

**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 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

Monday, September 9, 2019 St. Peter Claver, priest

NO MASS

Tuesday, September 10, 2019 Weekday in Ordinary Time

NO MASS

Wednesday September 11, 2019 Weekday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM +Ross Jacobeno req. by I. Boone

Thursday September 12, 2019 Most Holy Name of Jesus

NO MASS

**Friday September 13, 2019 St. John Chrysostom, bishop,
doctor of the Church**

9:00 AM Living & deceased members of the Cunningham

Family req. by the family

Saturday September 14, 2019 Exaltation of the Holy Cross

5:00 PM +Sierra Stanton req. by her family

**Sunday September 15, 2019 Twenty-fourth Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM +Marie Pomerleau req. by Rajean & Fern Fauteux

10:30 AM +Rosemary Peck req. by a friend

Offertory: \$ 3,370.00

Ladies Guild Membership envelopes may be placed in the regular offertory collection.

Today's second collection is for the National Combined collection.

Next weekend's second collection is for Catholic Elementary Schools.

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 14 & 15

5:00pm Lector: Anne Staebner

Eucharistic Minister: Sharon Nejako

Altar Servers: Nina Gardella, CJ Frank

8:00 am Lector: Greg Jones

Eucharistic Minister: Kathy Walden

Altar Servers: Christian Terwilliger

10:30am Lector: Maureen Polana

Eucharistic Minister: Tony Coscia

Altar Servers: Drew Taylor, Erika Densman

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 Spedaliera Jr., U.S. Navy

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 Rev. Mark Masnicki, Rev. David Zercie MSA, Rev. Christopher Feeny, Rev. Tadeusz Zadorozny, Rev. Richard Sliwinski, Rev. Augustine Naduvilekoot, V. Rev. Richard Ricard, Rev. Victor Chaker, Rev. John Antonelle, Rev. Edward Konopka, Our Holy Father, and all priests.

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).

**Holy Hour of Adoration for Vocations
With Bishop Cote**

@ Saint Francis of Assisi Church

Thursday, September 19 from 6:00pm – 7:00pm

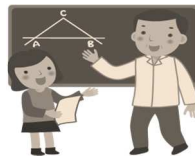
Come pray for those who are called to priestly or consecrated religious life. Pray for our seminarians and those in the process of applying to the Diocese. Join our Diocesan Prayer Team for Vocations by emailing the vocation office for more information at vocations@norwichdiocese.net and check out our website at god-calls.com.

Liturgy Committee Meeting Wednesday, September 11 @ 6:30pm.

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 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.
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ The Most Reverend Michael R. Cote, Bishop of Norwich, will host and celebrate the **29th Annual Red Mass on Sunday September 29 at 10:30am in St. Patrick Cathedral, 213 Broadway, Norwich**, for judges, lawyers, paralegal, law students – all involved in administration of justice: legislators, public officials and civic leaders are invited. Rev. Brian Romanowski, JCL, will concelebrate the Red Mass and deliver the homily this year.
- ❖ **Pontifical Mass for the Diocesan Partnership on Disability.** Join us for a Celebration of the Liturgy for people living with disabilities; for their family, friends, caregivers, co-workers, support staff and health care professionals. Principal Celebrant Bishop Michael R. Cote. Sunday **October 6, @ 11:00am, St. Andrew Church 128 Norwich Avenue, Colchester.** Presentation & light refreshments to follow in Church Hall. For more information or to RSVP for the reception, please contact the Office of Faith Events 860.848.2237 x304 or faithevents@norwichdiocese.net.

- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **Youth Explosion** ~ The Diocese of Norwich invites Grades 6-12 to Youth Explosion with host and song leader Cooper Ray. Spend the afternoon sharing your faith with teens from all over the Diocese. The event takes place on Saturday, November 2nd at St. Bernard's High School n Uncasville, the doors open at 12:30am and the cost is \$25 for the day and includes snack. Please see your Catechetical Leader to register or go to www.youthexplosionct.com. For questions, please email Liza Roach at lroach@norwichdiocese.net or call 860.848.2237 ext. 305.



Sunday School Begins September 8th

From 9:00am – 10:00am.

**Grades 3 & 4 will meet at the
American Legion Hall 9:00am –**

**10:00am Sunday morning. Grade 7 Cry Room
Church, Grade 9 Church 9:00am – 10:00am
Sunday morning. Grade 1 office in office
building, Grade 2 CCD office in office building,
Grade 5 & 6 in meeting room 9:00am – 10:00am
Sunday morning. Grade 8 will meet Saturday
Evening following the 5:00pm Mass. (5pm-7pm)**

**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.**

RCIA to Begin

**If you or a family member or a friend is considering becoming
Catholic or learning more about the Catholic faith, the Rite of
Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) will begin on Sunday,
September 22 at St. Andrew Church. Classes are held after the
9:30am Mass in the classroom attached to the rectory. All are
welcome to learn more and journey deeper into the Catholic faith.
For more information or questions, please contact John or Nicole
Peck at 860.537.6981 or at jnpeck@mac.com**

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

++Day of Recollection with Alice Camille Wednesday September 18th. Registration is \$50pp. Retreat begins with Mass at 9:00am and includes a three-course hot lunch. Register online at www.enders.is/AugDOR
++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://wwmectw.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

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

Today we 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. Please indicate on your NCC collection envelope how you wish your gift to be used. If you need a gift envelope, extra envelopes are available at Church entrances. Please support our aging religious, join our Holy Father in providing essential relief to the most disadvantaged, connect people with Christ through communication resources, and help provide a Catholic based education to university students. . Your generous support is greatly appreciated.

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. 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.



All ladies of the parish are invited to the Guild Potluck Supper Monday September 19th, @ 6:30pm in the meeting room. Please

bring a dish or dessert to share. A sign-up sheet can be found at the side entrance of the Church. Meeting to follow the dinner. We are celebrating 70 years of service to St. Francis. This is an opportunity to see what the Guild is about; you are under no obligation to join.

Catholic Elementary School Collection will be taken up September 14th & 15th. Appropriately titled, Faith for the Future, the collection recognizes that our futures truly do belong to the children we are educating in our schools today. Our 11 Diocesan elementary schools offer families a safe and nurturing environment in which to entrust their children's academic, social and moral growth, preparing them to become the future leaders of our Church and community. Please be generous in your support. Your contribution will help provide a Christ-centered and academically excellent Catholic education.

SAVE THE DATE! Polish Dinner, October 19th, 5-7 at the Fire Safety Complex, hosted by the Ladies Guild and Knights of Columbus. The number of tickets will be limited and advance tickets are required. Tickets will go on sale mid- September. All proceeds will go to St. Francis Parish. More information coming soon.



2019 ACA Update: As of August 23rd, **Saint Francis Parish, Lebanon** has donated \$17,510 or 82.03% of its goal, and 16.42% of our parishioners have donated. We are striving for as close to 100% participation as possible. Our ACA supported ministries do the work of Christ every day. From a student being sponsored by Outreach to Haiti, "After I lost my father, going to school was very difficult but thanks to your support, I will keep going to school." If you have not made your contribution to the 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal, "Hand in Hand with All God's Children," or would like to make an additional gift, please contact the Development Office at (860) 886-1928 or go online to www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org. Thank you very much.

The Shrine of the Little Flower

Please join us Friday, **September 13th**, for our **Young Adult Lecture series Theology on Fire**. The night starts at 7:00 PM in the outdoor Shrine and includes a lecture, Q&A, rosary and homemade pizza served in the Church hall.

The night closes with night prayer at 9:45. Please consider coming to our **Fall Women's Day of Recollection on September 14th**. This event is meant to help Catholic women keep that passion for the faith burning in their hearts. The day starts with Holy Mass at 10:00 AM and concludes at 3:00 PM. Other events during the day include two lectures, lunch, Confessions and a Holy Hour. For more details, and to purchase your ticket, please visit www.burrillvillecatholic.org.

Accompanying Our Youth On Their Faith Journey

Catechetical leaders, catechists, pastors, parents and parishioners are invited to join us on

September 12 at

**The Church of the Holy Family,
Hebron, CT**

Keynote: Fr. Frank Donio, S.A.C.

Father Frank Donio, S.A.C, D.Min. is Director of the Catholic Apostolate Center in Washington, D.C. Fr. Frank is a Consultant to the Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. He also collaborated with the Conference on the development of Living as Missionary Disciples: A Resource for Evangelization and on the Convocation of Catholic Leaders.

Day Retreat from 9am-2pm

Or

Evening Workshop from 6:30-8:30pm.

Register at manicholas@norwichdiocese.net or at 860.848.2237 – (press 304 as soon as the message begins), by September 9th. Please specify day or evening when registering.

Catechetical Sunday

September 15

All teachers and assistants are asked to attend the 10:30am Mass.