

**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 February 2, 2019 Presentation of the Lord

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

Blessing of the Throats

Sunday February 3, 2019 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Wladyslaw Masnicki req. by the Ladies Guild

Blessing of the Throats

10:30 AM People of the parish living & deceased

Blessing of the Throats

Monday, February 4, 2019 Weekday in Ordinary Time

NO MASS

Tuesday, February 5, 2019 St. Agatha, virgin, martyr

NO MASS

**Wednesday February 6, 2019 St. Paul Miki & companions,
martyrs**

9:00 AM Living & deceased members of the Collura family

Req. by Mackie Boone

Thursday February 7, 2019 Weekday in Ordinary Time

NO MASS

**Friday February 8, 2019 St. Jerome Emiliani, St. Josephine
Bakhita**

9:00 AM Living & deceased members of the Jacobeno family

Req. by Mackie Boone

Saturday February 9, 2019 Blessed Virgin Mary

5:00 PM Living & deceased members of the Ladies Guild

Sunday February 10, 2019 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM

10:30 AM Wladyslaw Masnicki req. by the Ramatowski family

1/20/2019 Offertory: \$1277.00 CCD Haiti Project: \$ 269.00
1/27 Offertory: \$ 2,174.00 Building Maintenance: \$ 577.00
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 February 9 & 10

5:00pm Lector: Richard Lataille

Eucharistic Minister: Carole Briggs

Altar Servers: Nina & Luci Gardella

8:00am Lector: Jim Worth

Eucharistic Minister: Kathy Pellerin

Altar Servers: Christian Terwilliger

10:30am Lector: Maureen Polana

Eucharistic Minister: Paul Pelletier

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

1st Lt. Miles N. Snelgrove USMC 2nd Batt. 6th Marines

AM2 Emerson Flannery, U.S. Navy

PO 2 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. Michael Giannitelli, Bishop Michael R. Cote, Rev. William McNulty, Rev. Jozef Olczak OSPPE, Rev. D. Scott Surrency OFM Cap, Rev. Stephen Gulino, Rev. George Richards, Jr., Rev. Tomasz Albrecht, Rev. P Grzegorz Jednaki, Rev. Benjamin Soosaimanickam, Rev. Anthony DiMarco, Rev. Robert Washabaugh.

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)

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 12th at 7pm.

Thank you to Grade 8 for helping out at the 5pm Mass on Saturday February 2nd.

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
- ✓ **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.

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

[www.holyfamilyretreat.org/bulletin](http://www.holyfamilyretreat.org/bulletin)

- **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 [hollyfamilyretreat.org](http://hollyfamilyretreat.org)

**Open House at Sacred Heart School**

Thursday, March 7th from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. 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!

**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!!**

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**

**\*\*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**

**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.**

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.

**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.

**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.

The Norwich Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (NDCCW) is offering a **\$500 Scholarship** to four (4) graduating eighth grade girls who will be attending a Catholic High School in the fall of 2019. You can access the application on the website for the Diocese of Norwich ([norwichdiocese.org](http://norwichdiocese.org)). Completed applications must be received by April 15, 2019. Applications should be sent to NDCCW Scholarship Committee, c/o Judith Pappagallo, 79 Lafayette Street, Norwich, CT 06360, or submitted on line at [norwichdioceseanccw@gmail.com](mailto:norwichdioceseanccw@gmail.com). Deadline is April 15, 2019. Any questions, call Judy at 860.889.1617.

#### **MJM7 CONCERT**

Join us at 6:30pm on March 20<sup>th</sup> at St. Joseph in Willimantic or March 21<sup>st</sup> at St. Pius X for a concert featuring MJM7. MJM7 is a Catholic family band comprised of Michael James Mette and 4 of his daughters: Gabriella (15), Trinity (13), Charity (11), and Cecilia (10) who join him on stage. The Mette's gifts of music, joy, & family life offer the boldness and innocence of youth with the wisdom and depth of lived experiences. The events fall somewhere between a rock concert and a parish mission, with vibrant lights, powerful music, faith sharing, and an invitation to prayer. The music is uplifting without being preachy, creating an environment that is engaging without being confrontational. The concert empowers all ages to pray more fully and worship more freely. Bring a friend! You won't want to miss this unique event. The concert is free, donations are accepted.

#### **"Discover Mercy"**

**Saturday, March 23, 2019 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

For 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls. Girls participate in two activities of their choice followed by lunch in the dining commons. The day concludes with closing comments and a performance by the Mercy/Xavier "Vocal Dimension" Show Choir in the auditorium. This year's activities: Beginner's Yoga, Cheerleading Clinic, Chemistry of Tie-Dyeing & Chemistry Demos, Creative Writing, Cupcake Decorating, Mad about Math, Mercy Dance Team, Paint the Town – Everything French, Show Choir Workshop, Theater Arts Workshop

Optional Parent Activities. Parents will have the opportunity to participate in the choice of the following sessions: Admissions Process & Questions for the Administration, School Counseling Department Personnel and Faculty Health and Personal Concerns for your Teenage Daughter Parent-to-Parent – Current Parents Answer your Questions. School Tour – Join Mercy Students on a Guided Tour of the Campus Mercy High School 1740 Randolph Rd. Middletown, 06457 Register online – [www.mercyhigh.com](http://www.mercyhigh.com)

**Sister Act** Saturday, March 9, 201 - 7 pm Sunday, March 10, 2019 – 2 pm. Tickets available online and at the door [www.mercyhigh.com](http://www.mercyhigh.com) Mercy High School, 1740 Randolph Rd. Middletown, CT 860-346-6659

Mercy High School is sponsoring a **\$25,000 Education Raffle** Anyone can win! The \$25,000 is tax free and can be used at any accredited school in the U.S. (grades K – College) and for student loan payments. Tickets are \$100. The drawing is Sunday, May 5, 2019. You do not need to be present to win. Only 650 tickets will be sold. For information, or to order a ticket, visit [www.mercyhigh.com](http://www.mercyhigh.com) or call Mercy at 860-347-8957.



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

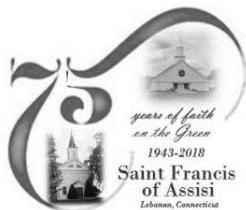
Information about Saint Francis:

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

Web address is:

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

Add this address to your favorites list.



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

**ON THIS DATE...February 3, 1913**

fire destroyed the Yantic River Paper Mill which had employed a good number of people who attended the St. Mary's Mission Chapel on McGrath Lane. At the time of fire, barely one hundred people lived within the two-mile radius of the ruins of the mill. With all means of earning a living gone in the neighborhood, there was nothing to hold the younger generation. Large numbers of Irish settlers moved on to seek employment in bigger cities in other parts of the state. This decrease eventually resulted in the closing of the Chapel in 1923.

**February 16**

**Turkey Dinner & DANCE THROUGH THE DECADES**

*Get out your poodle skirts, white tennis shoes, platform shoes and tie-dye shirts. We're going to shake a leg, boogie down, and trip the light fantastic! 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*

**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES?**

Would you like to receive offertory envelopes? The rectory has received a number of inquiries regarding how an individual can receive them. Please fill out this form and within a few weeks they will be sent to you. If you have any questions, please call the rectory at 642-6711. Thank you!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

**2018-2019 CCD Project**



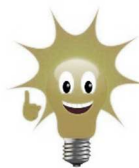
Hope for Haiti

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.

Sincerely, *James Hay*, DRE

Collected to date: \$ 269

**WE CAN HELP**

To report inappropriate contact of any kind by a representative of the Diocese of Norwich or for assistance to victims, please call: 1.800.624.7407