

**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 26, 2019 Blessed Virgin Mary**  
5:00 PM +Irene Wengloski req. By her family  
**Sunday October 27, 2019 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
8:00 AM +Sean Clinch Stephenson req. by the Kuzel family  
10:30 AM +Rolande Paquette req. by friends  
**Monday, October 28, 2019 Sts. Simon & Jude, apostles**  
**NO MASS**  
**Tuesday, October 29, 2019 Weekday in Ordinary Time**  
**NO MASS**  
**Wednesday October 30, 2019 Weekday in Ordinary Time**  
9:00 AM +George Boone req. by I. Boone  
**Thursday October 31, 2019 Vigil All Saints**  
7:00 PM +Soul of William Belch, Sr. req. by Pam Roberts  
**Friday November 1, 2019 All Saints**  
9:15 AM Kim & Clara Concannon & family req. by Pam Roberts  
**Saturday November 2, 2019 Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed**  
9:00 AM All Souls of the Faithful Departed  
5:00 PM Special intention for Jim & Alice Piro req. by Irene Burns  
**Sunday November 3, 2019 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
8:00 AM +Lorraine Kane req. by the Kuzel family  
10:30 AM +Nancy Godere req. by her family

Offertory: \$ 2149.30 Monthly Extraordinary: \$ 427.00  
Today's second collection is for building maintenance.  
Next weekend's second collection is for Saint Bernard School.  
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 November 2 & 3**  
5:00pm Lector: Bob Nejako  
Eucharistic Minister: Jim Hay  
Altar Servers: Grace & Genevieve Gardella  
8:00 am Lector: Jim Dyer  
Eucharistic Minister: Kathy Pellerin  
Altar Servers: Jack Terwilliger  
10:30am Lector: Angela Corentin  
Eucharistic Minister: Paul Pelletier  
Altar Servers: Nicholas Barrett, Erika Densman

**NOVEMBER MEETINGS**  
Wednesday Nov. 6 @ 6:30pm Parish Advisory Council  
Thursday Nov. 7 @ 7pm Knights of Columbus  
Movie Friday Nov. 8 @ 7pm in Church – Pope Francis  
Monday Nov. 18 @ 6:30PM Ladies Guild

**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. Luis Agudelo, Rev. Frank McKenna, Rev. Richard Breton, Rev. Edward Dempsey DBA, Rev. Christopher Zmuda, Rev. Grzegorz Brozonowicz, Rev. Martin Jones, Msgr. Leszek Janik, Rev. Patrick Martin, Rev. Charles McGrail, Our Holy Father, All Deceased Priests.  
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)

**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://wwwmectw.org/>.

**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).

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH**

### **40 DAYS FOR LIFE** continues now through November 3rd.

During this time, please pray and fast for an end to abortion.

- ❖ **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, November 2 at 8:30 A.M. Please join our celebrant Rev. Ray Introvigne 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.
- ❖ **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.

- ❖ **BEGINNING EXPERIENCE WEEKEND** ~ If you are widowed, separated or divorced and want help in resolving the pain and grief of losing the marriage relationship and create a more peace-filled future, consider attending a **Beginning Experience weekend November 8-10** at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center in Farmington. The fee for the Catholic-based weekend is \$275, which covers food, lodging, materials and a follow-up event. For more information call Maria at 860-347-5188 or Victoria at 860-993-5469, or email [info@beginningexperience.org](mailto:info@beginningexperience.org).
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **Eucharistic Holy Hour** at Our Lady of Sorrows, Essex 6-7pm November 21.
- ❖ **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).

#### **++Byzantine Iconography with George Kordis.**

1. Byzantine Drawing October 28 – November 1
2. Byzantine Icon Painting November 3 – 8

**++Stories That Could Be True** Nov. 1-3. \$230pp shared room \$290pp private room Includes designed T-shirt. 4:30pm check-in, 1:00pm departure. New and collected poems by William Stafford.

**++Recovery Retreats for Men:** November 15-17.

**Women of Influence: presented by Sr. Elissa Rinere, C.P., J.C.D.** November 5th from 7-8:30pm in the St. Andrew Church Hall. This presentation will look at the life and times of St. Hildegard of Bingen, St. Catherine of Siena, St. Teresa of Avila, and St. Therese of Lisieux, what they wrote, prayed and preached, and how each was and is a woman of influence.

**Mercy High School Open House for Middle School and Transfer Students** 1740 Randolph Road Middletown Sunday, November 3 from 1:00-4:00pm  
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**  
Saturday, November 9 & Saturday, November 16, 1740 Randolph Road, Middletown, CT 8:00 am to 11:15 am

**31<sup>st</sup> Annual Mercy High School Yellow Rose Auction**  
Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 6pm Mercy High School - 1740 Randolph Rd. Middletown. Tickets are \$55 per person and include dinner and 1 drink ticket. For more information, contact Becky Smith at [bsmith@mercyhigh.com](mailto:bsmith@mercyhigh.com) or 860-346-6659.

**Mercy and Xavier Drama Club presents CLUE On Stage/High School Edition** Friday, Nov. 15 – 7 pm  
Saturday, Nov. 16 – 7 pm Mercy High Auditorium 1740 Randolph Road, Middletown. Admission: \$8. Students; \$10 Adults. Tickets can be purchased online at [www.mercyhigh.com](http://www.mercyhigh.com) and at the door. The show is described as a "murder-mystery comedy thriller" that follows six guests at a mysterious dinner party where they find themselves implicated as murder suspects when their host turns up dead. Wadsworth, the butler, Mrs. Peacock, Mr. Green, Colonel Mustard, and other guests attempt to find the killer as the body count builds. Following in the footsteps of the film, the project bills itself as a "comedy whodunit."

**Immediate Opening:** St. Vincent de Paul Place, Norwich is looking for a part-time chef to work in a rewarding environment, Wednesdays and Thursdays 7:00 am-2:00 pm. You will have the opportunity to work with a group of energetic volunteers. You will be responsible for planning and preparing nutritious meals. Send your resume to Jill Corbin at [jcsvdpp@gmail.com](mailto:jcsvdpp@gmail.com). For more information about St. Vincent de Paul Place, check out our website at [www.svdpp.org](http://www.svdpp.org)

**Saint Bernard School Information Session and Placement Tests**

**Information Session Thursday, November 14, 2019 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM**

**Placement Tests Saturday, November 2, 2019 8am to noon and Saturday, December 7, 2019 8am to noon**

**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>.

**East Catholic High School**

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)

**Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center**

**31 Colton Street, Farmington, CT**

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

- ✓ **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: Wed. Nov. 20 – Tues. Dec. 10 – Wed. Jan. 15.
- ✓ **Is It Even Christian? Exploring the Roots of Halloween.** \$35 includes lunch and materials.

**"A Christmas Carol" Musical December 5, 6, 7**

Back by popular demand! The first weekend in December, St Andrew Church will present one of the greatest stories of redemption and mercy ever told, the tale of the transformation of Ebenezer Scrooge, in Charles Dickens' immortal "A Christmas Carol." This spiritually uplifting musical includes a cast of talented performers from our region, and will be directed by Nathan Caron, with the part of Ebenezer Scrooge being played by Deacon Michael Puscas. Due to fire code regulations, Only 200 tickets are available for each performance

**What: "A Christmas Carol" musical**

**When: Thursday December 5, 7:30pm**

**Friday, December 6, 7:30 pm**

**Saturday December 7, 1:00 pm matinee, & 7:00 pm (not 7:30)**

Doors open 30 minutes prior to each performance

**Where: St Andrew Hall**

**Tickets: General admission** (ages 13-61) **\$12** (\$15 at the door)

**Reduced admission** (12 and under, 62 and over) **\$10** (\$12 at the door)

For advanced ticket sales: Terry Phillips 860 608 0130

October 19/20, 2019

Dear Parishioners,

The annual fiscal report for this past year can be found in your bulletin. The finance committee and I felt that it was important to take a few moments to review the parish's financial status with you. While we have had improvements in our weekly collection, we still ended the 2018-19 year with a deficit. The good news is we no longer face the cost of maintaining the parish house and the deficit is less than the previous year. The bad news is we cannot continue to draw on savings each year to cover regular expenses. We need to maintain adequate savings to have available in case of emergency. While we will work to contain or reduce expenses, if everyone could increase their weekly donation by \$2, we would be very close to covering the current level of regular expenses.

We were very fortunate to have received grants from the Hugh Trumbull Trust over the past three years to help with the cost of paving our driveways and parking lot and with the re-shingling of the Church and garage roofs. The success of our pledge drive was key to completing the paving project. This has made it possible to not have to use our savings for these projects. Looking forward, we will face sealing and painting the driveway and parking lot this coming year. We are looking at ways to fund this project, but may require a special collection or pledge effort.

Our parish needs your help. We hope that you will prayerfully consider a \$2.00 increase or more in your current weekly offering. The offertory collection is the financial lifeline of our parish. If you are away from home and unable to attend Mass at St. Francis, please make up your offering when you return. By maintaining this type of giving practice the parish can better and more consistently meet our financial obligations. Our willingness to return a portion of our gifts back to God reflects the priority we place in Him in our lives and is a measure of the depth of our spiritual lives.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Fr. Mark*

**Copies of Financial Report can be found at Church entrances.**

### **Lebanon Senior Van Transportation Did You Know?**

Did you know how fortunate the town of Lebanon is to have a transportation service that benefits both seniors and disabled residents? The service is funded by local tax dollars as well as a transportation grant that we qualify for each year.

Did you know we run transportation Monday – Friday, 9am – 4pm? We are flexible on request if it works in the schedule.

Did you know we have a vehicle with a wheelchair lift? The other two vehicles are Toyota Sienna minivans for a nice comfortable ride.

Did you know that disabled residents as well as seniors qualify to use the service? Seniors by our definition can be 60+ years. Lebanon residents only.

Did you know the van will go as far as Hartford, Newington or Groton? If your destination is approximately 1 hour away we can transport you.

Did you know it is donation based not a fixed fee? \$3 for local trips, \$5 for 30 minutes away or \$10 for an hour out would be helpful.

### **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.

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

We have several open Masses during 2019. You may have a Mass said for a variety of intentions: for a deceased loved one, in celebration of a marriage, anniversary, birthday, in thanksgiving, for a special intention, for world peace, etc.

To request a Mass intention, please call Cheryl in the parish office during office hours.

### **Comfort and Caring Shawl Ministry**

Do you knit or crochet to take up the time? Do you know someone in need of a Comfort and Caring Shawl? The St. Francis Ladies Guild has made a commitment to distribute hand-made prayer shawls to anyone in need; someone who is ill, on potent medication, battling the pain of depression or lost a loved one. The gift of a shawl is not limited to members of the Guild or our parish, but can be given to anyone you feel would benefit from this shawl of love and comfort. There are numerous shawls of many colors, shapes and weight as well as lap robes available. If you wish to contribute a knitted or crocheted shawl (must be certain dimensions) or know of someone who would benefit from this gift, please contact Barbara Dyer (Keeper of the Shawls) at [45bfdyer@gmail.com](mailto:45bfdyer@gmail.com) or 860.822.9400.

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