

**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 December 7, 2019 St. Ambrose, bishop, doctor of the Church

5:00 PM +James & Harry Dobrolet req. by their family

Sunday December 8, 2019 Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM +Raymond Boisvert req. by his family

10:30 AM People of the Parish living & deceased

Monday December 9, 2019 Immaculate Conception

7:00 PM Sanctification of Bob Frank req. by I. Boone

Tuesday, December 10, 2019 Advent Weekday

NO MASS

Wednesday December 11, 2019 St. Damasus I, pope

9:00 AM Living & deceased members of the Carrero family

Req. by I. Boone

Thursday December 12, 2019 Our Lady of Guadalupe

9:00 AM Living & deceased members of the Chase family

Req. by I. Boone

Friday December 13, 2019 St. Lucy, virgin

9:00 AM Living & deceased members of the Napolitano

family req. by I. Boone

Saturday December 14, 2019 St. John of the Cross, doctor of the Church

5:00 PM +Cindy Mello req. by her family

Sunday December 15, 2019 Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM +Janet Lea Gertshitz req. by Norm & Ella Mae Kuzel

10:30 AM

11/24 Offertory: \$ 2,835.00 Building Maintenance: \$ 785.00

12/1 Offertory: \$ 2,232.82 Monthly Extraordinary: \$ 595.00

Today's Collection is for Parish Fuel. Last winter season our parish oil costs were \$6,144.26. Please be as generous as your means allows.

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 December 14 & 15

5:00pm Lector: Anne Staebner

Eucharistic Minister: Sharon Nejako

Altar Servers: CJ Frank, Nina Gardella

8:00 am Lector: Greg Jones

Eucharistic Minister: Kathy Walden

Altar Servers: Christian Terwilliger

10:30am Lector: Paul Pelletier

Eucharistic Minister: Tony Coscia

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

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 Rev. William Olesik, Rev. Jonathan Ficara, V. Rev. Laurence LaPointe, Rev. Kevin Reilly, Rev. Richard Crawley OFM Cp, Rev. Joseph Ashe, Rev. Bran Maxwell, Rev. Edward Wisneski, Rev. Timothy Roth MIC, Rev. Anthony Alaharasan, Rev. Leon Susaimanickam, and for all our priests.

We thank Father, for those who have responded to Your call to priestly ministry. Fill Your priests with the knowledge of Your love. Open their hearts to the power and consolation of the Holy Spirit. O Mary, Mother of Christ, guard maternal to these chosen ones. Intercede for our priests. (Ven. Mother Catherine Aurelia, foundress)

**Mass for the Immaculate Conception
7:00pm on Monday December 9th.**



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.

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.
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **Our Lady of Guadalupe**, Thursday 12 December Cathedral of St. Patrick 213 Broadway, Norwich, CT 6:30pm Rosary & Confessions 7:00pm Eucharistic Celebration (Bilingual). The Most Rev. Michael R. Cote Bishop of Norwich, Principal Celebrant. Following the Liturgical celebration, please join us for a fiesta of delightful music, delicious food & warm fellowship, as together we honor Our Lady and ask her intercession for peace in our hearts, in our homes, in our land, and in our world. A free-will offering will be asked to cover the cost of the buffet. For more information, please contact the Office for Hispanic Ministry: 860-456-3349 / e-mail: aposthispano@gmail.com
- ❖ **Eucharistic Holy Hour at Sacred Heart**, Taftville from 6-7pm on December 19th.

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 Advent. Diocesan youth minister Liza Roach says, "Advent is a time of patient waiting, and the Lord does not want us to be stressed out!" To read this entire article and find 5 great tips for a meaningful and memorable Advent and Christmas, visit: NorwichDiocese.org/FaithSparks

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.

Thank you to all parishioners who have responded to the parish request for \$2.00 increase or more in their 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.



Christmas flower envelopes are available at Church entrances for donations in remembrance of a loved one. Please return by December 15th.

Bambinelli Weekend Gaudete Sunday

Bambinelli is Italian for Christ Child. An annual family tradition at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, in celebration of Gaudete Sunday (December 14 & 15). Pope Francis, on his visit to America said, "The family is the core of the Church". A special blessing will take place at all Masses on December 14 & 15, for your Bambinelli (Baby Jesus) from your family Nativity set. Remember to bring you Family Bambinelli from home to Mass that weekend. Bambinelli kits for the children who do not already have one from previous years are available in the sacristy.



GRADE 2 will be assisting at the 10:30am Mass on Sunday December 15. Refreshments following the Mass.



Breakfast with Santa!

Sunday December 8, 2019

8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Lebanon Fire Safety Complex, Goshen Hill Road

Adults \$8.00, 12 & Under \$5.00

Under 5 free

Good food & fun for everyone

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus 9653

Blue Slope's Wagon Rides & Family Activities:

\$9 donation includes Wagon Ride and All Activities.

Under 10 years old welcomed without donation.

Please call 860.642.7084 to reserve your seat on a wagon ride. Wagon ride start times 1pm, 1:45pm, 2:30pm, 3:15pm. Also Dusk Rides at 4pm & 4:30pm. Sat. & Sun. Dec. 7 & 8 and 14 & 15.

Blue Slope Country Museum, 138 Blue Hill Rd., Franklin. Museum@Blueslope.com. Friend us on Facebook.