

**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 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

Monday October 29, 2018 Weekday in Ordinary Time

NO MASS

Tuesday October 30, 2018 Weekday in Ordinary Time

NO MASS

Wednesday October 31, 2018 All Saints Vigil

9:00 AM George Boone req. by Mackie Boone

7:00 PM Dave & Edith Perotti req. by their family

Thursday November 1, 2018 All Saints

9:15 AM George Boone 15th Anniversary req. by Mackie Boone

Friday November 2, 2018 All Souls

9:00 AM All Souls Intentions of parishioners

Saturday November 3, 2018 St. Martin de Porres, bishop

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

Sunday November 4, 2018 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

10:30 AM Carol Sklarsky req by Bill & Joan Goba

Offertory: \$ 2,253.00 Extraordinary Expenses: \$ 619.00

Today's second collection is for building maintenance.

Next weekend's second collection is for St. Bernard School.

. 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 November 3 & 4

5:00pm Lector: Carole Briggs

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Michael

Altar Servers: Grace & Nina Gardella

8:00am Lector: Jim Worth

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Michael

Altar Servers: Emily Pomerleau

10:30am Lector: Paul Pelletier

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Michael

Altar Servers: Erika Densman, Nicholas Barrett

Thank you to all parishioners who responded so quickly for an increase in your weekly offertory donation. Your generosity to the financial health of the parish is very much appreciated. For parishioners who were away, Fr. Mark's letter and the 2017/2018 Annual Report may be found in the bulletin this weekend.

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. Paul Ramen,

Rev. Dennis Mercieri, Rev. Robert Washabaugh, Rev. Richard Crawley OFM Cp, Rev. William Olesik, Rev. Michael Phillipino, Rev. P. Grzegorz Jednaki, Rev. Gerald Kirby, Our Holy Father, All deceased priests, Rev. Walter Nagle, Rev. Leo Almendra.

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)

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

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

Knights of Columbus Thursday Nov. 1st @ 7pm



As we've been praying and fasting for hearts to be moved by God's Tender Mercy, The Norwich Diocesan 40 Days-For-Life Campaign will draw to completion with a Mass for Life on Sunday, November 4th at St. Andrew's Church in Colchester at 5 PM. Please join us as we pray - for the Sanctity of Life - and for the Loving Care and Protection every precious tiny child waiting to be born both - deserves and is entitled - each who has a place in God's Heart from all Eternity. More than ever, now is the Time for God's Love and Divine Mercy!

OFFICE OF FAITH EVENTS

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.com)
- ✓ **The monthly Diocesan Pro-Life Mass** will take place at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on **Saturday, November 3 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.
- ✓ **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.**

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"Go your way; your faith has saved you." Take time to strengthen your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Nov 2-4, 2018 in Manchester, CT and Feb 1-3, 2019 in MANCHESTER, CT. For more information, call Pat & Mary-Jo McLaughlin at 860-315-2127 or visit them at <https://www.mectw.org/>.

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.

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



Kris Kringle Christmas Fair at Sts. Peter & Pau Church, 181 Elizabeth Street, Norwich. Saturday November 3 from 9:00am to 3:00pm. Featuring Crafters, Bake Sale, Theme Baskets. Refreshments & Luncheon available.

Ladies Tea and Basket Raffle:

Saturday November 17 at St. Matthias Church
317 Chesterfield Road

East Lyme from 11am to 1pm

\$10 for adults & \$5 for girls 6-12

Bring your favorite tea cup. There will be tea cups available. Raffle items, delicious tea and goodies and special entertainment.

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
& funds for Lebanon's Food Cupboard
Neighbors Helping Neighbors.



Diocese of Norwich – Office for Safe Environments
199 Broadway, Norwich Ct 06360 860.848.2277 Ext. 212
Revised November 2014

Diocese of Norwich: Sexual Abuse & Sexual Misconduct Reporting Procedures *Sexual Misconduct*

It is contrary to the policy of the Diocese of Norwich for any priest, religious, or lay person, either employed by, volunteering for, or otherwise engaged in ministry in the Diocese, to engage in sexual conduct which is unlawful or contrary to the moral teachings of the Roman Catholic Church.

To enforce this policy and to prevent future incidents, we need the help of victims, their families and friends, and other concerned people to tell us when such misconduct may have occurred, even though it is sometimes not easy to come forward with allegations.

Victims, survivors, family members – indeed, each and every person, has the right – and an obligation – to report suspected or actual abuse to appropriate civil authorities before calling the diocesan reporting line when appropriate.

Getting Help

It is important that those affected by sexual misconduct obtain help immediately. We encourage victims and their families to utilize the services of an experienced victims' service agency staffed with personnel who can assist them and who can also assist victims and families wishing to make a complaint against diocesan personnel. Victims and families may also wish to seek the assistance of experienced mental health professionals.

To assist those affected by sexual misconduct by an employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Norwich, the Diocese makes available the services of the Assistance Coordinator. This person helps those victims and families find the assistance they need for healing. The Assistance Coordinator can be contacted by calling the diocesan reporting line listed below.

Reporting

If you know of an emergency situation in which abuse or assault is occurring or has just occurred, call the police immediately.

To report allegations of sexual misconduct involving a minor under age eighteen and an employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Norwich, or its parishes, schools, or institutions, call the DCF Hotline at 1-800-842-2288 and then call the reporting line of the Office of Internal Affairs at 1-800-624-7407.

To report allegations of criminal or illegal sexual misconduct involving an adult and an employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Norwich, or its parishes, schools, or institutions, call the police and then call the reporting line of the Office of Internal Affairs.

To report allegations of sexual misconduct that are not illegal and involve an adult and an employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Norwich, or its parishes, schools, or institutions, call the reporting line of the Office of Internal Affairs.

To file a written complaint alleging sexual misconduct against an employee, minister, or volunteer of, or in, the Diocese of Norwich, call the reporting line of the Office of Internal Affairs.

After you call the diocesan reporting line, you will be sent information on the diocesan procedures and a complaint form for you to complete, sign, and return to the Office of Internal Affairs. If you are not able to file a written incident report form, the Office of Internal Affairs will help you file a written report. No information regarding the incident will be sought or received on the telephone. If you are upset, confused, or in immediate need of help, please contact a crisis hotline immediately.

If you believe that there is a current danger to other people, call the State or local police.

Diocesan Procedures

When your complaint is received, the Office of Internal Affairs, if criminal behavior is alleged, will send the matter to the Connecticut Department of Children and Families (DCF) and/or to the State's Attorney in the jurisdiction where the incident occurred. If the matter appears to be non-criminal, the Office of Internal Affairs will conduct an investigation. This means that the person making the complaint may be questioned further about it. It also means that the person against whom the complaint is being made will be made aware of the allegation and questioned about it.

The results of every investigation will be brought to the Diocesan Review Board and to the Bishop. If there appears to be some substance to the allegation, the worker or volunteer against whom the complaint was made will be removed from ministry and/or diocesan employment, and the Assistance Coordinator of the Diocese will work with victims to help them obtain counseling and other professional help.

If complainants are dissatisfied with the functioning of the Diocesan Review Board, they may file a complaint with the Policy Review Board.

The Policy Review Board reviews and evaluates the functioning of the Office of Internal Affairs and the Diocesan Review Board and makes recommendations for changes in policy. At each point in the procedures, every attempt will be made to respect the privacy of the parties involved but this cannot always be assured.

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@cdfs.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

Safe Environments Abuse Prevention Training

In the Diocese of Norwich, all volunteers who have regular contact with minors, all employees, all clergy, and all religious, are required to complete safe environments training.

This training is also available to any parishioner, or parent of a parochial school child, regardless of whether or not they wish to volunteer at their parish or school.

The Diocese of Norwich offers two Praesidium programs. Both cover the same material, just in different formats. You can take the on-line program *Armatus*, or attend a one-time DVD presentation, *Called to Protect*.

Please contact Cheryl in the parish office (860.642.6711) in order to be enrolled, or for more information.

Our children's safety is the responsibility of all Catholics.

The project to re-shingle the roof of the Church and the Garage has been completed.

The work was done by Residential Home Improvement, LLC from Colchester.

Monies received from The Hugh Leander Adams, Mary Trumbull Adams and Hugh Trumbull Adams Town Memorial Fund covered all costs for this project.

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).

Dear Parishioners,

We will be collecting the following list of items for the Neighbors Helping Neighbors Food Cupboard:

Sweet cereal	Macaroni
Canned soup	Canned corn
Canned fruit	Ramen
Saltine & Ritz type crackers	

Please bring all donated items to Church by December 2nd. Thank you for your generosity.



75th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

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 will be shown in the Church
Running time: 105 minutes

WEBSITE PHOTO ALBUM

The photo album section on the Church website has been updated to include the October 13th Appreciation Dinner.

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

Dear Parents of CCD Children & Parishioners,
A major change must be made to our CCD program. Beginning October 28, we will be relocating our CCD classes to the Church and the American Legion Hall.
Our new schedule will consist of the same dates, with the following classes meeting in the spaces listed below.
Sunday 9:00am – 10:00am
Grade K Pastor's office in office building
Grade 1 American Legion Hall
Grade 2 CCD office in office building
Grade 3 American Legion Hall
Grade 4 Sacristy in the Church
Grade 5 will be home schooled
Grade 6 Meeting Room Office Building shared
Space with Grade 8
Grade 7 Cry Room in Church
Grade 8 Meeting room in office building *shared
space with Grade 6
Grade 9 Church
This arrangement may have to change but due to the urgency of the situation this is our first effort.
Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.
Sincerely, *Rev. Mark Masnicki*, Pastor
James Hay, Director of Religious Education

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As you are already aware, our diocese and many dioceses around the country are dealing with declining numbers of both priests and parishioners. Consequently, we must plan for the future as best we can, based on the projected number of priests available to minister, as well as the number of people in our parishes.

The Diocese of Norwich began the process several years ago with the clustering of parishes, and then the yoking of parishes, and some mergers in which one parish closed. Now we are looking again at the merger of parishes, but without closing either church building. This option has been used in many dioceses. The result of such mergers is that one parish has two worship sites, or churches.

By merging two parishes into one parish with two worship sites, we simplify the many administrative tasks involved in parish life, and minimize, we hope, the disruption of parishioners' regular schedule of religious practice.

This year, there will be four such parish mergers in the Diocese.

- Notre Dame Parish, Durham and St. Colman Parish, Middlefield will come together as the Parish of Our Lady of Mercy.
- Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Essex and St. Joseph Parish, Chester will come together as the Parish of St. Teresa of Calcutta
- St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, Storrs and St. Mary Parish, Coventry will come together as the Parish of Our Lady Queen of Peace.
- Saint John Parish, Old Saybrook and St. Mark Parish, Westbrook will come together as the Parish of St. Pio

These mergers will become effective on December 3, 2018, the Feast of Saint Francis Xavier.

Through a more measured approach to the restructuring of the parishes in our diocese we hope to be more sensitive to the deep feelings of attachment our people have to their parishes. As our diocese continues to move forward in pastoral planning, let us join together in prayer and in action, praying for each other, and working toward our goal of vital, vibrant parishes. Let us always remember to pray for each other as we journey together into a future bright with promise and filled with an abundance of God's grace.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Norwich