

**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 18, 2019 St. John I, pope & martyr

5:00 PM +Eric Hesse req. by Rose & Bill McLaughlin

Sunday May 19, 2019 Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM +Mary Flanigan req. by Evelyn Grenier

10:30 AM +Joann Pomerleau req. by her family

Monday, May 20, 2019 St. Bernardine of Siena, priest

NO MASS

**Tuesday, May 21, 2019 St. Christopher Magallanes, priest &
companion martyrs**

NO MASS

Wednesday May 22, 2019 St. Rita of Cascia, religious

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

Thursday May 23, 2019 Easter Weekday

NOMASS

Friday May 24, 2019 Easter Weekday

**9:00 AM For the intentions of Ron Melewski req. by Mackie
Boone**

**Saturday May 25, 2019 St. Bede the Venerable, priest, doctor
of the Church; St. Gregory VI, pope; St. Mary Magdalene de
Pazzi, virgin**

5:00 PM

Sunday May 26, 2019 Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM +Anastasia Getman req. by C Wheaton

10:30 AM +Francois Fauteux req. by his wife

Offertory: \$ 2,077.00 Monthly Extraordinary: \$ 474.00

Today's second collection is for building maintenance.

Next weekend's second collection is for St. Bernard School.

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 25 & 26

5:00pm Lector: Carole Briggs

Eucharistic Minister: Pam Flaherty

Altar Servers: Grace & Nina Gardella

8:00 am Lector: Kathy Pellerin

Eucharistic Minister: Gregg Lafontaine

Altar Servers: Emily Pomerleau

10:30am Lector: Maureen Polana

Eucharistic Minister: Paul Pelletier

Altar Servers: Erika Densman & Nicholas Barrett

Total to date collected for Haiti is \$ 1264.34

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 Msgr. Michael Donohue, Rev. John Gwudz, Rev. Paul Boudreau, Rev. Thomas Sickler MS, 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.

We also pray for those priests who have left the ministry.

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)

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**

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 will be accepting children and adult, gently used clothing and shoes. Please place items in plastic bags. Thank you for your generosity.

The Baby Bottle Campaign 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.



MEETINGS:

**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

****Day of Recollection** Wednesday May 22 11:30am-4:00pm
\$50 includes Mass at 9:00am and 3 course lunch. Register www.enders.is/StRita DOR

****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.

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, 2019**

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 hollyfamilyretreat.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
srmmarykathleen@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!

Boy Scout Troop 13 Seeking Tag Sale

Donations: Colchester Boy Scout Troop 13 is seeking donations for their booth at the Tag Sale on the Green on Sunday, June 9th, 2019. Donations such as toys, books, holiday decorations, kitchen items, small household items. No clothing, TV's or electronics please. Support Scouting! Call Amanda at 860-537-1389 to arrange pick up or email troop13tagsale@gmail.com

Join us at the Shrine of the Little Flower in Nasonville RI 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

- ❖ **Charismatic Prayer Meeting** every Tuesday at 2pm.

- ❖ **The Office of Faith Events** is now accepting donations during the month of May of **Large New or Gently Used Baskets** to hold raffle items made by the members of our **One Heart Ministry**. Please contact us at 860.848.2237 Ext. 304 to donate and arrange for pick-up. Thank you.

- ❖ **Healing Mass:** Every 2nd and 4th Mondays at 2pm. Spiritual Renewal Center, 11 Bath Street, Norwich .

- ❖ **Divorced & Separated:** for Catholics experiencing the pain and hurt of losing a marriage relationship. "Hope and Healing: Surviving Divorce and Separation" will take place Saturday June 15 from 9am to 2pm at St. Mary Church Hall, 45 Freestone Ave., Portland, CT. Time for personal reflection group sharing, prayer, ritual, journaling, and support with other Catholics. \$15, includes materials and lunch. Registration is required. **Contact Mary-Jo McLaughlin at 860.848.2237 Ext. 312 or email at mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net.**

- ❖ **Holy Hour for Vocations:** June 28 from 7pm at the Cathedral of St. Patrick, Norwich

- Diocesan Memorial Day Masses:**
- ❖ May 27 at 9:00am St. Joseph Cemetery, Boswell Ave., Norwich – Bishop Michael R. Cote celebrant. In case of inclement weather Mass will be held in the Cathedral of St. Patrick, 231 Broadway, Norwich.
- ❖ May 27 at 9:00am Sacred Heart Cemetery, Harland Road, Taftville. Rev. Christopher Zmuda celebrant. In case of inclement weather Mass will be held in Sacred Heart Church, Taftville.
- ❖ May 27 at 9:00am St. Patrick Cemetery Depot Road, Montville. Rev. James Sucholet celebrant. In case of inclement weather Mass will be held in St. John Church, Uncasville.
- ❖ May 27 at 10:00am St. Mary Cemetery, Jefferson Ave., New London. Msgr. Leszek Janik, VG celebrant. In case of inclement weather Mass will be held in
- ❖ St. Mary Church, New London.

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

Early Bird Registration ends June 1st for Higher Achievement and Theater Arts Programs Save \$50 and Register NOW!

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!"



75th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

ON THIS DATE: May 18, 1980...

the Solemn Liturgical Celebration for the Blessing and Dedication of the new Saint Francis of Assisi Church was held at 3 p.m. Principal Celebrant was the Most Rev. Daniel P. Reilly, Bishop of Norwich. Concelebrants included Father Edward Davis; three priests who had served St. Francis in years past: Fathers Edmund Barrett, Richard Archambault and Hugh Murphy; John Suprenant and Msgr. Joseph King, and other clergy.

Mass included the Rite of Blessing, Prayer of Dedication, and the Liturgy of the Eucharist (including blessing of the Tabernacle). Parishioners offered up a variety of gifts pertaining to the Church and Lebanon.

Approximately 325-350 people gathered for the dedication including town officials and representatives from the Lebanon and Jewish communities. After the service an open house with light refreshments was held in the old Church. Later that day, at a large gathering of priests, Bishop Reilly termed our new parish Church "the gem of the diocese".

Happy 39th Anniversary West Town Street Church!

\$.75 GIVING TREE – Thank you!

Thank you to all who helped us turn our Dogwood tree into a Giving Tree. The money 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 5/18-19. Limited number of tickets available and *Advance Ticket sales only*. For more information contact Lorraine at 860.334.0757 or parislg777@gamil.com

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.

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 bobbi.w@charter.net to be emailed a copy. Please return by June 2nd.

???Ladies Guild Mystery Ride???
All ladies of the parish are invited to join the Ladies Guild on their annual Mystery Ride Monday, May 20. We will depart from the church parking lot at 4:45 (please eat at home). A sign-up sheet is at the side church entrance. Questions, please contact Barbara at 860-642-7168.

Thank you to Estelle, Kathy, Lorraine, Erin, Jennie and Shannon Kuzel for coming out Friday evening to clean the church. The rain held off so they were able to wash windows as well doing the inside cleaning.
Thank you ladies

*Congratulations to our
First Holy Communicants*

The following received their First Holy Communion on Saturday May 18:



- Emily Densman*
- Marcello Gardella*
- Jemma Hayward*
- Ava Nowosad*
- Gavin Russo*
- Leona Trani*