

**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 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

Monday November 5, 2018 Weekday in Ordinary Time

NO MASS

Tuesday November 6, 2018 Weekday in Ordinary Time

NO MASS

Wednesday November 7, 2018 Weekday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM Living & deceased members of the Venosh family req. by Mackie Boone

Thursday November 8, 2018 Weekday in Ordinary Time

NO MASS

Friday November 9, 2018 Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

9:00 AM Living & deceased members of the Figler family req. by Mackie Boone

Saturday November 10, 2018 St. Leo the Great, pope & doctor of the Church

5:00 PM Irene Wengloski req. by the Betty Mackey

Sunday November 11, 2018 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM John Gorter req. by the Dyer family

10:30 AM Joseph Mastrolua req. by his family

Offertory: \$ 2,462.50 Building Maintenance: \$ 608.00

Today's second collection is for St. Bernard School.

Next weekend's second collection is for monthly extraordinary expenses.

. A very sincere thanks to all those parishioners who make-up their offertory while away.

Adoration of our Lord. Jesus is the Friend who never abandons us. (St. Luigi Guanella) Adoration begins at 8:30am following the 8:00am Mass on Thursdays and continues until Benediction at 7:00pm at St. Andrew Church. There is always a need for faithful 1.adorers, please consider omitting to a specific hour. Contact Dennis Girard @ 860.334.9894 or dennisgirard51@gmail.com

Weekend November 10 & 11

5:00pm Lector: Steve Wengloski

Eucharistic Minister: Richard Lataille

Altar Servers: Steve Bardes & CJ Frank

8:00am Lector: Ella Mae Kuzel

Eucharistic Minister: Peggy Stygar

Altar Servers: Christian Terwilliger

10:30am Lector: Maureen Polana

Eucharistic Minister: Paul Pelletier

Altar Servers: Drew Taylor, Erika Densman

MEETINGS

Parish Advisory Council Wednesday Nov. 7 @ 6:30pm

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 Spedaliera 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 Bishop Michael R. Cote, Rev. James Thaikootathil, Rev. Stephen Gulino, Msgr. Michael Donohue, Rev. Elson Kattookaran MS, Rev. Brian Converse, Msgr. Richard LaRocque, Rev. Thomas Smith, Rev. Arthur Archer, V. Rev. Richard Ricard, Rev. David Zercie MSA, Rev. Edward Dempsey DBA, Rev. Patrick McCorry.

O Jesus, I pray for Your faithful and fervent priests; for Your priests laboring at home or abroad in distant mission fields; for the lonely and desolate priests. For Your young priests; for Your dying priests; for the souls of Your priests in Purgatory, I pray. (Ven. Mother Catherine Aurelia, foundress)



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!

East Catholic High School Entrance Exam *Saturday, November 17th at 8:30 a.m.* Pre-registration 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

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
- ✓ **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.

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.

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@ccfsn.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 Town of Lebanon Social Services will be organizing the Holiday Giving Program

for Lebanon children ages 1-15. Families in need are asked to complete a "Holiday Wish List" with a few items their children would like for the holidays. Income verification and Intake paperwork will need to be provided with Lebanon Social Services to be able to participate in the program. Please contact Social Services by November 8th. Gifts will be distributed to families by appointment on Saturday, December 15th.

Sponsors are asked to contact Shelly Ashcom, Social Services Administrator, if you are interested in "adopting" a child for our Holiday Giving Program.

For more information or to participate in the program, contact Shelly Ashcom, Social Services Administrator, Lebanon Town Hall, 579 Exeter Road, Lebanon, CT 06249. 860.642.4580. sashcom@lebanonct.gov

TVCCA ENERGY APPOINTMENTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AT TOWN HALL IN THE MONTH OF DECEMBER. PLEASE CONTACT TVCCA DIRECTLY FOR AN APPOINTMENT AT 860.425.6681 Fuel Delivery Line: 860.425.6571 Shut-off line: 860.425.6568



THE VALUE OF A MASS

Told by Fr. Stanislaus, SS.CC.

Many years ago, in a little town in Luxembourg, a Captain of the Forest Guards was conversing with a butcher, when an old woman entered the shop to beg for a bit of meat. "I have no money," she said, "but I'm going to Mass now, and I'll offer it to God for you. The butcher & the Captain were amused. They were good men, but indifferent about religion. The butcher teased, "All right. Go to Mass for me, and when you come back, I'll give you as much meat as the Mass is worth."

When the woman returned, the butcher wrote on a slip of paper, "I went to Mass and offered it to God for you." He placed the paper on one side of the scale, and a tiny piece of meat on the other, but the paper was heavier.

He put a bigger piece of meat on the scale, but again, the paper weighed heavier. No matter how much meat he put on one side, the paper weighed heavier. Puzzled, he tested the scale – it was perfect. "So what do you want from me lady? A leg of mutton?" He put a leg of mutton on the scale; the paper was heavier. The butcher was so impressed, that he promised her a free piece of meat each day.

The Captain? He left the shop a changed man and became an ardent lover of the Mass. His two sons became priests, one a Jesuit and one a priest of the Sacred Heart.

Fr. Stanislaus concluded, "I'm the Sacred Heart priest, and that Captain was my Father". Each day, the Captain had gone to daily Mass with his little sons. All three treasured the eternal value of the Mass.

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.

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).

Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center

To register for programs, contact the retreat center at 860-677-8519, ourladyofcalvary.net, olcretreat@sbcglobal.net, or by mail at 31 Colton Street, Farmington, CT 06032.

MOVIE NIGHT AT OLC

Sophie Scholl: the Final Days will be shown at Movie Night at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center, Farmington, on Wednesday November 7, 2018 from 6:30 to 9:00 pm. Filmmaker Marc Rothmund utilizes long-buried historical records to reconstruct the last six days of renowned German anti-Nazi activist 21-year-old Sophie Scholl in an Academy Award-nominated feature that earned star Julia Jentsch a Best Actress award at both the 2005 Lolas and the 2005 Berlin International Film Festival. Sister Mary Ann Strain, CP, Program Director at OLC, will facilitate the evening. Attendees will receive a boxed supper to enjoy while watching the film. Offering is \$25 payable at time of registration.

*St. Andrew Church Choir
Presents
A Gourmet Dinner along
with
A Festival of
Lessons & Carols*



*Saturday, December 8, 2018
5:00 P.M. Dinner ~ 7:00 P.M Concert
St. Andrew Church
128 Norwich Ave, Colchester, CT*

MENU

*Italian Love Salad served with creamy garlic-peppercorn dressing
Roasted vegetable fettuccini Scampi
Roasted Carrots with mustard-honey brown sugar glaze
Apple cranberry-streusel baked stuffed butternut Squash
Assorted dinner rolls, breads, ciabasso baguettes and focaccia bread served with butter
Decadent gourmet confections and cookies*

Dinner/Concert/Dessert

*Reserve early - Seating is limited
Tickets: \$40pp \$30pp(12 and under)
(No outside beverages allowed)*

*7:00 pm Concert/Dessert Only
Tickets: \$10pp*

Call Joanne Cannella: 860.237.2357 for tickets and more information

Reservation Deadline: November 19th

*Coffee Tea & Dessert will be served after the concert
Meal catered by Matthew's Catering Company*



75th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

ON THIS DATE...NOVEMBER 3, 1970

Saint Francis had the honor of having Laurence "Larry" LaPointe serve our mission. Father Larry assisted the Church after his ordination as a deacon in May 1969, was ordained on June 6, 1970 and became an assistant pastor on November 3. He served until September 1971.

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

COMMEMORATIVE BOOK – LIMITED COPIES AVAILABLE

Several parishioners have not picked up their copy of the commemorative book, therefore, we have 8 copies available for those who would like a copy. Please contact Barbara at 860.642.7168 or bobbie.w@charter.net if you would like to have a copy of this colorful, informative book.

WEBSITE PHOTO ALBUM

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

WE ONLY CELEBRATE 75 YEARS ONCE!
Join us for our events throughout the year

Women's Faith Share Meeting

This gathering of women for prayer, scripture study, faith discussion, and fellowship meets the second Tuesday of every month following the 7:00pm evening Mass at St. Andrew Church. Faith Share is open to all women of the parish; there is no requirement that you have attended an ACTS retreat. Come and join us on the second Tuesday of each month for engaging discussion a reflection with fellow women of our parish community! The meeting takes place in the parish hall and begins around 7:45pm. For more information, please e-mail praying4you22@gmail.com. We hope to see you there.

Free Rosary Repair Service:

We have lots of parts. Send your broken rosaries in padded envelope to: Betty & Dick Holden, 7 Crane Place, Simsbury, CT 06070 (May – October)
They will be repaired and returned to you within the week of receipt. Donations of old and broken rosaries are also accepted which will be repaired and sent on to the missions. Include a note indicating repair and return to me or this is a donation.
860.658.6330 or
email HoldenBnD@comcast.net.
Nov-April: 7930 Estero Blvd #502 Fort Meyers Beach FL 33931

Dear Parishioners,

Many of you may have already heard of discussions concerning the cost to maintain the Fortin Parish House and the resulting impact on the finances of our parish. As I have stated previously, our weekly income is not keeping pace with operating expenses and properly maintain all of the buildings and grounds. I have found it necessary to utilize our limited savings too frequently to meet regular monthly bills. This is not fiscally responsible and cannot continue.

Therefore, our Finance Council, our Parish Advisory Council, our Trustees and I have made the difficult decision to return to the Fortin Foundation, the Parish House and adjoining property. This decision was made based on the expense of maintaining the Parish House compared to the amount the building was being used. The parish currently spends an average of \$6,000 for basic maintenance, heat & electricity and insurance for the Fortin House. In addition, there are some major maintenance projects associated with the Parish House pending that we have not been able to keep up with.

We believe that this action will allow the parish reduce expenses to a more manageable level and improve the financial health of the parish.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Rev. Mark Masnicki
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Pastor

Finance Council:

Rick Kane
Gregg Lafontaine
Betty Mackey
Barbara Wengloski

Parish Advisory

Bob Paris
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Gregg Lafontaine
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