

**We are pleased and honored
to welcome you to
St. Francis of Assisi Parish
67 West Town Street, Lebanon, CT 06249
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Rev. Mark Masnicki, Pastor
Rev. Richard Breton, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Michael Puscas**



**MASS
INTENTIONS**

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

Monday, January 14, 2019 Weekday in Ordinary Time

NO MASS

Tuesday, January 15, 2019 Weekday in Ordinary Time

NO MASS

Wednesday January 16, 2019 Weekday in Ordinary Time

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

Thursday January 17, 2019 St. Anthony, abbot

NO MASS

Friday January 18, 2019 Weekday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM Eileen Frank req. by Mackie Boone

Saturday January 19, 2019 Blessed Virgin Mary

5:00 PM +Theresa Baran req. by her family

Sunday January 20, 2019 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM + Walter Kowalski req. by the Dyer family

10:30 AM +Conrad Fauteux req. by the Fauteux family

Offertory 12/30: \$ 2,266.52 Solemnity of Mary: \$ 307.00

Offertory 1/06: \$ 2,632.32 Extraordinary: \$ 513.00

Next weekend's second collection is for the CCD Haiti Project.

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 19 & 20

5:00pm Lector: Bob Nejako

Eucharistic Minister: Pam Flaherty

Altar Servers: Steve Bardes, C.J. Frank

8:00am Lector: Greg Jones

Eucharistic Minister: Rick Kane

Altar Servers: Emily Pomerleau

10:30am Lector: Maureen Polana

Eucharistic Minister: Paul Pelletier

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 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. John Gallagher OFM Cap, Rev. Mark O'Donnell, Rev. Arthur Archer, Rev. Peter Liszewski, Rev. Roland Cloutier, Rev. Richard Archambault, Msgr. Henry Archambault, Rev. Raymond Introvigne, Rev. Elson Kattookaran MS, Rev. Brian Converse, Rev. James Sucholet, Rev. Aguirre Palacio. We also pray for those priests who have left the ministry.

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

**** 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)

****Men's Retreat Do Not Be Afraid of Holiness Feb. 9-Feb. 10**

9:00am-12 noon

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.
- ✓ **Mass of Thanksgiving** February 3 the 22nd annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Gift of Consecrated Life will be celebrated at 10:30am in the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich. All are invited to join Bishop Cote in thanking God for the gift of consecrated life and for the sisters, brothers, and religious priests who enrich the Church and build up God's Kingdom with the witness of their religious commitment.
- ✓ **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.

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.
- 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.
- Sat. Jan. 26. 10am-5pm Our Struggles Have Purpose. \$75, Includes lunch.

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

East Catholic High School

There is still time to explore East Catholic for your High School years! We will be hosting an additional Entrance Exam on Saturday, January 26th at 8:30 a.m. Come see what opportunities await you. Pre-registration is preferred but not required. You may visit us at www.echs.com to reserve your spot or you may reach out to Ms. Devlin, Director of Admissions, at 860-649-5336 ext. 6238.



75th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

ON THIS DATE...January 15, 1979

three contractors submitted bids to build the present Church. No one was ready for the staggering figures disclosed when the envelopes were opened. Bids ranged from \$403,150 to \$522,000! All exceeded the estimates indicating that a hall would not be included, but the second alternative, with the deletion of the paving of the parking area, could be accepted. The Joseph Drouin Company of Willimantic bid was adjusted to \$383,150 and accepted as the lowest bidder; they would begin work on the West Town Street Church in June.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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; tickets will go on sale mid-January.

March 3, 5:00

Religious Jeopardy and Pizza

More information to come

WE ONLY CELEBRATE 75 YEARS ONCE!

We began our 75th anniversary celebration in August and will continue through August of 2019. There are still a lot of fun activities planned for the upcoming year.

Join us for our events throughout August 2019

St. Francis of Assisi Church is being asked for volunteers to help WAIM on January 26th 9am to 1pm at the Willimantic WAIM center to help with, Clothes Sorting, Pantry Sorting, Dock/Dump, Cleaning.

Julie Hoddinott and Linda Jones are the St. Francis of Assisi Church Representatives for Windham Area Interfaith Ministry. Those who can volunteer can contact Linda at 860-642-6788. Additional dates for volunteers will be on May 11th and July 13th. WAIM is located in Willimantic behind Main St.

Open Houses at Sacred Heart School

During the official National Catholic Schools Week for the nation:

Tuesday, Jan. 29th from 9 – 11:00 a.m.

Thursday, Jan. 31st from 9 – 11:00 a.m.

Thursday, March 7th from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. continues to be our BIG OPEN HOUSE with the winners of the Tuition Raffle being announced at the end of the evening.

Call our Office at 860-887-1757 or e-mail secretary@sacredhearttaftville.org for more information!

2018 Giving Statements are available in the Parish Office.

Get More Out of Your Lenten Season: Enrollment Now OPEN...

This Lent, grow in a deeper, more intimate relationship with God through our weekly Diocesan Lenten Videos. Break open the scriptures, delve into our Lenten traditions, enhance your prayer life and change/grow spiritually. Dedicate just two 2 minutes weekly to a video which will help enliven your Lenten season. All you have to do is send an initial text to enroll; you will then automatically receive the Lenten Video series. To enroll you, send a text – **TO: 81010, Message: @lentvideo** It will then ask you to reply with your name. Sign up now you won't be disappointed!!

Comfort and Caring Shawl Ministry

Do you knit or crochet to take up spare time? Do you know of someone in need of a Comfort and Caring Shawl? The St. Francis Ladies Guild has made a commitment to distribute hand-made prayer shawls to anyone in need; someone who is ill, on potent medication, battling the pain of depression or lost a loved one. The gift of a shawl is not limited to members of the Guild or our parish but can be given to anyone you feel would benefit from this shawl of love and comfort. There are numerous shawls of many colors, shapes and weight as well as lap robes available. If you wish to contribute a knitted or crocheted shawl (must be certain dimensions) or know of someone who would benefit from this gift, please contact Barbara Dyer (Keeper of the Shawls) at 45bfdyer@gmail.com or 860.822.9400.