

**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 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 Rajeon & Fern Fauteux

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

**Monday, September 16, 2019 Sts. Cornelius, pope, & Cyprian, bishop, martyrs**

NO MASS

**Tuesday, September 17, 2019 St. Robert Bellamine, bishop & doctor of the Church**

NO MASS

**Wednesday September 18, 2019 Weekday in Ordinary Time**

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

**Thursday September 19, 2019 St. Januarius, bishop, martyr**

NO MASS

**Friday September 20, 2019 St. Andrew Kim Taegon, priest and Paul Chong Ha-sang and companions, martyrs**

9:00 AM Living & deceased members of the Roccato Family  
Req. by the family

**Saturday September 21, 2019 St. Matthew, apostle, evangelist**

5:00 PM +Chad Onate req. by his family

**Sunday September 22, 2019 Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM +Abbey Marie Coutu req. by Norm & Ella Mae Kuzel  
10:30 AM Christopher & Trish Goba Churchill 20<sup>th</sup> wedding  
Anniversary req. by Bill & Joan Russoniello Goba

Offertory: \$ 2393.95 National Combined: \$ 1,130.85

Today's second collection is for Catholic Elementary Schools. Next weekend's second collection is for monthly extraordinary expenses. Envelopes for membership with the Norwich Diocese Council of Catholic Women may be placed in either 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 21 & 22**

5:00pm Lector: Steve Wengloski

Eucharistic Minister: Jim Hay

Altar Servers: Grace & Luci Gardella

8:00 am Lector: Jim Dyer

Eucharistic Minister: Peggy Stygar

Altar Servers: Jack Terwilliger

10:30am Lector: Paul Pelletier

Eucharistic Minister: Pat Dubiel

Altar Servers: Drew Taylor, 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

1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Miles N. Snelgrove USMC 2<sup>nd</sup> Batt. 6<sup>th</sup> 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

1<sup>st</sup> 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. Stanley Szczapa, V. Rev. Jan Swiderski, Rev. George Busto CO, Rev. John Ashe, Rev. George Villamthanam CST, Rev. Joseph Tito, Rev. Martin Noe, Rev. Thomas Griffin, Rev. William McCarthy MBA, Rev. Walter Nagle, Rev. Joseph Castaldi, Rev. Dennis Mercieri. We also pray for those priests who have left the ministry.

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 (Op). You can google the book title for more info at: (Tony's 50,000 Coincidence 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](mailto:vocations@norwichdiocese.net) and check out our website at [god-calls.com](http://god-calls.com).

## **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.
- ❖ **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 29<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.retrouvaille.org).
- ❖ The Most Reverend Michael R. Cote, Bishop of Norwich, will host and celebrate the **29<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 in 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](http://www.youthexplosionct.com). For questions, please email Liza Roach at [lroach@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:lroach@norwichdiocese.net) or call 860.848.2237 ext. 305.

### **Programs at Enders Island, Mystic**

**860.536.0565 [www.endersisland.com](http://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.endersisland.com/AugDOR](http://www.endersisland.com/AugDOR)

**++Chant Express: Christmas Edition** with John Brodeur. September 23-25. To learn more & register, please visit <http://endersisland.com/christmaschant>.

**++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.endersisland.com/couples](http://www.endersisland.com/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 <http://www.mectw.org>.

**SAVE THE DATE!** Polish Dinner, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 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.



### **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](http://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](http://NorwichDiocese.org/FaithSparks)

### **12<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.ctcatholicmen.org)**  
**Questions? 860.484.7950**

### **Last weekend the National Combined Collection**

which benefits the Retirement Fund for Religious, The Annual Appeal for the Holy Father, The Catholic Communications Campaign, and the Catholic University was taken up in our parish. To all those who made a gift, thank you for your generous response. If you did not bring your gift envelope to Mass last weekend or if you were away, it's not too late to give! Extra envelopes are available at Church entrances. Your contribution and be place in the collection basket or mailed directly to the parish. Please be as generous as you can. Thank you.

### **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](mailto:jnpeck@mac.com)**

### **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.

### **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](http://actsct.org) for more information about ACTS retreats. On the "Events" page are links to an informational brochure and retreat registration form.



**75<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**  
**OUR LAST RECOGNITIONS**

The Anniversary Committee will be presenting to Jeff Rondeau, the present owner of the former Saint Mary Mission property on McGrath Lane, an engraved stone. The original 15"x24" cornerstone of the first Catholic Church in Lebanon commemorates the location of the chapel or "Bozrahville Church" as it was called. Jeff built a new garage but used the original door and windows from the chapel. He kindly gave the committee a tour of the property in June 2018.

We also engraved a piece of granite, donated by Bob and Lorraine Paris to identify the steeple cross in the front garden. This cross came from the Route 87 Church. Thanks Bob and Lorraine!

And last, as a fitting tribute to those men who faithfully served Lebanon Catholics since 1943, a plaque was created by Recognition Products, Lebanon. The list of our twenty-three Mission and Parish priests, two deacons and nine trustees have been engraved and will hang in the side entrance of the Church as a record for future generations.

**Much appreciation goes to the Anniversary Committee who have worked tirelessly for 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*

**CHECK OUT THE PARISH WEBSITE FOR PHOTOS OF ALL OUR EVENTS SINCE AUGUST 2019. PHOTOS OF THE MASS AND PICNIC WILL BE POSTED SOON.**

**Mercy High School Open House for Middle School and Transfer Students Achieve MORE...Learn MORE... Succeed MORE...Be MORE at Mercy!**

1740 Randolph Road Middletown, CT  
 Sunday, November 3, 2019  
 1:00 -4:00 pm

1:00 p.m. Presentation by the Administration

Mercy High School is a Catholic diocesan college preparatory high school for young women. Students from over 50 communities across Connecticut and Foreign Countries are challenged to grow academically, emotionally, socially and spiritually. Mercy is committed to providing a challenging educational experience in a safe and nurturing environment.

**Entrance Exam for the Class of 2024  
 Mercy High School**

Saturday, November 9, 2019 &  
 Saturday, November 16, 2019  
 1740 Randolph Road, Middletown, CT  
 8:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.



**All ladies of the parish are invited to the Guild Potluck Supper Monday September 16th, @ 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.

**40 Days for Life** The Norwich 40 Days for

Life campaign will begin with a Vigil Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Tuesday, September 24, at 7:00pm. Bishop Michael R. Cote will be the principal celebrant and Fr. Jeffery Ellis will be the homilist. Following Mass, the 40 Days for Life Team will be available to answer any questions. This year, the 40 Days for Life Campaign runs from Wednesday, September 25th through November 3rd.

It is hoped that you will join our Parish by praying, fasting, and signing up to attend the peaceful prayer vigil held outside the planned parenthood facility at 12 Case St. in Norwich.

**St. Francis of Assisi and St. Andrew – Parish Mission Three Brothers, Three Deacons, Three Nights!!**

Announcing a unique and informative Parish Mission at St. Andrew Church in Colchester, CT entitled, "Why I'm Not an Atheist". This Parish Mission, sponsored jointly by St. Francis of Assisi in Lebanon and St. Andrew, is scheduled for **7:00 PM Monday, October 21, 7:30 PM Tuesday, October 22, and 7:00 PM Wednesday, October 23rd** will be presented by our own Deacon Michael Puscas and his two Deacon brothers, Deacon Steve Puscas, and Deacon Vic Puscas. Using PowerPoint slides, jokes, stories, handouts, interactive exercises and music the three Deacons will talk about Atheism's history, why it's growing, why God is becoming more and more irrelevant, why Catholics are no longer coming to church, why many are questioning whether God and heaven exist, and whether we have "killed" God through moral relativism. Please save the date and mark your calendars. Special Guest: The Deacon's Mom who will reveal which one is her favorite.

**Thank you to all our volunteers that helped sell soda during our 60<sup>th</sup> year at the Lebanon Fair.**

A big thank you to our first time volunteers, we hope that you had a good time and will think about helping again next year. All help was appreciated whether it was lugging counters, stocking soda, decorating, selling and clean up. A special thank you to Glenn Stygar, Cindy Dainton and the Guild soda booth committee. Because of the wonderful weather all three days, we had an excellent year and this fundraiser only works as a combined effort of our Guild and parishioners. It is a chore of love for our parish. With sincere gratitude, Estelle Elliott, Committee Chair