

**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 May 4, 2019 Easter Weekday

**5:00 PM +Wladyslaw Masnicki req. by the Knights of
Columbus**

Sunday May 5, 2019 Third Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM +John & Mary Clinch req. by Norm & Ella Mae Kuzel

10:30 AM +Cynthia Mello req. by C. Wheaton

Monday, May 6, 2019 Easter Weekday

NO MASS

Tuesday, May 7, 2019 Easter Weekday

NO MASS

Wednesday May 8, 2019 Easter Weekday

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

Thursday May 9, 2019 Easter Weekday

NOMASS

Friday May 10, 2019 St. Damien de Veuster, priest

9:00 AM Intentions of Mary Evancho req. by Mackie Boone

Saturday May 11, 2019 Easter Weekday

5:00 PM All mothers living & deceased

Sunday May 12, 2019 Fourth Sunday of Easter ~ Mother's Day

8:00 AM All mothers living & deceased

10:30 AM All mothers living & deceased

Offertory: \$ 2,224.00 Building Maintenance: 482.00

Today's second collection is for Seminary Education.

Next weekend's second collection is for monthly extraordinary expenses.

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 May 11 & 12

5:00pm Lector: Anne Staebner

Eucharistic Minister: Carole Briggs

Altar Servers: Nina & Luci Gardella

8:00 am Lector: Rick Kane

Eucharistic Minister: Kathy Pellerin

Altar Servers: Christian Terwilliger

10:30am Lector: Sandy Grillo

Eucharistic Minister: Wally Gagnon

Altar Servers: Nicholas Barrett & Drew Taylor

**Grades K, 1 & 2 will be assisting at the 10:30am Mass on
May 5th.**

Refreshments after the Mass in the meeting room.

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 Bishop Michael R. Cote, V. Rev. Richard Ricard, Rev. Victor C. Chaker, Rev. John Antonelle, Rev. Edward Konopka, V. Rev. Jan Swiderski, Rev. Stanley Szczapa, Rev. George Busto Co, Rev. John Ashe, Our Holy Father, Rev. George Villamthanam, Rev. Joseph Tito.*

Mary Immaculate, we know you are blessing our priests, your beloved consecrated sons. Dear Mother, cover them with your maternal mantle and hold them in your Immaculate Heart. (Ven. Mother Catherine Aurelia, foundress)

Total to date collected for Haiti is \$ 1138.00

MEETINGS:

Confessions for Grade 2 Monday May 13th @ 6:00pm

**First Holy Communion Rehearsal Friday May 17th
@ 6:00pm**

First Holy Communion Saturday May 18th @ 10:30am

**Donations for WAIM Pick-up Truck in back parking lot
Saturday May 18th & Sunday May 19th before and
after Masses**

Knights of Columbus Plant Sale

**& Ladies Guild Bake Sale Saturday May 18th
& Sunday May 19th**

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 Weekend is 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/>.

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

****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
****Recovery Retreats for Women:** May 24-26, 6-8pm
****Father's Day Brunch** June 17 at 10am \$35pp children under 10 free. For tickets go to www.endersisland.com/fathersday
****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.

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 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

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 to register or call the Advancement Office at 860-347-8957 for more info.

St. Philip the Apostle Church, 64 Pompey Hollow Road (Rte. 44), Ashford, CT will hold its **13th annual book sale** May 11-26, Sat. & Sun 8am – 7pm and M-F 2-7pm. Over 40,000 books from which to choose including fiction, nonfiction, history, religious, cookbooks, crafts, sci-fi, gardening, children, sports, arts, DVDs, VHS, records, etc. Hardcover books \$1, softcovers \$.50 with some specials as marked.

Honoring Our Senior Citizens:

Wednesday May 22, 2019 the parish family will honor the Senior Citizens (those 60+) of the parish. It is a fitting time to honor participants of Saint Andrew and Saint Francis during the month of May since it is Older Americans Month. We want to celebrate the many contributions seniors have made and continue to make in the support of our churches. Mass will be held on the 22nd at 2pm at St. Andrew Church with a special blessing for seniors. Following the Mass a social offering strawberry shortcake will be held in the parish hall. Please call and make your reservations with Barbara 860.267.0854. Please inform the committee if you have any dietary restrictions.

Programs Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center

303 Tunxis Road, West Hartford, CT 860.760.9705

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 holymfamilyretreat.org

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
smarykathleen@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!

WAIM Work Day May 11th St. Francis is one of 39 faith communities belonging to the Windham Area Interfaith Ministry. As a member, we commit to help WAIM by sending a group of volunteers twice a year on a Saturday morning. Please invite your friends and family to come with you. It's much more fun with a group. Please come at around 9am. The address is 866 Main Street in Willimantic. If you cannot find street parking, public parking is across Main St. and one block down on Walnut St. When you come in, sign in at the desk. Neenah and/or Gen will be there to direct you to the jobs to be done. The commitment is to help from 9am to noon.



The Baby Bottle Campaign begins on Mother's Day, May 12th to help fund CareNet.

As a result, women experience the love of Jesus and unborn children received the gift of life through the free services offered to women facing unplanned pregnancies. Just pick up a bottle at the side entrance of Church and fill it with coins, cash

or checks made payable to CareNet and then bring back to Church on Father's Day.

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 .
- ❖ **Holy Hour for Vocations:** May 16 from 6-7pm at St. Mary, Clinton

St. Vincent de Paul in Norwich is seeking an Administrative Assistant

Tuesday – Saturday 7:30am to 3:30pm with strong managerial skills. Must be responsible, organized, and professional with the ability to multi-task, maintain confidentiality and complete tasks in a timely manner. Candidate must have a strong commitment to the mission of St. Vincent de Paul Place in serving those in need. Excellent interpersonal skills in working with patrons, staff and volunteers are essential. For more information, visit our website at www.svdpp.org or our Facebook page. Please send or email resume with cover letter to: Jillian Corbin, Executive Director, St. Vincent de Paul Place, 120 Cliff Street, Norwich, CT 06360. jcsvdpp@gmail.com 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.

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.

Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center 860.677.8519

Long Weekend Retreat: June 20-24, 2019

Week Long Retreat: June 20-27, 2019

Directed Retreats at Our Lady of Calvary are open to both men and women. There will be daily Mass. There will be an opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

The World Will Be Saved by Beauty June 20-24, 2019.

Come spend time looking for what is beautiful. Intentionally take time to focus on those things that lift you up and help you to feel closer to your God, the One who sends beauty to refresh, nurture, and sustain you, the One who invites you into beauty's Immortal Heart.

Movie Matinee - *The Assisi Underground* Wednesday, May 8, 2019 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Offering: \$25 (includes boxed lunch) Shot on location in Assisi, The Assisi Underground shows the work of Father Ruffino, one of the "Righteous Gentiles," in sheltering Italian Jews and transporting them to safety during the Nazi occupation. Unlike many World War II melodramas, this one rings true because it is true, and its good acting and simple direction add to the authenticity. Attendees will receive a boxed lunch to enjoy during the film. A short discussion will follow the screening.

Movie Night - *Temple Grandin* Wednesday, May 15, 2019 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Offering: \$25 (includes boxed supper) Join us for a movie night featuring Temple Grandin! Emmy winner Claire Danes stars as Temple Grandin, a brilliant young woman coping with the stigma of autism at a time when it was misunderstood. With the support of her loving family, Temple dedicates herself to learning and becomes a famed animal behaviorist. Her passion for animals gives her a unique ability to understand them, and she fulfills her love of education by teaching about autism and the most humane ways to treat livestock and pets. Attendees will receive a boxed supper to enjoy during the film. A short discussion will follow the screening.

Our Lady of Calvary 19th Annual Golf Tournament May 23rd, 2019 ~ Tunxis Plantation Country Club 87 Town Farm Road ~ Farmington 10:00am registration. Day ends with an Awards Dinner & Raffle at 5:30pm. \$150 per golfer. Register on line at www.OurLadyofCalvary.net

Registration forms available at Church entrances.

Banns of Ordination

The following seminarian will be ordained to the Order of Deacon on Thursday, May 23, 2019:

Mr. Michael Bovino

Should you know of any reason why this man should not be ordained a deacon, please write to:

**The Most Reverend Michael R., Cote,
Bishop of Norwich
201 Broadway
Norwich, CT 06360**



75th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

ON THIS DATE: May 2, 1938...

The St. Mary Church building and land on McGrath Lane were sold to Thomas McGrath by "the St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church Corporation, of the Town of Lebanon, by Rev. Thomas M. Griffin, its Pastor and duly authorized agent, and Most Rev. Maurice McAuliffe, Bishop of the Diocese of Hartford." The McGrath family in turn sold the property in 1939 to the William Fish family and it now belongs to his grandson, Jeff Rondeau.

ITEMS FOR BASKET RAFFLES – CCD STUDENTS

The committee has requested that the CCD classes help with items for baskets to be raffled off at the June Ice Cream Social. Items are due this weekend. Thank you to all classes and students who participated.

\$.75 GIVING TREE-Moved to May.

During the weekends of May 4/5 & 11/12 please help us turn our Dogwood tree into a Giving Tree. Envelopes can be found in a basket in our St. Francis bird feeder in the corner. Place \$.75 (or more if you wish) in the envelope, seal, and tie to the tree with the string provided. All monies collected will go to Lebanon Social Services. Our tree will be planted on the Church grounds. *Thank you to Prides Corner Farm for their generous donation.*

SOCIAL AT LEBANON GREEN VINEYARDS

Friday, May 31, 5-7 p.m. (Rain date: June 7)

A wine and food social at the Lebanon Green Vineyards, 589 Exeter Road. \$20 per person (21 years or older), includes a glass of wine or wine tasting of five of their wines and a light supper. Soda and water will be available. Tickets are available after Masses 5/11-12 & 5/18-19. Tickets are limited and *Advance Ticket sales only*. For more information contact Lorraine at 860.334.0757 or parislg777@gamil.com
More information to come next weekend.

WE ONLY CELEBRATE 75 YEARS ONCE!

*We only have four more months to celebrate. Join us for our events throughout August 2019 including upcoming June ice Cream Social and August 2019 closing.
More information on each as they approach.*

Get M-Powered! Join the Mercy High School Summer Program 2019 ~ Calling all (rising) 6th – 9th 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
Mercy High School 860-346-6659

The Ladies Guild will be holding a Bake Sale on May 18 & 19 in conjunction with the Knight's Plant Sale. Parishioners are asked to bake for this event. Requested items are finger foods such as cookies, cakes, brownies, breads, pies or anything yummy! Please place cookies in packages of 2 or 6 and identify all items. Baked goods may be dropped off at the Church after 9:00am Saturday May 18th. Thank you in advance for all baked goods and help with this spring fundraiser.

Ladies Guild Graduating Senior Award

Any graduating high school senior who is an active member of St. Francis Parish may apply for the Ladies Guild annual Graduating Senior Award. This award is based on academic record, activity in school and community and most importantly, devotion to your Parish. The maximum award is \$200. Applications are found at the Church entrances or contact Barbara at bobbie.w@charter.net to be emailed a copy. Please return by June 2nd.

Stewardship Coordinator (Part-Time) – The Development Office of the Diocese of Norwich is seeking a candidate for the part-time position of Stewardship Coordinator (20 hours per week). Responsibilities include: managing fundraising events, assisting with planned giving, writing articles for the Four County newspaper, supporting the Annual Catholic Appeal and other duties as assigned by the Executive Director of Development. To apply, please submit your resume, cover letter and 3 references to Mary Ellen Mahoney at [memahoney@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:mamahoney@norwichdiocese.net) by May 15th.

SAVE THE DATE!

On May 18 & 19 we will have our annual WAIM collection. Our truck will be in the back parking lot ready for your donation. We are looking for small appliances, household items and linens. Thank you for your generosity.

The Connecticut Catholic Men's Conference is Looking for Leaders

We're seeking men to take on the awesome challenge of being a Parish Captain to reach out to your brothers and invite them to this year's Connecticut Catholic Men's Conference. If you've experienced the incredible benefits of attending the conference, why not share it with the men of your parish?

A Parish Captain prays for the success of the 10/19/19 conference and the men God will call to attend. He puts up the poster at Church, recruits men through phone calls, emails, one-to-one contact, registration for the conference, and possibly arranges a group of men to get there! All efforts are helpful.

Come join our brotherhood of leaders and experience the joy of leading other men closer to Christ. Please help out by registering at www.ctcatholicmen.org. Go to the Parish Captain section and click "sign up". We will have our 2nd Annual Parish Training on June 1st and we would like to send you an invite.

More questions? Email ctcatholicmensconference@gmail.com.

Jesus calls men to become better husbands, fathers, and leaders in the world. Each man of God is given gifts to carry out the mission of the Gospel to share Jesus with the world! We are grateful for our brothers who serve where they can, and for our priests, who lead as servants of Christ. Our prayer is that men grow in knowledge, holiness, and the grace of God, as they become who they are called to be in Christ. Each year, the Connecticut Catholic Men's Conference challenges men to take on the challenges of true grace-filled manly living. We know, however, that we can't do this alone. WE NEED "YOUR HELP!"

Join us at the Shrine of the Little Flower in Nasonville RI this Friday, May 10th , for Theology on Fire!

Theology on Fire is a lecture series for young adults which meets the second Friday of every month from April to November. Young adults ages 16-35 are welcome to join us for a lecture around a fire in the outdoor shrine. Following the lecture, adoration is held. Finally, the group closes the night by meeting in the Church hall for pizza and community. Don't miss out on this opportunity to meet young Catholics from across New England and to grow closer to Christ in community with them!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING YOUNG ADULTS

ON THEIR CONFIRMATION:

Steven Bardes

Colby Briggs

Thomas Cardinali

Erika Densman

Leah DiFrancesca

Madison DiFrancesca

Kristen Goodrich

Ryan Jankowski

Bennett Murphy

Jack Nowosad

Jacob Palombizio

Emma Savluk

Laura Spedalieri

Christian Terwilliger

Gregory Toussaint

