

**We are pleased and honored  
to welcome you to  
St. Francis of Assisi Parish**  
67 West Town Street, Lebanon, CT 06249  
Telephone: 860.642.6711 Fax: 860.642.4032  
Rev. Mark Masnicki, Pastor  
Rev. Richard Breton, Parochial Vicar  
Deacon Michael Puscas



### **MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday February 16, 2019 Blessed Virgin Mary**  
5:00 PM People of the parish living & deceased  
**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  
**Monday, February 18, 2019 Weekday in Ordinary Time**  
**NO MASS PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**  
**Tuesday, February 19, 2019 Weekday in Ordinary Time**  
**NO MASS**  
**Wednesday February 20, 2019 Weekday in Ordinary Time**  
9:00 AM +Robert Burns req. by his wife  
**Thursday February 21, 2019 St. Peter Damian, bishop, doctor  
of the Church**  
**NO MASS**  
**Friday February 22, 2019 The Chair of St. Peter the apostle**  
9:00 AM Intention of Stephen Haefs req. by Pam Roberts  
**Saturday February 23, 2019 St. Polycarp, bishop, martyr**  
5:00 PM +Pierce Holleran Austin req. by his family  
**Sunday February 24, 2019 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
8:00 AM +Anastasia Getman req. by Bob & Lorraine Paris  
10:30 AM

Offertory: \$ 2,588.00

Today'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 23 & 24**

5:00pm Lector:

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Michael

Altar Servers: Grace & Nina Gardella

8:00am Lector: Greg Jones

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Michael

Altar Servers: Emily Pomerleau

10:30am Lector:

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Michael

Altar Servers: Nicholas Barrett & Erika Densman

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

#### **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.

#### **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 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  
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. Francis Rouleau, Rev. Michael Phillippino, Rev. Paul Ramen, Rev. William Flynn, Rev. Arul Peter, Rev. Jeffrey Ellis, Rev. Gregoire Fluet, Rev. Thomas Hoar SSE, Rev. George Mullaney, Our Holy Father, Rev. Thomas Angelo, Rev. Peter Langevin.

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)

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classes will be assisting at the 10:30am Mass on February 24<sup>th</sup>.**

**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!

**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
- ✓ **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](mailto:mlaffin@prolifeministry.org). **March 15-17** in Stockbridge, Ma. Call 413.452.0661 or visit the national website at [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org). is October 19-21. For more information call Marie at 203-631-9030, email her at [mlaffin@prolifeministry.org](mailto:mlaffin@prolifeministry.org) or visit the national website at [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://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 us 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](mailto:mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net).

**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)

**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. 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.**

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/>.

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.

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

**\*\*Women's Retreats:** Feb. 22-24 (Wives of Deacons), March 1-3, March 8-10, March 29-31, April 5-7

**\*\*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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **The Migrant Caravans: Root Causes and Present-Day Response**

Join us for a bilingual forum in honor of Oscar Romero, Archbishop of San Salvador martyred for his defense of the poor on March 24, 1980 and declared a saint on October 14, 2018.

What's pushing thousands of migrants out of El Salvador, Honduras, and Guatemala and into the United States?

What are they finding at the border?

What is the "preferential option for the poor" that guided Archbishop Oscar Romero and that should inform people of good faith today?

Presentation in English by Anne Gebelein, Ph.D.

Presentation in Spanish by Walter Mena, MA

Sunday March 24, 2019 3:00pm – 5:00pm  
St. Mary Star of the Sea Church Hall  
10 Huntington Street, New London, CT



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

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **Question: What is Religious Jeopardy??? (and pizza)**

**5:00-7:00p.m.**

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, we need a head count. PLEASE SIGN UP.** Sign-ups will be accepted until February 24<sup>th</sup>. The sheets can be found at the Church entrances, please provide a phone number in case of cancellation due to inclement weather.

#### **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*

#### **Catholic Charities "Hope Anchors the Soul" Gala**

Join us in celebrating our 98<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Saturday, April 13, 2019

Mystic Yachting Center

Cocktail Reception 5:00 PM

Silent Auction 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Dinner 6:15 PM

Dancing 8:00 – 10:00 PM

Tickets \$100.00

For more information contact Christine Jackel

Resource Development Manager

[christinejackel@ccfsn.org](mailto:christinejackel@ccfsn.org) or 860.889.8346

#### **WAIM CAREER CLOSET VOLUNTEER(S)**

Are you looking for an opportunity to help individuals prepare for employment? WAIM is looking for one or two individuals to help organize our Career Closet a couple of times a week. The Closet is filled with an abundance of clothing such as suits, ties, dresses, skirts, and dress suits along with wedding and prom dresses and accoutrements. As part of this work, our volunteer would also assist shoppers in finding items that they are in need of. If you can spare some time, our greatest need would be on shopping days: Tuesday, Thursday, or Friday mornings 9-noon. But Wednesdays are also good mornings to organize items. Please contact WAIM's Human Services Manager, Merle Potchinsky at [hsmanager@waimct.org](mailto:hsmanager@waimct.org) or 860.456.7270 x17.

#### **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!!

#### **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.

We are happy to welcome all new parishioners and glad to have you here with us today. All visitors are also welcome and we sincerely hope you have found nourishment for your life and faith as you worship here.



If you have recently moved to the area, please introduce yourself to our parish priest. You are cordially invited to register as a parishioner at the rectory office or fill out the form below and mail it in for more information. Please take a moment to complete this form, clip it out and either mail it or drop it in the offertory basket next week.

Every Catholic should be registered and make themselves known to the priest. Registration is necessary for enrollment in CCD classes, Confirmation classes, to arrange for baptisms, marriages, and to obtain sponsor certificates as godparents and witnesses. Thank you!

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

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