

**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 November 9, 2019 Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

5:00 PM +Dave & Edith Perotti req. by their family

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

Monday, November 11, 2019 ST. Martin of Tours, bishop

9:00 AM Veterans living & deceased PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, November 12, 2019 St. Josaphat, bishop, martyr

NO MASS

Wednesday November 13, 2019 St. Frances Xavier Cabrini,

virgin

9:00 AM +Robert Burns req. by his wife

Thursday November 14, 2019 Weekday in Ordinary Time

NO MASS

Friday November 15, 2019 St. Albert the Great, bishop, doctor  
of the Church

9:00 AM Increase in Vocations req. by I. Boone

Saturday November 16, 2019 St. Margaret of Scotland, St.

Gertrude, virgin

5:00 PM Dr. Gordon Comstock req. by the King family

Sunday November 17, 2019 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM +Ed Coutu req. by Norm & Ella Mae Kuzel

10:30 AM +Julie Coscia req. by her family

Offertory: \$ 3504.60 Saint Bernard School: \$ 404.00

Today's Collection is for the Archdiocese of the Military.

Next weekend's second collection is for monthly extraordinary expenses.

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 16 & 17**

5:00pm Lector: Kevin Flaherty

Eucharistic Minister: Carole Briggs

Altar Servers: Nina & Luci Gardella

8:00 am Lector: Rick Kane

Eucharistic Minister: Jim Worth

Altar Servers: Jack Terwilliger

10:30am Lector: Sandy Grillo

Eucharistic Minister: Wally Gagnon

Altar Servers: Erika Densman, Drew Taylor

**NOVEMBER MEETINGS**

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. Patrick McCorry, Rev. James Thaikootathil, V. Rev. Douglas Mosey CSB, Msgr. Thaddeus Malanowski, Msgr. Richard LaRocque, Rev. Michael Gill, Rev. Mark Masnicki, Rev. David Zercie MSA, Rev. Christopher Feeney, Rev. Tadeusz Zadorozny, Rev. Richard Sliwinski, Rev. Augustine Naduvilekoot. We also pray for those priests who have left the ministry.

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)

**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](http://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**

- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **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](mailto: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](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).

Please look for the Office of Faith Events new column: "Faith Sparks" in the 4 County Catholic newspaper. This past month's column is about the "Art of Giving". Writer Mary Jo McLaughlin says "Giving from the heart was something I saw during my 13 years of teaching at Sacred Heart School in Taftville, where the school motto is "Love Serves".

To read this entire article and find prayers for your children, workday, and mealtimes, visit: [NorwichDiocese.org/FaithSparks](http://NorwichDiocese.org/FaithSparks)

### **"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](http://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 16, 1740 Randolph Road, Middletown,

CT 8:00 am to 11:15 am

**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."

### **Saint Bernard School Information Session**

#### **And Placement Tests**

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

**Placement Test 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](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.

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](mailto: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](http://www.ccfns.org) or call 860-889-8346 for more information.

### **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.

**The Academy of the Holy Family presents “The Trial of the Wicked Witch” on November 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am and 7:00pm and November 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.** Come and enjoy a lighted re-examining of classic fairy tales, and be a part of the jury, deciding if she is guilty or not. Screenplay by Craig Sodaro, published by Eldridge Publishing.

**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).

### **ACA Annual Catholic Appeal Update**

**St. Andrew Parish has achieved its goal!**  
**21.73% of parishioners have donated.**  
**St. Francis of Assisi Parish is \$3,733 short of its goal.**  
**16.58% of parishioners have donated.**

Our ACA supported ministries do the work of Christ every day.

From a participant of “Wine, Wisdom and Why” sponsored by the Office of Faith Events, “I found the evening extremely educational. I have been a Catholic my whole life and never knew some of the ‘whys’ behind our traditions.”

Please contact the Development Office at (860) 886-1928 or go

online to [www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org](http://www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org) to make a gift to our 2019 appeal, Hand in Hand with All God's Children, by December 31.

Thank you!

**Center for Hospice Care  
Expressive Arts for Children**

860.848.5699 hospicesect.org

Sessions focus on processing grief in imaginative and therapeutic ways. Each session begins with Pet Therapy and Snack Time from 4:30pm to 5:15pm. The Expressive Arts Session is from 5:15pm to 6:15pm. Children's Groups re for 5-12 years old and are held on Tuesdays at the Center for Hospice Care, 227 Dunham Street, Norwich.

Nov. 19 Say it With Music

Nov. 26 Gratitude Day

Dec. 3 Pet Remembrance Day

Dec. 10 The Art Part: Dream Catchers

Dec. 17 Holiday Remembrance

Corpus Christi Catholic Parish (St. Mary, St. Joseph, Sagrado Corezon) are holding a cash raffle on December 14. Five cash prizes ranging from \$5000 to \$1000. Tickets are \$20 each. Monies raised will benefit St. Mary-St. Joseph School. Winner need not be present to win. Winner assumes responsibility for all Federal & Sate taxes.

We are happy to welcome all new parishioners and glad to have you here with us today. All visitors are also welcome and we sincerely hope you have found nourishment for your life and faith as you worship here.



If you have recently moved to the area, please introduce yourself to our parish priest. You are cordially invited to register as a parishioner at the rectory office or fill out the form below and mail it in for more information. Please take a moment to complete this form, clip it out and either mail it or drop it in the offertory basket next week.

Every Catholic should be registered and make themselves known to the priest. Registration is necessary for enrollment in CCD classes, Confirmation classes, to arrange for baptisms, marriages, and to obtain sponsor certificates as godparents and witnesses. Thank you!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

**WE CAN HELP**

To report inappropriate contact of any kind by a representative of the Diocese of Norwich or for assistance to victims, please call: 1.800.624.7407

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This week November 9-10, 2019, the triennial collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, U.S.A. will be taken up at all Masses. The Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA (AMS) was established by Saint John Paul II in 1985 to provide the Catholic Church's full range of pastoral ministries to those in the United States Armed Forces. The mission of the Archdiocese is to "serve those who serve" by providing the same pastoral care and services as any other Catholic diocese to Catholics serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, enrolled in U.S. Military Academies, undergoing treatment at any of the 153 Department of Veterans Affairs' Medical Centers in the U.S., Puerto Rico and Guam, working in civilian jobs for the federal government beyond U.S. borders, and the families of these populations.

The AMS is the only source of Catholic chaplains for the U.S. military and Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Centers. All told, the AMS and its endorsed priests and deacons are responsible for pastoral service to approximately 1.8 million Catholics.

While the salaries and retirement of military and VA chaplains are paid for by the government, the AMS receives no funding from the military or the government in support of programs and services vital to the mission and ministry of the AMS, including *Vocations, Evangelization and Catechesis, Sacramental Records, Tribunal and Veterans Affairs.*

Unlike a conventional diocese, the AMS has no parishes or parish registries. The AMS has no weekly collections, and therefore relies solely on the generosity of private donations to support its aforementioned programs and services. The Office of Sacramental Records currently maintains over 3 million records as the AMS maintains all records of sacraments celebrated on U.S. Military Installations and at VA Medical Centers since 1920 at the Edwin Cardinal O'Brien Pastoral Center in Washington, D.C.

Pope Francis has told military ordinaries from around the world that "The role of military chaplains is to accompany and support [those in need] on the journey, to be a comforting and brotherly presence for them all." (Pope Francis, Address to participants in the 8th Humanitarian Course, 26.X.15.) Your support of the National Collection for the AMS will bring the Gospel, the sacraments and other forms of spiritual support to men and women who serve our Country and defend our freedoms, including parishioners and families from our own diocese.

Thank you, in advance, for your generosity.

With gratitude and prayerful best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Norwich

**Additional All Souls Intentions:**

Mark Showalter, Waldyn Benbenek Sr., Harry Dobrolet, James Dobrolet, Alex Dobrolet, Julia Dobrolet, Josephine Richards, Rose Yuschalk, Maria DiNenno, Vincenzo DiNenno, Anton Dobrolet, Mary Dobrolet, M/M Isidore Wengloski, M/M Kazimierz Wieczorek, Paul Wengloski, Joyce Wengloski, deceased members of the Petrowski family.