

**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 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 Nancy Godere req. by C Wheaton**

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

**Monday, January 28, 2019 St. Thomas Aquinas, priest, doctor  
of the Church**

**NO MASS**

**Tuesday, January 29, 2019 Weekday in Ordinary Time**

**NO MASS**

**Wednesday January 30, 2019 Weekday in Ordinary Time**

**9:00 AM Living & deceased members of the Maloney family  
Req. by Mackie Boone**

**Thursday January 31, 2019 St. John Basco, priest**

**NO MASS**

**Friday February 1, 2019 Weekday in Ordinary Time**

**9:00 AM + Nancy Godere req. by the Tays family**

**Saturday February 2, 2019 Presentation of the Lord**

**5:00 PM +Stanley Baran req. by Rose Briggs**

**Sunday February 3, 2019 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**8:00 AM**

**10:30 AM**

Offertory& CCD Haiti Project to be reported next weekend due to early submission of the bulletin.

Today's second collection is for the building maintenance.

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 February 2 & 3**

**5:00pm Lector: Ann Staebner**

**Eucharistic Minister: Sharon Nejako**

**Altar Servers: Steve Bardes, CJ Frank**

**8:00am Lector: Ella Mae Kuzel**

**Eucharistic Minister: Jim Dyer**

**Altar Servers: Emily Pomerleau**

**10:30am Lector: Paul Pelletier**

**Eucharistic Minister: Tony Coscia**

**Altar Servers: Drew Taylor & Erika Densman**

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

**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. John Welch MS, Rev. Thomas Smith, V. Rev. Dennis Perkins, V. Rev. Gregory Galvin, Rev. Brian Romanoski, Rev. Izydor Sadowski SDB, Rev. Russell Kennedy, Rev. Gerald Kirby, Rev. Mark Curesky OFKN CV, Rev. Alfred Irving, V. Rev. Ted Tumicki, Rev. Michael Sequeira, Rev. Michael Parisi, V. Rev. David Choquette.*

*Our priests speak to the faithful with their hearts and their faith. Fill them, Lord, with burning zeal for the conversion of sinners. O Jesus, Eternal Priest; look with love upon your priests. Teach them to penetrate the secret of the tabernacle...the Divine Blood. (Ven. Mother Catherine Aurelia, foundress)*

**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](mailto:colleenpuscas@gmail.com).

**Grade 8 will be helping out at the 5pm Mass on  
Saturday February 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

## **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, Feb. 2 at 8:30 A.M. Please join our celebrant Rev. Walter Nagle 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.
- ✓ **Mass of Thanksgiving** February 3 the 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://www.holyfamilyretreat.org/bulletin)

- Sat. Jan. 26. 10am-5pm **Our Struggles Have Purpose.** \$75, Includes lunch.
- **Men's Retreat** Date: March 22-24, 2019
- **Women's Retreat Dates:** March 1-3, April 5-7, May 31 – June 2

The retreats begins with a buffet dinner on Friday evening and concludes with the celebration of Sunday Eucharist at 10:45 a.m. 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: \$325. For more info or to register please call 860.760.9705 or check our website at [holyfamilyretreat.org](http://holyfamilyretreat.org)

### **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](mailto: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/>.

## **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](mailto:admissions@ahfbaltic.org)

Sister Mary Jane: [smaryjane\\_math@ahfbaltic.org](mailto: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 in Baltic.

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

**\*\*Women's Retreats: 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**.

### **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)**

**Programs at Enders Island, Mystic**  
**860.536.0565 [www.endersisland.com](http://www.endersisland.com)**

**\*\*Byzantine Drawing Sunday, February 24 - Thursday, February 28, 2019** Join Master Iconographer Dr. George Kordis for a 4-day drawing retreat workshop to learn the skills of traditional iconographic drawing using the principles and rhythm of the Byzantine system as a strong foundation for creating beautiful Christian icons.

**\*\*Byzantine Icon Painting Thursday, February 28 - Wednesday, March 6, 2019.** Join Master Iconographer Dr. George Kordis for a 5-day painting retreat workshop to learn the skills of traditional iconographic painting using the principles and rhythm of the Byzantine system as a strong foundation for creating beautiful Christian icons.

**\*\*The Song of Christ and His Church Wednesday February 27 from 7-8pm.**

**\*\*Recovery Retreats for Women: February 22-24, May 24-26, December 6-8**

**\*\*Recovery Retreats for Men: March 8-10, August 9-11, November 15-17.**

**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](mailto:wgignac@NorwichDiocese.net)

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

The Communication Office is located in Norwich.

**Video Webinar- 12 Interesting Topics**

*12 Interesting Topics about the Catholic Church* is a video created by the Office of Faith Events. It includes representatives from the different ministries in the diocese, speaking about different aspects of our faith. We hope that you find the video to be informative, interesting and spiritually enlightening. We are blessed to be recipients of a rich faith with many facets to discover. We hope you watch the video and come to know parts of your faith on a deeper level!

In order to attend/ access the webinar go to the website: <https://www.facebook.com/ofenorwichdiocese/> and click on the video that is posted on February 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

Windham Area Interfaith Ministry will hold a **Flea Market Treasure Sale** on Saturday, February 16 from 9am to 12 noon at its headquarters on 866 Main Street, Willimantic. All proceeds from the sale will benefit WAIM's programs. WAIM provides a community safety net to our low or no-income neighbors keeping them safely housed, meeting basic material needs and connect to resources that improve stability. WAIM's clients include community members who are challenged because of illness, unemployment or other emergencies.

**Items for Sale:** Collectibles, Vintage Pieces: such as a Royal Typewriter, Retired Dolls, China, Costume Jewelry and many other unusual items.

Free admission to dealers and the purchasing public beginning at 9am. Early bird admission between 8am & 9am ~ \$5.00

**ABLE BODIED volunteers are needed.** Requirements are: able to climb up and down stairs, carrying heavy boxes, and helping customers carry purchases to their car. Availability should be 8:30am – 12:30pm. Good opportunity for responsible teens who need service hours. To volunteer, call Kathy Callahan at 860.456.7270.

**Office of Faith Events and NDCCW Catholic Women's Conference, *Light in A Darkened World.***

Keynote Speaker: Lisa Hendey, founder of CatholicMom.com and author of *The Grace of Yes*. Workshops offered on prayer, parenting, scripture, and marriage. Mass celebrated by Bishop Michael Cote. Reconciliation and adoration available. April 6, 2019, 8:30-3:00, Mercy High School, Middletown CT. Registration forms can be found at the church entrances or downloaded from the Diocesan website. On-line registration also available: [www.norwichdiocese.org](http://www.norwichdiocese.org), click on the Faith Events link and follow links for the Women's Conference.

**Greeters Needed at our St. Francis Masses**

If you like to smile and enjoy meeting new people then you are just the type of person we are looking for to greet and welcome everyone coming to Mass. Please call Cheryl in the parish office for information or to sign up.



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

### **ON THIS DATE...January 25, 1962**

Under Bishop Hines, the pastoral care of the Lebanon mission passed from St. Andrew, Colchester, to the newly established parish in Columbia, St. Columba. Father John K. Honan was named the first resident priest. Due to the growing population, Bishop Hines instructed him to provide two Sunday Masses at the Lebanon chapel. Since he was now responsible for Mass on Sunday mornings in two different towns and being in two locations at once was impossible, Father Honan obtained the Sunday assistance of the Oblate Fathers from the Immaculata Retreat House in Willimantic. The Oblate Fathers alternated Sundays with the pastor, celebrating three Masses one week in Columbia and two the next week in Lebanon.

### **February 16**

#### **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. \$20 per person, advance tickets only; tickets on sale this weekend through February 10<sup>th</sup> or call Kathy at 860.617.9577. Come dressed for your favorite decade--prizes for the BEST DRESSED DECADE attire. Door prizes and much more!***

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **March 3, 5:00**

#### **Religious Jeopardy and Pizza**

More information to come.

### **WE ONLY CELEBRATE 75 YEARS ONCE!**

We began our 75<sup>th</sup> 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*

**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.**

### **Saint Blaise**

He is venerated as the patron saint of sufferers from throat diseases and of wool combers and as one of the Fourteen Holy Helpers. According to tradition, Blaise was of noble birth and, after being educated in the Christian faith, was made bishop of Sebastia.

During his lifetime, St Blaise was best known for the miraculous healing of a child who was choking to death on a fishbone, hence his other role as the patron saint of sore throats.

According to the Acta Sanctorum, he was martyred by being beaten, attacked with iron combs, and beheaded. He is the patron saint of wool combers. In the Latin Church his feast falls on 3 February, in the Eastern Churches on 11 February.

Numerous miracles were attributed to him, including the cure of diseased beasts during his refuge, thus accounting for his also being the patron saint of wild animals. He was venerated as the patron of sufferers from throat diseases in the East by the 6th century and in the West by the 9th century.

The Blessing of the Throats is a sacramental of the Roman Catholic Church, celebrated on February 3, the feast day of Saint Blaise of Sebaste.

Blessing of the Throats will take place at St. Francis of Assisi, Lebanon, on February 2 and February 3 at all Masses.

### **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.