Colchester Town Hall located at 127 Norwich Avenue. One can register at RunReg.com, the day of the race at Town Hall beginning at 8:00 A.M., or look for registration forms in the back of the church. Early entry fee is \$25.00 with registration the day of the race \$30.00.

This race course is certified and is open to individual walkers/runners and teams of 3 or more. Awards are given for top 3 teams as well as top three in each age category. The overall male and female winner will receive their choice of athletic footwear from Sunshine Run and Bike. Each finisher will be offered a large slice of apple pie along with other refreshments which they can enjoy while listening to musical entertainment provided by choir members or having a relaxing chair massage provided by Professional Therapeutic Massage. Come have fun and get some exercise all for a good cause because no one should ever go hungry.

**Praise, Worship, and Healing Prayer Service** - Nothing uplifts the soul like praising and worshiping God! Come and rejoice for answered prayer, seek prayer for yourself or for a burden you're carrying for someone else. Join us on Thursday evening, September 6<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Andrew Church for an evening of praising and worshiping God with music, teaching, witnessing, and prayer.

All ladies of the parish are invited to the Guild Potluck Supper Monday September 17<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 in the meeting room. Due to the anniversary reception desserts are not necessary. Please bring a main dish or salad to share. A sign up sheet can be found at the side entrance of the church. Meeting to follow dinner. This is an opportunity to see what the Guild is about; you are under no obligation to join.



**Religious Education Program**

**Curriculum on Maintaining Safe Environments**

**The Office for Safe Environments of the Diocese of Norwich has mandated that a curriculum on maintaining safe environments be implemented into the Religious Education Program each year.**

**In compliance with that mandate our CCD teachers will be discussing safe environments on Sunday, September 30, 2018 with their individual classes during regular class time from 9:00 – 10:00 AM.**

**If a parent does not wish to have their child attend the safe environment program, their child will be able to attend a separate class.**

**Questions: please contact Jim Hay at 860.886.1882.**