

**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 8, 2018, 2018 Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

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

**Sunday September 9, 2018 23rd 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

**Monday September 10, 2018 Weekday in Ordinary Time**  
NO MASS

**Tuesday September 11, 2018 Weekday in Ordinary Time**  
NO MASS

**Wednesday September 12, 2018 The Most Holy Name of Mary**

9:00 AM Intentions of Ross Jacobeno req. by Mackie Boone

**Thursday September 13, 2018 St. John Chrysostom, bishop, doctor of the Church**

NO MASS

**Friday September 14, 2018 Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

9:00 AM Rev. Richard Archambault

**Saturday September 15, 2018, 2018 Our Lady of Sorrows**

5:00 PM +Robert Burns req. by Irene Burns

**Sunday September 16, 2018 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM +Sierra Sekator Stanton req. by her family

10:30 AM

2:00 PM 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass with Most Rev. Bishop Michael R. Cote for the living and deceased priests who have served Saint Francis

Offertory: \$ 2,869.32 National Combined: \$ 789.00  
Ladies Guild Membership envelopes may be placed in the offertory collection.  
Today's second collection is for the Catholic Elementary Schools for the Diocese.  
Next weekend's second collection is for monthly extraordinary expenses.  
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 adorers, please consider omitting to a specific hour. Contact Dennis Girard @ 860.334.9894 or dennisgirard51@gmail.com

**Weekend September 15 & 16**

5:00pm Lector: Steve Wengloski  
Eucharistic Minister: Pam Flaherty  
Altar Servers: Grace & Luci Gardella  
8:00am Lector: Jim Worth  
Eucharistic Minister: Rick Kane  
Altar Servers: Emily Pomerleau  
10:30am Lector: Sandy Grillo  
Eucharistic Minister: Wally Gagnon  
Altar Servers: Erika Densman & Drew Taylor

**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 Spedaliere 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 Rev. Raymond Introvigne, Rev. William McCarthy MSA, Rev. Robert Buongiorno, Rev. Timothy Roth MIC, Rev. Richard Archambault, Rev. Patrick Martin, Rev. Joseph Tito, Rev. Paul Boudreau, Our Holy Father, Rev. Anthony DiMarco. We also pray for those priests who have left the ministry.

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

**Knights of Columbus meet & greet after the 8:00am Mass Sept. 16.**

**Catechetical Sunday will be observed at the 10:30am Mass on Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>. All teachers and assistants are asked to attend.**

**Catholic Elementary School Collection September 8&9**

- ❖ Meets high academic standards
- ❖ Builds a strong foundation in our faith
- ❖ Provides opportunities for community involvement and service
- ❖ Stresses values of self-discipline and commitment
- ❖ Gives daily life to the Gospel message
- ❖ Encourages family participation
- ❖ Prepares students for future education and career options

## **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
- ✓ **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 with Bishop Cote. Join our Diocesan Prayer Team for Vocations by emailing the vocation office for more information @ [vocations@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:vocations@norwichdiocese.net) and check our website [god-calls.com](http://god-calls.com)
- ✓ **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.
- ✓ The Most Reverend Michael R. Cote, Bishop of Norwich, will host and celebrate the **28<sup>th</sup> Annual Red Mass on Sunday, October 7, 2018, at 10:30 a.m. in St. Patrick Cathedral, 213 Broadway, Norwich,** for judges, lawyers, paralegal, law students - all involved in administration of justice: legislators, public officials, civic leaders, and all interested persons are invited. The Very Reverend Ted Tumicki, Judicial Vicar, Diocese of Norwich, will concelebrate the Red Mass and deliver the homily this year. Bishop Cote will also host the Breakfast Reception at his Residence, **274 Broadway, Norwich.** Reservations are required. Please RSVP to Terri at The Chancery – at 860-887-9294. Msgr. Leszek T. Janik is the coordinator of the Mass and Michael Driscoll, Esq., Diocesan Attorney, is President of the Catholic Guild of Lawyers.
- ✓ **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](http://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).

### **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](mailto:jnpeck@mac.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](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 9th. 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**

- ❖ Book Club beginning 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month – Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> 10-11:30am. This month' 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.

Center for Hospice Care – 227 Dunham Street, Norwich.  
860.848.5699...[hospicesect.org](http://hospicesect.org)  
Grief Support Group Schedule Fall 2018 is posted on the side entrance bulletin board...along with the Expressive Arts Fall 2018 Schedule.

Last weekend the **National Combined Collection** which benefits: The Retirement Fund for Religious, The Annual Appeal for the Holy Father, The Catholic Communications Campaign, and Catholic University of America was taken up in our Parish. To all those who made a gift, thank you for your generous response. If you did not bring your gift envelope to Mass last weekend or if you were away it's not too late to give! Extra envelopes are available at (please state location). Your contribution can be placed in the collection basket next weekend or mailed directly to the Parish. Please be as generous as you can. Thank you.

**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)

If you are seeking to find hope, strength and comfort from a loss, burden or sorrow, join us for **A Journey with Mary through Her Seven Sorrows**, a seven-week program that will explore each of the seven sorrows of Mary's life and the message of strength and encouragement each one contains. The program will run in two sessions in two locations: Wednesday mornings September 26, October, 10, 17, 24, 31, November 7, 14 from 10-11:30 A.M. at St. Mary Parish Hall, 1600 Main St., Coventry, CT; or, Thursday evenings September 27, October 11, 18, 25, November 8, 15 and Tuesday, November 6 from 7-8:30 P.M. at St. Patrick Parish Hall, 47 W. High St., East Hampton, CT. Each week will include a reflection on one of Mary's sorrows, guided prayer imagery and discussion. The program is free, but registration is required. To do so, or, for more information, contact the Catholic Family Services Office, 860-848-2237, Ext. 306, or email [mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:mmclaughlin@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.

**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).

**STAY AFTER MASS FOR 15-MINUTES (on: 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: -- Sat. 5:00 PM 9/8, -- or Sun. 10:30: AM 9/9).

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 15th 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.

**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.



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

### **THE COMMEMORATIVE BOOK will be arriving soon.**

We give a big thank you to Milton Levin of Levin Aerial Works, LLC, from Storrs, Connecticut for the cover photo of our commemorative book. Milton donated his time and photos to the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. Please check out his website: [www.levinaerialworks.com](http://www.levinaerialworks.com)

He can be reached at: [levinaerialworks@gmail.com](mailto:levinaerialworks@gmail.com)

### **ANNIVERSARY PINS**

*If you received one of the special anniversary pins at the Outdoor Mass and picnic or at Masses on August 26th, the committee would love to see you wear them throughout the anniversary year!*

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

**DUE TO LIMITED SEATING, ADMISSION WILL BE BY TICKET ONLY. A LIMITED NUMBER OF TICKETS ARE STILL AVAILABLE AFTER ALL MASSES UNTIL SEPTEMBER 9.**

### **OCTOBER 13 – PARISH APPRECIATION POTLUCK SUPPER**

A St. Francis themed evening. More information will be available September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please plan on attending – lots activities for the kids and young at heart.

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

All ladies of the parish are invited to the Guild Potluck Supper Monday September 17th, 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 signup 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.



### **Office for Safe Environments – Diocese of Norwich 8 Things Children Can Do To Help Create and Maintain Safe Environments at Church and at School**

Rules tell children what to do and what not to do. Children should be taught that if they follow the rules they can stay safe. Given the unique needs of children and teenagers in relation to the rest of the Christian community, it is not surprising that in the Church we place the needs of our children and teenagers first.

Children can help maintain a safe environment by following certain rules. Children need to know that:

1. They can and should discuss anything that happens to them that makes them feel uncomfortable, confused, or upset in any way. They would usually talk to one of their parents, but they can also talk to a teacher, a school nurse, or another adult they can trust. When someone touches them in a way they do not want to be touched, they can tell that person to stop.
2. Most people are only allowed to touch certain parts of their body, like their hands or their shoulders. But NO ONE should touch the private parts of their body unless they are helping you keep these parts healthy. Private areas are those parts of their bodies covered by a swimsuit. If they are touched in a way they do not want to be touched they must tell their parents or an adult they trust. They need to remember that if an adult touches them in a place they do not want to be touched, that adult is wrong. It is never a child's fault when an adult does something wrong.
3. They do not talk to or ride in cars with people they do not know. They do not accept gifts from adults they do not know. When accepting gifts they tell their parents.
4. When they go on field trips, they stay close to each other and they do not wander away from their parents or teachers. They always remember to have permission slips signed by their parents or guardians that allow them to go on field trips. If there is no permission slip, then there is no field trip.
5. If they see a friend doing something that could be bad for their friend, they tell their friend to stop. If he or she keeps doing it, they tell their parents or another adult. If a friend tells them that another person is making him or her feel uncomfortable, confused, or upset in any way, they tell this to an adult who can help, like their parents or a teacher.
6. If someone around them makes them uncomfortable or worried, they should tell their parents or another adult they trust.
7. They do not wander off alone to lonely or secluded places. They always keep an adult they trust within sight. Before they leave the area of the adult in charge, they must ask permission of the adult.
8. They treat other people the way they would want to be treated. They do not treat other people as objects. They do not use other people to get what they want.

### **Diocese of Norwich Outreach to Haiti Charity Golf Tournament**

Join Bishop Cote at the Diocese of Norwich Outreach to Haiti annual Charity Golf Tournament which will be held Saturday, September 15, at Wintonbury Hills Golf Course – Ranked #6 Municipal Golf course in the USA by Sports Illustrated Golf.com. On-line registration [www.outreachtohaiti.org](http://www.outreachtohaiti.org) or call Outreach to Haiti at 860.800.3601. Proceeds benefit the Diocese's mission in Haiti: nutrition & feeding programs, medical care, orphanages, education and efforts to rebuild the medical clinic & mission house in Port-au Prince. The event includes golf, lunch, & dinner – all for the price of \$150. Thank you for your support.