

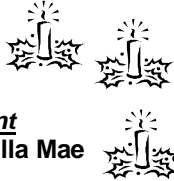
**We are pleased and honored  
to welcome you to**

**St. Francis of Assisi Parish**

67 West Town Street, Lebanon, CT 06249  
Telephone: 860.642.6711 Fax: 860.642.4032  
Rev. Mark Masnicki, Pastor  
Rev. Richard Breton, Parochial Vicar  
Deacon Michael Puscas



**MASS  
INTENTIONS**



**Saturday December 15, 2018 Advent Weekday**

5:00 PM Nancy Godere req. by Joan Syphers

**Sunday December 16, 2018 Third Sunday of Advent**

8:00 AM Janet Lea Gertschitz req. by Norm & Ella Mae  
Kuzel

10:30 AM Fernando Afonso req. by his family

**Monday December 17, 2018 Late Advent Weekday**

NO MASS

**Tuesday December 18, 2018 Late Advent Weekday**

NO MASS

**Wednesday December 19, 2018 Late Advent Weekday**

9:00 AM Jennifer Wheaton req. by her family

**Thursday December 20, 2018 Late Advent Weekday**

NO MASS

**Friday December 21, 2018 St. Peter Canisius, priest, doctor of  
the Church**

9:00 AM Intention of Stephen Haefs req. by Pam Roberts

6:00 PM Confessions

**Saturday December 22, 2018 Late Advent Weekday**

5:00 PM Bill Brewster req. by his family

**Sunday December 23, 2018 Fourth Sunday of Advent**

8:00 AM Nancy Godere req. by the Ladies Guild

10:30 AM Michael A. Goba, 48<sup>th</sup> birthday req. by  
The Goba & Churchill families

**Monday December 24, 2018 Christmas Eve**

4:00 PM For the people of the parish living & deceased

**Tuesday, December 25, 2018 Nativity of the Lord**

8:00 AM For the people of the parish living & deceased

10:30 AM For the people of the parish living & deceased

Offertory: \$ 2,746.00 Immaculate Conception: \$ 460.77  
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 December 22 & 23**

5:00pm Lector: Steve Wengloski

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Michael

Altar Servers: CJ Frank, Steve Bardes

8:00am Lector: Ella Mae Kuzel

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Michael

Altar Servers: Jack Terwilliger

10:30am Lector: Paul Pelletier

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Michael

Altar Servers: Erika Densman & Drew Taylor

Christmas flower envelopes available at the Church  
entrances. Please return your envelope by Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>.  
Envelopes are not being mailed this year.

**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  
1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Miles N. Snelgrove USMC 2<sup>nd</sup> Batt. 6<sup>th</sup> 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  
2<sup>nd</sup> 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. William McNulty,

Rev. John O'Neill MS, Rev. Frank McKenna, Rev. Joseph Ashe, Rev.  
Michael Gill, Rev. Kevin Reilly, Msgr. Thaddeus Malanowski, Rev.  
Michael Parisi, Msgr. Anthony Rosaforte Rev. Peter Liszewski, Rev.  
Roland Cloutier, Rev. Mark Masnicki, Rev. Mark O'Donnell, Rev. Luis  
Agudelo.

Heavenly Father, may the Immaculate Virgin prepare our priests for the  
radiant feast of Christmas so that the Divine Emmanuel might find in  
each of their hearts a little cradle scented by the purity of His all beautiful  
and loving Mother

For that, may they be purified in the waves of the Divine Blood of Jesus.  
May they be a channel for His Precious Blood, always acting through  
love. (Ven. Mother Catherine Aurelia, foundress)



**Confessions: Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup> 6:00 PM**

**Christmas Eve Mass - 4:00 PM**

**Christmas Day Masses - 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM**

**New Year's Eve Mass - 5:00 PM**

**New Year's Day Mass - 9:15 AM**



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



Tuna (in water only)  
Ketchup  
Sweet cereals  
Creamy peanut butter  
Raman noodles  
Coffee  
Canned soups  
Hot chocolate mix

**Thank you for your generosity.**

**The 9<sup>th</sup> grade will be assisting at the 10:30am Mass today. Refreshments following the Mass in the meeting room.**

**The Knights of Columbus will be selling "Keep Christ in Christmas" magnets for \$5 each after all Masses.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH**

- ✓ **Charismatic Prayer Meeting** every Tuesday at 2pm.
  - Healing Mass:** Every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays at 2pm.
- Spiritual Renewal Center, 11 Bath Street, Norwich

**SAINT VINCENT de PAUL PLACE ~ Norwich  
Miracle Bags 2018**

A special dinner will be served on Christmas Day. On that day, we would like to give each person a Miracle Bag filled with the following items: Soap, Deodorant, Razors, Shampoo/Conditioner, Toothpaste/Toothbrush, Shaving Cream, Hats, Gloves, Socks, \$5 or \$10 gift cards to Grocery stores/Walmart/McDonalds. Please drop off your donations by **December 18, 2018**. We are also happy to receive handmade cards with prayers, quotes or drawings. Our guests really value these sentiments. Please call Bonnie at 860.889.7374 or email her at [bysvdpp@gmail.com](mailto:bysvdpp@gmail.com) if you have questions. If you are an internet shopper have your donations delivered to 120 Cliff St., Norwich, CT 06360

We offer hygiene products to families all year long. It is difficult to keep up with the demand as we average 400 requests for hygiene each month. We are beginning a campaign called SOAP AND HOPE that will run throughout the year.

See our website for details [sydpp.org](http://sydpp.org)

Your gift, large or small, will make a difference. Merry Christmas and God Bless!

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/>.

**GIFTS + NEW MOVIE:**

Tony Coscia has been a member of: ACTS, Cursillo, Marriage Encounter, Catholic Charismatic, and Knights of Columbus. His book; "*Tony's 50,000 Coincidence Miracles*"; is now being made into a movie and also translated into other languages. It improves the lives of readers in the first 45-minutes.

*If you do make a small-donation toward the movie on "GoFundMe", you will receive a FREE "e-book" automatically E-mailed to someone (or to yourself) as a gift from you.*

*FOR MORE INFO: just Google (Tony's 50,000 Coincidence Miracles/Enroute) and then; click on the GoFundMe button.*

LEBANON CHILDREN'S WARDROBE would like to thank the community for their continued support. We are continuing our fundraising effort to expand into a much larger and usable space. Today, we have reached 20% of our goal. At our Thank God Its Friday event in November, we served 50 families, 13 of which came to us for the first time. We also had over 30 families come to us for appointments to pick up clothing and other items this month. This increase in the number of people we serve each month demonstrates our need for a larger space. We'd like to announce two fundraising events:  
Indoor Tag Sale January 5<sup>th</sup>. Spaces/tables can be rented for \$20/\$25. You bring your own items and keep your profits.

Evening of Fun: Saturday January 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. Appetizers, sit-down dinner and concludes with music by Seat of Our Pants. Tickets are \$25 per person and are on sale now. (These will make great gifts). Seat Of Our Pant (SOOP) music is heartfelt and humorous, featuring folk instruments and rock-infused songwriting.

For space/table at the Tag Sale or for tickets for the Dinner please email [lebanonccw@gmail.com](mailto:lebanonccw@gmail.com)

To donate go to [www.gofundme.com/LCCW-Expansion-Project](http://www.gofundme.com/LCCW-Expansion-Project) or checks made out to the Lebanon Children's Clothing Wardrobe and mailed to the Savings Institute at 554 Exeter Road, Lebanon CT 06249.

The Knights of Columbus Museum, at 1 State Street in New Haven, has a new Christmas exhibit, ***Christmas in Poland***.

The show features more than 100 items from the museum's own collection.

Highlights include: Szopki from Krakow, hand carved wooden crèches and traditional Polish clothing.

Open 10-5 daily.

Free admission & parking.

More at 203.865.0400 or [kofcmuseum.org](http://kofcmuseum.org).

## 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

**St. Andrew and St. Francis parishioners are invited to spend time with Jesus on December 16 from 6:30 – 8:30 PM.**

The evening will include adoration, worship and Christmas music and a talk by our own Deacon Michael Puscas.

We will also have 5 priests available throughout the evening for confession.

What a beautiful way for our parishes to join together and spend time with the Lord a week before Christmas.

**Congratulations to Sophia Pirolli for making high honors for the first quarter at Mercy High School.**

## ***Let's use technology to enhance our Advent preparation!***

Sometimes we hold the answers to our deepest spiritual questions right in the palm of our hand. That being said take a look at what we hold in our hands most of the day – our cell phones. Their use is no longer just as a phone, most of us use them to text, get directions, google facts, stream news, watch movies, facetime, tweet, take photos and so much more. They assist us with numerous tasks throughout the day to make our lives physically easier.

With that being said how many of us use that same device to make our spiritual lives easier?

How many of us look up the Saint of the Day, a scripture quote, a prayer or any type of religious information?

How many send our family and friends inspirational quotes, special prayers or blessings we have found 'on-line'?

How many of us use the technology God has gifted us with to further His kingdom here on earth?

Imagine how different your day, week, month and year would be if your cell phone was a resource for spiritual growth and enrichment. This week try to enhance your Advent preparation by learning more about your faith through the technology in the palm of your hand. The more you know about your faith, the more your faith will grow and the more meaningful this Advent will be for you.

## ***Before 2018 comes to a close...***

*Please consider making an IRA Charitable Rollover Gift to help the Diocese of Norwich assist those in need! Since the IRA charitable rollover law became permanent almost 3 years ago, more and more people have used it to benefit their favorite charities. Donors age 70 ½ or older may make a direct IRA rollover gift, up to a total of \$100,000, to the Diocese of Norwich, its parishes, schools or ministries and not include the IRA distribution as income while also counting it towards your RMD!*

If you are interested in supporting the Diocese to assist those facing life's challenges, please contact Mary Ellen Mahoney at [memahoney@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:memahoney@norwichdiocese.net) or (860) 886-1928, ext. 13.

*Your IRA custodian may receive many requests from people eager to participate in this direct rollover gift before the close of 2018, it is important that you start the process as early as possible this December.*

## **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](mailto:cheryl@stfrancisassisilebanonct.org)**



**75<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

In early January we will be handing out Warm Fuzzies. Do you remember which priest brought these little creatures to St. Francis?

**SAVE THE DATE! February 16**

**Turkey Dinner & DANCE THROUGH THE DECADES**

celebrating the anniversary, sponsored by the Anniversary Committee and the Ladies Guild. More information on this fun filled evening to come.

**THANK YOU TO ANNE MAFFIOLINI**

The Anniversary Committee would like to send its heartfelt appreciation to Anne Maffiolini. Anne and Paul will soon be moving out of town and leaving St. Francis for their new home in West Hartford. Thank you, Anne, for all the time and your talents in helping plan many of the activities that we have had to celebrate the anniversary. You will be missed.

**WE ONLY CELEBRATE 75 YEARS ONCE!**

*Join us for our events throughout the year*

We are happy to welcome all new parishioners and glad to have you here with us today. All visitors are also welcome and we sincerely hope you have found nourishment for your life and faith as you worship here.



If you have recently moved to the area, please introduce yourself to our parish priest. You are cordially invited to register as a parishioner at the rectory office or fill out the form below and mail it in for more information. Please take a moment to complete this form, clip it out and either mail it or drop it in the offertory basket next week.

Every Catholic should be registered and make themselves known to the priest. Registration is necessary for enrollment in CCD classes, Confirmation classes, to arrange for baptisms, marriages, and to obtain sponsor certificates as godparents and witnesses. Thank you!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

**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

**WE CAN HELP**

To report inappropriate contact of any kind by a representative of the Diocese of Norwich or for assistance to victims, please call: 1.800.624.7407

**MASS INTENTIONS**

We have several open Masses during 2018. You may have a Mass said for a variety of intentions: for a deceased loved one, in celebration of a marriage, anniversary, birthday, in thanksgiving, for a special intention, for world peace, etc.

To request a Mass intention, please call Cheryl in the parish office during office hours.

**Please support our Saint Francis Bulletin and our community by supporting these wonderful businesses who advertise on our bulletin cover. They pay good money to sponsor these ads and provide this bulletin at no cost to St. Francis Parish. Please let them know that you appreciate their generous financial support by saying "Thank You" when you patronize them.**



Children are invited to help decorate the parish Christmas tree after the 10:30am Mass on Sunday December 16<sup>th</sup>.