

**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 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 20th wedding

Anniversary req. by Bill & Joan Russoniello Goba

Monday, September 23, 2019 Sts. Pius of Pietrelcina, priest

NO MASS

Tuesday, September 24, 2019 Weekday in Ordinary Time

NO MASS

Wednesday September 25, 2019 Weekday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM Living & deceased members of the Hachan family

Req. by I. Boone

Thursday September 26, 2019 Sts. Cosmas & Damian, martyrs

NO MASS

Friday September 27, 2019 St. Vincent de Paul, priest

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

Saturday September 28, 2019 St. Wenceslaus, martyr; St.

Lawrence Ruiz & companions, martyrs

5:00 PM +Rita DeCaprio req. by her husband

Sunday September 29, 2019 Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary

Time

8:00 AM +Betty Therrien Tellier req. by her family

10:30 AM +Robert Willard req. by his family

Offertory: \$ 2,448.00 Catholic Elementary Schools: \$ 536.00

Today's second collection is for monthly extraordinary expenses.

Next weekend's second collection is for building maintenance. 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 28 & 29

5:00pm Lector: Bob Nejako

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Michael

Altar Servers: Genevieve Gardella, CJ Frank

8:00 am Lector: Jim Worth

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Michael

Altar Servers: Christian Terwilliger

10:30am Lector: Angela Corentin

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Michael

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. 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. Joseph DeCosta, Msgr. Kevin Randall, Msgr. James Carini, Rev. John O'Neill MS, Msgr. Anthony Rosaforte, Rev. Robert Buongirno, Msgr. Michael Donohue, Rev. John Gwudz, Rev. Paul Boudreau, Rev. Thomas Sickler MS, Rev. John Gallagher OFM Cap, Rev. Mark O'Donnell, Rev. Arthur Ashe, Rev. Peter Liszewski.

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).

For "the greatest little" fall outdoor antique show in CT
the Lebanon Historical Society celebrates the 53rd Annual Antique Show On the historic Lebanon Green \$5 admission, children under 12 are free Free parking — Up to 60 dealers—Held rain or shine Coffee & donuts, grilled hotdogs & burgers, homemade: chowders, sandwiches and slices of pie For dealer & more information call 860-642-6579 or www.historyoflebanon.org

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.
- ❖ **Twenty-Seventh Annual Mass for Firefighters/EMS Personnel Saturday, October 19, 2019, at 5:00 p.m.** On Saturday, October 19, 2019, at 5:00 p.m., Bishop Cote will celebrate Mass for all Firefighters/EMS personnel, in the Cathedral of Saint Patrick. Each year, brothers and sisters of all faiths gather to thank God

for their calling, to pray for their safety, and to remember their fallen colleagues. Assembly at Chelsea Parade for the line-up and the procession (to the Cathedral) of all personnel and apparatus will begin at 3:30 p.m. The Homilist will be Deacon Richard Lapierre, Deacon Assistant, Our Lady of Good Help and St. Theresa's parishes in Burrilville, RI. Reception immediately following. All companies, departments, and personnel and their families are cordially invited to participate. For more information call, Mrs. Terri Zampini at 860-887-9294, x265.

- ❖ **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. For questions, please email Liza Roach at lroach@norwichdiocese.net or call 860.848.2237 ext. 305.

Programs at Enders Island, Mystic

860.536.0565 www.endersisland.com

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

The Knights of Columbus and Ladies Guild will be sponsoring a Polish Dinner on October 19, 5-7 at the Lebanon Fire Safety Complex. The number of tickets is limited and advance tickets are required—none will be sold at the door. \$20 per person; meal includes: 1 Golumpki (Stuffed Cabbage), 3 Pierogis, kielbasa, sauerkraut, vegetable, bread, dessert & drink. All proceeds will go to St. Francis Parish. Tickets go on sale September 21st after all Masses or contact Kathy at 860-617-9577 before October 13th.



Parishioners are asked to bake for the St. Francis **PARISH** Bake Sale at the Antique Show on the Lebanon

Green September 28th (9:00-3:00). Baked goods can be dropped off at the food booth (by the main Show entrance) that morning after 9:00 a.m. Requested items are finger foods such as cookies, muffins or brownies; cakes, breads, or pies. **PLEASE NO CUPCAKES.** Please place cookies or brownies in packages of 2 or 6 and identify all items. Any questions, please contact Lorraine Paris (860-334-0757) or Kathy Walden (860-617-9577). All proceeds go to Saint Francis Parish.

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

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

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center 31 Colton Street, Farmington, CT

olcretreat@sbcglobal.net

October 5 Evening of Spirit – Wine Tasting, Hors D'oeuvres, desserts, tea cup raffle, Jazz Piano entertainment. Proceeds will benefit the installation of new heating, cooling & ventilation system. Call OLC's office for more information. 860.677.8519.

OPEN HOUSE CELEBRATION 40TH ANNIVERSARY

St. Vincent de Paul Place
Thursday, October 10th from 3:30-5:30pm
Come see all that we do.
120 Cliff Street, Norwich
860.889.7374



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.

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.

The Lyman Memorial Bulldog Community would like to invite everyone to our **6th Annual Military Appreciation Night** on Friday, September 27 at 5:45pm for a pre-game ceremony. Lyman Lady Bulldogs and Wheeler Lions will take the field for a Girls' soccer game following the ceremony.

All active, reserve, and retired military personnel are especially invited to attend, and will be honored on the field. Refreshments will be served and all military attendees will be invited to stay and watch the game. Admission is free for all honorees.

Fans are encouraged to attend and support their teams and pay tribute to our Veteran, Reserve and Active military personnel.

This event was started as a Senior Project by Emerson Flannery who is currently serving in the United States Navy.

Sep 23 – St Pius of Pietrelcina (1887-1968) Padre Pio

Summary: Pio of Pietrelcina, Religious. Born on 25 May 1887 in Pietrelcina (Italy); died on this day in 1968 at San Giovanni Rotondo (Italy). Raised in a deeply religious rural home, Francesco Forgione became Padre Pio when he was ordained in the Capuchin order in 1910. A mystic who received the marks of the stigmata in 1918, a renowned holy man, and a charity worker who founded a hospital (the House for the Relief of Suffering). The stigmata on Padre Pio's hands and feet became visible and a wound in his side bled for the rest of his life.

His ascetic life of pain led to special compassion for the suffering. Honored as an extraordinary confessor and spiritual director.