

**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 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 +Michael Amato Russoniello Jr. req. by the Goba family

Monday September 24, 2018 Weekday in Ordinary Time

NO MASS

Tuesday September 25, 2018 Weekday in Ordinary Time

NO MASS

Wednesday September 26, 2018 Sts. Cosmas & Damian, martyrs

9:00 AM +Rev. Richard Archambault

Thursday September 27, 2018 St. Vincent de Paul, priest

NO MASS

Friday September 28, 2018 St. Wenceslaus, martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz & companions, martyrs

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

Saturday September 29, 2018, 2018 Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels

5:00 PM +Will Hortin Jr. req. by Sheree & Paul Rondeau

Sunday September 30, 2018 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM +Lauren Lafontaine req. by her family

10:30 AM 52nd Wedding Anniversary Bill & Joan Russoniello
Goba req by Trish Goba Churchill & Michael A. Goba

11:30 AM Baptism

Offertory: \$ 2,381.50 Extraordinary: \$ 530.00

Envelopes for Council of Catholic Women membership may be put into the first collection.

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 29 & 30

5:00pm Lector: Bob Nejako

Eucharistic Minister: Carole Briggs

Altar Servers: Genevieve & Nina Gardella

8:00am Lector: Kathy Pellerin

Eucharistic Minister: Jim Dyer

Altar Servers: Jack Terwilliger

10:30am Lector: Don Dubiel

Eucharistic Minister: Pat Dubiel

Altar Servers: Erika Densman, Nicholas Barrett

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.

Knights of Columbus meeting Thursday October 4 @ 7:00pm

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. George Villamthanam CST, Rev. George Richards, Jr., Rev. Aguirre Palacio, Rev. Izydor Sadowski SDB, Rev. Francis Rouleau, Rev. Edward Wisneski, Rev. John Gallagher OFM Cap, Rev. James Sucholet, Rev. Bogdan Olzacki OSPPE, Rev. Gregoire Fluet, Rev. Russell Kennedy, Rev. V. Antony Alaharasan.

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
- ✓ **"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 monthly Diocesan Pro-Life Mass** will take place at The Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on **Saturday, October 6 at 8:30 A.M.** Please join our celebrant **Rev. Walter Nagle** 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. A brunch in the Cathedral Hall will follow the Rosary this month.
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ **Eucharistic Holy Hour for Vocations** October 18 at St. Colman in Middlefield from 6-7pm.
- ✓ **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 faihevents@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

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' 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.

East Catholic High School We look forward to getting to know our future eagles this year as they explore East Catholic High School and everything that it has to offer them. Our annual Open House this year will be on *Thursday, November 1st at 6:45 p.m.* with our Entrance Exams being on *Saturday, November 3rd and Saturday, November 17th at 8:30 a.m.* Pre-registration for these events is not required, but is appreciated. You may reserve your spot by calling our Admissions Office at 860-649-5336 ext. 6456 or by pre-registering online at www.echs.com

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

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.

Diocese of Norwich – Office for Safe Environments
199 Broadway, Norwich Ct 06360 860. 848.2277 Ext. 212
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9 Things Teenagers Can Do To Help Create and Maintain Safe Environments at Church and at School

Laws and rules are at the service of a community as well as individuals. 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. Our laws and rules are at the service of our children and teenagers.

Teenagers can also help create and maintain safe environments. As a teenager, you need to be aware that:

1. *Your body is your own.* No one should touch you in a way you do not want to be touched. If another person touches you inappropriately, that person is wrong and should be reported to the proper authorities.

You should not accept expensive gifts from non-family members. You should not accept food, drinks, or rides from people you do not know well.

2. When attending Church functions, expect to be *chaperoned at all times and have behavioral expectations made clear to you.* If this is not occurring, then either the people in charge or your parents must be told. When attending an activity you need to advise the adult(s) in charge before you leave the activity.

3. You must not stay overnight in church-owned or operated facilities without *chaperones and the written permission* of your parents.

4. Adolescents must not bring, consume or abuse *drugs or alcoholic beverages.* Any Church ministers, employees, or volunteers who provide drugs or alcohol to teenagers are *acting illegally* and must be *reported promptly* to both Church and civil authorities.

5. *Be cautious* when dealing with *overly friendly adults*, those who place themselves on the same level as adolescents, those who seem to relate better to adolescents than to adults, those who suggest activities of which parents would not approve. Similarly, exercise caution around any adult who takes pictures extensively of adolescents, or offers explicit pornographic materials to teenagers. Such behavior should be reported immediately to parents or other trusted adults. Overlooking or thinking of such behavior as harmless can pose a real threat to everyone in the community.

6. Church personnel have certain limitations on their behavior. Church ministers, workers, and volunteers are not allowed to give expensive gifts to young people. They are not allowed to travel unchaperoned with young people. They are not allowed to touch young people in unacceptable ways. Generally, except in certain limited situations, it is expected that there will be at least two adults present for youth activities. If you observe violations of these rules by Church personnel, you should *report* those violations to your parents or appropriate Church authorities (see *Process of Reporting and Addressing Complaints and Allegations* listed under the section entitled *Enforcement*).

7. *Reporting violations* of this *Pastoral Code of Conduct* may not be an easy or popular thing to do. However, the purpose of this Code of Conduct is to assure the safety of people young and older. The Church personnel who may be disregarding these provisions are wrong and may pose a real threat to the health and safety of others. None of us can look the other way and pretend we do not see what is happening.

8. Discuss with your parents, the *Diocese of Norwich Electronic Communications, Internet and Computer Use Policy.* Abide by this policy.

9. *Strive to live lives of truth, holiness, and virtue*, treating all human beings as human persons and not as objects for gratification, power, or advancement.



75th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

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

WEBSITE PHOTO GALLERY

Photos of the Outdoor Mass and picnic can be found on the parish website. September 16 photos will be added when available.

THE 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. Enjoy reading about the history of the Catholic Church in Lebanon. Perhaps you'll find your picture within the pages!

Sorry, there are no additional copies available.

OCTOBER 13 – PARISH APPRECIATION POTLUCK SUPPER

**We appreciate all that you do—
A St. Francis themed evening.**

Please plan on attending – lots of activities for the kids and young at heart.

Every family and individual attending will receive a token of appreciation.

More information is available in today's bulletin.

For planning purposes, PLEASE SIGN UP – sheets are at the Church entrances.

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.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors is in need of donations of Boxes of sweet cereal, Cans of coffee (no decaf), and Boxes of tissues. Please bring your donations to Saint Francis Church by October 14th. Thank you for your help.

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 Mass 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!

The Norwich Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (NDCCW) membership drive begins the weekend of September 28-29, 2018 and runs through the month of October.

NDCCW invites all women in the diocese to become members of this organization. The annual dues are \$5.00 per year. Please join by dropping your membership envelope into any offertory basket. Mission Statement: *The Norwich Diocesan Council of Catholic Women acts through its members to support, empower and educate all Catholic women in spirituality, leadership and service. NDCCW programs respond with Gospel values to the needs of the Church and society in the modern world.*



The Norwich 40 Days-For-Life campaign will begin with a Vigil Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Tuesday, September 25, at 7 PM. Bishop Michael R. Cote will be the principal celebrant and Fr. Brian Maxwell will be the homilist. Following Mass, the 40 Days for Life Team will be available to answer any questions. This year, The 40 Days for Life Campaign runs from Wednesday, Sept. 26th through Nov. 4th. It is hoped that you will join our Parish by praying, fasting, and signing-up to attend the peaceful prayer vigil held outside the Planned Parenthood facility at 12 Case St. in Norwich. Thank you.