

**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 March 9, 2019 St. Frances of Rome, religious

5:00 PM +Wladyslaw Masnicki req. by Irene Burns

Sunday March 10, 2019 First Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM +Eugene Grecki req. by Joan

10:30 AM +Mary Coughlin req. by her family

Monday, March 11, 2019 Lenten Weekday

NO MASS

Tuesday, March 12, 2019 Lenten Weekday

NO MASS

Wednesday March 13, 2019 Lenten Weekday

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

Req. by Mackie Boone

Thursday March 14, 2019 Lenten Weekday

NO MASS

Friday March 15, 2019 Lenten Weekday

9:00 AM +Rosario Jacobeno req. by Mackie Boone

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday March 16, 2019 Lenten Weekday

5:00 PM +Wladyslaw Masnicki req. by Susan Sienko

Sunday March 17, 2019 Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM +Emil & Erma Kuzel req. by Norm & Ella Mae Kuzel

10:30 AM +Norma Bergeron req. by the Fauteux family



Offertory: \$ 2,784.02 Extraordinary Expenses: \$ 588.00
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 March 16 & 17

5:00pm Lector: Steve Wengloski
Eucharistic Minister: Pam Flaherty
Altar Servers: Nina & Luci Gardella
8:00am Lector: Jim Dyer
Eucharistic Minister: Ella Mae Kuzel
Altar Servers: Christian Terwilliger
10:30am Lector: Sandy Grillo
Eucharistic Minister: Wally Gagnon
Altar Servers: Drew Taylor & Nicholas Barrett

2018 Giving Statements are available in the Parish Office

MEETINGS

Parish Advisory Council Wed. March 13 @ 6:30pm

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Enhance your Lenten journey. Bring home a copy of The  
Word Among Us Lenten Booklet "God so loved the World".  
Copies available at Church entrances.

**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. Joseph  
Castaldi Rev. Dennis Mercieri, Msgr. Kevin Randall, Rev.  
Joseph DeCosta, Msgr. James Carini, Rev. John O'Neill MS,  
Msgr. Anthony Rosaforte, Rev. Robert Buongiorno, Msgr.  
Michael Donohue, Rev. John Gwudz, Rev. Paul Boudreau, Rev.  
Thomas Sickler MS. We also pray for those priests who have  
left the ministry.  
Heavenly Father, during this penitential season, we pray that the  
Blood of Jesus may kindle in the hearts of our priests the divine  
fire of Your love by their devotion to the Eucharist. O Divine High  
Priest, may the power of Your mercy accompany priests  
everywhere and protect them from the traps and snares of the  
devil. (Ven. Mother Catherine Aurelia, foundress)

**FAST AND ABSTINENCE**

These regulations unite the whole Catholic Church throughout  
the world in the Lenten journey of repentance and conversion of  
heart. Observed in a spirit of generosity, fast and abstinence  
remind us of our own frailty and make us more sensitive to the  
needs of others. Acts of penance find their completion in works  
of charity and justice.

**Fasting:** Those between the ages of 18 and 59 years old are  
obliged to observe the laws on fasting. Traditionally, to fast  
means limiting oneself to one full meal in the day and two  
smaller meals. The two prescribed days of fasting are Ash  
Wednesday and Good Friday.

**Abstinence:** The law of abstinence obliges all those who are  
over the age of 14. On days of abstinence meat is not eaten at  
any meal. The prescribed days of abstinence are Ash  
Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent, including Good Friday.

**Thank you to Grades 3, 4 & 5 for assisting at the 10:30am Mass. Refreshments following in the meeting room.**

### **Operation Rice Bowl**

#### **Our Lenten Program: Encounter Lent**

Lent is a time of opportunity for us to strengthen our faith through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. These practices bring us closer to God and demonstrate our solidarity with those in need at home and around the world. This Lent make your sacrifices become opportunities to feed the hungry poor. Please participate in CRS Operation Rice Bowl and let the sacrifices you make for the hungry poor nourish them and may these sacrifices witness to the love that disciples of Christ have for all people, especially for the least of the Lord's sisters and brothers. Rice Bowl envelopes will be collected on Palm Sunday.

**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.

### **Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

"Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters, be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of the Lord." Be firm, steadfast and devoted to your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Apr 26-28, 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 [norwichdiocesancw@gmail.com](mailto:norwichdiocesancw@gmail.com). Deadline is April 15, 2019. Any questions, call Judy at 860.889.1617.

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

**\*\*Women's Retreats:** March 29-31, April 5-7

### **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
- ✓ 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).
- ✓ **Holy Hour for Vocations:** March 21st from 6-7pm at Saint Mary in Baltic.

### **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.

March 12 Clay Play Part 2  
March 19 Welcome Spring

### **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:** 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)

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

**\*\*Lenten Day of Recollection** March 13<sup>th</sup> 9:00am-3:30pm. Registration fee \$50, includes 3 course hot lunch

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

**\*\*Recovery Retreats for Women:** May 24-26, Dec. 6-8pm

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

**\*\*Fish Fry & Stations of the Cross** every Friday during Lent beginning March 8. Cost per meal is \$15. Stations of the Cross are said between meal times at 6pm in the Chapel of Our Lady of the Assumption.

### 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

### 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!

### 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.

### 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)

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.

### 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

### 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.



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

### **ON THIS DATE: March 11, 2003**

Michael R. Cote was named Bishop of Norwich, replacing Bishop Daniel Hart who had retired at the mandatory age of seventy-five. He is serving as the fifth and current Bishop of Norwich.

### **RELIGIOUS JEOPARDY**

Before we headed into Lent, we held our Religious Jeopardy event and pizza party on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Despite snow on the horizon, several people came out to play on teams, in informal rounds, to see what they knew about our parish, sacraments and the Catholic Church. Fun was had by all.

### **Dance through the Decades**

Photos from the February 16 dinner and dance are now on the Church website. Check it out to see how much fun was had by all and for photos of our other anniversary events.

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

There are still a lot of fun activities planned for the upcoming year. Join us for our events throughout August 2019.

### **Pilgrimage to Poland July 7 – July 16, 2019**

Our Lady of Mercy Parish and Father Jan Swiderski invite you on a pilgrimage to Poland July 7 – July 16, 2019.

We will visit Warsaw Czestochowa, Krakow, Lagiewniki (Shrine of Divine Mercy), Wieliczka Salt Mine, Zakopane, Busko Zdroj and Kielce.

The cost of the pilgrimage is \$3,120.00 per person in double occupancy room with group air from NYC. This includes Round trip air transportation, hotel, bus in Poland, tour guide, breakfast and dinner.

For more information, please contact Our Lady of Mercy Parish at 860.349.3058

Or visit the website [www.johnpaultours.com/poland2019](http://www.johnpaultours.com/poland2019)

### **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**

### **SEEKING - PARISH ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Consideration for candidates to the Parish Advisory Council:

- (a) Active parishioners are eligible.
- (b) Parishioners may nominate any interested parishioner, including themselves.
- (c) Must be a Roman Catholic.
- (d) Must be a practicing Catholic in accordance of Canon Law.
- (e) Must be Confirmed (meaning, has received the Sacrament of Confirmation).

A parishioner desiring to serve on the Parish Advisory Council should be nominated by making his or her interest known to the Pastor. The Pastor will verify and confirm that such individual is eligible and is a Catholic in good standing.

Council meets every other Wednesday at 6:30pm in the meeting room every other month September thru May. Meetings usually last 1 hour.

### **MULTI-FAMILY TAG SALE**

The St. Andrew Church Choir will hold its 11<sup>th</sup> annual Multi-Family Tag Sale on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am to 2:00pm in the Church hall at 128 Norwich Ave., Colchester. Tag sale spaces are now available.

All proceeds from the sale will benefit the Colchester Food & Fuel Banks. All donations will be accepted on Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup> from 1-7pm in the Parish Hall. Please do not leave items at the Hall or Rectory.

There is also room for up to 20 families to reserve space to sell their own tag sale items. Cost is \$20 for two six-foot tables. Set up will be Friday, April 26 from 1-7pm.

For table rental and/or donation information, please call Carol at 860.303.1842. Call early since all the spaces are rented out each year! Thank you!

The St. Andrew Church Choir

### **Ladies Guild TRUNK TREASURES SALE**

Saturday April 27<sup>h</sup>, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.,  
rear parking lot

### **HAVE SOMETHING TO SELL?**

Rent a parking space and sell your treasures out of your trunk or bring a table.

\$20 for a single (8'W x 16'L) space; \$30 for a double (17'W x 16'L) space

*(Cars, vans, pickups only: no trailers allowed—All vehicles must fit in the space provided)*

### **NOW ACCEPTING BOOKINGS SPACE MUST BE BOOKED IN ADVANCE**

Contact Estelle to book a space!

(deadline: April 15)

@ 860-420-7221 or

[estelle7moodus@yahoo.com](mailto:estelle7moodus@yahoo.com)