

**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 December 29, 2018 St. Thomas Beckett, bishop,  
martyr**

5:00 PM +Nancy Godere req. by John Watts

**Sunday December 30, 2018 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary &  
Joseph**

8:00 AM +Timothy Delehaunty req by Jim & Barbara Dyer

10:30 AM +Michael Amota Russoniello req. by Bill & Joan Goba

**Monday, December 31, 2018 Vigil Solemnity of Mary, St.  
Sylvester I, pope**

Parish Office Closed

5:00 PM Dave & Edith Perotti req. by family

**Tuesday, January 1, 2019 Solemnity of Mary**

9:15 AM +George Boone req. by Mackie Boone

**Wednesday January 2, 2019 Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory  
Nazianzen, bishops & doctors of the Church**

9:00 AM + Rosario Jacobeno req. by Mackie Boone

**Thursday January 3, 2019 The Most Holy Name of Jesus  
NO MASS**

**Friday January 4, 2019 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, religious**

9:00 AM Poor souls in Purgatory req. by Pam Roberts

**Saturday January 5, 2019 St. John Neumann, bishop**

5:00 PM

**Sunday January 6, 2019 Epiphany of the Lord**

8:00 AM +Nancy Godere req by Jim & Barbara Dyer

10:30 AM +Raoul Pomerleau req. by his family

Offertory 12/16: \$2,055.00

12/22 & 12/25 to be reported next bulletin due to early submission.

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 January 5 & 6**

5:00pm Lector: Richard Lataille

Eucharistic Minister: Sharon Nejako

Altar Servers: Steve Bardes, CJ Frank

8:00am Lector: Rick Kane

Eucharistic Minister: Peggy Stygar

Altar Servers: Christian Terwilliger

10:30am Lector: Sandy Grillo

Eucharistic Minister: Wally Gagnon

Altar Servers: Drew Taylor & Erika Densman

### **MEETINGS**

Parish Advisory Council Wed. Jan. 2 @ 6:30pm

Knights of Columbus Thurs. Jan. 3 @ 7:00pm

### **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 Spedalieri 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. Tomasz Albrecht, Rev. Benjamin Soosaimanickam, Rev. Victor Chaker, Rev. Christopher Zmuda, Our Holy Father, Rev. George Villamthanam CST, Rev. Joseph Tito, Rev. Martin Noe, Rev. Thomas Griffin, Rev. William McCarthy MSA, Rev. Walter Nagle, Rev. Joseph Castaldi, Rev. Dennis Mercieri.

Glory to the Blood of Jesus! Father, we pray for our priests: for the sanctity of their souls and for perfect love, that they may be the voice of Christ. May each day of this New Year bring our priests more good to do, more souls to save and more holy influence to spread around them by word and by deed. (Ven. Mother Catherine Aurelia, foundress)

### **SPREAD CHRISTIAN JOY**

This week we rejoice because we know we have received the gift of unconditional love and eternal life from our loving Father. The gift of His Son, Jesus Christ our Brother.

\*\*Who are you going to share your joy with this week?

\*\*Do your family, friends and co-workers know how important your faith is to you?

\*\*Will the people you meet in stores and offices this week feel your joy?

\*\*Will you do something different this week to let God know how grateful you are for the gift of His Son?

Spread Christian joy this week in any way you possibly can! Be the embodiment of faith, hope, and love to everyone you encounter through your work and deeds. Spreading that joy will change your lives.

## **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
- ✓ The **monthly Diocesan Pro-Life Mass** will take place at the Cathedral of St Patrick in Norwich on Saturday, January 5 at 8:30am. Please join our celebrant Rev. Ray Introvigne 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.
- ✓ **Is your marriage tearing you apart? Is there little or no meaningful communication? Are you considering separation or divorce? For serious marriage building and repair: Retrouvaille is a lifeline.** At a **Retrouvaille** weekend, couples are given tools to re-establish communication, work on their issues, gain new insights and heal. The weekend is presented by three married couples and a priest. A series of 6 post sessions follow the weekend phase. For more information or to sign up for the **January 18-20, 2019** weekend in the Hartford area, call 413-525-1634, or 203-710-6207, or visit the Website at [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org).
- ✓ CT RTL March for Life Buses: January 22, 2019 marks the 46th anniversary of the Supreme Court's infamous abortion-on-demand ruling. Because of that decision, millions of pre-born babies have been denied their most basic right - their right to life. On Friday, January 18, 2019, people from across the nation will assemble in Washington, D.C. to visibly express their opposition to abortion.  
On Thursday, January 17, 2019 at 9 P.M., buses sponsored by the Connecticut Right to Life Eastern Chapter will leave from the Norwich Municipal Parking Lot (Exit 11, I-395) and travel to D.C. to attend the March For Life on Friday, January 18, 2019. Bus fare is \$67 per person.  
If you are unable to attend the March for Life, please consider sponsoring a seat on the bus. For further information and/or to reserve a seat or to sponsor a seat, please call Margaret Becotte at 860-822-1362. Thank you.

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/>.

LEBANON CHILDREN'S WARDROBE 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.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors would like to thank you for all your hard work organizing and supporting the Ham & Bean Community Dinner each year. Donations raised at this event enable us to continue to help those in need in our community.  
Sincerely, Neighbors Helping Neighbors

### **Programs Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center 303 Tunxis Road, West Hartford, CT 860.760.9705 [www.holyfamilyretreat.org/bulletin](http://www.holyfamilyretreat.org/bulletin)**

Wed. Jan. 16 – 6-9pm Workshop for Parish Catechists:  
Supporting Parents in their Ministry as Primary Catechists.  
\$40, includes Dinner.  
Sat. Jan. 26. 10am-5pm Our Struggles Have Purpose. \$75,  
Includes lunch.

### **Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center Programs 31 Colton Street, Farmington, Ct 860.677.8519**

\*\* **Wellness Day** Sat. Jan. 5 from 10am-4pm. Offering: \$50. Begins with a review of common women's health issues and considerations with recommendations regarding support with essential oils and supplements. Healthy & delicious lunch. Optional Move & Stretch class. Opportunity to schedule a massage. Ending with a tea tasting which includes tea tasting, learn health benefits of tea, how to pair foods with tea and how to cook with tea.  
\*\* **Movie Matinee: Paul, Apostle of Christ.** Wed. Jan 9 from 12-3pm. Offering: \$25 includes boxed lunch.  
\*\* **Bible Workshop** Sat. Jan. 12 from 9am-1:30pm. Offering: \$30 includes lunch.  
\*\* **Pray Always? Really? But How?** Sat. Jan. 19 from 9am-1:30pm. Offering: \$30 includes lunch. Re-imagine prayer in your life.  
\*\* **Intentional Living: The Art and Practice of Discernment.** Wed. Jan. 23 from 9am-1pm. Offering: \$30 includes lunch.  
\*\***The Six Crises of Mid-Life** Sat. Jan. 26 Registration & coffee at 8:30am 9am program, concluding with vigil Mass at 4:40pm. Offering: \$65 includes lunch.

**Women's Retreats: Jan. 11-13, Jan. 18-20, Feb. 15-17, Feb. 22-24 (Wives of Deacons).**

Take a few moments to check out our Saint Francis of Assisi web page!



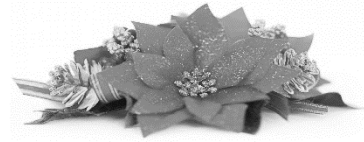
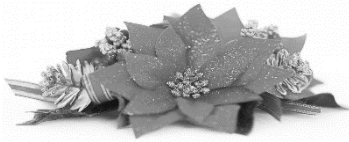
Information about Saint Francis:

Mass Schedules, Parish Organizations, Sacraments, Religious Education, History of Saint Francis Of Assisi Parish, Meetings & Events, Parish Bulletins, Photo Album of Parish Events.

Web address is:

[www.stfrancisassisilebanonct.lebanonct.org](http://www.stfrancisassisilebanonct.lebanonct.org)

Add this address to your favorites list.



## *Christmas Flower Offerings in Memory of*

Deceased Members of the:

Paris & Getman families  
Hull, Armstrong & Nejako families  
Brisson & Lataille families  
Haralson & Smutko families  
Albrecht & Anastasio families  
Ciarcia & Leone families  
Soucy family  
Martineau & Hofmann families  
Clinch & Kuzel families  
Sikora & Grecki families  
Dudar Family  
Kulynyck family  
Boudreau family  
Carlson family  
Coutu family  
DeLaere family  
Flannery family  
Garrahy family  
Gingras family  
Horan family  
Malone family  
Patch family  
Policky family  
Prescott family  
Smith family  
Cote, Perotti & Wheaton families  
12 people killed at college night in  
Thousand Oaks, CA Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>  
Foley & Dyer families  
Stygar & O'Neill families  
Spedaliere family  
Ramatowski & Gemmell families  
Diette & Valliere families  
Pelletier family  
Nunes, Oliveira, & Medeiros families

In Memory of:

Robert P. Burns  
Irene & Nick Wengloski  
Ernest & Mary Sunega  
Theresa Baran  
Norm Pellerin  
Lucy Flannery  
Bette & Jerry Rovers  
Mr. Eugene Grecki  
Stanley & Anne Dudar  
Bill Brewster

Joe Bendoraitis  
Sierra Stanton  
Richard Chalifoux  
Paul & Josephine Mathieu  
Janet Gagnon  
Reverend Adam Hildebrand  
Gretchen & Homer Therrien  
M/M Isidore Wengloski  
M/M Kazimierz Wieczorek  
Paul Wengloski  
Joyce Wengloski  
William & Margaret Fries  
Katherine Macht  
Roy Showalter  
Mark Showalter  
Wallace & Constance Arseneault  
John & Barbara Cwikla  
Stanley & Josephine Misinsky

### MASS INTENTIONS

We have several open Masses during 2019. 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.





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

We began our 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration in August and will continue through August of 2019. There are still many fun activities planned for the upcoming year.

**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 our anniversary, sponsored by the Anniversary Committee and the Ladies Guild. More information on this fun filled evening to come mid-January.

**WE ONLY CELEBRATE 75 YEARS ONCE!**

*Join us for our events throughout the year*

**Patriotic Rosary**

As we begin the New Year, we pray that our elected officials will serve this country ethically and with wisdom. We place our country in God's hands as we pray the Patriotic Rosary. Please join us on Thursday evening, January 3rd, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Andrew Church, for an evening of prayer and song.



**PARISH GIVING:** Did you know that you can have your weekly offering automatically sent to the parish with online banking automatic bill pay through your bank.

No need to find your check book and write out a check.

No need to stop by the ATM.

No need to remember your weekly envelope.

You can choose how much and how often to give.

Your contributions would still be recorded for tax purposes.

**BENEFITS FOR SAINT FRANCIS**

Offertory becomes more stable.

No more missed offertory due to sickness, weather, and vacation.

Expense for offertory envelope packets for those using online banking bill pay would be eliminated.

All you would need to do would be to contact your bank and ask to set up online banking and automatic bill pay. Questions: Please contact Cheryl in the parish office at 860.642.6711

The offertory collection is the lifeline of our parish. This weekend please consider an increase in your offering. If you are away from home and unable to attend Mass at St. Francis, please make up this offering when you return. By maintaining this type of giving practice on a yearly basis, the parish can rely on a consistent contribution enabling us to better meet our financial obligations.

**15 Promises of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**(Given to St. Dominic Guzman (1170-1221) and Blessed Alan de la Roche (1428-1475/9))**

*"One day through the Rosary and the Scapular I will save the world" These were the words spoken to Saint Dominic by the Blessed Virgin Mary in the year 1208 when she appeared to him.*

- 1. Whoever shall faithfully serve me by the recitation of the Rosary, shall receive signal graces. (Signal Graces are signs sent by God to help us make the right decisions in life).
- 2. I promise my special protection and the greatest graces to all those who shall recite the Rosary.
- 3. The Rosary shall be a powerful armor against hell; it will destroy vice, decrease sin, and defeat heresies.
- 4. It will cause virtue and good works to flourish; it will obtain for souls the abundant mercy of God; it will withdraw the hearts of people from the love of the world and its vanities, and will lift them to the desire of eternal things. Oh, that souls would sanctify themselves by this means.
- 5. The soul which recommends itself to me by the recitation of the Rosary shall not perish.
- 6. Whoever shall recite the Rosary devoutly, applying himself to the consideration of its Sacred Mysteries shall never be conquered by misfortune. God will not chastise him in His justice, he shall not perish by an unprovided death; if he be just, he shall remain in the grace of God, and become worthy of eternal life.
- 7. Whoever shall have a true devotion for the Rosary shall not die without the Sacraments of the Church.
- 8. Those who are faithful to recite the Rosary shall have during their life and at their death the light of God and the plenitude of His graces; at the moment of death they shall participate in the merits of the Saints in Paradise.
- 9. I shall deliver from purgatory those who have been devoted to the Rosary.
- 10. The faithful children of the Rosary shall merit a high degree of glory in Heaven.
- 11. You shall obtain all you ask of me by the recitation of the Rosary.
- 12. All those who propagate the Holy Rosary shall be aided by me in their necessities.
- 13. I have obtained from my Divine Son that all the advocates of the Rosary shall have for intercessors the entire celestial court during their life and at the hour of death.
- 14. All who recite the Rosary are my children, and brothers and sisters of my only Son, Jesus Christ.
- 15. Devotion of my Rosary is a great sign of predestination.

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 \_\_\_\_\_