

**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 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

**Monday, November 4, 2019 ST. Charles Borromeo, bishop
NO MASS**

**Tuesday, November 5, 2019 Weekday in Ordinary Time
NO MASS**

Wednesday November 6, 2019 Weekday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM Sanctification of Narcisa Guillen req. by I. Boone

Thursday November 7, 2019 Weekday in Ordinary Time

NO MASS

Friday November 8, 2019 Weekday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM Living & deceased members of the McCurdy family req. by I. Boone

Saturday November 9, 2019 Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

5:00 PM

Sunday November 10, 2019 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM +Lorraine Kane req. by Normand & Eva Valliere

10:30 AM +Margaret & Anthony Combe req. by their family

Offertory: \$ 2,020.00 Building & Maintenance: \$ 726.00

Today'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. adorsers, please consider omitting to a specific hour. Contact Dennis Girard @ 860.334.9894 or dennisgirard51@gmail.com

Weekend November 9 & 10

5:00pm Lector: Carole Briggs

Eucharistic Minister: Sharon Nejako

Altar Servers: Nina Gardella, CJ Frank

8:00 am Lector: Jim Worth

Eucharistic Minister: Rick Kane

Altar Servers: Christian Terwilliger

10:30am Lector: Don Dubiel

Eucharistic Minister: Pat Dubiel

Altar Servers: Nicholas Barrett, Drew Taylor

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

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. Francis Rouleau, Rev. Michael Phillippino, Rev. Paul Ramen, Rev. William Flynn, Rev. Arul Peter, Rev. Jeffrey Ellis, Rev. Gregoire Fuet, Rev. Thomas Hoar SSE, Rev. Gregory Mullaney, Rev. Thomas Angelo, Rev. Peter Langevin.

O, Jesus, I pray for Your faithful and fervent priests; for Your priests laboring at home or school in distant mission fields; for the lonely and desolate priests; for Your young priests; for Your dying priests; for the souls of Your priests in Purgatory, I pray.. (Ven. Mother Catherine Aurelia, foundress)

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.

BLOOD DRIVE

LEBANON SENIOR CENTER

Held in the Community Room

37 West Town Street, Lebanon, CT

Wednesday, November 13, 2019

1:00pm to 6:00pm

For an appointment, please visit redcrossblood.org

Or call 1.800.733.2767

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting

RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

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 2nd and 4th Mondays at 2pm. Spiritual Renewal Center, 11 Bath Street, Norwich.
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **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. "**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. **HEALING AND FREEDOM CONFERENCE ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH AT SPIRITUAL RENEWAL CENTER. CALL 860-887-0792 TO REGISTER. DONATION IS \$25. PLEASE LEAVE YOUR NAME, ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER.**
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **Divorced and Separated:** The Catholic Family Services Office is offering a day for Catholics experiencing the pain and hurt of losing a marriage relationship. Entitled *Hope and Healing: Surviving Divorce and Separation*, it will take place **Saturday, Nov. 23, 2019** from 9 A.M. to 2 P.M. at The Church of the Holy Family Parish Hall, 185 Church St., Hebron, CT. This workshop will give you time for personal reflection, group sharing, prayer, ritual, journaling, and support with other Catholics seeking hope and healing as you gently move forward in your life. The cost for the day is \$15, which includes materials and lunch. Registration is required by Nov. 12. To register, contact Mary-Jo McLaughlin at 860-848-2237, Ext. 312, or email at mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net.
- ❖ **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.

"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

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

++Recovery Retreats for Men: November 15-17.
++Young Adult Series: The Immaculate Conception
with Fr. Tom Hoar, SSE Sunday, December 8, 2019
11:30 am - 4:00 pm To learn more & register, please
visit <http://enders.is/mothermary>

Mercy High School 1740 Randolph Road Middletown
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

31st Annual Mercy High School Yellow Rose Auction
Saturday, November 9th 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 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 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.”

**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**

East Catholic High School

Entrance Exams *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

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

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.

Dear Friends in Christ,

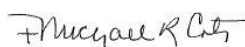
During the week of November 3-9, our Catholic schools will be celebrating Discover Today's Catholic Schools in New England Week. Catholic Schools Week, now entering its 46th year, is an annual celebration nationally. It is a week in which schools schedule activities and events that provide opportunities for celebration and engagement with students, families, parishioners, and community member. Visitors are able to see firsthand the benefits of the way our students learn, communicate, pray and live out their faith each and every day. It is also a time to reflect on the value and importance that Catholic education has on our communities locally and globally.

The New England diocesan Superintendents requested permission from the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) to change the dates to November of the activities associated with the National Catholic Schools Week normally in January. Due to the unpredictability of the weather in New England, oftentimes it was necessary to cancel or postpone activities and events celebrating our schools. The Superintendents were granted permission last year, and will be continuing that change this year. They were delightfully surprised to hear recently that NCEA is also adding a November week for the national celebration as well. The January week will still be honored for Open House and optional activities internally, but our main celebration will be in November, when our part of the country is arrayed in God's splendor of the beautiful weather and colors of autumn.

It is truly a time to celebrate how our Catholic virtues, values, and social justice involvement contribute to productive citizenship and responsible leadership. Our schools are safe environments which encourage prayer and are welcoming and supportive of children and teenagers. Our high school graduation and college attendance rates are outstanding. The commitment of our school employees and administrators to the ministry of Catholic education is to be highly commended. We are blessed to have such supportive pastors, deacons, and religious sisters and brothers in our schools who serve as true witnesses of those who dedicate their lives to service in the Lord.

I would also like to express my gratitude and appreciation for the continued support by our parishioners throughout the diocese. As a result of your assistance, you have helped many families achieve the goal of a faith-based education for their children. I encourage you to visit our schools and consider a Catholic education for your children.

With God's abundant blessings.



Bishop of Norwich

The One Heart Ministry is a partnership on disability for individuals and the people who assist them in their daily lives. The group comes together to pray, socialize and work together on service projects. The veteran keychains being distributed after Mass were made by a member of the group. The heart and cross symbolize the hope that we hold as Catholics that God's love accompanies us through every challenge. To become involved in this ministry, please contact the Office of Faith Events at 860-848-2237, ext. 304, or faithevents@norwichdiocese.net. ALL ARE WELCOME!

Would you be able to help the least among us this fall?

As the end of the year draws nearer, we need your help to fill our emergency food pantry with non-perishable items, donations of personal care items and infant diapers, especially size 3 and up. Donations can be dropped off at any of our locations in Norwich, New London, Middletown, and Willimantic.

Catholic Charities is your ministry within the Diocese of Norwich which helps those of all faiths who are in desperate need of the most basic necessities. Catholic Charities has had a presence in the area since 1921, making it one of the oldest social service agencies in the region. We have a strong commitment to assist those most in need, as well as supporting, strengthening and empowering them to attain the highest level of self-sufficiency through education and enrichment. With your support and generosity, Catholic Charities will continue our rich history of **Providing Help** and **Creating Hope** to those most in need. Visit www.ccfns.org or call 860-889-8346 for more information.

THE QUESTIONS YOU MAY ASK---

Why do we ask parishioners to bring up gifts of bread and wine (the ciborium and the cruet) and give them to the priest?

Having the people bring up gifts or offerings of bread and wine goes back to the third century. In his classic history of the origins and development of the liturgy (*The Mass of the Roman Rite*), Fr. Joseph A. Jungman, SJ, noted that “by the time we reach Cyprian (200-258), it has already become a general rule that the faithful should present gifts at the Eucharistic assembly”. This is evident from Cyprian’s scolding a rich woman for her lack of charity in failing to bring a gift. Apparently, the individual worshiper was bound not only to contribute to the community poor box (corban), but also to make an offering for the altar and from Cyprian’s words it is quite clear that this offering was “nothing more nor less than the bread and wine of the sacrifice” (p.316).

Coming to the present day, the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* says that “it is a praiseworthy practice for the bread and wine to be presented by the faithful. They are then accepted at an appropriate place by the Priest or Deacon to be carried to the altar. Even though the faithful no longer bring from their own possessions the bread and wine intended for the liturgy, as once was the case, nevertheless the rite of carrying up the offerings still keeps its spiritual efficacy and significance” (p.73).

While these gifts are to be converted to sacred status, they are not sacred in themselves and may be handled by laypersons.

THE LENDING LIBRARY – NEW BOOKS!

The Ladies Guild is reorganizing our Lending Library. It is always open and located in the Cry Room. There are many books to be borrowed on a variety of topics: Conversion, Biblical, Historical, Biographies, Saints and much, much more. We also have movies to borrow. **NEW TITLES INCLUDE:** **Next Generation Z**, recommended by Deacon Michael, **Arguing Religion** by Bishop Robert Brown, **Francis, The People’s Pope** and **three enjoyable fiction by Barbara Sullo**. Please sign out a book, there is a basket to put the library cards in. Please be respectful of this great resource – take out a book and return the book within a timely manner. Parents if you are in the Cry Room with your children and they remove any books – please put them back where you found them. If you have questions, please contact Irene Burns.

Movie, *Pope Francis, A Man of His Word*.

Please join us on Friday November 8 at 7:00pm in the Church for the movie, *Pope Francis, A Man of His Word*. Rated PG (parental guidance suggested), run time: 96 minutes. Sponsored by the Ladies Guild. *Pope Francis – A Man of His Word* is a rare co-production with the Vatican. Wim Wenders’ documentary is intended to be a personal journey with Pope Francis, rather than a biographical documentary about him. The pope’s ideas and his message are central to this documentary, which sets out to present his work of reform and his answers to today’s global questions from death, social justice, immigration, ecology, wealth inequity, materialism, and the role of the family. From his deep concern for the poor and wealth inequality, to his involvement in environmental issues and social justice, Pope Francis engages the audience face-to-face and calls for peace.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus and Ladies Guild for hosting another successful Polish Dinner on October 19th. Thank you to the parishioners who purchased tickets and supported this event. Much appreciation goes to the committee (Kevin, Steve, Barbara, Ella Mae, Jennie, Lorraine & Kathy) and all the volunteers who made this event happen, including selling tickets each weekend. Peg Stygar was the winner of the 50/50 raffle. The proceeds of \$1,780.48 will benefit the Church.



All Souls Day

ALL SOULS INTENTIONS

Ernest & Mary Sunega
Ernie Staebner
Matthew & Mildred Sunega
Hale & Margaret Nye
Matthew Hazen
Reg & Jessie Hazen
Joseph Weingart
Ben Illiff
Robert Haswell
Jimmy Downey
Kaye Macht
Roy Showalter
Constance & Wallace Arseneault
William & Margaret Fries
Bill Brewster
Irene Wengloski
Nick Wengloski
Robert P. Burns, Sr.
Robert F. Burns
Helen P. Burns
James Sheehan
Kevin Newberry
Bill Brewster
Jordan Haralson
Viola Smutko
Frank Smutko
Irma Smutko
Anton Smutko, Sr.
Blanche Mickiewicz
Polly Haralson
Arthur Haralson
Leona Piskadlo
Helen Ardanowski
Rose Smutko
Pauline Mickiewicz
Aurore B. Thivia
William Thivia
Doris Anderson
Joseph L. Cote
Lauretha Cote
Joseph W. Cote
Ernest Bouquet
Lila Bouquet
Vincint Boliver
Chad Onate
Carol Folmer
Tammy Santaini
Vericonia Mastronardi
Joseph Mastronardi



All Souls Day

ALL SOULS INTENTIONS

Ramona Hay
George Hay
Genevie Smith
Allen Nortz
Anne Dudar
Stanley Dudar
Carolyn Taft
Robert & Margaret O'Neill
Chester & Isabelle Stygar
Patrick O'Neill
Real Leclair
Kathleen Chambers
Anastasia L. Getman
Alexander A. Getman
Christopher Grabarek
Robert Reese
Norman Pellerin
Priscilla Donnely
Eugene J. Lescoe
Bert & Jeanne Vertefeuille

Deceased Members of the:

Pelletier family
Joseph Russo family
Elliott family
Guilbeault family
Malozzi family
James Russo family
Ramatowski family
Werner family
Dvorak family
Boisvert family
Foley family
Dyer family
Worth family
Vojick family
Kristoff family
Cwikla family
Misinsky family
Wheaton family
Cote family
Perotti family
Combe family
Cunningham family
Therrien family
Martineau family
Hofmann family
Brisson family
Lataille family