

**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



Saturday January 5, 2019 St. John Neumann, bishop

5:00 PM Souls in Purgatory

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

Monday, January 7, 2019 St. Raymond of Pettiford, priest

NO MASS

Tuesday, January 8, 2019 Christmas Weekday

NO MASS

Wednesday January 9, 2019 Christmas Weekday

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

Thursday January 10, 2019 Christmas Weekday

NO MASS

Friday January 11, 2019 Christmas Weekday

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

Saturday January 12, 2019 Christmas Weekday

5:00 PM Harvey Hull req by his family

Sunday January 13, 2019 Baptism of the Lord

8:00 AM +Margaret O'Neill req. by her family

10:30 AM +Martin Fauteux req. by his family

Offertory 12/22: \$1778.42 Building Maintenance: \$ 553.00
Offertory 12/25: \$ 2,057.61 Christmas Gift: \$ 1,476.00
Today'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 12 & 13

5:00pm Lector: Carole Briggs

Eucharistic Minister: Richard Lataille

Altar Servers: Genevieve & Luci Gardella

8:00am Lector: Kathy Pellerin

Eucharistic Minister: Kathy Walden

Altar Servers: Jack Terwilliger

10:30am Lector: Paul Pelletier

Eucharistic Minister: Tony Coscia

Altar Servers: Drew Taylor & Erika Densman

**Next weekend the children from
Grades K, 1 & 6
Will be assisting at the 10:30am Mass.**

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 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 Bishop Michael R. Cote, Msgr. Kevin Randall, Rev. Joseph DeCosta, all priests, Msgr. James Carini, Rev. John O'Neill MS, Msgr. Anthony Rosaforte, Rev. Robert Buongiorno, Msgr. Michael Donohue, Rev. John Gwudz, Rev. Paul Boudreau, Rev. Thomas Sickler MS.

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)

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

*** **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)

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/>.

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
- ✓ **Holy Hour for Vocations:** January 17th from 6-7pm at St. Joseph in Willimantic. Come join in praying with Bishop Cote a Eucharistic Holy Hour for Vocations. Come pray for those who are called to priestly or consecrated religious life. Pray for our seminarians and those in the process of applying to the Diocese. Join our Diocesan Prayer Team for Vocations by emailing the vocation office for more information at vocations@norwichdiocese.net and check out our website at god-calls.com
- ✓ **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.
- ✓ **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.

LEBANON CHILDREN'S WARDROBE fundraising events:
Evening of Fun: Saturday January 19th 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
To donate go to 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.

Programs Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center
303 Tunxis Road, West Hartford, CT
860.760.9705

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.

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton (1774– 1821) was a convert to Roman Catholicism and foundress of the Sisters of Charity, the first sisterhood native to the United States. She is also the first person born in the United States to be canonized a **saint**.

She founded the first free Catholic school in America. In homeschooling circles, her name is immortalized by the Seton curriculum.

The virtues of St. Elizabeth are **courage, temperance, faith**, love and service to others. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton is the Patron saint of the death of children, loss of parents, widows and church authorities.

Some symbols of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton are a **pink flower**, a book, a school, a rosary, a bible and wheat.

St. Basil the Great: He was an influential theologian who supported the Nicene Creed and opposed the heresies of the early Christian church, fighting against both Arianism and the followers of Apollinaris of Laodicea. ... In addition to his work as a theologian, **Basil was known for** his care of the poor and underprivileged.

Basilian monks are monks who follow the rule of **Saint Basil the Great**, bishop of Caesarea (330–379). The monastic rules and institutes of **St. Basil** are important because their reconstruction of monastic life remains the basis for most Eastern Orthodox and some Greek Catholic monasticism.

St. Basil the Great. St. Basil the Great, Latin Basilius, (**born** ad 329, Caesarea Mazaca, Cappadocia—died January 1, 379, Caesarea; Western feast day January 2; Eastern feast day January 1), early Church Father who defended the **orthodox** faith against the **Arian** heresy.

St. Gregory Nazianzen: Gregory, a friend of both Basil of Caesarea and Gregory of Nyssa, was the son of a wealthy bishop (also called Gregory). Like Basil he was well-educated and deeply influenced by the teachings of Origen. In this regard Gregory stood halfway between the literalism of Basil and the allegory of Gregory of Nyssa. Again, like his friend Basil, Gregory was an ascetic at heart. After many years of periodic withdrawal into monasteries he was made bishop, a position that he did not take up willingly. Many of Gregory's works have survived, including his Five Theological Orations which have a distinct Trinitarian emphasis

Additional Christmas Flowers donated in Memory of:

Catherine fritz
Regina Boisvert

Father Mark, Deacon Michael and our "Church Family",
Thank you for celebrating our 60th Wedding Anniversary Blessing with us.
Our family is most appreciative of the love and support of St. Francis Parish.
Norm & Ella Mae Kuzel
P.S. Actual date 10 January 2019 – but our "Jewels" were all home for Christmas.

My Dear Parishioners,
I want to express my sincere thanks for all of your Christmas wishes, cards, Masses and gifts. They were most appreciated.
Please be assured of my prayers and Happy New Year!
God Bless you all!
Father Richard

Celebrate Marriage – It's not too early to begin thinking of Valentine's Day. Give your Valentine something special this year – the gift of your time. Come celebrate your marriage at a day-long enrichment that will renew your dreams, increase your passion and refresh and celebrate your marriage. This marriage enrichment aptly entitled, "**Celebrate Marriage**," will take place on **Saturday, February 16, 2019**, from 9 A.M to 3 P.M. at St. Joseph Parish Hall, 99 Jackson St., Willimantic. The cost is \$35 per couple, which includes workbooks and lunch. Registration is required. To register, call the Diocesan Catholic Family Services Office at 860-848-2237, Ext. 306.

God has called all of us to lives of holiness. "**No Ordinary Path**" will explore ways that we can be attentive, intentional and cooperative with God's grace in serving the world. Together we will take a journey, with the hope of discovering that who we are and what we do matters. We'll reflect on how living an ordinary life of holiness can lead to extraordinary happiness and peace. The retreat begins with a buffet dinner on Friday evening and concludes with the celebration of Sunday Eucharist at 10:45am followed by a hot brunch at noon. Families of retreatants are most welcome to attend the Sunday Mass and brunch at no extra charge. Offering is \$315. For more information or to register, please call William Ziegenhagen at 860.267.2976. (Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center, 303 Tunxis Road, West Hartford, CT)

Holy Name of Jesus Retreat on Saturday, January 19 for Young Women ages 14, 15, 16, & 17 from 9:00am – 6:30pm at Holy Family Motherhouse in Baltic, CT. Come spend time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, pray and share with the Sisters, meet other young women like yourself and much more! No charge. Telephone 860.822.8241 or e-mail sisterjoanclare@gmail.com

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.

Our second collection on January 20 will be for this project.

Sincerely,

James Hay,

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