

**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 August 31, 2019 Blessed Virgin Mary

5:00 PM +Nick Wengloski req. by his family

**Sunday September 1, 2019 Twenty-second Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM +Fr. Henri Delisle O.M.I. req by the Kuzel family

10:30 AM Richard & Suzanne Gorsline 46th Wedding
Anniversary

Monday, September 2, 2019 Labor Day

9:00 AM Sanctification of Human Labor

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

**Tuesday, September 3, 2019 St. Gregory the Great, pope,
doctor of the Church**

NO MASS

Wednesday September 4, 2019 Weekday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM Sanctification of Jose Guillen req. by I. Boone

Thursday September 5, 2019 St. Teresa of Calcutta

NO MASS

Friday September 6, 2019 Weekday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM +Rev. Arthur Archer & +Rev. Msgr. Thomas Bride

Saturday September 7, 2019 Blessed Virgin Mary

5:00 PM +Chad Onate req. by Cheryl & Becca Wheaton

**Sunday September 8, 2019 Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary
Time**

8:00 AM +Jordan Haralson req. by the family

10:30 AM Michael & Amy Dorney Goba 2nd Wedding

Anniversary req. by Bill & Joan Russoniello Goba

Offertory: \$ 1,792.00 Building Maintenance: \$ 462.00
Ladies Guild Membership envelopes may be placed in the
regular offertory collection.

Next weekend's second collection is for the National Combined
collection.

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 September 7 & 8

5:00pm Lector: Richard Lataille

Eucharistic Minister: Pam Flaherty

Altar Servers: Grace & Genevieve Gardella

8:00 am Lector: Ella Mae Kuzel

Eucharistic Minister: Rick Kane

Altar Servers: Jack Terwilliger

10:30am Lector: Sandy Grillo

Eucharistic Minister: Wally Gagnon

Altar Servers: Erika Densman, Nicholas Barrett

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. Army

1st 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, Rev. Jeffrey Ellis, Rev. Gregoire Fluet, Rev. Thomas Hoar
SSE, Rev. Gregory Mullaney, Rev. Thomas Angelo, Rev. Peter
Langevin, Rev. Patrick McCorry, Rev. James Thaikootathil, V.
Rev. Douglas Mosey CSB, Msgr. Thaddeus Malanowski, Mrs.
Richard LaRocque, Rev. Michel Gill.

Increase in Your priests a hunger for the glory of Jesus, and for
the salvation of souls. Grant them courage and confidence in
carrying out their duties.

(Ven. Mother Catherine Aurelia, foundress)

NEW BOOK:

Tony Coscia's second book telling another 100 personal
miracle stories has been published.

You can obtain a copy at Merciful Saviour Gift Shop in
Colchester, CT at (860.537.0079) or you can contact
Tony directly at (860.786.7220), or Email Tony at
(TonyAnd777@aol.com). You can google the book title
for more info at: (Tony's 50,000 Co-incidence Miracles –
Book 2/Enroute).



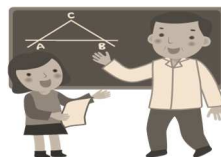
Meetings

Parish Advisory Council Wednesday
Sept. 4 @ 6:30pm

Knights of Columbus Thursday Sept. 5
@ 7:00pm

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.
- ❖ **Monthly Pro-Life Mass** will take place at the Cathedral of S. Patrick in Norwich on **Saturday, September 7 at 8:30am**. Please join our celebrant Rev. Brian Maxwell 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.
- ❖ **Blue Mass Steak Dinner Fundraiser** – Friday, September 6 at East Great Plain Fire Department, 488 New London Turnpike Norwich from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. Steak-Baked Potato-Salad-Bread & Butter-Soda & Water \$20 adults \$10 children 12 and under. This fundraiser helps to defray expenses associated with the Annual Blue Mass honoring law enforcement personnel. For more information or tickets please call Ms. Becky Cady at 860.887.9294 ext. 235.
- ❖ **24h Annual Mass for those Dedicated to Education, September 8 at 8:45am** held in the Cathedral of St. Patrick. Bishop Cote will celebrate this Mass for all teachers and support staff, public, parochial, and private, active and retired, of all faiths. For more information please call the Chancery at 860.887.9294.
- ❖ **The Blue Mass is celebrated in the Cathedral on September 22 at 10:15 am.** All law enforcement officers (federal, state, and municipal, active and retired) and their families are invited to the 29th Annual Blue Mass and Reception, Sunday, September 22 in the Cathedral of St. Patrick at 10:15am. All parishioners are cordially invited to attend this Mass. Bishop Cote will celebrate this Mass and Msgr. Robert J. Romano, Pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Brooklyn, NY will be the Homilist. For more information, please call Chief L. J. Fusaro, Chief Daley, or Rev. Peter Langevin at 860.887.9294 ext. 235.
- ❖ **Save the Date Catholic Charities 14th Annual Golf Tournament** Join us for a swing and a prayer on Wednesday, September 18th at the Fox Hopyard Golf Club for Catholic Charities' 14th Annual Golf Tournament. Visit www.ccfns.org for more details.
- ❖ **Marriage Help:** If your marriage has become troubled and stressed, unloving or uncaring, or, if you are divorced or separated but want to try again, the Retrouvaille program can help. Retrouvaille provides tools to communicate better, resolve conflicts fairly and re-discover why you fell in love. The next Retrouvaille weekend in CT is September 27-29. A series of 6 post sessions follow the weekend. For more information or to register, call 203-710-6207, or visit the website at www.retrouvaille.org.
- ❖ **Anniversary Mass:** All couples married 25 & 50 years or celebrating any significant anniversary year are invited to attend a Silver & Gold Jubilee Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Patrick in Norwich on Sunday, **October 27 at 2pm**. Come and renew your commitment to live your marriage in holiness in a Pontifical Mass celebrated by Bishop Michael R. Cote. Family and friends are invited to share in this special testimony and witness to love and marriage. Dessert and beverages will be served following the Mass in the Cathedral Hall. Register through your parish office by Friday, October 11. For more information, call Mary-Jo McLaughlin at the Catholic Family Services Office, 860.848.2237 Ext. 312.



**Sunday School Begins
September 8th.**

**Parents of registered
children will be called before
September 8th with their room
assignment.**

**If you have not registered before Sept.
8th, you will need to register in the
parish office at which time you will be
given your room assignment.**

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

++Watercolor Class with Deacon Thomas Masaryk
September 7. Mass at 9am, workshop begins at 10am.
Departure is at 3pm. Materials and lunch included. Cost \$95.

++Married Couples Weekend Retreat October 4-6 "The
Window of Christ's Love to the World with Dr. Shawn & Dawn
Kalis. Registration fee: \$460 per couple. Register at
www.enders.is/couples

++Recovery Retreats for Men: November 15-17.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Jesus calls us to love the Lord and to love one another.
Deepen your communication, rekindle your romance and
renew your sacrament by attending a Worldwide Marriage
Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Nov 1-3, 2019 in
MANCHESTER, CT and Sep 13-15, 2019 in Huntington, NY.
For more information, call Pat & Mary Jo McLaughlin at 860-
315-2127 or visit them at <https://www.mectw.org/>.

East Catholic High School

We look forward to getting to know our future eagles
this year as they explore East Catholic High School
and everything that it has to offer them. Our annual
Open House this year will be on *Tuesday, October
22nd at 6:45 p.m.* with our Entrance Exams being
on *Saturday, November 2nd and Saturday,
November 16th at 8:30 a.m.*

Pre-registration for these events is not required, but
is appreciated. You may reserve your spot by
calling our Admissions Office at 860-649-5336 ext.
6456 or by pre-registering online at www.echs.com

Please look for the Office of Faith Events new column: **"Faith Sparks"** in the 4 County Catholic newspaper. This past month's column talks about the value of family prayer. "If you are not a family that prays together, consider beginning to do so tonight. There are as many and different ways to pray as there are people and there is no right or wrong way to do it." To read the entire article and help your family on their faith journey visit NorwichDiocese.org/FaithSparks

Next weekend our parish will take up the National Combined Collection which benefits The Catholic Communication Campaign, The Annual Appeal for the Holy Father (Peter Pence), The Retirement Fund for Religious, and Catholic University of America. These collections provide the Holy Father with the funds he needs to reach out to people suffering in our world; helps religious communities struggling to provide for aging members; and offers students and excellent education in a faith-filled atmosphere grounded in Catholic intellectual tradition. The communication campaign, of which half of the proceeds stay in our Diocese, helps spread the gospel here and around the world through internet, television, radio, and print media. Registered parishioners have received a mailing with more detailed information. Please read the material and bring your gift envelope to Mass next weekend. Gift envelopes and an informational brochure are also available at Church entrances. Your support of these needs of the Universal Church will truly make a difference. Please be as generous as your means allow.

Men's Fall ACTS Retreat October 24-27

The Men's Fall ACTS Retreat is a three-day, three-night Catholic lay retreat presented by men who have attended prior ACTS retreats, under the guidance of a Catholic Guide. Offering a unique format, this retreat is unlike anything you may have experienced in the past. The goals are to renew yourself spiritually, to strengthen your faith and its application in your daily life, and to create lasting and supporting friendships within your Church communities.

The Retreat begins Thursday with a 5:45pm check-in at St. Patrick Church. Participants will then be transported to Our Lady of Calvary, Farmington, CT for the remainder of the retreat. The retreat will end on Sunday with a morning Mass and reception at St. Patrick Church.

Transportation to and from Our Lady of Calvary will be provided.

Date: October 24-27

Sponsoring Parish: St. Patrick Church, East Hampton.

Co-sponsoring Parish: St. Andrew Church, Colchester

For more information:

Email: ACTS.OCT2019@gmail

Phone: Christian Choma – 860.576.7650, Dan Leone – 860.373.6912 or Dennis Girard – 860.334.9894.

Go to actsct.org for more information about ACTS retreats. On the "Events" page are links to an informational brochure and retreat registration form.

Parish wide adoration to pray for our schools on Sunday evening September 8th from 6:30pm to 7:45pm at ST. Andrew Church. There will be a parish wide adoration to pray for our schools.

There will be teachers from all schools there, from the Colchester Co-op to Bacon Academy, to pray with us. We will also have someone from the Norwich Diocese Catholic Schools, home schooling and college.

Parishioners of all ages are welcome to come. Bring your children even if they can't stay for the whole evening. Even if you have no one in your family still in school, please join us to pray as a community for our students, staff and schools.

The Liturgy Committee (composed of fellow parishioners) is charged with the responsibility of advising our parish of valuable ways to enhance the celebration of Holy Mass; so that all of us can be mindful of the true and real Presence of Jesus Christ here among us all during our attentive visits here at Mass.

The Liturgy Committee sees it worthwhile to remind us about Mass Etiquette, which will help us get the most out of our Sacred Liturgy, and help us participate fully in the Holy Mass. The Liturgy Committee wishes to underscore that the Mass involves not only the work of the priest, but the work of the people as well.

Mass is an opportunity to listen carefully to the prayers and readings, and reflect on the fact that every Mass throughout the world is using the same readings and Holy Rituals.

We would appreciate it if everyone would maintain a holy attitude and a reverent silence, before and during the Mass -- because many people come to Church with problems, fears, sadness, and needs. Many are in deep prayer begging God for His Holy Help.

When we unknowingly distract others we are distracting their quiet time with God (perhaps the only time they can find to visit God in this holy place).

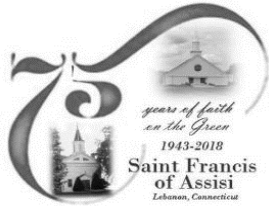
As Jesus said: "My house shall be called a house of prayer".

Please consider using the cry room at the main entrance of the Church if you have young people in your family who need to be active and playful during Mass so that you can come to worship as a family each week and still allow for a peaceful and reverent atmosphere in the main church. The parishioners who lived before us had decided to welcome families with small children and to make them comfortable and participative by constructing a well-designed room with a great sound system and good ventilation for all of our families to use until the children are able to participate quietly in the main body of the church. We certainly welcome and enjoy having children attend and we have provided a convenient and quiet place for all our very young children to allow them "to be themselves -- until they are ready to join us in the quiet-zone".

Accordingly; it is suggested that we will all benefit greatly by being mindful that (Jesus is not only here "tangibly in the tabernacle as we enter the building"), but that Jesus is about to bless all of us as we celebrate our great heritage in Christ. May we all find Christ more alive within our hearts and minds as we carefully and joyfully participate in the true and real Miracles of Christ at each of our Holy Masses.

Please make every attempt to be on time – or even early. Due to circumstances out of our control, we understand that there are times when you can't get to church before it starts, but remember it is better to be present, even if late, than it is to be absent from the assembly of faith.

Leaving church before the dismissal is to ignore an important part of the Liturgy: Christ's commission to "...go out and make disciples of all nations." Our Liturgy has a beginning, "in the name of the Father...", and an end, "Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord..." We encourage you to receive your commission with dignity, respect, and honor.



75th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

August 25, 2018 – August 25, 2019...

Saint Francis of Assisi commemorated its 75 years of faith on the Lebanon Green and its two Churches, the Route 87 chapel and the West Town Street Church, where we worship today. We celebrated with Outdoor Masses and picnics; a Mass of Thanksgiving and reception with the Bishop, former priests and trustee families; a pot luck appreciation dinner; Dance through the Decades dinner; Religious Jeopardy; a Giving Tree; Wine and Ice Cream Socials. God was good, we enjoyed beautiful weather for all our events and even snow predicted the evening of Jeopardy held off until we were finished.

We remembered items and events of our past. We gave out anniversary and advent buttons, St. Francis figures, warm fuzzies, round tuits and the *Barrington Bunny* story. We told our Lebanon Catholic history with a published, full-color book. We can continue to truly say that the Catholics in Lebanon, our faith on the Lebanon Green, has been seventy-five years blessed.

The Anniversary Committee would like to thank everyone who participated in our events. We hope that you will remember this milestone and continue to pray for our Church, Saint Francis of Assisi.

Saint Francis parish was not financially responsible for the 75th Anniversary celebration. All events planned throughout the anniversary year, handouts, published history and supplies for the events were entirely paid for by donations received. Thank you again to our generous donators.

Much appreciation goes to the Anniversary Committee who have worked tirelessly or over two years to make this a memorable celebration!

Jennie Brewster, Ella Mae Kuzel, Alicia Lamb, Anne Maffiolini, Bob & Lorraine Paris, Peg Stygar, Kathy Walden and Barbara Wengloski

OUTDOOR MASS AND PICNIC

We concluded our anniversary last weekend. Thank you to everyone who attended, helped set up, cleaned up and participated in any way. Thank you to Jim McCaw for the use of his tents, the Knights of Columbus and Ladies Guild and the "Kuzel Klan".

CHECK THE PARISH WEBSITE FOR PHOTOS OF ALL OUR EVENTS SINCE AUGUST 2018. PHOTOS OF LAST WEEKEND'S EVENTS WILL BE POSTED SOON.

WE ONLY CELEBRATE 75 YEARS ONCE!

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS! May 2030, on the anniversary of the 50th anniversary of the West Town Street Church, we will open our time capsule created on the occasion of the 75 years of faith on the Lebanon Green!

12th Annual Connecticut Catholic Men's Conference
Saturday, October 19, 2019 8:30am – 4:00pm

(Mass celebrated by Archbishop Blair)
St. Paul Catholic High School, Bristol, CT

Featuring dynamic speakers, exhibitor, confession, adoration, food and fellowship. Speakers include Bishop Juan Miguel Betancourt, Fr. John Bartunek, Dan Burke, and Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers.

Buy tickets online www.ctcatholicmen.org

Questions? 860.484.7950

SEEKING - PARISH ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Consideration for candidates to the Parish Advisory Council:

- (a) Active parishioners are eligible.
- (b) Parishioners may nominate any interested parishioner, including themselves.
- (c) Must be a Roman Catholic.
- (d) Must be a practicing Catholic in accordance of Canon Law.
- (e) Must be Confirmed (meaning, has received the Sacrament of Confirmation).

A parishioner desiring to serve on the Parish Advisory Council should be nominated by making his or her interest known to the Pastor. The Pastor will verify and confirm that such individual is eligible and is a Catholic in good standing.

Council meets Wednesday at 6:30pm in the meeting room every other month September thru May. Meetings usually last 1 hour.

MASS INTENTIONS

We have several open Masses during 2019. You may have a Mass said for a variety of intentions: for a deceased loved one, in celebration of a marriage, anniversary, birthday, in thanksgiving, for a special intention, for world peace, etc.

To request a Mass intention, please call Cheryl in the parish office during office hours.

WE CAN HELP

To report inappropriate contact of any kind by a representative of the Diocese of Norwich or for assistance to victims, please call: 1.800.624.7407

Holy Hour of adoration for Vocations
With Bishop Cote

@ Saint Francis of Assisi Church
Thursday, September 19 from 6:00pm – 7:00pm