

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

5:00 PM People of the parish living & deceased

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

8:00 AM Nancy Godere req. by the Kuzel family

10:30 AM Janet Gagnon req. by her family

Monday November 26, 2018 Weekday in Ordinary Time

NO MASS

Tuesday November 27, 2018 Weekday in Ordinary Time

NO MASS

Wednesday November 28, 2018 Weekday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM Robert Burns req. by Irene Burns

7:00 PM Silver Rose Mass

Thursday November 29, 2018 Weekday in Ordinary Time

NO MASS

Friday November 30, 2018 St. Andrew, apostle

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

Saturday December 1, 2018 Blessed Virgin Mary

10:00 AM Funeral Mass ~ Nancy Godere

5:00 PM

Sunday December 2, 2018 First Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM Norman Pellerin req. by his wife

10:30 AM Annette Russoniello on the occasion of her 70th birthday req. by Bill & Joan Russoniello Goba



11/25 Offertory will be reported next weekend due to early submission of bulletin.

Today's second collection is for building maintenance.

Next weekend's second collection is for 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 December 1 & 2

5:00pm Lector: Richard Lataille

Eucharistic Minister: Carole Briggs

Altar Servers: Grace & Genevieve Gardella

8:00am Lector: Kathy Pellerin

Eucharistic Minister: Betsy McComber

Altar Servers: Christian & Jack Terwilliger

10:30am Lector: Don Dubiel

Eucharistic Minister: Pat Dubiel

Altar Servers: Erika Densman & Nicholas Barrett

The Word Among Us Advent books are available at Church entrances. Please bring one home. The daily readings will enhance your Advent preparation for the precious gift of Jesus's coming on Christmas Day.

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

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. Peter Langevin, Very Rev. Douglas Mosey CSB, Msgr. Thomas Bride, Rev. Leon Susaimanickam, Rev. Mark Curesky OFM Cv, Rev. George Villamthanam CST, Rev. George Richards, Jr., Rev. Aguirre Palacio, Rev. Izydor Sadowski SDB, Rev. Francis Rouleau, all of our priests, Rev. Edward Wisneski, Rev. John Gallagher OFM Cap.

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.

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@cdfsno.org

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 Eucharistic Holy Hour for Vocations** will take place at **Our Lady of Lourdes**, Gales Ferry on **December 13 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.

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.

East Catholic High School: The Make-up Entrance Exam for eighth graders who were not able to take it sooner will be given on Saturday, December 8th at 8:30 a.m. Pre-registration for the exam is advised but not required. Visit www.echs.com or call our Admissions office at 860-649-5336 x6456 for more information!

St. Joseph School in Baltic...Annual Christmas extravaganza on Saturday December 1st.

Fully loaded theme baskets, museum memberships, gift cards, and much more. Spaghetti dinner served by the Knights of Columbus at 5:00pm. Dinner tickets purchased before 11/26 are \$4.00. Tickets at the door \$5.00 each, and \$20 per family. Auction begins at 6:00pm, followed by basket raffle. For more info, call Sr. Mary Patrick, SCMC at 860.822.6141.

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."

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.

Our Lady of Guadalupe! All are invited to join Bishop Cote and the Latino people of the Diocese in our annual bilingual celebration of the Feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Wednesday, December 12, 2018. The celebration begins with the Rosary and opportunity for confessions at 6:30pm, followed by Holy Mass at 7:00pm. Fiesta following. We look forward to honoring Our Lady with you.



75th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

??? TRIVIA QUESTION ???

For a short time in September 1972, the Route 87 Church was painted a color other than white. Can you name the color and how long it took to repaint the building?

FRANCIS OF ASSISI MOVIE

Thank you to all those who came out to view the movie on Friday the 16th. Everyone left with a fuller understanding of our patron saint.

LAST CHANCE - 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.

WE ONLY CELEBRATE 75 YEARS ONCE!

Join us for our events throughout the year

Answer: Father Kozon decided to have the Church painted a Navaho gold color. The men spent an entire day scraping and painting the outside of the building. One week later, the Church was repainted white; it took several coats to cover (and it took an even longer time before the steeple was repainted.)

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.



Christmas Giving Tree

Tags for \$5 or \$10 gift cards to the following places: Staples, Dunkin Donut, Friendly's, Walmart, iTunes, & McDonald's.

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.

Blue Slope Country Museum Advent Activities. 138 Blue Hill Road, Franklin 860.642.6413 Email: museum@blueslope.com
Sunday Nov. 25, Saturday Dec. 1 & Sunday Dec. 2. Wagon ride through picturesque woods of Blue Slope Farm begin at 1pm, 1:45pm, 2:30pm. & 3:15pm. **Space is limited. Call for reservation.** Enjoy Wassail Punch or Hot Cocoa, make a Christmas ornament, Sing traditional Christmas Carols. Suggested donation is \$9 ages 10+ up



All ladies of the parish are invited to join the Ladies Guild at their Christmas Party on Monday, December 17th.

6:00 cocktails/6:30 dinner at Apollo Restaurant, Route 32, South Windham.

Reservation forms can be found at the church entrances, the deadline is December 12th to submit entrée choices and payment. Please contact Sandra at 860-537-1372 or Alicia at 860-465-7603 if you have any questions.

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.

The musical "**Little Women: A Merry Christmas**" will take place at the Saint Michael Center, Academy of the Holy Family in Baltic on November 30th and December 1st at 7pm. Tickets are listed \$2.50 for children and seniors, \$5 for adults, and \$20 for families.

Grades 3, 4 & 5 will be assisting at the 10:30am Mass on Sunday Dec. 2nd.