

**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 30, 2019 Lenten Weekday

5:00 PM People of the parish living & deceased

Sunday March 31, 2019 Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM +Anastasia Getman req. by Cynthia & Robert Paris
10:30 AM For the health of Maria Neyra req. by her family

Monday, April 1, 2019 Lenten Weekday

NO MASS

Tuesday, April 2, 2019 St. Francis of Paola, hermit

NO MASS

Wednesday April 3, 2019 Lenten Weekday

9:00 AM Pam Sharpe req. by Mackie Boone

**Thursday April 4, 2019 St. Isidore, bishop, doctor
of the Church**

NO MASS

Friday April 5, 2019 St. Vincent Ferrer, priest

9:00 AM +Anthony Jacobeno req. by Mackie Boone
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday April 6, 2019 Lenten Weekday

5:00 PM Robert Burns req. by his wife

Sunday April 7, 2019 Fifth Sunday of Lent

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

10:30 AM



Offertory: \$ 2,167.00

Next weekend's second collection is our collection for Haiti.

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 April 6 & 7

5:00pm Lector: Carole Briggs

Eucharistic Minister: Jim Hay

Altar Servers: Steve Bardes, CJ Frank

8:00am Lector: Rick Kane

Eucharistic Minister: Peggy Stygar

Altar Servers: Christian Terwilliger

10:30am Lector: Maureen Polana

Eucharistic Minister: Tony Coscia

Altar Servers: Drew Taylor & Erika Densman

**Lenten Ecumenical Service Wednesday April 3rd
at St. Francis at 7:00pm.**

**Knights of Columbus will meet Thursday evening
April 4th at 7:00pm.**

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 Spedalieri 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. Dariusz Dudzik, Rev. Bogdan Olzacki OSPPE, Rev. John Welch MS, Rev. Thomas Smith, V. Rev. Dennis Perkins, V. Rev. Gregory Galvin, Rev. Brian Romanoski, Rev. Izydor Sadowski SDB, Rev. Russell Kennedy, Rev. Gerald Kirby, Rev. Mark Curesky OFM Cv, Rev. Alfred Irving, V. Rev. Ted Tumicki, Rev. Michael Sequeira.

Father, recall to our priests that they hold between their hands the Most Precious Treasure of the Church: the Blood of the Sacred Victim. Enkindle in them the fire of love of Christ as they do Your work.. (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

For 46 years, Operation Rice Bowl has helped to feed the hungry poor. Through Operation Rice Bowl – a program of prayer, fasting, learning, and giving - what you give up for Lent can give hope to the poorest of the poor. Make this Lenten season one of awareness, compassion, and reflection. Operation Rice Bowl is sponsored by Catholic Relief Services and the Diocese of Norwich.

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.

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: 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 .
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ **24th Annual Secretaries Mass** in thanksgiving for secretaries of all faiths, Tuesday, April 23, 2019, 12:00 p.m., Cathedral of St. Patrick, Norwich. Following the Mass a complimentary luncheon will be served. Celebrant: Most Reverend Michael R. Cote, D.D. Homilist: Reverend Francis Gilbert. For reservations or more information call 860-887-9294, ext. 234 or Cheryl in the parish office.
- ✓ **Holy Hour for Vocations:** April 25 from 6-7pm at St. Patrick, East Hampton.
- ✓ **29th Annual White Mass for Health Care Workers and Caregivers of all faiths,** Cathedral of Saint Patrick, 213 Broadway, Norwich, Sunday, May 5, 2019, 9:00a.m. Brunch will immediately follow in the Church Hall. Celebrant is Most Rev. Michael R. Cote. The Speaker is Frank Maletz, MD. For information call 860-887-9294, ext. 100.

EASTERN CONNECTICUT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

APRIL 14, 2019 7:30 PM
CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PATRICK,
213 BROADWAY, NORWICH, CT

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart-Requiem

- **Featuring members of the ECSO, Toshiyuki Shimada, Music Director and Conductor;
- **Eastern Connecticut Symphony Chorus, Wendy Moy, Director
- **Sarah Yanovitch, Soprano; Caroline Olsen, mezzo-soprano; Ethan Depuy, tenor; Gregory Flower, baritone

Admission is Free for all attendees.
Goodwill donations collected at the event will benefit the ECSO and the St. Vincent de Paul Place in Norwich, CT.

Lenten Soup Dinners
First Congregational Church
Every Friday thru April 19
Soup, bread, & fellowship
Take out available
More information call 860.642.6179

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."

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

****Dinner with Deacon Michael Puscas** Tuesday April 2nd 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.
****Day of Recollection "How to Grow Spiritually"** \$50pp
****Sacred Oil Painting** April 28 – May 3
****Sacred Watercolor** May 5 – 10
****Bereavement Retreat** Sunday May 5 9am-3:30pm
****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 98th 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 or 860.889.8346

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.

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

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

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.

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!

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

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 1st.



75th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

ON THIS DATE: March 27, 1974...

The following invitation appeared in the *Hartford Courant*:
EASTER DANCE: St. Francis of Assisi parish invites St. Columba parish to attend an Easter dance on April 20, at Woods Lane School, Lebanon. A buffet dinner will be at 7:30 p.m. Dancing will be from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Donation is \$7 per couple. Richard Lataille should be called for tickets. (*Easter was April 14, the dance was held one week later.*)

ARE YOU WEARING YOUR ANNIVERSARY PIN?

If you received one of the special anniversary pins at Masses 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



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 28th

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.

Ladies Guild **TRUNK TREASURES SALE**

Saturday April 27th, 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

The 40 days of Lent are the perfect opportunity for us to do some...

"Spiritual Spring Cleaning"

Our lives are in need of spring cleaning because at times we neglected to do what was necessary to clean and enliven ourselves spiritually. We let the clutter of life build up and weigh us down. Like a dirty window that becomes hard to see out of over time, our souls become burdened with the things of this world and the light of Christ cannot be seen shining through us. So during Lent we are given this "timeout" to clean up our spiritual lives through prayer, fasting service, penance and sacrifice; reconnecting in a meaningful way with the roots of our faith. The religious beliefs and practices we participate in during Lent help clean away the dirt that has collected over time and brings forth the shine and sparkle of renewed faith and trust in God.

Comfort! Support! Strength! Encouragement! Each of us has the ability to be there for someone. Whether they are in need of spiritual, emotional, educational or financial assistance, we can extend our hand to another and make a difference. The goal of the 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA), "**Hand in Hand with All God's Children**" is to provide funds to our Diocesan ministries so they may extend their hands to all our brothers and sisters and enrich their lives by providing food, counseling, spiritual renewal, sacramental preparation, faith events, and seminarian education...to name only a few of the ways our ministries positively impact us all. Your contributions to the ACA allow our ministries to be the hands of Christ. TODAY, as you make your commitment to the 219 ACA, please give generously and join hand in hand with others from our Catholic community to make a difference in the lives of those in need of guidance, love and support. You may also visit www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org to learn more about the ACA and make your pledge.