

**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 January 11, 2020 Christmas Weekday

5:00 PM Souls in Purgatory

Sunday January 12, 2020 Baptism of the Lord

8:00 AM +Lorraine Kane req. by the Dyer family

10:30 AM People of the Parish living & deceased

11:30 AM Baptism

Monday January 13, 2020 St. Hilary, bishop & doctor of the Church

NO MASS

Tuesday January 14, 2020 Weekday in Ordinary Time

NO MASS

Wednesday January 15, 2020 Weekday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM Poor Souls in Purgatory req. by Pam Roberts

Sanctification of the Collins family req. by I. Boone

Thursday January 16, 2020 Weekday in Ordinary Time

NO MASS

Friday January 17, 2020 St. Anthony, abbot

9:00 AM +Soul of Angelo Collura req by I. Boone

Saturday January 18, 2020 Blessed Virgin Mary

5:00 PM

Sunday January 19, 2020 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM +Ray Andrews req. by the Kuzel family

10:30 AM

12/25 Offertory: \$ 1,961.32
12/25 Christmas Gift to Parish: \$ 2,094.00
12/29 Offertory: \$ 2,114.00
1/05 Offertory: \$ 2,847.20 Extraordinary Expenses: \$ 662.00
Solemnity of Mary: \$ 399.00
Next weekend's second collection is for our CCD Give a Goat project for Haiti.
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 of January 18 & 19

5:00 pm Lector: Anne Staebner

Eucharistic Minister: Jim Hay

Altar Servers: CJ Frank, Nina Gardella

8:00 am Lector: Greg Jones

Eucharistic: Rick Kane

Altar Servers: Christian Terwilliger

10:30am Lector: Angela Coentin

Eucharistic Minister: Tony Coscia

Altar Servers: Drew Taylor, Erika Densman

MEETINGS:

Liturgy Committee Wednesday January 15, 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 Msgr. Henry Archambault, Msgr. Michael Donohue, Rev. Joseph Castaldi, Rev. Aguirre Palacio, Rev. Francis Rouleau, Rev. D. Scott Surrency OFM Cap, Rev. Izydor Sadowski SDB, Rev. Robert Washabaugh, Rev. George Busto CO, Rev. Joseph Tito, V. Rev. Ted Tumicki, Msgr. Thaddeus Malanowski. We also pray for those priests who have left the ministry.
Father, we pray for our priests: for the sanctity of their souls and for perfect love, that they may be the voice of Christ. May each day of this New Year bring our priests more souls to save and more holy influence to spread around.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

The next First Fridays one hour Blessed Sacrament Adoration is on February 7th from 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM. Please come and visit our Lord Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament for the whole hour or any time during the adoration.

Mandatory Altar Server Training & Parents Meeting

- ❖ Saturday, January 18th at 11:00am at St. Andrew Church
- ❖ Saturday January 25th, 2020 at 10:00am at St. Francis Church

This is a mandatory training for current altar servers and their parents as well as anyone who would like to be an altar server and their parents.
You may attend either training.



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.
- ❖ **Eucharistic Holy Hour** at St. Mary, Jewett City from 6-7pm on January 16th.
- ❖ **Is your marriage tearing you apart? Is there little or no meaningful communication? Are you considering separation or divorce? For serious marriage building and repair: Retrouvaille is a lifeline.** At a **Retrouvaille** weekend, couples are given tools to re-establish communication, work on their issues, gain new insights and heal. The weekend is presented by three married couples and a priest. A series of 6 post sessions follow the weekend phase. For more information or to sign up for the **January 17-19, 2020** weekend in the Hartford area, call 413-525-1634, or 203-710-6207, or visit the Website at **www.retrouvaille.org**.
- ❖ **Are you grieving from an Abortion?** Trust in the mercy of God's love. Consider these words from St. John Paul II to those suffering because of abortion: *"The church is aware of the many factors which may have influenced your decision, and she does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision. The wound in your heart may not yet have healed. Certainly what happened was and remains terribly wrong. But do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope.... The Father of mercies is ready to give you His forgiveness and His peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. You will come to understand that nothing is definitively lost and you will also be able to ask forgiveness from your child, who is now living in the Lord."* (Evangelium Vitae, no. 99). Call **Project Rachel**, the church's post-abortion healing program, for a confidential referral to a priest who can help: **860-861-4439**.

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.

Thank you to our grade eight students for assisting at the 5:00pm Mass.

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@sbcglobal.net 860.677.8519

Women's Retreat January 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

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 New Year's Resolutions. Director of the Office of Faith Events, Andrea Hoisl writes, "What if we all took a new approach to a New Year's resolution this year? What if we all resolve to get to know God better this year"? To read this entire article and find great tips on reacquainting yourself with God along with 3 helpful apps to help you keep this resolution this year, visit: **NorwichDiocese.org/FaithSparks**

January 22, 2020 marks the 47th anniversary of the Supreme Court's infamous abortion-on-demand ruling. Because of that decision, millions of pre-born babies have been denied their most basic right - their right to life. On Friday, January 24, 2020, people from across the nation will assemble in Washington, D.C. to visibly express their opposition to abortion. On Thursday, January 23, 2020 at 9 P.M., buses sponsored by the Connecticut Right to Life Eastern Chapter will leave from the Norwich Municipal Parking Lot (Exit 11, I-395) and travel to D.C. to attend the March For Life on Friday, January 24, 2020. Bus fare is \$70 per person. If you are unable to attend the March for Life, please consider sponsoring a seat on the bus. For further information and/or to reserve a seat or to sponsor a seat, please call Lisa Duda at 860-494-0049.

Diocese of Norwich: Sexual Abuse & Sexual Misconduct Reporting Procedures

Sexual Misconduct

It is contrary to the policy of the Diocese of Norwich for any priest, religious, or lay person, either employed by, volunteering for, or otherwise engaged in ministry in the Diocese, to engage in sexual conduct which is unlawful or contrary to the moral teachings of the Roman Catholic Church.

To enforce this policy and to prevent future incidents, we need the help of victims, their families and friends, and other concerned people to tell us when such misconduct may have occurred, even though it is sometimes not easy to come forward with allegations.

Victims, survivors, family members – indeed, each and every person, has the right – and an obligation – to report suspected or actual abuse to appropriate civil authorities before calling the diocesan reporting line when appropriate.

Getting Help

It is important that those affected by sexual misconduct obtain help immediately. We encourage victims and their families to utilize the services of an experienced victims' service agency staffed with personnel who can assist them and who can also assist victims and families wishing to make a complaint against diocesan personnel. Victims and families may also wish to seek the assistance of experienced mental health professionals.

To assist those affected by sexual misconduct by an employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Norwich, the Diocese makes available the services of the Assistance Coordinator. This person helps those victims and families find the assistance they need for healing. The Assistance Coordinator can be contacted by calling the diocesan reporting line listed below.

Reporting

If you know of an emergency situation in which abuse or assault is occurring or has just occurred, call the police immediately.

To report allegations of sexual misconduct involving a minor under age eighteen and an employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Norwich, or its parishes, schools, or institutions, call the DCF Hotline at 1-800-842-2288 and then call the reporting line of the Office of Internal Affairs at 1-800-624-7407.

To report allegations of criminal or illegal sexual misconduct involving an adult and an employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Norwich, or its parishes, schools, or institutions, call the police and then call the reporting line of the Office of Internal Affairs.

To report allegations of sexual misconduct that are not illegal and involve an adult and an employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Norwich, or its parishes, schools, or institutions, call the reporting line of the Office of Internal Affairs.

To file a written complaint alleging sexual misconduct against an employee, minister, or volunteer of, or in, the Diocese of Norwich, call the reporting line of the Office of Internal Affairs.

After you call the diocesan reporting line, you will be sent information on the diocesan procedures and a complaint form for you to complete, sign, and return to the Office of Internal Affairs. If you are not able to file a written incident report form, the Office of Internal Affairs will help you file a written report. No information regarding the incident will be sought or received on the telephone. If you are upset, confused, or in immediate need of help, please contact a crisis hotline immediately.

If you believe that there is a current danger to other people, call the State or local police.

Diocesan Procedures

When your complaint is received, the Office of Internal Affairs, if criminal behavior is alleged, will send the matter to the Connecticut Department of Children and Families (DCF) and/or to the State's Attorney in the jurisdiction where the incident occurred. If the matter appears to be non-criminal, the Office of Internal Affairs will conduct an investigation. This means that the person making the complaint may be questioned further about it. It also means that the person against whom the complaint is being made will be made aware of the allegation and questioned about it.

The results of every investigation will be brought to the Diocesan Review Board and to the Bishop. If there appears to be some substance to the allegation, the worker or volunteer against whom the complaint was made will be removed from ministry and/or diocesan employment, and the Assistance Coordinator of the Diocese will work with victims to help them obtain counseling and other professional help.

If complainants are dissatisfied with the functioning of the Diocesan Review Board, they may file a complaint with the Policy Review Board. The Policy Review Board reviews and evaluates the functioning of the Office of Internal Affairs and the Diocesan Review Board and makes recommendations for changes in policy. At each point in the procedures, every attempt will be made to respect the privacy of the parties involved but this cannot always be assured.

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



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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://wwmectw.org/>.

Looking for the perfect Valentine's Day gift for your spouse? Give your spouse the gift of your time by spending a day together celebrating the joy of your love. Come away for a day and re-energize and deepen your marriage and your faith with practical insights from Pope Francis' wisdom on marriage and family life. Join other married couples for a day-long enrichment entitled "**The Joy of Love**" on **Saturday, February 8, 2020**, from 9 A.M to 3 P.M. at **St. Mary Parish Hall, 34 North Main St., Jewett City**. The enrichment is based on Chapter 4 of Pope Francis' *Amoris Laetitia: The Joy of Love* and will feature four talks on: Daily Love, Conjugal Love, Passionate Love and Transformation of Love. This enrichment is for married couples of all ages and years married. The cost is \$25 per couple, which includes lunch and materials. Registration is required. To register, call the Diocesan Catholic Family Services Office at 860-848-2237, Ext. 312. Or, send your first names (husband and wife), last name, address and telephone number with fee made payable to the Diocese of Norwich to: Catholic Family Services Office, 199 Broadway, Norwich CT 06360.

East Catholic High School

In response to popular demand we are pleased to offer another Entrance Exam on *Thursday, January 23rd, 8:30 a.m.* Pre-registration for the exam 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

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.

The Academy of the Holy Family presents The Top Life Café: Teens of Pro-Life. Pro-woman is Pro-life.

Saturday, January 18, 2020 at the Academy of the Holy Family from 6:30-8:00pm. Speakers, entertainment and food will be provided.
54 West Main Street, Baltic 860.822.9272.

TRIP TO INCREDIBLE INDIA: 14 Days - September 20, 2020 - October 2nd 2020 North Indian sites New Delhi, Agra Taj mahal and Pink city Jaipur famous monuments and palaces including elephant ride. In south India at Chennai the tomb and place of martyrdom of St. Thomas Apostle, Mahabalipuram and Velankanni Lourdes of East Basilica church and Thekkady mountain beauties and tea estates, Kumarakonam back waters ride and Cochin. Includes Domestic flight air fare. Includes breakfast, dinners and flights and all entrance fees and four star hotels Price for the trip \$ 3570 per person double occupancy from Boston. Hosted by Fr. Ben vinjoe Our lady of LaSalette Church. For more information. Contact. Fr. Ben vinjoe at 860 7746275 Cell: 8604812880

Email: ourladybrooklyn@gmail.com - benjaminvin@yahoo.com

Dear Parishioners:

This year our CCD project is again to help the people of Haiti. This year we will collect funds for the "Give-a-Goat" program.

The goat brings hope to a family trapped in poverty. Goats can provide milk and meat. Pregnant goats often will give birth to twins or triplets. This in turn, increases the herds quickly.

When we give a goat, the children have the opportunity to name the goats. We later receive pictures of the goats we donated take with a member of the family that receives each goat.

The Give-a-Goat Program is a great way for our children to learn the importance of giving to others.

Each class will have a donation jar and children should bring whatever they can each Sunday. I would like to have this fund raising for the rest of this CCD year.

The cost of a pregnant goat is \$150.00. Parishioners who wish to donate a goat may also choose a name for the goat. In addition to the collection jar located near the Giving Basket, there will also be two second collections between now and June.

The second collection for January 18 & 19 will be for the CCD project.

Sincerely,
Jim Hay
Jim Hay
Director of Religious Education

