

**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 17, 2018 St. Elizabeth of Hungary,
religious**

5:00 PM Souls in Purgatory

Sunday November 18, 2018 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Ed Coutu req. by Norm & Ella Mae Kuzel

10:30 AM Julie Coscia req. by her family

Monday November 19, 2018 Weekday in Ordinary Time

NO MASS

Tuesday November 20, 2018 Weekday in Ordinary Time

NO MASS

**Wednesday November 21, 2018 Presentation of the Blessed
Virgin Mary**

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

Thursday November 22, 2018 Thanksgiving Day

St. Cecilia, virgin, martyr

9:00 AM Jennifer Wheaton req. by her family

Friday November 23, 2018 St. Clement I, pope & martyr; St.

Columban, abbot

NO MORNING MASS Parish Office Closed

**Saturday November 24, 2018 St. Andrew Dung-Lac, priest &
companions, martyrs**

5:00 PM Nancy Godere req. by the Kuzel family

**Sunday November 25, 2018 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of
the Universe**

8:00 AM

10:30 AM Janet Gagnon req. by her family

Offertory: \$ 1,933.32 Extraordinary expenses: \$ 475.00

Today's second collection is for the parish fuel fund. Last winter our
expense for oil was \$ 4,600.

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 November 24 & 25

5:00pm Lector: Bob Nejako

Eucharistic Minister: Pam Flaherty

Altar Servers: Steve Bardes, C.J. Frank

8:00am Lector: Rosanne Coffey

Eucharistic Minister: Rick Kane

Altar Servers: Emily Pomerleau

10:30am Lector: Don Dubiel

Eucharistic Minister: Pat Dubiel

Altar Servers: Erika Densman & Drew Taylor

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 Rev. Patrick Martin,
Rev. Joseph Tito, Rev. Paul Boudreau, Rev. Anthony DiMarco, Rev.
Michael Sequeira, Rev. Richard Sliwinski, V. Rev. Ted Tumicki, Rev.
William Flynn, Rev. Thomas Angelo, Msgr. Kevin Randall, Rev. Richard
Breton, Rev. Joseph DeCosta, Rev. Augustine Naduvilekoot.

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)

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.

**Parish office is closed Monday & Wednesday this
week. The office will be open Tuesday from 8am to
4pm.**

The Ladies Guild will be holding a **Home-made
breads and muffins Bake Sale** after all Masses at
the weekend of November 17th & 18th. Stop by and
purchase something for the holidays!

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
- ✓ **The monthly Eucharistic Holy Hour for Vocations** will take place at **Our Lady of Lourdes**, Gales Ferry on **December 13 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 Fall Food & Product Drive 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

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.

IRIS FOLDING AT OLC Iris Folding for Christmas workshop will be presented by Dell Kasinskas at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center, Farmington, on Wednesday, November 28, 2018 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Iris folding uses a simple paper technique and colored paper strips to produce beautiful greeting cards and/or framed art. Some of the most popular papers are the insides of envelopes, origami, and holographic paper. Christmas designs will be used for this workshop. Supplies will be provided; or you may bring your own papers. Lunch is included. Offering is \$30 payable at time of registration.

Gourmet Dinner & Christmas Concert

Tickets on Sale

The St. Andrew Choir will be offering a Gourmet Christmas Dinner Concert on Saturday, December 8, beginning at 5pm in the parish hall. Tickets are available for the dinner and concert or just the concert and dessert. Dinner tickets are limited to 200 due to space restrictions. Deadline for ticket purchases is November 19.

Phone Joanne Cannella 860.537.2357 for individual reservations or for tables of 8. It's sure to be a beautiful evening of scripture readings, song, and reflection; along with food, faith and fellowship!

Tickets for the 5pm Dinner/Concert/Dessert are \$40pp (\$30 for children under 12).

Tickets for the 7pm Concert/Dessert only, are \$10pp.



The Lebanon Faith Communities and the Franklin Congregational Church invite you to a Community Faith event.

The annual Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service will be held at the Lebanon Baptist Church, 694 Trumbull Highway, Lebanon, on Sunday

November 18 at 7:00pm. Please bring a non-perishable food or toiletry item for Neighbors Helping Neighbors.

37th Annual Convocation NEWPORT, RI.—The Annual Convocation for Priests will be held from December 3-5, 2018, at **Gurney's Newport Resort** on Goat Island in Newport, RI. It will be a time for all priests to gather with their bishop for spiritual renewal, support, education and rest. No parish, school or institutional activities will be scheduled during these days. Please pray for your priests, as they will be praying for you.

The theme of this year's Convocation is **"The Joy and Challenges of Priesthood Today."** The key presenter will be Msgr. Stephen J. Rossetti, a priest of the Diocese of Syracuse, who is an expert on priestly spirituality and wellness issues. He is a Catholic speaker, educator, psychologist, and retreat leader. A graduate of the United States Air Force Academy, Rossetti earned a doctorate in psychology from Boston College; a doctor of ministry from the Catholic University of America. He is the author or editor of ten books and the recipient of a Catholic Press Association book award. He serves as research associate professor of pastoral studies at the Catholic University and a visiting professor at Gregorian University in Rome.

Bishop Cote emphasized the importance of this annual gathering in his letter inviting each priest to the Convocation, "Your presence and commitment to this time together is important to me. This year we celebrate the 37th year of gathering as a presbyterate for the Convocation."

2018-2019 CCD Project



Dear Parents and Parishioners,
This year our CCD project is again to help the people of Haiti.

This year we would like to assist with several of the programs needed by the Haitian Health Foundation.

- ❖ Powdered Milk. Program cost is \$125 per child per year. Children who are 7 and 8 months old receive Gallia milk, which is designed for babies this age to carefully transition them to cow's milk. Children from 9 months receive whole milk powder and iron once a month until one year of age, unless the child is still malnourished.



- ❖ Solar Light Kit: Cost is \$75 per kit. Most families have no electricity in their homes, and your gift will provide a family with a simple system composed of 2 LED lights, a radio, a small solar panel, and a rechargeable battery for the radio. The lighting will help children study in their houses rather than to walk to find a street lamp.



We have participated in a project for Haiti for a few years now and the children really enjoy it. It will be a great way for our kids to help those in Haiti.

Last year we raised over \$ 1,950 for our efforts...a total of 13 goats. I would like to set our goal this year for 10 units of milk and 10 solar light kits. A goal of \$2,000.

There will be a donation jar in the office building and in the Church. Children should bring whatever they can each Sunday to put into the jar. Teachers will also have a jar at the American Legion Hall for their classes.

I ask that you support this Corporal Act of Mercy to feed the hungry and to help those who are not as fortunate as we are.

Sincerely, *James Hay*, DRE

The St. Joseph Living center is seeking volunteers who enjoy sewing! We would love to invite those who would be interested in sharing in their talent, their time and energies to assist our residents with anything from small sewing projects, such as hemming and mending; to more involved kinds of endeavors as Quilting! Whatever you are willing and able to give, we would be most appreciative and grateful. Please contact Tracey Megson of the Therapeutic Recreation Department @ (860) 456-1107 ext. 124 or email tracy.megson@sjlcc.org.

Make time for your marriage by attending a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend**. The next Weekends are Feb 1-3, 2019 in MANCHESTER, CT and Jul 12-14, 2019 in MANCHESTER, CT.

For more information, call Pat & Mary-Jo McLaughlin at 860-315-2127 or visit them at <https://www.mectw.org/>.



Ring in the Holiday Season by attending **The Annual Tree Lighting Program on Sunday, December 2, 2018 at 6:00 P.M.** at the Jonathan Trumbull Library on the Lebanon Green. Ring in the joyous holiday season with your

family and friends on the first Sunday in December. Sing along with traditional Yuletide Carols, stroll the candlelit walking path, visit the museums, warm up and enjoy the bonfire behind the Library, and of course ... visit with Santa until 8:00pm in the Frist Congregational Church Fellowship Hall.

*Dear Saint Francis of Assisi Parishioners,
Thank you to all who attended, donated, supported, and most of all cooked & help organize the Ham & Bean Supper fundraiser for Neighbors Helping Neighbors Food Cupboard on November 3, 2018. It has become an annual community supper that many folks look forward to the first week in November.*

Neighbors Helping Neighbors is truly grateful and appreciative to everyone for this support. Thank you for remembering those in need within our own community.

Blessings.

Sincerely,

Neighbors Helping Neighbors of Lebanon

Neighbors Helping Neighbors is a food pantry located in the basement of the First Congregational Church of Lebanon. Only Lebanon residents utilize the pantry. The Social Services Department at the Town Hall refers individuals and families to the Food Cupboard. They can come to shop once a month by appointment for refrigerated, frozen, and dry pantry items. The Food Cupboard is operated by a small ecumenical group of Lebanon residents. The Food Cupboard operates only by the generous donations from the Lebanon Community and Lebanon organizations. Thank you again for your support.

Parish Bulletin E-mailed to You

If you would like the parish bulletin emailed to you, a friend, or a college student away from home, E-mail the parish office a request to be put on the email list.

Parish E-mail address: cheryl@stfrancisassisilebanonct.org



75th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

ON THIS DATE...November 15, 1987

The Saint Francis of Assisi Knights of Columbus Council #9653 was granted a charter. Thirty-four members are listed, of which four of the original members are still active Knights today. Although a newly established council in the parish, the Knights of Columbus were present since the October 19, 1971 charter of the Gunnar Lytikainen Council #6305 at St. Columba.

**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 bobbi.w@charter.net if you would like to have a copy of this colorful, informative book.

Anniversary pins

Please continue to wear the pins that were handed out at the beginning of our celebration on your winter coats!

CCD GRATEFUL HANDS

Our CCD children are participating in a "Grateful Hands" project as part of the anniversary. Their hands and what they are grateful for are displayed on the sacristy windows. For those children who have participated in this project, they will receive a special kindness coin from Father this weekend. Please check out what the children are grateful for and count your own blessings during this upcoming holiday season.

WE ONLY CELEBRATE 75 YEARS ONCE!

Join us for our events throughout the year

St. Andrew is sponsoring a trip to the National Shrine of Our Lady of LaSalette on Sunday December 9...leaving at 12:30pm and returning at 8:30pm. The cost is \$35 per person, includes a full dinner. Choices for dinner are Meatloaf, French Meat Pie, Roasted Turkey or Herbed Chicken. The trip will include Round-trip bus, Father Pat's concert, and the Festival of Lights. Please call St. Andrew Rectory to sign-up. 860.537.2355.

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**All parishioners are invited to attend
Our Lady of Guadalupe – One Life, One Rose
Silver Rose Prayer Service**

Since 1960, the Knights of Columbus throughout North America have brought silver roses on annual pilgrimages. Like an Olympic Torch, the Silver Rose is transferred to parishes daily starting annually in May, on the feast of St. Giannis Berretta Molla, Patroness of Pro-Life. Please join in praying to Our Lady to strengthen efforts to restore the Culture of Life in our society, from conception to natural death.



After leaving locations in Canada, New England, and New York, the CT Silver Rose journey starts Sunday October 28 in Coventry. Council 4313 will host the mass at 10:30am.

Our Mass will be hosted by our Knights of Columbus Council #9653 for our parish, St. Francis of Assisi, Lebanon on Wednesday November 28 at 7:00pm. "Through moral conscience God speaks to each of us, inviting us to defend human life at all times." - Pope Benedict XVI March 1, 2011.

We plan to have the **Christmas Giving Tree** up the weekend after Thanksgiving, November 24 & 25. There will be tags for \$5 or \$10 gift cards to the following places –



- Staples
- Dunkin Donuts
- Friendly's
- Walmart
- McDonalds
- iTunes

Please put the gift card in the tagged gift bag that you take from the tree. We would like the gift cards back by December 2nd.

There will also be gift tags for Seminarians of the Diocese of Norwich.



Morning Mass on Thanksgiving Day November 22 at 9:00am. No morning Mass on Friday Nov. 23.