

**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 12, 2019 Blessed Virgin Mary**  
5:00 PM 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Richard & Rita Lataille  
**Sunday October 13, 2019 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
8:00 AM Lauren Lafontaine req. by her family  
10:30 AM Catalina Mathey req. by her family  
**Monday, October 14, 2019 St. Callistus, pope, martyr**  
**NO MASS Parish Office closed in observance of Columbus Day**  
**Tuesday, October 15, 2019 St. Teresa of Jesus, virgin & doctor of the Church**  
**NO MASS**  
**Wednesday October 16, 2019 St. Hedwig, religious; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, virgin**  
9:00 AM +Anniversary of Frank & Viola Smutko req. by their family  
**Thursday October 17, 2019 St. Ignatius of Antioch, bishop, martyr**  
**NO MASS**  
**Friday October 18, 2019 St. Luke, evangelist**  
9:00 AM Sanctification of Diane Shaffer req. by I. Boone  
**Saturday October 19, 2019 Sts. John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues, priests & companions, martyrs**  
5:00 PM +Robert Burns req. by his wife  
**Sunday October 20, 2019 Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
8:00 AM Deceased members of the Clinch & Kuzel families req. by the Kuzel family  
10:30 AM Paul & Christine Pelletier 51<sup>st</sup> Wedding Anniversary

Offertory: \$ 3,010.00 Cradle Fund: \$ 485.00  
Today's second collection is for the Mission Combined collection. 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 October 19 & 20**  
5:00pm Lector: Richard Lataille  
Eucharistic Minister: Pam Flaherty  
Altar Servers: Genevieve & Luci Gardella  
8:00 am Lector: Ella Mae Kuzel  
Eucharistic Minister: Gregg Lafontaine  
Altar Servers: Jack Terwilliger  
10:30am Lector: Maureen Polana  
Eucharistic Minister: Paul Pelletier  
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  
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 Spedaliera 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 V. Rev. Dennis Perkins, V. Rev. Gregory Galvin, Rev. Brian Romanoski, Rev. Izydor Sadowski SDB, Rev. Russell Kennedy, Rev. Gerald Kirby, Rev. Mark Curesky OFM Cv, Rev. Alfred Irving, all priests, V. Rev. Ted Tumicki, Rev. Michael Sequeira.  
We also pray for priests who have left the ministry.  
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](mailto:TonyAnd777@aol.com)). You can google the book title for more info at: (Tony's 50,000 Coincidence Miracles – Book 2/Enroute).

## **LECTORS**

**PLEASE PICK UP YOUR LECTOR  
WORKBOOK AVAILABLE  
IN THE PARISH OFFICE**

## **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.

## **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.
- ❖ **Eucharistic Holy Hour for Vocations** St. Joseph Church, New London. 6-7pm October 17.
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **10<sup>th</sup> Annual Seton Scholarship Dinner** – November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00pm at St. Clements Castle & Marina, 1931 Portland-Cobalt Road, Portland, CT. Honoring the recipients of the Most Reverend Michael R. Cote, D.D. Award for contributions to Catholic Education in the Diocese of Norwich. Sister Mary Patrick Mulready, S.C.M.C., Ms. Ann C. Derbacher, and Barbara Hamanaka, Ph.D. All proceeds to benefit tuition assistance for Catholic Schools. Sponsorships available: \$5,000 Seton Sponsor, \$2,500 Aquinas Sponsor, \$1,500 Newman Sponsor. Individual program ads also available. For more information or to purchase tickets, please contact Gina Foster at 860.886.1928 or [gfoster@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:gfoster@norwichdiocese.net).  
[www.NORWICHDIOCESEDEVELOPMENT.ORG](http://www.NORWICHDIOCESEDEVELOPMENT.ORG)
- ❖ **Bereavement Day of Prayer** ~ The Diocesan Catholic Family Services Office is sponsoring two workshops for the bereaved entitled: **Praying Your Goodbyes**. Both workshops will include time for private reflection, prayer and journaling, and will give participants suggestions on how to navigate the upcoming holidays, and discover ways to grow through the experience of their loss. It will be offered on two separate dates: **Thursday, November 7**, 9 A.M. to 12 P.M. at St. Sebastian Parish Hall, 155 Washington St., Middletown or **Saturday, November 9**, 1 P.M. to 4 P.M. at St Mary Church Hall, 70 Central Ave., Norwich. There is no cost for either workshop, but registration is required. To register for one of the two dates, call Marianne Nicholas at 860-848-2237, ext. 304 or email her at [manicholas@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:manicholas@norwichdiocese.net).
- ❖ **RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT WEEKENDS** ~ If you are silently grieving or suffering from an abortion, experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a **Rachel's Vineyard Retreat**. The weekend healing process includes discussions, Living Scripture with meditations, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service and Mass of Entrustment. Participation is confidential and offers an opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion. Both women and men have participated in past retreats. Upcoming weekends are: **November 8-10** in Connecticut, call Marie at 203- 631-9030; **November 1-3** in Stockbridge, MA, call 413-452-0661; **November 9-11** in Rhode Island, call 401-351-7730. A Spanish weekend will take place **November 15-17** in Rhode Island, call 401-351-7730 or visit the national website at [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org). "**PROJECT RACHEL**" is our Diocesan ministry for anyone seeking healing and forgiveness from an abortion. Priests in the **Project Rachel** ministry are there for you with God's Grace and Mercy. Call 860-861-4439. All inquiries are confidential.
- ❖ **MASS OF REMEMBRANCE** – The Annual Diocesan Mass of Remembrance to honor children who have died from stillbirths, miscarriages or abortions, whether recently or years ago, will take place **Wednesday, November 13, 2019, at 7 P.M. at Sacred Heart Church, 52 West Town St., Norwichtown, CT**. The Mass of Remembrance is an opportunity for family members to memorialize and honor the dignity of the precious lives of pre-born children. For more information, call Mary-Jo McLaughlin at the Catholic Family Services Office, 860-848-2237, Ext. 312.
- ❖ **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).

**++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.

**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.

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

[olcretreat@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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.
- ✓ **BOOK CLUB** Tues. Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> from 10-11:30am. "The Hotel at the Corner of Bitter and Sweet" by Jamie Ford.
- ✓ **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.

**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.

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



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.

**THANK YOU!** Thank you to all Guild members, supporters and parishioners who baked for the Antique Show Bake Sale on September 29th. Thank you to Barbara Dyer and Estelle Elliott who helped during the day, as well as the help from Jim Dyer, Rick Kane and Bob Paris. The \$737 proceeds raised from this sale go directly to the parish. Remember this is not a Ladies Guild fundraiser, the ladies only run it for the parish and the contributions from the parishioners helps make it more profitable. Please consider baking for next year's event to ensure that it is a successful fundraiser for Saint Francis Parish. – Lorraine Paris and Kathy Walden, co-chairs.

#### **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.

#### **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.

#### **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](mailto:spolo@seedsofhopect.com) prior to October 20<sup>th</sup>.

#### **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](http://www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org).

#### **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 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.**

#### **The Mission Combined Collection this weekend supports missionary works in Latin America, Asia, Africa and parts of the United States.**

Generous gifts made to today's Collection will fund catechesis, seminarian formation and pastoral programs for the Church in Latin America, assist poor mission dioceses here at home in the United States by funding essential ministries, including seminary education and lay ministry training with the Catholic Home Missions Appeal, help proclaim the Gospel and offer hope in countries devastated by war or natural disasters through the World Mission Appeal, and provide grants to dioceses to operate schools, parishes and other missionary services that build the Body of Christ in Native American, Alaska Native, and African-American Catholic communities. Please give today with a joyful and generous heart. Your support will truly make a difference.