

**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 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 Souls in Purgatory

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

Monday, February 11, 2019 Our Lady of Lourdes

NO MASS

Tuesday, February 12, 2019 Weekday in Ordinary Time

NO MASS

Wednesday February 13, 2019 Weekday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM Living & deceased members of the Blackburn
Family req. by Mackie Boone

**Thursday February 14, 2019 Sts. Cyril, monk, & Methodius,
bishop**

NO MASS

Friday February 15, 2019 Weekday in Ordinary Time

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

Saturday February 16, 2019 Blessed Virgin Mary

5:00 PM

Sunday February 17, 2019 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Stanley Dudar req. by his family
10:30 AM Wladyslaw Masnicki req. by the Stygar family

Offertory: \$ 2,684.00 Extraordinary: \$ 451.00
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 February 16 & 17

5:00pm Lector: Carole Briggs

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Michael

Altar Servers: CJ Frank, Steve Bardes

8:00am Lector: Rick Kane

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Michael

Altar Servers: Jack Terwilliger

10:30am Lector: Sandy Grillo

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Michael

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 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 Rev. Luis Agudelo,
Rev. Frank McKenna, Rev. Richard Breton, Rev. Edward
Dempsey DBA, Rev. Christopher Zmuda, Rev. Grzegorz
Brozonowicz, all priests, Rev. Martin Jones, Msgr. Leszek Janik,
Rev. Patrick Martin, Rev. Charles McGrail. We also pray for
those priests who have left the ministry.
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)

My Dear Parishioners,

I wish to extend my deepest gratitude for the many
prayers, cards, and Mass cards received on the passing
of my father. Your sympathies have helped to ease the
pain of this loss.

I am forever grateful for your kindnesses at this time of
sorrow.

God's blessings to you all.

Fr. Mark

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.
- ✓ **RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT WEEKEND** ~ if you are silently grieving or suffering from an abortion, experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a **Rachel's Vineyard Retreat.** The weekend healing process is confidential and offers an opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion. It includes discussions, Living Scriptures with meditations, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service and Mass of Entrustment. Both men and women have participated in past retreats. Upcoming weekends are: **March 1-3** in Connecticut, call Marie at 203.631.9030 or email her at mlaffin@prolifeministry.org. **March 15-17** in Stockbridge, Ma. Call 413.452.0661 or visit the national website at www.rachelsvineyard.org. For more information call Marie at 203-631-9030, email her at mlaffin@prolifeministry.org or visit the national website at www.rachelsvineyard.org. **"PROJECT RACHEL"** is our Norwich Diocesan ministry for anyone seeking healing and forgiveness from an abortion. Priests in the **Project Rachel** ministry are there for you with God's Grace and Mercy. Call 860-861-4439. All inquiries are confidential.
- ✓ **If you are seeking to find hope strength and comfort from a loss, burden or sorrow,** join s this Lent for **A Journey with Mary Through Her Seven Sorrows,** a seven week program that will explore each of the seven sorrows of Mary's life and the message of strength and encouragement each one contains. The program will run Tuesday evenings from 7-8:30pm **March 12, 26, April 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30** at the Cathedral of St. Patrick Hall, 213 Broadway, Norwich. Each week will include a reflection on one of Mary's sorrows, guided prayer imagery and discussion. The program is free, but registration is required. To do so or for more information contact the Catholic Family Services Office at 860.848.2237, ext. 312, or email mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net.

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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 [holyfamilyretreat.org](http://holyfamilyretreat.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), March 1-3, March 8-10, March 29-31, April 5-7

**\*\*Simplicity – Clearing the Clutter in Our Lives** Feb. 13 9am-1pm includes lunch. Offering \$30

**\*\*Introduction to the Zentangle Method** Feb. 16. 9am-1:30pm. Includes lunch and materials. Offering \$35. An easy to learn method to create beautiful images by drawing structured patterns. Art background is not necessary.

**\*\*Laugh Away Your Winter Blues.** Feb. 20. 9am-1pm. Includes lunch. Offering: \$35.

**\*\*The Family Disease of Addiction – We do Recover.** Program takes place in the upstairs Blue Room. Program includes lunch.

### **Center for Hospice Care – 227 Dunham Street, Norwich. 860.8487.5699. [hospicesect.org](http://hospicesect.org) "Drawing on our Memories" Expressive Arts Groups**

For Children: Processing grief in imaginative and therapeutic ways. Pet Therapy and snack time from 4:30-5:15pm. Expressive Arts 5:15-6:15pm. For children 5-12 years old.

Feb. 12 Valentine's Day Remembrance

Feb. 19 Healing Garden "Bird Buffett"

Feb. 26 Say it with Music

March 5 Clay Play Part 1

March 12 Clay Play Part 2

March 19 Welcome Spring

**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.**

**\*\*Centering Prayer Retreat March 15-March 17. 4:30pm-1:00pm.**

**\*\*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.

**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, 2019 - 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



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

### **ON THIS DATE...February 7, 1950**

The Ladies Guild became an official organization of the Church when they adopted a constitution written by Catherine Masi, Rosemarie Dalton and Elizabeth Grant, all teachers at Lyman Memorial High School. Started in May 1949 when several of the St. Francis women met to organize a guild, this group of ladies has become a cornerstone at our Church for seventy years.

### **February 16**

**TURKEY DINNER & DANCE THROUGH THE DECADES**  
*Let's try the Locomotion, Twist, Boogie, hand jive and the Mashed Potato!* 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, 5:00-7:00 p.m. Religious Jeopardy and Pizza**

Before we head into Lent, join us for a fun filled event of pizza and informal rounds of Jeopardy questions. Held in the meeting room, pizza, drinks and dessert will be provided. For food planning, PLEASE SIGN UP, we need a head count; signups will be accepted until February 24<sup>th</sup>. Sign-up sheets will be found at the Church entrances.

### **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*

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.

### **A PROGRAM ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS**

You are invited to the 4<sup>th</sup> annual program sponsored by the Willimantic District, Norwich Diocesan Council of Catholic Women. This year's topic is entitled HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS. Please join us on Sunday, MARCH 3, at 1 p.m. in the St. Joseph Church (Willimantic) hall (lower level) for this very important topic which we hope will give you an awareness of what is happening in our own backyards. Our speaker, Yvette Young is a licensed Professional Counselor and Project Director, and Human Anti-Trafficking Response Team Coordinator for the Village for Families and Children in partnership with DCF. Coffee and refreshments to follow.

### **The Diocese of Norwich seeks a full-time Executive Director for the Diocese of Norwich Outreach to Haiti ministry.**

Responsibilities include supervision of staff in U.S. and Haiti, fundraising, financial management, oversight of operations in U.S., oversight of programs in Haiti, including clinic, education, twinning, and hospitality. Qualifications: Respect and support for leadership and teachings of the Catholic Church, a bachelor's degree, and work experience in a related field. Administration experience and budget management, community relations, and fundraising skills. For complete job description and mission statement please email Dennis Petruzzi at [dennis.petruzzi@outreachtohaiti.org](mailto:dennis.petruzzi@outreachtohaiti.org).

All letters of interest and resumes are due by March 15 to Dennis at the above email address.

### **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.

### **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.

### **East Catholic High School - Plan a Visit**

Join us for our popular Walk-in Wednesday! On Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup> we welcome prospective families anytime between 11am - 1pm to see our campus in action and to discuss any questions or interests.

Pre-registration is not required, but is preferred. You may RSVP on our website or you may call the Admissions Office at 860-649-5336 ext. 6238. We look forward to seeing you soon.