

**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 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 52<sup>nd</sup> Wedding Anniversary Bill & Joan Russoniello  
Goba req by Trish Goba Churchill & Michael A. Goba

11:30 AM Baptism

**Monday October 1, 2018 St. Therese of the Child Jesus,  
virgin, doctor of the Church**

NO MASS

**Tuesday October 2, 2018 Holy Guardian Angels**

NO MASS

**Wednesday October 3, 2018 Week Day in Ordinary Time**

9:00 AM Living & deceased members of the O'Dell family  
Req. by their family

**Thursday October 4, 2018 St. Francis of Assisi**

NO MASS

**Friday October 5, 2018 Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, priest**

9:00 AM Living & deceased members of the Lepri family  
Req. by their family

**Saturday October 6, 2018, 2018 St. Bruno, priest; Blessed  
Marie Rose Durocher, virgin**

5:00 PM

**Sunday October 7, 2018 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM Special intention req. by the Palmer family

10:30 AM Arthur Choquette req. by his family

1:00 PM Blessing of Animals

Offertory: \$ 2,169.00 Council of Catholic Women \$ 279.00  
Today's second collection is for building maintenance.  
Next weekend's second collection is for the diocesan Cradle Fund.  
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 October 6 & 7**

5:00pm Lector: Richard Lataille

Eucharistic Minister: Carole Briggs

Altar Servers: Genevieve & Grace Gardella

8:00am Lector: Kathy Pellerin

Eucharistic Minister: Betsy McComber

Altar Servers: Jack & Christian Terwilliger

10:30am Lector: Don Dubiel

Eucharistic Minister: Pat Dubiel

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

CTN2 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 V. Rev. Dennis Perkins, V. Rev. Gregory Galvin, Rev. Thomas Hoar SSE, Rev. Thomas Griffin, Rev. John Welch MS, Rev. Erik Lenhart OFM Cap, Rev. Rafal Walczyk OSPPE, Rev. John Antonelle, Our Holy Father V. Rev. David Choquette, Rev. Michael Giannitelli, Msgr. James Carini Rev. Gregory Mullaney.

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)

**Beginning October 6 & 7, Grades 2 and 8 are asked to sign-in in the sacristy for attendance at Mass.**

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

**Knights of Columbus** meeting Thursday October 4 @ 7:00pm  
**Liturgy Committee** Wednesday October 10 @ 6:30pm

**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.

### Religious Education Program

#### Curriculum on Maintaining Safe Environments

**Please note date change:** 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, October 7, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays at 2pm. Spiritual Renewal Center, 11 Bath Street, Norwich
- ✓ **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.**
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ **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 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.
- ✓ **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](mailto:info@outreachtohaiti.org). See more on our website at [outreachtohaiti.org](http://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](mailto:faithevents@norwichdiocese.net)
- ✓ **9<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](http://www.norwichdiocese.org) Or call 860-848-2237x203

#### Save the Dates – Parish Mission for St. Andrew and St. Francis are scheduled for October 13/14 and 15, 16, & 17.

The Parish Mission this year will be directed by Raymond de Souza, K. M. International Lay Catholic Speaker, Knight of Magisterial Grace of the Sovereign and Military Order of Malta, Delegate for International Missions for Human Life International (HLI) and EWTN program host.

The theme of the Parish Mission is: "On Logic and Mental Sanity to Exercise Relativism". The sessions for St. Andrew and St. Francis are scheduled on Monday 7:00pm, Tuesday 7:30pm, and Wednesday 7:00pm – in St. Andrew Church. One session, for the convenience of St. Francis Parishioners, is scheduled in St. Francis Church on Tuesday, 6:00pm (as in the past).

Raymond will be available at St. Andrew Church, during the day to chat with parishioners interested in learning more about Apologetics and Argumentation techniques.

## OFFICE OF FAITH EVENTS

**ADORATION AND PRAISE MUSIC- 177 PROJECT COMES TO ST. MATTHEW'S TOLLAND.** The 177 Project is an initiative to spark a renewal in parishes across the country through the power of spending time in front of the Eucharist and participating in praise and worship music. The evening is a holy hour followed by an interactive concert. **On Wednesday- October 24<sup>th</sup>, the 177 Project will be at St. Matthew's in Tolland at 6:00pm.** Come join us; Tickets to the evening are free and you can get yours by visiting [the177project.com](http://the177project.com)

**ADORATION AND PRAISE MUSIC- 177 PROJECT COMES TO ST. MARY'S NEW LONDON**

The 177 Project is an initiative to spark a renewal in parishes across the country through the power of spending time in front of the Eucharist and participating in praise and worship music. The evening is a holy hour followed by an interactive concert. **On Thursday- October 25<sup>th</sup>, the 177 Project will be at St. Mary in New London at 6:45pm.** Come join us; Tickets to the evening are free and you can get yours by visiting [the177project.com](http://the177project.com)

**YOUTH EXPLOSION X 2018** The Diocese of Norwich invites Grades 7 – 12 to YOUTH EXPLOSION with host and song leader John Angotti and speaker Robert Feduccia. Spend the afternoon sharing your faith with teens from all over the Diocese, going to Mass with Bishop Cote, and rocking to Catholic Christian Music. The event takes place on Sunday- November 4<sup>th</sup> at St. Bernard's School in Uncasville, the doors open at 11:30am and the cost is \$20 for the day and includes snack and dinner. Please see your Catechetical Leader to register or go to [www.youthexplosionct.com](http://www.youthexplosionct.com). For questions, please email Liza Roach at [lroach@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:lroach@norwichdiocese.net) or call (860)848-2237 ext. 305.

## YOUNG ADULT MASS WITH BISHOP COTE

On Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, St. Joseph's in Willimantic is delighted to host Bishop Michael Cote for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Diocesan Young Adult Mass & Reception. All Young Adults (ages 18 - 39, single and married) are invited and encouraged to attend! We encourage Young Adults to invite friends to join us! Mass with the Bishop will begin at 11:15am and following liturgy there will be a coffee social in the hall.

## NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Ministers, come to Tampa to learn how to "unlock" faith in young people from December 6-8. The National Conference on Catholic Youth Ministry (NCCYM) gathers and forms adults to inspire, strengthen, and nourish those who accompany young people as they encounter and follow Jesus Christ. The cost is \$369 if you register before November 15<sup>th</sup>, go to [www.nccym.info](http://www.nccym.info) for more info! Priests attend free; just add code UNLOCKPRIEST at checkout! Questions, contact Liza Roach at [lroach@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:lroach@norwichdiocese.net).

**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](http://www.echs.com)

Please join us on Thursday evening, October 4<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. The topic of Deacon Michael Puscas' talk will be, "Life after Death Experiences."

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## 10 Things Concerned Catholics Can Do To Help Create and Maintain Safe Environments at Church and at School

The safety of children concerns all of the Christian faithful, whether or not they have young children, and whether or not they are working or volunteering for the Church. Our children are our most precious resource. They are the present and future of the Church and the future of our society. To allow them to be harmed, harms all of us irreparably.

How can all concerned Catholics help protect our children? As a concerned Catholic, you can take the following steps:

1. Take the time to *learn what is happening in your parish* to create and maintain a safe environment.
2. *Ask questions* of parish employees and volunteers *regarding the Safe Environment practices* in the parish. These practices must include: (a) education for parents, children, employees and volunteers regarding the sexual abuse of children; (b) identifying the warning signs that children may be abused; (c) an awareness of adult behaviors which can signal a danger to children; (d) controlling access to children; and (e) careful monitoring and supervision of children and parish programs.
3. *Keep your eyes and ears open.* Children talk among themselves. Listen carefully and with a discerning ear to what is being said. If an adult is making them uncomfortable this should be brought to the attention of the proper authorities.
4. A child who comes from a dysfunctional home is exceptionally vulnerable. If there is conflict, divorce, abuse, alcohol or drug dependency in a child's home, *be aware* of it and *help and support* that child in an appropriate manner. *Watch* for changes in the child's behavior, including silence, withdrawal, acting out, and/or slumping grades.
5. *Notice adults who are overly friendly or who place themselves on the same level as adolescents or young children*, those who seem to relate better to adolescents or children than to adults, those who suggest activities of which parents would not approve. Observe any adult who takes pictures extensively -and/or exclusively of adolescents; this behavior could signal problems and should be reported to the appropriate authorities. If an adult offers explicit pornographic materials to teenagers, report such behavior to the appropriate authorities.
6. *Understand the Church's efforts where employment or volunteer status is denied to an individual.* It is important to appreciate that: (a) such a decision is made based upon a good faith concern for the welfare of children and of our community; and (b) those making the decision may have access to confidential information which they may not legally be allowed to release or disclose. While an individual may not be prevented from challenging the Church's decisions, the Church is constrained from responding or releasing any confidential information it has acquired as the result of a screening process.
7. When an allegation is made against any adult, we all must be *concerned for that person's right to due process and a fair hearing.* We all should presume innocence until guilt is proven in some definitive manner.
8. Similarly, we need to *respect the right* of all of the People of God to a *good name and reputation.* Innuendo, suggestive remarks, snide comments, stereotyping, and generalizations can do just as much damage to a person's reputation as an ad in a newspaper. We should not place ourselves in the position of judging either accuser or accused unless or until we have access to all of the facts in any given situation.
9. *Familiarize yourself with the Pastoral Code of Conduct* for the Diocese of Norwich, available at [www.norwichdiocese.org](http://www.norwichdiocese.org). Know the rights and obligations of all of the members of the Church community. If you see any member of the community failing in his or her responsibilities, bring it to the attention of the proper authorities (see *Process of Reporting and Addressing Complaints and Allegations* listed under the section entitled *Enforcement*).
10. *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.



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

**A NOTE FROM THE ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE:**

The events planned throughout the anniversary year are being paid for by donations received. The Church is not financially responsible for the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration.

**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 this weekend. Enjoy reading about the history of the Catholic Church in Lebanon. Sorry, there are no additional copies available.

**OCTOBER 13 – PARISH APPRECIATION POTLUCK SUPPER**

**We appreciate all that you do—EVERYONE WELCOME!**  
**Please plan on attending-come to eat and for fellowship!**  
**A St. Francis themed evening.**

**Lots of activities for the kids and young at heart.**  
**Every family and individual attending will receive a token of appreciation.**

**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*

**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](http://www.mercyhigh.com)

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.*

**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 4th. Thank you for your help.**

Now in its forty first (41st) year, the **Cradle Fund** is used to assist needy, expectant mothers in caring for their unborn or newly born children. It also provides financial support for birthright programs. But each year the demands on the Fund become more numerous. Please bring this need to the attention of your parishioners and thank them for their generosity. **This appeal will be the focus of the second collection on Respect Life Sunday (October 6-7, 2018).**

The following are grants from the Cradle Fund for the past year:

Birthingright of Greater Westbrook	\$10,000.00
Birthingright of Windham	\$10,000.00
Care-Net Pregnancy Resource Center of SECT	\$ 2,000.00
Catholic Charities	\$15,000.00
Haitian Health Foundation	\$ 3,000.00
Madonna Place	\$15,000.00
IHSP – Diaper Bank of NECT	\$ 2,000.00
Diocese of Norwich Outreach to Haiti	\$ 6,000.00
Caring Families	\$ 2,000.00
A Better Choice Women's Center	\$ 2,000.00

**St. Francis of Assisi –**

**Born 1181 - Died 1226**

**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**

**All pets accompanied by their owners (young & old) will be welcomed at St. Francis of Assisi Parish's Annual Blessing of the Animals to be held on Sunday, October 7, 2018 at 1:00pm, gathering near the Statue of Saint Francis in front of the Church.**

**All pets MUST be leashed or cage**

