

**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 25, 2020 Conversion of St. Paul, apostle**

5:00 PM +Theresa Baran req. by her family

**Sunday January 26, 2020 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM Celebration of all marriages of the Clinch & Kuzel families

10:30 AM Nelson & Mary Flanigan req. by their family

**Monday January 27, 2020 St. Angela Merici, virgin & religious founder**

NO MASS

**Tuesday January 28, 2020 St. Thomas Aquinas, priest & doctor of the Church**

NO MASS

**Wednesday January 29, 2020 Weekday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 AM Living & deceased members of the Blackburn family  
And the Sanctification of the Burns family req. by I. Boone

**Thursday January 30, 2020 Weekday in Ordinary Time**

NO MASS

**Friday January 31, 2020 St. John Bosco, priest**

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

**Saturday February 1, 2020 Weekday in Ordinary Time**

5:00 PM Robert Wheaton req. by his family

BLESSING OF THROATS

**Sunday February 2, 2020 Presentation of the Lord**

8:00 AM +Dave & Edith Perotti req. by their family

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10:30 AM + Rev. Patrick McCorry

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Offertery: \$ 1,492.00 Give-a-Goat: \$ 846.65

Today's second 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 offertery 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 February 1 & 2**

5:00 pm Lector: Bob Nejako

Eucharistic Minister: Sharon Nejako

Altar Servers: CJ Frank, Nina Gardella

8:00 am Lector: Jim Worth

Eucharistic: Kathy Walden

Altar Servers: Christian Terwilliger

10:30am Lector: Maureen Polana

Eucharistic Minister: Paul Pelletier

Altar Servers: Nicholas Barrett, Drew Taylor

**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 Spedalieri 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. Christopher Zmuda, Rev. Dariusz Dudzik, Rev. Jonathan Ficara, Rev. Thomas Hoar SSE, Msgr. James Carini, Msgr. Leszek Janik, Rev. Anthony DiMauro, Rev. James Sucholet, Rev. Charles McGrail, Rev. Ben Vinjoe, Rev. Michael Gill, Rev. Augustine Naduvilekoot, Rev. Alfred Irving, Rev. Luis Agudelo.

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.

**2019 Contribution statements  
are now available  
In the parish office.**

## **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.
- ❖ **The monthly Diocesan Pro-Life Mass** will take place at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on **Saturday, Feb. 1 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
- ❖ **Eucharistic Holy Hour** at St. Joseph Church in Norwich from 6-7pm on February 20<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ **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**.

### **Sign Up Now For the Lenten Video Series**

This Lent develop an intimate relationship with God through our weekly Diocesan Lenten Videos. This is an innovative way to delve into the Lenten Season. Each week, we will send videos that are less than 3 minutes featuring people from around the diocese speaking about ways to enhance your Lenten journey. All you have to do is send an initial text to enroll and you will automatically receive the Lenten Video series. To get the videos, send a text – (phone number) TO: **81010** with the Message: **@lentvid (one Word)**. Those who are not text savvy do not need to feel left out, videos will be available on Office of Faith Events Facebook page as well as sent out via Constant Contact. Sign up now so you won't be disappointed!! If you need help, please feel free to contact Lia Roach at 860.848.2237 ext. 305.

**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/>.

### **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](mailto: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**

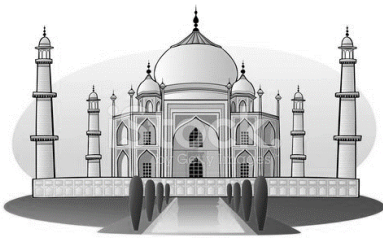
[olcretreat@sbcglobal.net](mailto:olcretreat@sbcglobal.net) 860.677.8519

### **Women's Retreat**

February 21-23 & February 28-March 1

**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.

On Sunday, February 2nd, the annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Gift of Consecrated Life will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. in the Cathedral of Saint Patrick in Norwich. All are invited to join Bishop Michael R. Cote in thanking God for the gift of consecrated life and for the sisters, brothers, and religious priests who enrich the Church and the Diocese of Norwich by building up God's Kingdom with the witness of their religious commitment. The homilist for the Mass will be Father Jacinto Chapin, FI. Father Jacinto is a member of the Franciscan Friars of the Immaculate and is currently the delegate superior for the Marian Friary of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Griswold, CT.



**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

**Catholic Charities invites you to SAVE THE DATE, APRIL 18, 2020**  
Come and celebrate 99 years of Providing Help & Creating Hope for our neighbors in need at our Hope Anchors the Soul Gala!  
An Evening of Cocktails, Dinner, Dancing and Silent Auction too! Through Catholic Charities, Diocese of Norwich, our community becomes stronger with your help! For more information call 860-889-8346 ext. 285.

**Men's Retreat: March 20-22.** We spend our time and energy on the necessities of everyday life, which hold so many things that are beyond our control. But what is it that we are longing for in the deepest way? What is our passion in life? This year at Holy Family, 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 begins with a buffet dinner from 6-7:30pm on Friday evening and concludes Sunday with the celebration of Mass at 10:45am followed by a hot brunch at noon. Families of retreatants are most welcome to attend the Sunday Mass and brunch at no extra charge. Offering is \$325.  
Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center, 3 Tunxis Rd., West Hartford, CT. More info and to register: [holymfamilyretreat.org/themed-retreats](http://holymfamilyretreat.org/themed-retreats)

Please join us **March 28, 2020 from 9:00am – 3:00pm at St. Bernard's School in Uncasville for the 10th Annual Norwich Diocesan Women's Conference, "Our Tapestry of Faith: Affirming Feminine Gifts and Strengths"**. The day will include keynote speaker Danielle Bean, mass with Bishop Cote, vendors, reconciliation, and much more! Lunch is included with registration fee. Register by February 21 \$30. Register after February 22.... \$40 Students..... \$20  
To print the registration form or register online go to [www.norwichdiocese.org](http://www.norwichdiocese.org) and follow the Office of Faith Events link.  
Questions, please contact The Office of Faith Events at 860-848-2237, or [faithevents@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:faithevents@norwichdiocese.net)  
Registration forms also available at church entrances. Attendees are requested to bring a canned good.

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.

A can goat bring self-sufficiency and hope to a family previously 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 received 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

The cost of a pregnant goat is \$150.00. Parishioners who wish to donate a goat may also choose a name for the goat. A collection jar for the goat project is located near the Giving Basket.



Thank you,  
*Jim Hay*  
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#### 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.

**Programs at Enders Island, Mystic**  
860.536.0565 [www.endersisland.com](http://www.endersisland.com)

Enjoy a chef-prepared entrée & a specialty dessert portioned for four adults. Sunday suppers are available for purchase each weekend until April 5. Orders must be placed the preceding Wednesday and picked up on Enders Island after the 9am Mass. Order on-line at [www.enders.is/suppers](http://www.enders.is/suppers)

#### Comfort and Caring Shawl Ministry

Do you knit or crochet to take up the time?

Do you know someone in need of a Comfort and Caring Shawl?

The St. Francis Ladies Guild has made a commitment to distribute hand-made prayer shawls to anyone in need; someone who is ill, on potent medication, battling the pain of depression or lost a loved one. The gift of a shawl is not limited to members of the Guild or our parish, but can be given to anyone you feel would benefit from this shawl of love and comfort. There are numerous shawls of many colors, shapes and weight as well as lap robes available.

If you wish to contribute a knitted or crocheted shawl (must be certain dimensions) or know of someone who would benefit from this gift, please contact Barbara Dyer (Keeper of the Shawls) at [45bfdyer@gmail.com](mailto:45bfdyer@gmail.com) or 860.822.9400.

#### SEEKING - PARISH ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Consideration for candidates to the Parish Advisory Council:

- (a) Active parishioners are eligible.
- (b) Parishioners may nominate any interested parishioner, including themselves.
- (c) Must be a Roman Catholic.
- (d) Must be a practicing Catholic in accordance of Canon Law.
- (e) Must be Confirmed (meaning, has received the Sacrament of Confirmation).

A parishioner desiring to serve on the Parish Advisory Council should be nominated by making his or her interest known to the Pastor. The Pastor will verify and confirm that such individual is eligible and is a Catholic in good standing.

Council meets the first Wednesday at 6:30pm in the meeting room every other month September thru May. Meetings usually last 1 hour.

#### ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

### Thank you

**As the 2019 ACA campaign comes to a close, we would like to express our great appreciation for your generous donations that have allowed our diocesan programs and ministries to carry out their missions.**

**We look forward to your continued support of our 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal!**

**"One Faith, One Family"**