

**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 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
Monday, January 21, 2019 St. Agnes, virgin, martyr
NO MASS PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
**Tuesday, January 22, 2019 Day of Prayer for the legal
protection of unborn children**
NO MASS
**Wednesday January 23, 2019 St. Vincent, deacon & martyr:
St. Marianne Cope, virgin**
9:00 AM + Ed & Christine Clark req. by Norm & Ella Mae
Kuzel
**Thursday January 24, 2019 St. Francis de Sales, bishop,
doctor of the Church**
NO MASS
Friday January 25, 2019 Conversion of St. Paul, apostle
9:00 AM Living & deceased members of the Redick family
Req. by Mackie Boone
Saturday January 26, 2019 St. Timothy & St. Titus, bishops
5:00 PM +Stanley Baran req. by Jennie Brewster & the
Wengloski family
Sunday January 27, 2019 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 AM
10:30 AM

Offertory: \$ 2,004.32

Today's second collection is for the CCD Haiti Project.
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 January 26 & 27

5:00pm Lector: Steve Wengloski
Eucharistic Minister: Jim Hay
Altar Servers: Grace & Genevieve Gardella
8:00am Lector: Jim Dyer
Eucharistic Minister: Ella Mae Kuzel
Altar Servers: Christian & Jack Terwilliger
10:30am Lector: Sandy Grillo
Eucharistic Minister: Wally Gagnon
Altar Servers: Nicholas Barrett & Erika Densman

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 Msgr. Thomas Bride,
Rev. William Olesik, Rev. Jonathan Ficara, V. Rev. Laurence LaPointe,
Rev. Kevin Reilly, Rev. Richard Crawley OFM Cp, Rev. Joseph Ashe,
Rev. Brian Maxwell, Rev. Edward Wisneski, Rev. Timothy Roth MIC,
Rev. V. Antony Alaharasan, Rev. Leon Susaimanickam, Rev. Dariusz
Dudzik, Rev. Bogdan Olzacki OSPPE.

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 t spread around them
by word and by deed. (Ven. Mother Catherine Aurelia, foundress)

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.

**2018 Giving Statements are
available in the Parish Office.**

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
- ✓ **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.
- ✓ **Holy Hour for Vocations:** February 21st from 6-7pm at Sacred Heart in Norwich.

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

www.holyfamilyretreat.org/bulletin

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

East Catholic High School

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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!

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/>.

Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center Programs

31 Colton Street, Farmington, Ct 860.677.8519

**** 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**

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!!**

Are you grieving from an Abortion? Trust in the mercy of God's love. Consider these words from St. John Paul II to those suffering because of abortion: *"The Church is aware of the many factors which may have influenced your decision, and she does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision. The wound in your heart may not yet have healed. Certainly what happened was and remains terribly wrong. But do not give into discouragement and do not lose hope...The Father of mercies is ready to give you His forgiveness and His peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. You will come to understand that nothing is definitively lost and you will also be able to ask forgiveness from your child, who is now living in the Lord."* (Evangelium Vitae, no. 99), Call **Project Rachel**, the Church's post-abortion healing program, for a confidential referral to a priest who can help: **860.860.4439**.

Auditions for singing/speaking parts for the 15th annual St Andrew Passion Play Musical

will be held Friday, Feb 1 (6-9 pm) Saturday Feb 2 (9am-noon) and Wednesday Feb 6 (children only) at the St Andrew Parish Hall, 128 Norwich Ave, Colchester. The production is a full scale musical about the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and features a cast/crew of over 130 talented individuals. Performance dates are: April 10, 12, 13 at St Andrew Church in Colchester. Those wishing to audition for a singing role should bring sheet music for their song. An accompanist will be provided. Those wishing merely to be in crowd scenes should still come to the audition to fill out necessary paperwork, and video permission forms. For more information, contact Colleen Puscas colleenpuscas@gmail.com.



75th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

ON THIS DATE...January 18, 1981

The Rev. Roger Gaulin was installed and welcomed as St. Francis' first pastor at the 7:00 p.m. Mass. He was installed by the Rev. Willis West, Dean of the Willimantic Deanery. "The priest is for the people," said Gaulin in an evening service attended by about two hundred-fifty people. During the service he received several symbolic gifts of the Church from parishioners (including lectionary, chalice, holy chrism, stoles, keys to the Church and tabernacle, and account books). A reception given by the Ladies Guild followed the Mass of Installation at the Lebanon Community Center.

SAVE THE DATE! February 16, 6-10 p.m.

Turkey Dinner & DANCE THROUGH THE DECADES

Get ready to bust a move, boogie, or cut a rug! Dust off your saddle shoes, leather jackets, leisure suits and Go-Go boots!

We're celebrating our anniversary with a dinner and dance, sponsored by the Anniversary Committee and the Ladies Guild. More information in today's bulletin. \$20 per person, advance tickets only; tickets on sale this weekend through February 10th or call Kathy at 860.617.9577. Door prizes and much more!

What's your favorite decade?

Prizes for BEST DRESSED DECADE attire

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 3, 5:00

Religious Jeopardy and Pizza

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

ACADEMY OF THE HOLY FAMILY TOP-LIFE CLUB TOP-LIFE CAFÉ

Saturday, January 26 from 6-8pm

A light supper will be provided, including soup and sandwiches, as well as pastries and other treats. If you have any questions, please let us know. You can reach us by our parish emails:

Sister M. Kateri: admissions@ahfbaltic.org

Sister Mary Jane: smaryjane_math@ahfbaltic.org

The evening will include entertainment from Academy students, great food, and fellowship. Featured are Fr. Jeffrey Ellis Parochial Vicar of the Catholic Community of St. Matthew & St. Bernard in Tolland & Rockville and Bryce Dietz, father of eleven children from St. Mary's Church I Baltimore.

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.

The Communications Office of the Diocese of Norwich has an immediate opening for a part-time Senior Writer/Social Media Manager. This is a paid position.

The Senior Writer/Social Media Manager is responsible for serving as the Ministry's lead writer for all diocesan events deemed newsworthy. The exercise of this responsibility involves attending and reporting on assigned diocesan events such as Pontifical Masses, public hearings, inter-diocesan programs, diocesan school activities, etc. The Senior Writer/Social Media Manager also advances the diocesan social media presence. The Senior Writer/Social Media Manager further assists the Director of Communications with copy editing, editorial direction, drafting and preparing of non-crisis press relations materials.

Do you know of someone who has?

- Strong writing and research skills?
- The skill to connect with readership in clear, concise terms?
- Experience managing Facebook and other social media profiles?
- An insatiable appetite for evangelizing and spreading the good news?
- The ability to work in a team environment with limited resources?

If so, then please have them contact me for a complete job description and list of qualifications.

Wayne Gignac, Director of Communications at wgignac@NorwichDiocese.net

Compensation commensurate with experience. Approximately 25 to 29 hours/week.

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Medicare Home Health Training for professionals, volunteers, and those who assist older adults and people with disabilities with health care management decisions. No Cost for program.

January 29 from 2:30-4:00PM at Windham Hospital Bernard/Desrosier Room, 112 Mansfield Avenue, Willimantic. Please register by January 22nd at <https://bitly/2JH17WzT>