

**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 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

Monday, October 7, 2019 Our Lady of the Rosary

NO MASS

Tuesday, October 8, 2019 Weekday in Ordinary Time

NO MASS

**Wednesday October 9, 2019 St. Dennis, bishop &
companions, martyrs & St. John Leonardi, priest**

9:00 AM Sanctification of Joan Lyon req. by I. Boone

Thursday October 10, 2019 Weekday in Ordinary Time

NO MASS

Friday October 11, 2019 St. John XXIII, pope

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

Req. by I. Boone

Saturday October 12, 2019 Blessed Virgin Mary

5:00 PM 50th Wedding Anniversary Richard & Rita Lataille

Sunday October 13, 2019 Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary

Time

8:00 AM Lauren Lafontaine

10:30 AM

Offertory: \$ 2,304.00 Building Maintenance: \$ 562.00

Today's second collection is for the Diocesan Cradle Fund.

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

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 12 & 13

5:00pm Lector: Kevin Flaherty

Eucharistic Minister: Carole Briggs

Altar Servers: CJ Frank, Grace Gardella

8:00 am Lector: Kathy Pellerin

Eucharistic Minister: Jim Dyer

Altar Servers: Christian Terwilliger

10:30am Lector: Sandy Grillo

Eucharistic Minister: Wally Gagnon

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

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 Bishop Michael R.

Cote, Rev. Kevin Reilly, Rev. Richard Crawley OFM Cp, Rev. Brian Maxwell, Rev. Edward Wisneski, Rev. Timothy Roth MIC, Rev. V. Antony Alaharasan, Rev. Leon Susaimanickam, Rev. Dariusz Dudzik, Rev. Bogdan Olzacki OSPPE, Rev. John Welch MS, Rev. Thomas Smith.

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 Coincidence Miracles – Book 2/Enroute).

42nd 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.

**LECTOR WORKBOOKS AVAILABLE IN
THE PARISH OFFICE**

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.
- ❖ **Eucharistic Holy Hour for Vocations** St. Joseph Church, New London. 6-7pm.
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ 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 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.

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

- ++**"Saints of Our Time" Day of Reflection** Wednesday October 9 Registration \$50pp. Register online at 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.

The Mission Combined Collection will be held next weekend. Your contribution will provide assistance to the World Mission Appeal, U.S. Bishop's Appeal for Latin America, Black and Indian Missions and the Catholic Home Mission Appeal. Registered parishioners should have received information in the mail about this collection. Additional brochures and gift envelopes are available at Church entrances. Please read this material and bring your gift envelope to Mass next weekend, October 12/13.

Legion of Mary Norwich Curia Day of Reflection 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 21st after all Masses or contact Kathy at 860-617-9577 before October 13th.



40 DAYS FOR LIFE

This year, the 40 Days for Life Campaign runs from Wednesday, September 25th through November 3rd. During this time, please pray and fast for an end to abortion.

OPEN HOUSE CELEBRATION 40TH ANNIVERSARY

St. Vincent de Paul Place

Thursday, October 10th from 3:30-5:30pm

Come to see the wide range of services we offer.

Visit our website svdpp.org to learn more.

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

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

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.

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 everyday blessings. "In a world where there is so much going on, we often forget to take time to recognize and acknowledge the many blessings in our lives." To read this article and find prayers for your children, workday, and mealtime, visit: NorwichDiocese.org/FaithSparks

Office for Safe Environments: The Diocesan Policy Review Board has recently revised the following diocesan policies:

- Pastoral Code of Conduct
- Sexual Misconduct Policy
- Comprehensive Screening Policy
- Electronic Communications, Internet, and Computer Use Policies.

Copies are available in the parish office or on the diocesan website:

<http://norwichdiocese.org/Find/Diocesan-Offices/Safe-Environments>, on Praesidium's Armatus program, and from the Office for Safe Environments 860.848.2237 ext. 212 or ose@norwichdiocese.net

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.com

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 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.

**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.**

PARISH RETREAT - 33 Days to Morning Glory

Want to Grow in Holiness, But Too Busy? Want to transform your work, your marriage, your family, and your life, but don't have time? Looking for the quickest, surest, and easiest way to holiness, but don't know where to begin?

Join us for six weeks, starting **Friday, October 25th** (from 6:30 pm -8:00 pm) as we begin a 33-day preparation for Marian Consecration and Group Retreat here at St. Andrew Church. During the retreat we'll individually read Father Michael Gaitley's book *33 Days to Morning Glory* and reflect on four great Marian giants: St. Louis de Montfort, St. Maximilian Kolbe, St. Teresa of Calcutta, and St. John Paul II.

Friday Retreat dates are the following (Oct 25th, Nov 8th, Nov 15th, Nov 22nd & December 6th).

Contact Shelly Polo at (860) 931-7447 (call or text message) or email spolo@seedsofhopect.com prior to October 20th.

64th Norwich Diocesan Council of Catholic Women

Convention: All women in the diocese are invited to attend the Annual NDCCW Convention on Saturday, October 19th 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.

Let's Recycle Our Empty Pill Bottles

Here's how we can recycle our empty pill bottles, both prescription and over the counter. Remove the labels and remaining glue; bring them (caps on) to the Church and put them in the boxes provided at the church entrances. They will be washed, sorted and sent to *Matthew 25: Ministries*. *Matthew 25: Ministries* sends the empty bottles to developing countries (and some locations in the U.S.) with other medical supplies. The bottles can then be used for medications in clean bottles instead of wrapped in paper, or maybe loose. Bottles that cannot be used for medications are shredded and used to make other things. This generates some income for *Matthew 25: Ministries*. The benefit here is that the bottles do not enter our waste stream.

The Ladies Guild is reorganizing the **Lending Library**. We have noticed that many items are missing. Any parishioner who has borrowed items are asked to return them within the next two weeks. More information on this wonderful resource will be in future bulletins. Thank you.

**We need your helping hand to complete our
ACA Parish Goal!**

St. Francis of Assisi is \$3,733 away from reaching its goal. Our ACA supported ministries do the work of Christ every day. From a catechist, "The confirmation retreat the diocese sponsored was an eye-opening experience for our 9th and 10th graders. It made the sacrament come alive for those in attendance. Thank you so much for sponsoring that retreat experience." 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.