

**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 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

Monday, March 18, 2019 St. Cyril of Jerusalem, bishop

NO MASS

Tuesday, March 19, 2019 St. Joseph spouse of the BVM

NO MASS

Wednesday March 20, 2019 Lenten Weekday

9:00 AM +Robert Burns req. by his wife

Thursday March 21, 2019 Lenten Weekday

NO MASS

Friday March 22, 2019 Lenten Weekday

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

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday March 23, 2019 St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, bishop

5:00 PM +Nick Wengloski req. by his family

Sunday March 24, 2019 Third Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM +Barbara Manning req. by the Kuzel family

10:30 AM +Pasqualine Mazun req. by the Edgar family



Offertory: \$ 1,823.00

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 March 23 & 24

5:00pm Lector: Anne Staebner

Eucharistic Minister: Richard Lataille

Altar Servers: CJ Frank, Steve Bardes

8:00am Lector: Ella Mae Kuzel

Eucharistic Minister: Kathy Walden

Altar Servers: Jack Terwilliger

10:30am Lector: Maureen Polana

Eucharistic Minister: Tony Coscia

Altar Servers: Drew Taylor & Erika Densman

2018 Giving Statements are available in the Parish Office

**Grade 8 will be assisting at the 5pm Mass on
Saturday March 23rd.**

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. John Gallagher OFM Cap, Rev. Mark O'Donnell, Rev. Arthur Archer, Rev. Peter Liszewski, Rev. Roland Cloutier, Rev. Richard Archambault, Msgr. Henry Archambault, Rev. Raymond Introvigne, Rev. Elson Kattookaran MS, Rev. Brian Converse, Rev. James Sucholet, Rev. Aguirre Palacio, Msgr. Thomas Bride, Rev. William Olesik.
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.

Operation Rice Bowl
Our Lenten Program: Encounter Lent

75% of Rice Bowl donations are used for development projects overseas. 25% of moneys collected remain in the Diocese and are used to support projects assisting the needy.

2018 Rice Bowl Recipients:

Catholic Charities & Family Services, serving over 51,000 residents throughout Eastern Connecticut. Requests for Emergency Basic Needs continues to be the greatest request. \$3,000.

Haitian Health Foundation improving health of pre-natal and postnatal women and sick and malnourished children. \$2,000.

Outreach to Haiti serving the people of Haiti in the spirit and values of the Gospel. Providing sacramental and spiritual support, offering education, health care, parish twinning opportunities, and community development. \$2,500.

Bring your Rice Bowl donations to Mass 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, 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). 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. 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 2nd and 4th Mondays at 2pm.
Spiritual Renewal Center, 11 Bath Street, Norwich
- ✓ **24 Hours for the Lord**, will be held at Saint Joseph Church, 99 Jackson Street, Willimantic, on Friday, March 29, beginning at 4:00 p.m. through 9:00 p.m., and resuming on Saturday, March 30, from 12:00 Noon through 3:30 p.m.
- ✓ March 30, from 12:00 Noon through 3:30 p.m. 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 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.
- ✓ **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
“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 19 Welcome Spring

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

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 holyfamilyretreat.org

Lenten Soup Dinners

First Congregational Church
Every Friday March 22 – April 19
Soup, bread, & fellowship
Take out available
More information call 860.642.6179

Programs at Enders Island, Mystic
860.536.0565 www.endersisland.com

****Triduum Retreat** April 18-21. \$405pp private room \$315pp shared room. Register at <http://enders.is/Triduum>

****Recovery Retreats for Women:** May 24-26, 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.

St. Andrews Church of Colchester, will present the **fifteenth production of the Life and Passion of Our Lord**. Billed as "Passion Play The Musical", the production features a cast of over 150 adults and children from St. Andrew Parish as well several surrounding parishes. The play is presented in St. Andrew Church with live music provided by the St. Andrew Principal Choir. Costumes, sets, lighting, and sound are created by parishioners. This year, the play will be directed by Natalie Wood and will feature Jason Phillips as Jesus. Many of the performers have participated in all fifteen of the productions.

The play is performed April 10th, 12th, & 13th which are Wednesday, Friday and Saturday night at 7:30pm with doors opening at 7:00pm. There is no charge for admission; however, tickets are required since seating is limited to the capacity of St. Andrew Church located at 128 Norwich Ave. In order to help defray the costs of presenting the play a free-will offering is appreciated. Tickets may be reserved by calling Teresa Dziatko at 860.295.8315. They are also available at Merciful Savior Gift Shop in Colchester, Colchester Florist, and the St. Andrew Church office.

MJM7 CONCERT

Join us at 6:30pm on March 20th at St. Joseph in Willimantic or March 21st 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.

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 or call Mercy at 860-347-8957.

"Discover Mercy"

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

For 5th, 6th & 7th 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

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

The Diocese of Norwich Outreach to Haiti invites you to our 12th Annual Gala, Saturday, April 27, 2019, 6pm cocktails, dinner, silent auction, at the A Villa Louisa, Bolton, CT. Come meet Bishop Cote and guest speaker Yamille Perez education recipient, now a medical student in her residency. The price, \$100/person, is to benefit the children of Haiti. We are also in need of ad sponsors and auction items. For more information visit www.outreachtohaiti.org
Thank you for your generosity."



75th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

ON THIS DATE: March 2011

In March 2011, the Parish Council granted permission to form a St. Francis Exploratory Parish Center Committee, to explore the need for a Parish Center which would include a hall and classrooms. The committee worked tirelessly to bring to fruition a place to provide our youth classrooms at the Church (rather than at the Elementary School) and provide our own space for after Mass gatherings, dinners, and fundraising activities. However, by September 2014, Father Mark had to report that a final decision was made not to go forward with the Parish Center due to the cost of the project.

EVENT PHOTOS ON CHURCH WEBSITE

Photos from the February 16 dinner and dance and Jeopardy night are now on the Church website. Check it out to see photos of our other anniversary events as well.
www.stfrancisassisilebanonct.org

WE ONLY CELEBRATE 75 YEARS ONCE!

Join us for our events throughout August 2019

There are still a lot of fun activities planned for the upcoming year. If you have not participated in one of the anniversary events, there is still time, please consider the 75 Giving Tree, Vineyard Social, Ice Cream Social and August 2019 closing.

**“The Seven Capital Sins,
History and Overview” – by Don Flier,
presented by Fr. Mark Masnicki.
March 27, 2019 – 6:30 PM
St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Lebanon**

**An Ecumenical Community Prayer Service for
Lent will be held on Wednesday April 3, 7:00 p.m.
at St. Francis of Assisi, 67 West Town Street. The
event is sponsored by the Lebanon Ecumenical
Clergy and Franklin Congregational Church.**

**Thank you to the Ladies Guild. A new holy water
pot and aspergillum has been purchased using
donations in memory of past members, Gloria
Bigenski and Lynda Kalinowski.**

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

Registration is due March 27, 2019

MULTI-FAMILY TAG SALE

The St. Andrew Church Choir will hold its 11th annual Multi-Family Tag Sale on Saturday, April 27th 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 26th 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^h, 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