

**We are pleased and honored  
to welcome you to**

**St. Francis of Assisi Parish**

67 West Town Street, Lebanon, CT 06249

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Rev. Mark Masnicki, Pastor

Rev. Richard Breton, Parochial Vicar

Deacon Michael Puscas



**MASS  
INTENTIONS**

Saturday September 28, 2019 St. Wenceslaus, martyr; St.  
Lawrence Ruiz & companions, martyrs

5:00 PM +Rita DeCaprio

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

Monday, September 30, 2019 St. Jerome, priest & doctor of  
the Church

NO MASS

Tuesday, October 1, 2019 St. Therese if the Child Jesus,  
virgin & doctor of the Church

NO MASS

Wednesday October 2, 2019 The Holy Guardian Angels

9:00 AM Sanctification of Geoff Boone req. by I. Boone

Thursday October 3, 2019 Weekday in Ordinary Time

NO MASS

Friday October 4, 2019 St. Francis of Assisi

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

Saturday October 5, 2019 Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, priest

5:00 PM +Ernest Staebner req. by the Kuzel family

Sunday October 6, 2019 Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary  
Time

8:00 AM In answer of a prayer

10:30 AM +Arthur Choquette req. by his family

1:00 PM Blessing of Animals

Offertory: \$ 2,089.25 Monthly Extraordinary: \$ 617.00

Today's second collection is for building maintenance.

Next weekend's second collection is for Cradle Fund.

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 October 5 & 6**

5:00pm Lector: Carol Briggs

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Michael

Altar Servers: Luci & Nina Gardella

8:00 am Lector: Rick Kane

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Michael

Altar Servers: Jack Terwilliger

10:30am Lector: Don Dubiel

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

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. Roland Cloutier, Rev. Richard Archambault, Msgr. Henry Archambault, Rev. Raymond Introvigne, Rev. Elton Kattookaran MS, Rev. Brian Converse, Rev. James Sucholet, Rev. Aguirre Palacio, Rev. William Olesik, Our Holy Father, Rev. Jonathan Ficara, V. Rev. Laurence LaPointe,  
Glory to the Blood of Jesus! Mary Immaculate, look upon our priests as the children of your love. Let them love you fervently and open their hearts to the dew of your grace. (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).

**42<sup>nd</sup> year of the Cradle Fund**

The Cradle Fund is used to assist needy, expectant mothers in caring for their unborn or newly born children. It also provides financial support for birthright programs. Each year the demands on the Fund become more numerous. Thank you for your generosity.

## **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 monthly Diocesan Pro-Life Mass** will take place at The Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on **Saturday, October 5 at 8:30 A.M.** Please join our celebrant **Rev. Walter Nagle** 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. A brunch in the Cathedral Hall will follow the Rosary this month.
- ❖ **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).
- ❖ **Eucharistic Holy Hour for Vocations:** October 17 from 6-7 pm at St. Joseph in New London.
- ❖ **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](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.

- ❖ Please share your e-mail with The Office of Faith Events of the Diocese of Norwich. Be the first to know about all the programs we offer throughout the year, and to also receive our own Advent and Lenten reflections! Send your e-mail address to [manicholas@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:manicholas@norwichdiocese.net) to be added to the list!
- ❖ Planning for the **2020 Norwich Diocesan Women's Conference** is underway. The conference is scheduled for March 28, 2020 at St. Bernard's School in Uncasville. **Any women interested in joining the planning committee or volunteering some of their time**, please contact The Office of Faith Events at 860-848-2237, or [faithevents@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:faithevents@norwichdiocese.net).

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

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

- ++ Kyriale Evening Series** Gregorian Mass Ordinaries I – IV. October 2
- ++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](http://www.enders.is/couples)
- ++"Saints of Our Time" Day of Recollection** Wednesday October 9 Registration \$50pp. Register online at [www.enders.is/OctDOR](http://www.enders.is/OctDOR)
- ++Miniature Icon of Christ** Friday October 18 – Sunday October 20
- ++Prayer of Saint Francis Work Shop** Sunday October 20 – Friday October 25.
- ++Byzantine Iconography with George Kordis.**
  1. Byzantine Drawing October 28 – November 1
  2. Byzantine Icon Painting November 3 - 8
- ++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. For more information, call Pat & Mary Jo McLaughlin at 860-315-2127 or visit them at <https://www.mectw.org/>.

**Legion of Mary Norwich Curia Day of Recollection** at St. Andrew's Church on October 12 from 8:30am-2:15pm with Rev. Richard Breton. 3 Conferences, Reconciliation, Mass, Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Benediction. Lunch included. For information please call: 860.367.4931 or 631.946.2888. To register send check to c/o Legion of Mary, PO Box 323, Moodus, CT 06469. **ALL ARE WELCOME!! Cost: \$25 includes lunch – Students \$5.00; Seminarians & Religious no charge. Please register by October 8, 2019.**

**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 21<sup>st</sup> after all Masses or contact Kathy at 860-617-9577 before October 13<sup>th</sup>.

**OPEN HOUSE CELEBRATION 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

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

**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)

**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**

**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.

**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.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING  
THURSDAY OCTOBER 3 AT 7:00PM**

**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.



**St. Francis of Assisi  
Born 1181 Died 1226  
BLESSING OF THE  
ANIMALS**

**All pets accompanied  
by their owners (young  
& old) will be welcomed**

**at St. Francis of Assisi Parish's  
Annual Blessing of the Animals to be  
held on Sunday, October 6, 2019 at  
1:00pm, gathering near the Statue of  
Saint Francis in front of the Church.  
All pets MUST BE LEASHED.**

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

[olcretreat@sbcglobal.net](mailto:olcretreat@sbcglobal.net) 860.677.8519

- ✓ **OLC Book Club (fourth Tuesdays):** Titles selected monthly. Call 860.677.8519 for more information.
- ✓ **Movie Matinee – Amistad.** Wed. Oct. 2 from 12 noon – 3:00pm. \$25 includes boxed lunch.
- ✓ **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.
- ✓ **Simplicity: Clearing the Clutter in Our Lives** Wed. October 16 9:00am-1:00pm. \$30 includes lunch.
- ✓ **OLC Ministry for Catholic Young Adults.** Home-cooked meal from 6-7pm, followed by a Holy Hour with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. During the

Holy Hour there will be time for both private and communal prayer. Evening concludes with Mass. You can expect the evening to be ended by 9:00pm. Register by calling 860.677.8519. Dates: Tuesday Oct. 22 – Wed. Nov. 20 – Tues. Dec. 10 – Wed. Jan. 15.

- ✓ **Movie Matinee – Bridges of Spies.** Wed. October 23 from 12 noon to 3:00pm. \$25 includes boxed lunch
- ✓ **Is It Even Christian? Exploring the Roots of Halloween.** \$35 includes lunch and materials.

**Pope's message for 2019 World Day of migrants and Refugees** September 29, 2019 (From the Vatican, May 27, 2019)

Dear brothers and sisters, our response to the challenges posed by contemporary migration can be summed up in four verbs: **welcome, protect, promote and integrate**. Yet these verbs do not apply only to migrants and refugees. They describe the Church's mission to all those living in the existential peripheries, who need to be welcomed, protected, promoted and integrated. If we put those four verbs into practice, we will help build the city of God and man. We will promote the integral human development of all people. We will also help the world community to come closer to the goals of sustainable development that it has set for itself and that, lacking such an approach, will prove difficult to achieve.

In a word, it is not only the cause of migrants that is at stake, it is not just about them, but about all of us, and about the present and future of the human family. Migrants, especially, those who are most vulnerable, help us to read the "signs of the times". Through them, the Lord is calling us to conversion, to be set free from exclusivity, indifference and the throw-away culture. Through them, the Lord invites us to embrace fully our Christian life and to contribute each according to his or her proper vocation, to the building up of a world that is more and more in accord with God's plan.

In expressing this prayerful hope, and through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, Our Lady of the Way, I invoke God's abundant blessings upon all the world's migrants and refugees and upon all those who accompany them on their journey.

**64<sup>th</sup> Norwich Diocesan Council of Catholic Women**

**Convention:** All women in the diocese are invited to attend the Annual NDCCW Convention on Saturday, October 19 t St. John the Evangelist Parish, 22 Maple Avenue, Montville. Registration and refreshment begin at 9:00am, brief business meeting followed by the keynote speaker, Donna Marie Cooper O'Boyle. She will speak about St. Faustina. Donna Marie is an award winning author and journalist, speaker and an EWTN TV host and creator of *Everyday Blessings for Catholic Moms, Catholic Mom's Café*, and her newest series *Feeding Your Family's Soul*. Most Reverend Michael Cote, Bishop of Norwich, will be the main celebrant of the noon Mass.

The second speaker is Andrea Hoisl, Director of the Office of Faith Events for the Diocese of Norwich. Her topic will be about **One Heart Ministry**, a partnership on disability. Andrea has a BA in Religious Studies from Salve Regina University and a MA in Education from the University of St. Joseph. She came to the Office of Faith Events after 30 years as a Catholic educator and director of Campus Ministry at Xavier High School.

**Make checks payable to Norwich Diocesan CCW and send your name, address, phone number, parish, and email address to: Nina Romero-Caron. 3 Tripp Hallow Road, Canterbury, CT 06331. Registration \$25 includes lunch and materials. Choose Chicken or Vegetarian. Deadline is October 11, 2019.**