

**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 23, 2019 St. Clement I, pope & martyr; St. Columban, abbot; Blessed Miquel Agustin Pio, priest & martyr
5:00 PM +Carolyn Taft req by Alicia Lamb & Carole Brown
Sunday November 24, 2019 Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe

8:00 AM +Norman Pellerin req. by his wife
10:30 AM +Janet Gagnon req. by her family
Monday, November 25, 2019 St. Catherine of Alexandria, virgin, martyr

NO MASS PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
Tuesday, November 26, 2019 Weekday in Ordinary Time

NO MASS PARISH OFFICE WILL BE OPEN
Wednesday November 27, 2019 Weekday in Ordinary Time
9:00 AM Living & deceased members of the McAllister family req. by I. Boone

PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
Thursday November 28, 2019 Thanksgiving

9:00 AM Mass of Thanksgiving
+George Boone req. by I. Boone
Friday November 29, 2019 Weekday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM **NO MASS OFFICE CLOSED**
Saturday November 30, 2019 St. Andrew, apostle
5:00 PM +Dave & Edith Perotti req. by their family
Sunday December 1, 2019 First Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM +Frank Smutko req. by his family
10:30 AM +Jennifer & Robert Chesters req. by their family



Offertory: \$ 1,735.00 Extraordinary Expenses: \$ 515.00
Today's Collection is for building maintenance.
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 30 & December 1

5:00pm Lector: Steve Wengloski
Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Michael
Altar Servers: Genevieve & Nina Gardella
8:00 am Lector: Ella Mae Kuzel
Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Michael
Altar Servers: Jack Terwilliger
10:30am Lector: Paul Pelletier
Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Michael
Altar Servers: Nicholas Barrett, Erika Densman



PARISH OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK: Due to the holiday the parish office will be open only on Tuesday from 8am to 2pm.

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 Spedaliero 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 Rev. Joseph Castaldi, Rev. Dennis Mercieri, Msgr. Kevin Randall, Rev. Joseph DeCosta, Msgr. James Carini, Rev. John O'Neill MS, Msgr. Anthony Rosaforte, Rev. Robert Buongiorno, Msgr. Michael Donohue, Rev. John Gwudz, Rev. Paul Boudreau, Rev. Thomas Sickler MS, all priests.

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)

The Lebanon Faith Communities and the Franklin Congregational Church invite you to a Community Faith event. The annual Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service will be held at the Franklin Congregational Church, 31 Meeting House Hill Road, Franklin, on Sunday November 24th at 4:00pm. Monetary donations accepted for the Franklin Fuel Assistance Program. Refreshments will be served.

Secret Santa Holiday Giving Program for Lebanon children ages birth to 15 years of age.

We will be collecting \$5 or \$10 gift cards to the following places: Staples, Dunkin Donut, Friendly's, Walmart, iTunes, & McDonald's. Cards may be placed in the offertory basket and are due back to Church by December 1st.

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.
- ❖ **The monthly Diocesan Pro-Life Mass** will take place at The Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on **Saturday, December 7 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.
- ❖ **Watermelon, Wisdom and Why Night: A Great Way to Kick Off the Advent Season.** Come join us, *Thursday, December 5th- 6:30-8:00 pm- St Pius X Church Hall, Middletown!* Families, children, parishioners and priests are all invited to come and ask Bishop Cote, and a panel of knowledgeable guests, questions about our Catholic faith traditions. The evening will highlight the season of Advent. Questions can be submitted through your local parish Faith Formation program or to the Office of Faith Events when you RSVP. All questions need to be submitted in advance. Come for a night of fun, fellowship and faith! With lots of faith activities for our young people. RSVP to your parish office or to the OFE 860-848-2237, ext.304 or manicholas@norwichdiocese.net. You don't want to miss the watermelon treats!
- ❖ **Young Adult Mass with Bishop Cote** on December 8th at 10:30am at St. Mary's in Coventry. Young adults ages 18-39 represent diverse cultural, racial, ethnic, educational, vocational, social, political, and spiritual backgrounds. They are college students, workers and professionals; they are persons in military service; they are single, married, divorced, or widowed; they can come with or without children. Coffee social after Mass.
- ❖ **Eucharistic Holy Hour** at Sacred Heart, Taftville from 6-7pm on December 19th.

"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

East Catholic High School Entrance Exam for Eighth Graders will be given Saturday December 7th at 8:00am. Pre-registration is appreciated but not required. You may reserve your spot by calling the Admissions Office at 860.649.5336 ext. 6456 or online at www.echs.com

Programs at Enders Island, Mystic

860.536.0565 www.endersisland.com.

++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>

++ Bereavement Retreat Sunday Dec. 8 with Fr. Ed Dempsey. \$50pp includes conferences & 3 course hot served lunch. Register at www.enders.is/DecBereavement

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: Tues. Dec. 10 – Wed. Jan. 15.

Saint Bernard School

Placement Test Saturday, December 7 8am to noon

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 & State taxes. Call 860.423.8479 for more information.

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 are for 5-12 years old and are held on Tuesdays at the Center for Hospice Care, 227 Dunham Street, Norwich.

Nov. 26 Gratitude Day

Dec. 3 Pet Remembrance Day

Dec. 10 The Art Part: Dream Catchers

Dec. 17 Holiday Remembrance

12 Things Parents Can Do To Help Create and Maintain Safe Environments at Church and at School

The Church teaches that parents have the most serious duty, and primary right, to do all in their power to assure the physical, social, cultural, moral and religious upbringing of their children. Parenting is a difficult and demanding task. It is a task that requires the support and assistance of the entire Christian community. Parents, children and Church ministers, *must all work together to assure the safety and welfare of our most precious resource, our children.*

Parents need to take an active, and even proactive, role in the educational and social activities of their children. As a parent, you can work with your child(ren) to assure their safety. Among other things, you need to:

1. *Know your child's teachers* as well as those adults who have some supervisory role in relationship to your child(ren). Two adults should normally be present when working with your child(ren).

2. Satisfy yourself that the adults having contact with your child(ren) have been *carefully screened*. If you have doubts about whether or not an employee or volunteer was properly screened, talk with the person in charge of the activity, or your pastor, and communicate your concerns. If your doubts concern a school employee, talk with your child's principal.

3. *Visit the classrooms and places* where activities are held to assure you that these places are safe environments.

4. *Become involved* in programs and activities at church and school.

5. *Teach your child (ren)* that most people are only allowed to touch certain parts of their body, like your hands or your shoulders. But NO ONE should touch the private parts of your body unless they are helping you keep these parts healthy. Private areas are those parts of our bodies covered by a swimsuit.

6. *Encourage your children to speak openly about their experiences and not keep secrets about their relationships with other people.* Children need to be taught that they can and should discuss anything that happens to them that makes them feel uncomfortable, confused, or upset in any way. They need to know they can talk to a parent or another trusted adult about feelings such as these.

7. *Discourage your child (ren) from accepting inappropriate gifts.*

8. *Not allow your child (ren) to travel unchaperoned or stay overnight* with adult non-family members as part of Church or school related activities *except with your explicit written permission.*

9. Insist that your child (ren) not be allowed to travel without *explicit written permission*, given only after careful review of the travel arrangements.

10. *Listen carefully and with a discerning ear* to what children are saying to one another about the adults around them.

11. *Be aware of the Pastoral Code of Conduct* in effect for Church ministers *and promptly report* any violations of the same to the appropriate authorities (see *Process of Reporting and Addressing Complaints and Allegations* listed under the section entitled *Enforcement*).

Familiarize yourself, and discuss with your child, the *Diocese of Norwich Electronic Communications, Internet and Computer Use Policy.*

12. *Strive to live lives of truth, holiness, and virtue*, treating all human beings as human persons and not as objects for gratification, power, or advancement; and teach your children not to treat other people as objects for gratification, power, or advancement.

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

38th Annual Convocation for the Priests in the Diocese of Norwich

NEWPORT, RI.—The Annual Convocation for Priests will be held from December 2-4, 2019, at **Gurney's Newport Resort** on Goat Island in Newport, RI. It will be a time for all priests to gather with their bishop for spiritual renewal, support, education and rest. No parish, school or institutional activities will be scheduled during these days. Please pray for your priests, as they will be praying for you.

The key presenter will be Father Luke Ballman, STL, a priest of the Archdiocese of Atlanta, currently serving as Associate Director for the Secretariat for Clergy Consecrated Life and Vocations for USCCB and as an Extern Spiritual Director for the Theological College in Washington, DC. Father Ballman has also served as Vicar for Clergy, Vocations Director, Pastor of St. Augustine Church and Parochial Vicar at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of Atlanta. He has served as the Director of Apostolic Formation/Formation Advisor for the Pontifical North American College and as an Adjunct Professor for the Pontifical Gregorian University.

Bishop Cote emphasized the importance of this annual gathering in his letter inviting each priest to the Convocation, "Your presence and commitment to this time together is important to me." The Convocation is coordinated by the Norwich Diocesan Continuing Education and Formation Commission: Very Rev. Dennis M. Perkins, Very Rev. David P. Choquette, Reverends John Antonelle, Gregory P. Brozonowicz, Peter B. Liszewski, and Walter M. Nagle.

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.



The Ladies Guild will be holding a Home-made breads and muffins Bake Sale after all Masses this weekend. Stop by and purchase something for the holidays!

Holy Family Retreat Center, West Hartford, CT.

860-760-9719. www.holyfamilyretreat.org

Advent Retreat for Young Adults, with Colin Petramale and Patrick Laorden Sun., Dec 9, 1-9 p.m. Join a vibrant group of young adults in exploring how to live out your faith amid the pressures and expectations of being a young adult. Co-sponsored by the Archdiocese of Hartford's Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry. \$40, includes dinner and Mass.

Advent Reflection: There is a Longing: Hearing the Whispers of Advent, with Fr. David Cinquegrani, C.P. Wed. Dec. 11 from 10am – 2pm or 6-9pm. Each of us has a longing in our hearts to encounter the presence of God in one form or another, to uncover and grasp what Ronald Rolheiser calls "the secret worth knowing"

Advent is not simply a time to get ready for Christmas; it's the time for Christians to prepare their hearts and minds for the revelation of the Divine and to accept God's indwelling in every moment. Join Fr. David in exploring our deep longing for the Savior, Emmanuel – among and within us. Both sessions include Mass; day session includes Sacrament of Reconciliation. \$40 includes meal. 860.760.9705.

St. Edmund's Retreat is looking to hire a Director of Culinary Services.

The Director of Culinary Services manages all aspects of the retreat center kitchen. S/he is responsible for planning, overseeing and preparing cold and hot foods, including broiling, baking, roasting meats, preparation of vegetables, and preparation of desserts necessary for any meal or special function. S/he is responsible for coordinating all aspects of ordering foods, paper goods, and supplies for the kitchen, including maintaining and practicing first in first out inventory control system. The position requires the ability to maintain strict budget procedures regarding employee staffing, as well as product costs.

The Director is required to foster a "teamwork" atmosphere, including having the skills needed to address staffing problems that may arise and take the necessary steps to rectify the problem. S/he reports to the President of Enders Island, but must also communicate directly with managers of other departments and staff regarding the management of the kitchen and dining room.

The Director must be able to physically handle and operate kitchen equipment, including working in refrigerated and freezer areas. The ability to follow USDA regulations, State and Local Health Department Codes, and OSHA standards is required. The ability follow MSDS procedures when working with industrial cleaning products is a must.

St. Edmund's Retreat is located on Enders Island, a beautiful, garden-filled oasis in Mystic, CT. We offer a multitude of spiritual retreats, which includes breakfast, lunch and dinner service. The serenity our visitors experience is due in large part to the care and compassion our staff extend, and to the nutritious, lovingly prepared meals served throughout their stay. Interested candidates please contact Tracie, Director of Programs at 860.536.0565, ext. 167 or email your resume or letter of interest to programs@endersisland.com

THE QUESTIONS YOU MAY ASK---

All Saints, All Souls, and Cemetery Sunday: What are the differences?

While many of us "cradle Catholics" have grown up with the expectation of attending Mass the day after Halloween in observance of All Saints Day, I'm sure that there are some of us, myself included, that never really stopped to ask why All Saints Day was a holy day of obligation. Even more so, I was never aware that there are two other major Catholic observances in the month of November: All Souls Day and Cemetery Sunday. While all related, these three days are actually quite different, and each offers its own special intention. Keep reading to learn more about these three holy days, how they're different, and how you can celebrate them.

All Saints Day (November 1st)

As I mentioned, All Saints Day (officially named Solemnity of All Saints) is the most well-known of the three November observances. All Saints Day is meant to be a celebration of the souls that are currently in Heaven. These souls include both known saints recognized by the church, and those that are unknown. Being a Holy Day of Obligation, All Saints Day is celebrated with a special Mass.

All Souls Day (November 2nd)

Not to be confused with All Saints Day, All Souls Day is a day dedicated to souls who are not in Heaven. This day is a chance for those of us here on Earth to offer prayers and intentions for those souls in purgatory—that they may find eternal peace and rest in the Kingdom of Heaven. While not a holy day of obligation, All Souls Day is an opportunity for all Catholics to pray for our departed brothers and sisters.

Cemetery Sunday (First Sunday in November)

Cemetery Sunday, while closely related to All Saints and All Souls Day, is rather unique. Proposed by the National Catholic Cemetery Conference in 1978, the day focuses on the physical location where souls are laid to rest: the cemetery. Catholic cemeteries are sacred ground, as they are blessed upon their founding, and they are treated as an extension of the Church itself. Therefore, Cemetery Sunday is a day dedicated to those buried in a Catholic cemetery. The day is normally celebrated with a special Mass on cemetery grounds. Cemetery Sunday is a spiritual way to honor family members who have passed, and provides families with a special opportunity to visit the graves of their dearly departed loved ones.



All ladies of the parish are invited to join the Ladies Guild at their Christmas Party on Monday, December 16th, 6:00 cocktails/6:30 dinner at the Log Cabin, Lebanon. Reservation forms can be found

at the church entrances, the deadline is December 11th to submit entrée choices and payment. Please contact Sandra at 860-537-1372 or Barbara at 860-642-7168 if you have any questions.