

**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 28, 2019 The Holy Innocents, martyrs

5:00 PM +Bill Brewster req by his family

**Sunday December 29, 2019 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary,
& Joseph**

8:00 AM +Lorraine Kane req. by C. Wheaton

10:30 AM +Wayne Woodward req. by C. Wheaton

**Monday December 30, 2019 6th day within the Octave of the
Nativity of the Lord**

NO MASS Parish Office Closed

Tuesday December 31, 2019 New Year's Eve

5:00 PM Souls in Purgatory

PARISH OFFICE WILL BE OPEN UNTIL 1:00 PM

**Wednesday January 1, 2020 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of
God**

9:15 AM Intentions of a parishioner

PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED

**Thursday January 2, 2020 Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory
Nazianzen, bishops & doctors of the Church**

NO MASS

Friday January 3, 2020 Holy Name of Jesus

9:00 AM Kim & Ceara Concannon & family req. by Pam
Roberts

Saturday January 4, 2020 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, religious

5:00 PM +Stanley Baran req by his family

Sunday January 5, 2020 Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 AM Marriage blessing to all Clinch & Kuzel families req.
by Norm & Ella Mae Kuzel

10:30 AM +Raoul Pomerleau req. by his family

12/15 Offertory: \$ 3,328.00 Immaculate Conception: \$ 465.00
12/22 Offering totals to be reported in next bulletin due to early
submission.

Next weekend's second collection is for 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

MEETINGS:

**Parish Advisory Council Wednesday January 8,
2020 at 6:30pm.**

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 Spedalieri 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. P. Grzegorz
Jednaki, Rev. Benjamin Soosaimanickam, Rev. Anthony
DiMarco, Rev. Robert Washabaugh, Rev. Luis Agudelo, Rev.
Frank McKenna,

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)

Weekend of January 4 & 5

5:00 pm Lector: Richard Lataille

Eucharistic Minister: Sharon Nejako

Altar Servers: CJ Frank, Grace Gardella

8:00 am Lector: Kathy Pellerin

Eucharistic: Ella Mae Kuzel

Altar Servers: Emily Pomerleau

10:30am Lector: Maureen Polana

Eucharistic Minister: Paul Pelletier

Altar Servers: Drew Taylor, Nicholas Barrett

MASS INTENTIONS

We have several open Masses during 2020. 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.

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, January 4 at 8:30 A.M.** Please join our celebrant **Rev. Walter Nagle** 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.
- ❖ **Eucharistic Holy Hour** at St. Mary, Jewett City from 6-7pm on January 16th.

The Diocesan School Office and the Office of Faith Events present... Faith and Reason Workshop Presentation on how to address mistruths about Science and God, with our youth and young adults!

March 16, 2020, Mercy High School, Middletown

Two sessions 8:30-12:00 am or 6:30-9:00pm

Mr. Robert Alderman is the Regional Director of Catholic Education Development for the Northeastern United States. As a member of Fr. Spitzer's staff he will be presenting a *new supplemental Module series for teenagers and young adults called 7 Essentials.*

*This series is meant to augment existing religious education and confirmation programs.

*This series focuses on the issues that are causing a growing number of young people to abandon religion.

*This series has seven engaging PowerPoint presentations, with embedded videos and voice narration, totaling 14 hours of classroom material. They are entirely FREE.

*The series is incredibly flexible, and is designed to educate today's young Catholics, allowing them to recognize mistruths about the faith.

*The presentation of modules is geared at the instructional level for middle school and high school students.

We hope you can join us for this informational presentation! RSVP by March 10th - Office of Faith Events: manicholas@norwichdiocese.net, 860-848-2237, ext. 304.

Men's Retreat – Our Deepest Longing Jan 31 – Feb 2, 2020

This year at Holy Family Retreat House in West Hartford, we will explore that deep longing planted in our hearts by God – a longing for peace, for wholeness and for relationships that give us joy and lift us up. Come away and rest awhile to find and pursue your deepest longing and by doing so, may you experience how God is longing so deeply for you, too. The retreat starts Friday evening and concludes with 10:45 Sunday Eucharist at followed by brunch at noon. For information or to register, please call Bill Ziegenhagen at 860-267-2976.

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

olcretreat@sbcbglobal.net 860.677.8519

Women's Retreat January 10-12 & 17-19.,2020

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. Jan. 15.

Women's Retreat February 21-23 & February 28-March 1, 2020

Worldwide Marriage Encounter "So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." Enrich and renew your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Mar 27-29, 2020 in Albany, NY and Jul 10-12, 2020 in East Windsor, CT. For more information, call Pat & Mary Jo McLaughlin at 860-315-2127 or visit them at <https://wwwmectw.org/>.



Take a few moments to check out our Saint Francis of Assisi web page!

Information about Saint Francis:

Mass Schedules, Parish Organizations, Sacraments, Religious Education, History of Saint Francis Of Assisi Parish,

Meetings & Events, Parish Bulletins, Parish Events Photo Album.

Web address is:

www.stfrancisassisilebanonct.lebanonct.org

Add this address to your favorites list.

Let's Recycle Our Empty Pill Bottles

Here's how we can recycle our empty pill bottles, both prescription and over the counter. Remove the labels and remaining glue; bring them (caps on) to the Church and put them in the boxes provided at the church entrances. They will be washed, sorted and sent to *Matthew 25: Ministries*. *Matthew 25: Ministries* sends the empty bottles to developing countries (and some locations in the U.S.) with other medical supplies. The bottles can then be used for medications in clean bottles instead of wrapped in paper, or maybe loose. Bottles that cannot be used for medications are shredded and used to make other things. This generates some income for *Matthew 25: Ministries*. The benefit here is that the bottles do not enter our waste stream.

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