

**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 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 +Souls in Purgatory  
**Monday, April 8, 2019 Lenten Weekday**  
NO MASS

**Tuesday, April 9, 2019 Lenten Weekday**  
NO MASS

**Wednesday April 10, 2019 Lenten Weekday**  
9:00 AM +Anthony Jacobeno req. by Mackie Boone

**Thursday April 11, 2019 St. Stanislaus, bishop & martyr**  
NO MASS

**Friday April 12, 2019 Lenten Weekday**  
9:00 AM +Dominic Jacobeno req. by Mackie Boone  
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

**Saturday April 13, 2019 St. Martin I, pope & martyr**  
5:00 PM +Anne Dudar req. by her family

**Sunday April 14, 2019 Palm Sunday**  
8:00 AM +Wladyslaw Masnicki req. by the Kuzel family  
10:30 AM +Arthur Choquette req. by his family



Offertory: \$ 2,396.32

Today's second collection is our collection for Haiti.  
Next weekend's second collection is for monthly extraordinary  
expenses. Rice Bowl Envelopes will also be collected.  
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 13 & 14**

5:00pm Lectors: Steve Wengloski & Anne Staebner  
Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Michael  
Altar Servers: Genevieve & Luci Gardella  
8:00am Lectors: Kathy Pellerin & Ella Mae Kuzel  
Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Michael  
Altar Servers: Jack Terwilliger  
10:30am Lectors: Paul Pelletier & Sandy Grillo  
Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Michael  
Altar Servers: Drew Taylor & Erika Densman

**Easter flower envelopes available at the entrances of  
Church. You will not receive the envelope in the mail as  
our Easter mailing will be a postcard.**

**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. Michael  
Parisi, Bishop Michael R. Cote, V. Rev. David Choquette, Rev.  
Michael Giannitelli, Rev. William McNulty, Rev. Jozef Olczak  
OSPPE, Rev. D. Scott Surrency OFM Cap, Rev. Stephen  
Gulino, Rev. Michael Smith, Rev. George Richards Jr., Rev.  
Tomasz Albrecht, Rev. Grzegorz Jednaki, Rev. Benjamin  
Soosaimanickam.

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 (April 14).**

**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.

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 thru April 19  
Soup, bread, & fellowship  
Take out available  
More information call 860.642.6179

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.

**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 .
- ✓ **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.

**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: 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](http://holyfamilyretreat.org)

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

- \*\*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.

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.

**The next Women's ACTS Retreat weekend sponsored by St. Andrew, St. Francis, and St. Patrick Church will take place May 9-12, 2019 at My Father's House in Moodus, CT.** We invite all women to consider making this beautiful life-changing 3 day, 3 night Catholic retreat. The cost of the retreat is \$240. Registration forms are located at the entrances to the Church or visit [www.actsct.net](http://www.actsct.net) website. If you have any questions, please call an individual from the leadership team.

Corinne (Cory) Bourgeois – Director 860.639.7596  
Joanne Philips – Co-Director 860.537.3519  
Mary Shea – Co-Director 860.342.4188

We would like to express a heartfelt "Thank You" to everyone who has thus far participated in the 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal, "**Hand in Hand with All God's Children**". Because of your generosity, you have allowed our Diocesan ministries to extend their hands on your behalf and continue their 'good works' throughout our communities. Every gift is valued. It is not too late to offer your support. With 100% participation, or as close to it as we can achieve we can and will exceed our goal of \$21,345 and do our part in ensuring a better future for our friends and neighbors.

Please visit [www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org](http://www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org) to watch the 2019 ACA video or to make your gift online.

**Pre-HSPT Entrance Exam for the Mercy Class of 2024**  
**Saturday, April 27, 2019 ~ 8:00 a.m. - 11:15 p.m.**

The HSPT (High School Placement Test) is the test Mercy High uses for acceptance and placement into our academic program. The Pre-HSPT practice exam gives current 7th graders an opportunity to prepare for the HSPT by familiarizing themselves with the test content and structure as well as offering insight on their performance. Each student will receive a comprehensive scoring report providing feedback and identifying strengths and areas for improvement. Students who achieve 90th national percentile or higher are eligible for a tuition credit at Mercy for the 2020-2021 academic year pending acceptance in November 2019. Registration is required at [www.mercyhigh.com](http://www.mercyhigh.com). The \$10 testing fee is payable at the door.

Mercy offers the **Higher Achievement Program** in the summer for rising 7th & 8th grade girls. During this two-week program, students take a practice HSPT at the beginning and end of the session, have the opportunity to improve test taking skills and gain exposure Mercy educators and students. Afternoon activities include a variety of athletic, artistic, service and social opportunities for the participants.

**Get M-Powered! Join the Mercy High School Summer Program 2019** Calling all (rising) 6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> graders. Super Charge your summer and register for the 2019 M-Powered Summer Programs: Basketball, Higher Achievement, Soccer and Theater Arts (co-ed). Visit Mercy's website for information or contact the school for a brochure

[www.mercyhigh.com/summerprograms](http://www.mercyhigh.com/summerprograms)  
Mercy High School 860-346-6659

**Join us for the 27th Annual Mercy Classic Golf Tournament**

The communal spirit and scramble format of the Mercy Classic place the emphasis on fun and allows for all levels of play! Proceeds benefit the Mercy Scholarship Fund.

Wednesday, **June 5, 2018** at the Lyman Orchards Golf Club  
Check in at 12 noon ~ Shotgun starts at 1:00 pm  
Tournament Fee of \$175 per player. 18 Holes of Golf, Greens Fee, Golf Cart, Buffet Dinner with Beverages, Prizes, Raffles and MORE!

Please visit [www.mercyhigh.com](http://www.mercyhigh.com) to register or call the Advancement Office at 860-347-8957 for more info.



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

**ON THIS DATE: April 2, 1965...**

Father John Honan, with the approbation of Bishop Hines, purchased the Maxwell B. Singer property across the Lebanon Green on West Town Street for \$29,150. A \$20,000 loan was secured from the diocese, through the Connecticut Bank & Trust Company (CBT) to assist with the purchase. The site contained a large house and twenty-three acres of good land. The property was acquired for the future expansion of St. Francis of Assisi; the present Church on Route 87 as a converted dwelling did not have sufficient land for development.

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

There are still 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 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.

### **Holy Family Summer Camp 2019**

Theme: To Jesus through Mary  
July 23-July 27

Located at Holy Family Motherhouse in Baltic, CT!  
For girls, ages 11-15

Come join us for a wonderful spiritual experience and lots of fun!

Contact: Sister Mary Kathleen, SCMC 860-423-5122  
srmariakathleen@gmail.com  
or Sister Rafael, SCMC  
860-822-8241

All forms will be available on our website:  
www.sistersofcharity.com

Email Sr. Mary Kathleen and I will send these directly to you!

### **Ladies Guild**

#### **TRUNK TREASURES SALE**

Saturday April 27<sup>th</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)

## ***EASTER SCHEDULE***

### **Easter Egg Hunt**

**Palm Sunday April 14 following 10:30am Mass**  
**(Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus)**

### **Confessions**

**Monday, April 15 at 7:00pm**

### **Holy Thursday**

**Mass of the Lord's Last Supper**

**Procession: 7:00 P.M.**

**Visits to the Repository until 10:00 P.M.**

### **Good Friday**

**Liturgy of the Passion and Death of**

**Our Lord, Veneration of the Cross**

**And Holy Communion: 3:00 P.M.**

**Stations of the Cross: 7:00pm**

### **Holy Saturday**

**1:00 PM Blessing of Easter Food in the Church.**

**No vigil service at Saint Francis of Assisi Church.**

**Parishioners are invited to attend Easter Vigil Services & Mass at St. Andrew Church in Colchester at 8:00 P.M.**

### **Easter Sunday**

**Masses: 8:00 A.M. and 10:30 A.M.**

### **CHRISM MASS**

Bishop Michael R. Cote invites you to the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Patrick in Norwich on Tuesday, April 16 at 10:30am. Procession of Priests and Deacon will begin into the Cathedral at 10:10am. The Chrism Mass is the liturgy during which the sacred Chrism is consecrated and the Oil of the Sick and the Oil of the Catechumens are blessed. These oils are sanctified for use at the Cathedral and in all parishes in the Diocese of Norwich for Baptism, Confirmation, the Anointing of the Sick and for the Ordination of Priests. Together the three oils symbolize the sacramental life of the Church. Kathy Pellerin, Rosanne Coffey, and Al & Rita Tays will be sent to represent our parish at the Mass and to receive the holy oils for the parish. Since the Chrism Mass is truly a Diocesan event ALL parishioners are invited, and we would like as many people as possible to be present.



## THE PRACTICE OF COVERING CROSSES AND IMAGES

Until recent time it was customary to veil prominent statues and crucifixes in church with a purple cloth as a sign of sadness and mourning. In some churches, beginning around 900, one large cloth was hung between the people and the altar from the beginning of Lent. This was done to hide the heavenly glory depicted by statues of saints and crosses with the figure of the triumphant Christ. This custom came to symbolize the exclusion of all sinners from the altar just as public sinners were excluded. Since the 1600's, this veiling was limited to Passiontide, beginning on the fifth Sunday of Lent, originally called "Passion Sunday". On that Sunday (today only in Cycle B), the final words of the Gospel are: "At that they picked up rocks to throw at Jesus, but He hid Himself and slipped out of the temple precincts" (J. 8:59).

Crosses remain covered until the end of the celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, but images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil.

San Jose Assembly 121, Fourth Degree, Knights of Columbus, is pleased to announce the **Andrew J. Kuhar Memorial Scholarship**. The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal organization of Catholic men based on the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. Although academics will be one of the criteria for this award, the major criterion will be voluntary service to the applicant's Church, community or both. This scholarship is open to all graduating high school seniors in eastern Connecticut, who will be attending a two-year college, four-year college, university or technical school in the fall of 2019. Application deadline is May 15. The award for this year is \$500 and will be awarded on or about June 5, 2019. Applications available in the parish office.

**Is your marriage tearing you apart? Is there little or no meaningful communications? Are you considering separation or divorce? For serious marriage building and repair: Retrouvaille is a lifeline.** At a **Retrouvaille** weekend, couples are given tools to re-establish communication, work on their issues, gain new insights and heal. The weekend is presented by three married couples and a priest. A series of 6 post sessions follow the weekend phase. For more information or to sign up for the **April 26-28** weekend in the Hartford area, all 413.525.1634 or 203.710.6207, or visit the Website at [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org).

### **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 30<sup>th</sup> . .

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
Council 9653  
St. Francis of Assisi Church

Invites all children to their  
Annual **EASTER EGG HUNT**  
Palm Sunday April 14  
11:30 AM Rain or Shine

