

**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



**MASS
INTENTIONS**

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 +Souls in Purgatory

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

**Monday September 17, 2018 St. Robert Bellamine, bishop,
doctor of the Church**

NO MASS

Tuesday September 18, 2018 Weekday in Ordinary Time

NO MASS

Wednesday September 19, 2018 St. Januarius, bishop, martyr

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

Thursday September 20, 2018 Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon,

priest & Paul Chong Ha-sang, companions, martyrs

NO MASS

Friday September 21, 2018 St. Matthew, apostle, evangelist

9:00 AM living & deceased members of the Sabatelle family
req. by their family

Saturday September 22, 2018, 2018 Blessed Virgin Mary

5:00 PM +Irene Wengloski req. by Alicia Lamb

Sunday September 23, 2018 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM +Abbey Marie Coutu req. by Norm & Ella Mae Kuzel

10:30 AM Special intention: Michael Amato Russoniello Jr.
req. by the Goba family

Offertory: \$ 1,909.00 Catholic Elementary Schools: \$ 589.00
Today'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
1.adorers, please consider omitting to a specific hour. Contact Dennis
Girard @ 860.334.9894 or dennisgirard51@gmail.com

Weekend September 22 & 23

5:00pm Lector: Carole Briggs

Eucharistic Minister: Sharon Nejako

Altar Servers: Steve Bardes & CJ Frank

8:00am Lector: Ella Mae Kuzel

Eucharistic Minister: Kathy Walden

Altar Servers: Christian Terwilliger

10:30am Lector: Maureen Polana

Eucharistic Minister: Tony Coscia

Altar Servers: Drew Taylor, Nicholas Barrett

Ladies Guild Potluck Supper 6:30pm Monday Sept. 17
Knights of Columbus meet & greet after the 8:00am Mass Sept. 23rd.
Catechetical Sunday will be observed at the 10:30am Mass on
Sept. 30th. All teachers and assistants are asked to attend.

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. Michael
Sequeira, Rev. Richard Sliwinski, V. Rev. Ted Tumicki, Rev. William
Flynn, Thomas Angelo, Msgr. Kevin Randall, Rev. Richard Breton, Rev.
Joseph DeCosta, Rev. Augustine Naduvilekoot, Rev. Peter Langevin, V.
Rev. Douglas Mosey CB, Msgr. Thomas Bride, Rev. Leon
Susaimanickam, Rev. Mark Curesky OFM Cv.

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 have begun, meeting from 9-10am
at the elementary school. Please get your
registrations in.**

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.

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
- ✓ **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 with Bishop Cote. Join our Diocesan Prayer Team for Vocations by emailing the vocation office for more information @ vocations@norwichdiocese.net and check our website 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.
- ✓ **"Take a Closer Walk" retreat** Saturday, September 29, at Spiritual Renewal Center, 11 Bath Street, Norwich, CT 06360. Donation is \$25 -- send to Spiritual Renewal Center, Post Office Box 6 or 11 Bath Street, Norwich, CT 06360
- ✓ The Most Reverend Michael R. Cote, Bishop of Norwich, will host and celebrate the **28th 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.
- ✓ **Twenty-Sixth Annual Mass for Firefighters/EMS Personnel** Saturday, October 13, 2018, at 5:00 p.m. On Saturday, October 13, 2018, at 5:00 p.m., Bishop Cote will celebrate Mass for all Firefighters/EMS personnel, in the Cathedral of Saint Patrick. Each year, brothers and sisters of all faiths gather to thank God for their calling, to pray for their safety, and to remember their fallen colleagues. Assembly at Chelsea Parade for the line-up and the procession (to the Cathedral) of all personnel and apparatus will begin at 3:30 p.m. The Homilist will be Deacon Scott Brown, Deacon Assistant, Immaculate Conception Parish, Cranston, RI. Reception immediately following. All companies, departments, and personnel and their families are cordially invited to participate. For more

information call, Mrs. Terri Zampini at 860-887-9294, x265.

- ✓ **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.
- ✓ **Silver & Gold Wedding Anniversary Mass:** Sunday October 21A 2:00pm at the Cathedral of Saint Patrick in Norwich. To register, please contact Cheryl in the Parish Office. 860.642.6711.
- ✓ **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.
- ✓ **Pontifical Mass for the Diocesan Partnership on Disability** Please bring a friend and join us for a celebration of the Liturgy for people living with disabilities; for their family, friends, care-givers, co-workers, support staff and health care professionals. **Principal Celebrant Bishop Michael R. Cote, Sunday October 28, 2018 @11:00 a.m. @ Our Lady of Lourdes, 1650 Rt. 12, Gales Ferry** Brief presentation & refreshments to follow in Church Hall. For more information please contact the Office of Faith Events, 860-848-2237 x304 or faithevents@norwichdiocese.net
- ✓ **9th Annual Seton Scholarship Dinner**, Sunday October 28 @ 4:00pm at the Mystic Marriott Hotel, 625 North Road, Groton. Honoring the recipients of the Most Reverend Michael R. Cote, D.D. Award for Contributions to Catholic Education in the Diocese of Norwich. Msgr. Robert L. Brown (posthumously), Rev. Mark O'Donnell, Mrs. Doris Messina. All proceeds benefit tuition assistance for Catholic Education. Tickets \$150pp. For more information on sponsorships, advertising or to purchase tickets, please contact Kathy Gaito at 860.886.1928 or kgaito@norwichdiocese.net
- ✓ **WORKSHOP Catholic Funerals: Rites, Cremation, Planning, Pre-planning, Cemetery Policies** Saturday, November 3, 2018 St. Matthew Parish, Tolland Registration at 9:00AM. Program from 9:30 to noon Fee: \$10 For more information go to www.norwichdiocese.org Or call 860-848-2237x203

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

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 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.
- ❖ 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 or visit www.ourladyofcalvary.net. Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center is located at 31 Colton Street in Farmington.

Join in praying for our seminarians at your convenience. Take a post card from the holder located at the side entrance table for any or all of our seminarians. Pray for that seminarian, write a brief note if you choose and drop it in the mail. Let your future priests know you are supporting them and ask them to pray for you. May God continue to send us shepherds after His own Heart.

Our Seminarians for 2018-2019 are:

- Rev. Mr. Ronald Blank – Pastoral Year
- Rev. Mr. Michael Castiblanco – 4th Year Theology
- Mr. Michael Bovino – 3rd Year Theology
- Mr. Normand Laflamme – 2nd Year Theology
- Mr. Lawrence Barile – 2nd Year Theology
- Mr. Jacob Ramos -1st Year Theology
- Mr. Julian Cuervo – 1st Year Pre-Theology
- Mr. Alex Pandolfe – 1st Year Pre-Theology
- Mr. Eric Hosmer – 1st Year Pre-Theology
- Mr. Dharen Brochero – UCAELI Program
- Mr. Ruben Sanchez – UCAELI Program

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



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, 27, 24, 31, November 7, 14 from 10-11:30am at St. Mary Parish Hall, 1600 Main St., Coventry OR Thursday evenings September 27, October 11, 18, 25, November 8, 15 and Tuesday November 6 from 7-8:30pm at St. Patrick Hall, 47 W. High St., East Hampton. 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 at 860.848.2237, Ext. 306 or email: mmclaughlin@norwichdiocesenet.

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.

Dear Friends,
 Every year on the third weekend in September we celebrate Catechetical Sunday in our diocese and across the nation. The theme for this year's celebration on, September 16, 2018, is Enlisting Witnesses for Jesus Christ. On Catechetical Sunday, I first acknowledge the essential role of parents as the primary educators of their children. Children learn about dignity and respect for others by watching and imitating the actions and beliefs of their parents. Also, Catechists take on this role of education in a special way for the children of your parish. May their efforts enlighten the children with knowledge of God's love for them and a full understanding of how special He has made each one of them. Mindful of my role as Chief Catechist of the Diocese of Norwich, I want to express my deep gratitude to those who have been designated by their communities to serve as catechists. Catechetical Sunday presents a wonderful opportunity for all of us to reflect on the role we play by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. The content of a Christian witness is not a theory, an ideology or a complex system of precepts and prohibitions, or even a moralism. But rather a message of salvation, a concrete event, indeed a Person: it is Christ Risen, living and sole Savior of all. -Pope Francis
 In closing, I call on each of you to celebrate Catechetical Sunday and to use it as an opportunity to rededicate yourselves to the mission of preaching the Gospel through your daily actions.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Michael R. Cote
 Bishop of Norwich



75th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Today we celebrate our Mass of Thanksgiving with His Excellency the Most Reverend Bishop Michael R. Cote. We welcome our former priests, deacon, and parish staff, parishioners of Saint Francis and Saint Andrew and ecumenical clergy. We also welcome those representing our former trustee families: Dodd, Godere, Grant, Hamill, Kelley, and Majchier.

In appreciation, we acknowledge the 75th Anniversary Committee: Jennie Brewster, Ella Mae Kuzel, Alicia Lamb, Anne Maffiolini, Lorraine & Robert Paris, Margaret Stygar, Kathryn Walden and Barbara Wengloski.

Thanks also to:

Stephen Wengloski – Lector

Genevieve, Grace and Nina Gardella – Acolytes
Anthony Coscia, Wallace Gagnon, Roddy McComber
& Robert Nejako – Ushers

Paul & Ryan Desmarais, Donald & Sue James: Folk
Group

Colleen Puscas – Organist Wayne Morhlein – Cantor
Saint Francis Ladies Guild

Knights of Columbus Council #9653 &

Knights of Columbus Assembly 138 Coventry

Janice Worth – floral arrangements

Joseph Cunningham – photographer

Joel Steinman & Chaz Fowler – Minute Man Press

Amanda Carroll, Shayla Coutu and Sherrilyn Flannery –
Museum Docents

Nancy Dudar – caterer and our servers,

Samuel & Christian Terwilliger & Clayton Goodrich

THE COMMEMORATIVE BOOK IS FINALLY HERE!

For those who donated to the celebration or placed an order in June, you may pick up your books after all Masses NEXT WEEKEND. Enjoy reading about the history of the Catholic Church in Lebanon.

Sorry, there are no additional copies available.

SAVE THE DATE!

OCTOBER 13 – PARISH APPRECIATION POTLUCK SUPPER

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

WE ONLY CELEBRATE 75 YEARS ONCE

Join us for our events throughout the year

St. Francis will again hold a food booth at this year's Historical Society Antique Show. Parishioners are asked to bake for the St Francis PARISH Bake Sale at the Antique Show on the Lebanon Green September 29th (9:00 3:00). Baked goods can be dropped off at the food booth (by the main Show entrance) that morning after 9:00 a.m. Requested items are finger foods such as cookies, muffins or brownies; cakes, breads, pies, or anything yummy! Any questions, please call Nancy Godere (860.642.7685). All proceeds go to Saint Francis Parish.

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.

Mercy High School Open House for Middle School and Transfer Students. Sunday, November 4, 2018 1:00-4:00 pm 1:00 p.m. Presentation by the Administration. Entrance Exam for the Class of 2023 Mercy High School

Saturday, November 10, 2018 & Saturday, November 17, 2018 8:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. 1740 Randolph Road Middletown, CT.

Mercy High School is a Catholic diocesan college preparatory high school for young women. Students from over 50 communities across Connecticut and Foreign Countries are challenged to grow academically, emotionally, socially, aesthetically and spiritually. Mercy is committed to providing a challenging educational experience in a safe and nurturing environment.

Pre-register at www.mercyhigh.com

Saint Francis celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 30, 2018 at the 10:30am Mas with our teachers and DRE. The 2018 theme will be "Enlisting Witnesses for Jesus Christ." Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith. Please offer a special "Thank You" to someone in your parish teaching the youth and children. Let them know you appreciate their sacrifice of time and talent!