

**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 October 20, 2018, St. Paul of the Cross, priest

5:00 PM People of the parish living & deceased

Sunday October 21, 2018 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Deceased members of the Clinch & Kuzel families
req. by Norm & Ella Mae Kuzel

10:30 AM 50th wedding anniversary Paul & Christine Pelletier

Monday October 22, 2018 St. John Paul II, pope

NO MASS

Tuesday October 23, 2018 St. John of Capistrano, priest

NO MASS

Wednesday October 24, 2018 St. Anthony Mary Claret, bishop

9:00 AM Lorene Peyton req. by Mackie Boone

Thursday October 25, 2018 Weekday in Ordinary Time

NO MASS

Friday October 26, 2018 Weekday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM Lorene Peyton req. by Mackie Boone

Saturday October 27, 2018 Blessed Virgin Mary

5:00 PM Irene Wengloski req. by the Brewster family

Sunday October 28, 2018 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Healing intention for Rick Coffey req. by the Palmer
family

10:30 AM 50th wedding anniversary Paul & Christine Pelletier
req. by Bill & Joan Goba

Offertory: \$ 2,258.00 Mission Combined: \$1,364.00

Today's second collection is for extra ordinary expenses.

Next weekend's second collection is for building maintenance.

. 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 27 & 28

5:00pm Lector: Steve Wengloski

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Michael

Altar Servers: CJ Frank, Steve Bardes

8:00am Lector: Rick Kane

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Michael

Altar Servers: Jack Terwilliger

10:30am Lector: Angela Coarentin

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Michael

Altar Servers: Erika Densman, Drew Taylor

Knights of Columbus Meet & Greet after the 8am Mass on Sunday
October 21.

Grades 2 & 6 will assist at the Children's Mass on October 28 at
10:30am.

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

CTN2 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. Arul Peter, Rev.

Martin Jones, Rev. Stanley Szczapa, Rev. George Busto CO, Rev. Brian Maxwell, Rev. Jonathan Ficara, Rev. John Ashe, Rev. Tomasz Albrecht, Rev. Benjamin Soosaimanickam, Rev. Victor Chaker, Rev. Christopher Zmuda, Rev. Thomas Sickler MS, V. Rev. Laurence LaPointe, Msgr. Leszek Janik.

Mary Immaculate, look upon our priests as the children of your love. Let them love you fervently and open their hearts to the dew of your grace. (Ven. Mother Catherine Aurelia, foundress)

Last weekend the Mission Combined Collection for World Mission Appeal, U.S. Bishop's Appeal for Latin America, Black and Indian Missions, and the Catholic Home Mission Appeal was taken up in our parish. If you were unable to bring your gift envelope, extras are available at Church entrances. Your support of the missionary needs of the Universal Church is greatly appreciated. This collection is an opportunity to share your faith and strengthen the Church at home and abroad. Your contribution can be placed in the collection basket next weekend or mailed directly to the parish. Thank you for your generosity in the past and thank you for what you will do now to help our missionaries continue their vital work.

Thanksgiving Theme Share-A-Day for girls in 5th, 6th 7th, and 8th

grades on Saturday, November 3rd from 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Holy Family Motherhouse in Baltic, CT. This is a special day of recreation, talks, activities, and prayers with the Sisters of Charity. No charge. Telephone (860) 822-8241 or email srmaryjacinta@gmail.com

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 24th, the 177 Project will be at St. Matthew's in Tolland at 6:00pm Also, On Thursday- October 25th, 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

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 4th 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. For questions, please email Liza Roach at lroach@norwichdiocese.net or call (860)848-2237 ex. 305.

YOUNG ADULT MASS WITH BISHOP COTE

On Sunday, December 2nd, St. Joseph's in Willimantic is delighted to host Bishop Michael Cote for the 2nd 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 15th, go to www.nccym.info for more info! Priests attend free; just add code UNLOCKPRIEST at checkout! Questions, contact Liza Roach at lroach@norwichdiocese.net.

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](http://11BathStreet.Norwich)
- ✓ **Eucharistic Holy Hour for Vocations** October 18 at St. Colman in Middlefield from 6-7pm.
- ✓ **Mini Life in the Spirit Seminar**, St. Mary Church,
- ✓ Clinton, Saturday, October 27, 9:30-4 pm. Call St. Mary, 860-669-8512 to register. Presenters Fr. Ray Introvigne, Judith Hughes and Team. Please bring lunch.
- ✓ **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

- ✓ **Healing & Freedom Conference** – Saturday, November 3 from 9am to 4:30pm at 11 Bath Street, Norwich. Space limited. Call 860-887-0702, leave name and phone number to register. Donation \$25
- ✓ **Twenty-Seventh Annual Red, White and Blue Mass Sunday, November 4, 2018, at 10:15 a.m.** Bishop Cote will celebrate Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Patrick for all military personnel, those who are active, in the reserves and Veterans. The purpose of this celebration is to honor our service men and women as we recognize the many sacrifices made by the families and loved ones of our military. The Mass Committee Chairs are BG CT Edward J. Waitte, (Ret.) and Mr. David K. Harding, U.S. Merchant Marine. For more information call, Rebecca McDougal at 860-887-9294.
- ✓ **MASS OF REMEMBRANCE** – The Annual Diocesan Mass of Remembrance to honor children who have died from stillbirths, miscarriages or abortions, whether recently or years ago, will take place **Wednesday, November 7, 2018, at 7 P.M. at Christ the King Church, 1 McCurdy Rd., Old Lyme, CT.** The Mass of Remembrance is an opportunity for family members to memorialize and honor the dignity of the precious lives of pre-born children. For more information, call the Catholic Family Services Office at 860-848-2237, Ext. 306.
- ✓ **Bereavement Day of Prayer** – Workshops for the bereaved: **Praying Your Goodbyes** Two separate dates: Thursday November 8 from 9am to 12pm at St. Sebastian Parish Hall, 155 Washington St. Middletown or Saturday November 10 from 9am to 12pm at Cathedral of St. Patrick Church Hall, 213 Broadway Norwich. No cost, registration is required. To register call Marianne Nicholas at 860.848.2237 ext. 304 or email her at manicholas@norwichdiocese.net
- ✓ **The monthly Eucharistic Holy Hour for Vocations** will take place at Sacred Heart Church in Groton on **November 15 from 6-7pm.**
- ✓ **The monthly Diocesan Pro-Life Mass** will take place at Sacred Heart Church in Norwich on **November 15 from 6-7pm.**

St. Mary-St. Joseph School is now accepting applications for our annual **Holiday Craft & Vendor Fair**. The Fair is to be held on Saturday, December 8th from 9am-3pm in the school, located at 35 Valley Street, Willimantic. Please email smsjschoolcraftfair@yahoo.com or call the school at 860.423.8479 for more information or an application.

Catholic Charities Diocese of Norwich Parenting 101 Classes. A fun, free 10 week class for parents of children ages birth to teens. October 24 – December 5 Catholic Charities 28 Huntington St. in New London CT. For more information contact Tracy Martone at tracymartone@cfsn.org or call 860.889.8346 ext. 285

East Catholic High School 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

Safe Environments in the Diocese of Norwich

Safe *Environments* refers to environments that are created and maintained in an effort to provide children, young people, ministers, and other people with the safest possible place in which to minister, study, and work.

The Diocese of Norwich and its parishes, schools, and other affiliated institutions is committed to providing safe environments for children, young people, and adults.

To assist in creating and maintaining safe environments, Bishop Michael R. Cote has established the Office for Safe Environments. The responsibilities of this office include overseeing the creation and implementation of safe environments programs and policies. In the Diocese of Norwich, there are six components to the safe environments programs and policies:

1. Awareness and Education

In creating any safe environment, awareness and education are essential.

The Diocese has chosen the Praesidium programs *Armatus* online and *Called to Protect* as two of the avenues for raising awareness regarding the issue of child sexual abuse and how to prevent it. *Called to Protect* is a video-based and discussion-oriented program, and *Armatus* is online training. Both of these programs provide a foundational understanding of the risks, warning signs, and appropriate responses to child sexual abuse. It also discusses preventive strategies and how to implement them.

All priests, deacons, ministry leaders, and employees and volunteers who interact with children and teenagers on a regular basis have an obligation to attend this program.

In addition to these two programs, the Diocese has embarked upon several initiatives to raise awareness and increase education in regard to safe environments. These initiatives include:

- the writing and distribution of pamphlets, bulletin inserts, and other educational materials;
- articles in the *Four County Catholic*;
- postings on the diocesan website (www.norwichdiocese.org);
- other programs and forums determined by the Office for Safe Environments.

2. The Pastoral Code of Conduct

The *Pastoral Code of Conduct* is a set of guidelines for all Catholics. to follow in creating and maintaining safe environments. It also includes provisions for addressing a lack of compliance with the *Pastoral Code of Conduct* and referrals in how to report sexual misconduct.

3. Electronics Communication and Computer Use Policy

The proper relationship between adults and minors can easily become confused because of the easy, informal, and at times anonymous nature of many forms of electronic communication. Adults must make sure that their use of electronic communication maintains a proper professional relationship with minors, and does not create or give the appearance of an inappropriate relationship, or encourage inappropriate behavior. In using electronic communications, proper and healthy boundaries between adults and minors must always be maintained.

4. Comprehensive Screening

Comprehensive screening refers to the screening process for employees, volunteers, and contractors affiliated with the Diocese of Norwich. It includes:

- a written application form with signed statement by the employee, volunteer, or contractor;
- checks of references listed on an application form;
- a personal interview with employee, contractor, or volunteer;
- observations of the person's conduct;

- a criminal background check of the contractor, volunteer, or employee.

5. Sexual Misconduct Policy

The *Sexual Misconduct Policy* of the Diocese of Norwich addresses child sexual abuse and other issues of sexual misconduct by priests, deacons, employees, volunteers, and contractors of the Diocese of Norwich. It describes how to report allegations of sexual misconduct and how the Diocese will respond to allegations. This policy complies with the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, which was drafted by the United State Conference of Catholic Bishops in June of 2002.

6. Practical Matters and Other Concerns

This component addresses practical matters that arise during awareness and education sessions and the implementation of comprehensive screening, the *Pastoral Code of Conduct*, and other safe environments measures. Practical matters and concerns include such things as safe environments conditions of usage for the use of parish facilities by people outside of the parish and resolving conflicts between diocesan safe environments policies and other professional codes of ethics and conduct.

Your help is needed!

Creating and maintaining safe environments for children and young people is not the responsibility of one or two people. Each and every person can assist in providing safe environments for all of God's children. In fact, for these initiatives to be truly successful, we need the help and assistance of all Catholics. To find out how you can help in creating and maintaining safe environments for all of God's children, contact your local parish, school, or Catholic institution or contact the Office for Safe Environments.

Catholic Charities
Diocese of Norwich Fall Food & Product Drive
October and November

Non-perishable food items & toiletries are graciously accepted at all Catholic Charities locations.

331 Main St. Norwich 860.889.8346
88 Jackson Street Willimantic 860.423.7056
28 Huntington Ave. New London 860.443.5328
151 Broad St. Middletown 860.346.0060

For more information, contact Tracy Martone at 860.889.8346 ext. 285 or email tracymartone@cdfsno.org

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. Pre-register at www.mercyhigh.com

30th Annual Yellow Rose Auction: (an auction of goods and services) Mercy High School Saturday, November 10, 2018. Tickets are \$50 per person and include hot and cold hors d'oeuvres, catered dinner, homemade desserts & all beverages, including wine and beer. Please join us for a fun evening from 6 pm to 10 pm at Mercy High School, 1740 Randolph Road Middletown, CT For tickets or information call 860-347-8957 or online at: www.mercyhigh.com



75th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

ON THIS DATE...10/24/1954

In 1954, Father O'Keefe supervised renovation work of the St. Francis Chapel which included a new altar, (\$400 paid by the Ladies Guild and still used today), reconditioned Church pews, a new lighting system, floor, and organ. The Church was repainted inside and out with detailed trim along the walls and ornate backgrounds for the statue of the Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph and in the sanctuary. A cross topped steeple was erected on the roof marking the structure unmistakably as a church. It was considered one of the most beautiful small churches in the eastern part of the state. The Tabernacle (used today) and altar rail were given by the Hamill family. An open house and reception were held on October 24, 1954.

NEXT ANNIVERSARY EVENT – for the entire family! **MOVIE NIGHT November 16, 7:00 p.m.**

Do you know the story of our patron saint?
Francis of Assisi, an inspirational story of one man's journey starring Bradford Dillman and Dolores Hart.
Running time: 105 minutes

WEBSITE PHOTO ALBUM

A photo album of the September Mass and reception has been added to the website.

OCTOBER APPRECIATION DINNER

Thank you to all who participated in our October 13th dinner. Everyone who came had a good time, with plenty of food and fellowship and everyone learned some interesting facts about St. Francis, our patron saint. Thank you to Kristen and Clayton Goodrich, Jacob Palombizio, Laura Spedaliere, Erika Densman and Ryan Jankowski for helping with the craft tables. Everyone left with a small St. Francis statue and biography as a token of appreciation.

COMMEMORATIVE BOOK

Several parishioners have not picked up their copy of the commemorative book. Please contact Barbara at 860.642.7168 or bobbi.w@charter.net to arrange for pick up.

Nancy Acree, Kimberly Blais, Darryl Ceccarelli, Tim DeLucia, Chris Duhaime, Brian Edwards, Mary Flanigan, Don James, Lori Kalinowski, Robert Kalinowski, Kevin Kennedy, Susan Martineau, Grant Meline, Joan Nichols, Alan Olenick, Geraldine Shusta, Lauri Swanke, Melissa Taylor

WE ONLY CELEBRATE 75 YEARS ONCE!

Join us for our events throughout the year

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE BOX OF JOY PROJECT! Thanks to your generosity of items and monetary donations, you have provided 27 poor children a Christmas they will never forget. Your compassion not only gave a Box of Joy, but also gave Christ's love to those who need it most. For more information or to view a video of children receiving boxes visit CorssCatholic.org/BoxOfJoy. This project is on behalf of the St. Francis Ladies Guild, in partnership with the National Council of Catholic Women and Cross Catholic Outreach; boxes will be shipped in early November.
Estelle Elliott, project coordinator and Barbara Wengloski, Guild President.

BOOK SIGNING -- (Colchester, CT -- CRAGIN Library) Tony Coscia will be presenting his new book from 6:PM-7:PM on Thursday 11/15/18. Just Google the title for more info: (Tony's 50,000 Co-incidence Miracles).

Ham & Beans
November 3 at 5pm - 7pm
First Baptist Church
694 Trumbull Highway
Lebanon, CT
Sponsored by Lebanon Churches
\$10 Adults, \$5 age 10-4
4 under free

Join us in raising awareness and funds for
Lebanon's Food Cupboard-Neighbors Helping
Neighbors

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