

**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 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

**Monday, March 25, 2019 Annunciation of the Lord**

**NO MASS**

**Tuesday, March 26, 2019 Lenten Weekday**

**NO MASS**

**Wednesday March 27, 2019 Lenten Weekday**

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

**Thursday March 28, 2019 Lenten Weekday**

**NO MASS**

**Friday March 29, 2019 Lenten Weekday**

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

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

**Saturday March 30, 2019 Lenten Weekday**

5:00 PM

**Sunday March 31, 2019 Fourth Sunday of Lent**

8:00 AM +Anastasia Getman req. by Cynthia & Robert Paris

10:30 AM



Offertory: \$ 2,085.00 Building Maintenance: \$ 565.00

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 30 & 31**

5:00pm Lector: Richard Lataille

Eucharistic Minister: Carole Briggs

Altar Servers: Grace & Nina Gardella

8:00am Lector: Jim Worth

Eucharistic Minister: Jim Dyer

Altar Servers: Emily Pomerleau

10:30am Lector: Sandy Grillo

Eucharistic Minister: Wally Gagnon

Altar Servers: Nicholas Barrett & Erika Densman

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

**Thank you to Grade 8 for assisting at the 5pm Mass this weekend.**

**"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**

**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 Spedaliere 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 Our Holy Father, Rev. Jonathan Ficara, V. Rev. Laurence LaPointe, Rev. Kevin Reilly, Rev. Richard Crawley OFM Cp, Rev. Joseph Ashe, Rev. Brian Maxwell, Rev. Edward Wisneski, Rev. Timothy Roth MIC, All Priests, Rev. V. Antony Alaharasan, Rev. Leon Susaimanickam.

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:

**Reliance House** providing high quality and culturally diverse behavioral health services to adults ages 18 and over. \$1,500.

**St. Vincent de Paul Place** in Middletown meeting the needs of the poor and homeless in Greater Middletown. The St. Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen served 93,459 meals to 1,085 different people. Amazing Grace Food Pantry served an estimated 2,100 individuals each month. The Community Assistance Coordinator links guests with emergency funds and/or housing opportunities when appropriate. \$3,500

**St. Vincent de Paul Place** in Norwich food pantry distributed over 440,000 meals to 1,494 unique households comprising 2,460 adults, 1,330 children and 384 senior citizens. The Care and Advocacy program fosters the well-being of their patrons...offering a shower, hygiene supplies, clothing, and bus tickets, as well as phone, fax, mail, and computer access. Essential for people who are working or seeking employment. The served meals programs provide breakfasts, mid-day meals serving over 87,000 meals. \$3,500.

**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](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 [norwichdioceseanccw@gmail.com](mailto: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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net).
- ✓ The monthly **Diocesan Pro-Life Mass** will take place at the Cathedral of St. Patrick on Saturday, April 6 at 8:30am. Please join our celebrant Rev. Walter Nagle at Mass as we pray to end abortion and for the healing for those who have had an abortion. Following the Mass, the Rosary will be prayed both at the Cathedral and Planned Parenthood. A brunch in the Cathedral Hall will follow the Rosary this month.
- ✓ **Holy Hour for Vocations:** April 25 from 6-7pm at St. Patrick, East Hampton.

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](http://www.outreachtohaiti.org)  
Thank you for your generosity."

### 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](http://www.endersisland.com)

**\*\*Dinner with Deacon Michael Puscas** Tuesday April 2<sup>nd</sup> from 5:30 to 7:30pm "Becoming a JOYFUL follower of Christ" \$35 includes conference & 3 course chef prepared dinner  
**\*\*Pysanky Egg Decorating** Sunday April 7 from 11:45am to 3:00pm.  
**\*\*Sacred Oil Painting** April 28 – May 3  
**\*\*Sacred Watercolor** May 5 – 10  
**\*\*Chant Express** Tuesday May 14 – Thursday May 16  
**\*\*Our LADY Un-doer of Knots Icon Workshop** Sunday May 26 – Friday May 31  
**\*\*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:** 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

### Programs Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center 303 Tunxis Road, West Hartford, CT 860.760.9705 [www.holyfamilyretreat.org/bulletin](http://www.holyfamilyretreat.org/bulletin)

- **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 [www.holyfamilyretreat.org](http://www.holyfamilyretreat.org)

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 10<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, & 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

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.

### 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)  
**Registration is due March 27, 2019**

### 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!



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

**ARE YOU WEARING YOUR ANNIVERSARY PIN?**

If you received one of the special anniversary pins at Mass back in August, the committee would love to see you wear them throughout the anniversary year!

**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.

**WE ONLY CELEBRATE 75 YEARS ONCE!**

There are still a lot of fun activities planned for the upcoming year. If you have not participated in one of the anniversary events, please consider the .75 Giving Tree, Vineyard Social, Ice Cream Social and August 2019 closing. More information on each as they approach.

*Join us for our events throughout August 2019*

**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.**



**Annual Layette Program**

All ladies are invited to attend the Norwich Diocesan Council of Catholic Women's Annual Layette Baby Shower Program on Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 1pm at St. Joseph Church Hall, 99 Jackson St. in Willimantic. We are collecting NEW baby items such as diapers, baby clothing (sizes 0-3 years old), blankets, etc. All items collected will go to Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Norwich, and will be distributed to Norwich, New London, Middletown and Willimantic. You may leave your items in the collection box located at the side entrance of the Church. We will be collecting items until the day of the event. Any questions, please contact Sandra Spedaliere at 860.537.1372. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

**Our Giving Basket for the Lebanon Food Pantry is in need of the following:**

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|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Jelly Beans       | Canned Yams     | Brown Sugar     |
| Marshmallow Fluff | Salt            | Chocolate Chips |
| Canned Pineapple  | Instant Oatmeal |                 |
| Egg Noodles       | Peanut Butter   |                 |

We would like donations brought to the Church by April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**MULTI-FAMILY TAG SALE**

The St. Andrew Church Choir will hold its 11<sup>th</sup> 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<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)

**NEW!!! This year the 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal Video and Pledging process will be held next weekend, March 30/31.**

Please prayerfully contemplate how you can help others in need within our Diocesan communities by pledging generosity to this year's ACA campaign, "**Hand in Hand with All God's Children**". Please come prepared next weekend to make your pledge by either taking home a pledge envelope today or by completing the pledge card you received in the mail. Your generous donations will allow our Diocesan ministries to make their programs available to everyone.

**Our goal this year is to have as close to 100% parishioner participation as possible.**

Please remember every gift is important and appreciated, no matter its size. For more information about the ACA, or to make your pledge online, please visit [www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org](http://www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org)