

**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 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

BLESSING OF THROATS

10:30 AM + Rev. Patrick McCorry

BLESSING OF THROATS

Monday February 3, 2020 St. Ansgar, bishop

NO MASS

Tuesday February 4, 2020 Weekday in Ordinary Time

NO MASS

Wednesday February 5, 2020 St. Agatha, virgin, martyr

9:00 AM Poor souls in purgatory req. by Pam Roberts

**And the Sanctification of the Hachan family req. by
I. Boone**

**Thursday February 6, 2020 St. Paul Miki & companions,
martyrs**

NO MASS

Friday February 7, 2020 Weekday in Ordinary Time

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

6-7 PM Adoration

Saturday February 8, 2020 St. Jerome Emiliani, St. Josephine

Bakhita, virgin

5:00 PM Christina Lataille req. by the Knights of Columbus

Sunday February 9, 2020 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Living & Deceased members of the Ladies Guild

10:30 AM +Rev. V. Antony J. Alaharasan

Offertory: \$ 2,019.550 Building Maintenance: \$ 606.00
Today'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 of February 8 & 9

5:00 pm Lector: Richard Lataille

Eucharistic Minister: Carole Briggs

Altar Servers: Lucy & Nina Gardella

8:00 am Lector: Rick Kane

Eucharistic: Peggy Stygar

Altar Servers: Jack Terwilliger

10:30am Lector: Angela Coarentin

Eucharistic Minister: Wally Gagnon

Altar Servers: Erika Densman, 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

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 Bishop Michael R.
Cote, Rev. William McNulty, Rev. Martin Noe, Rev. Walter
Nagle, Msgr. Richard LaRocque, Rev. Richard Sliwinski, Rev.
George Villamthanam CST, Rev. Bijoy Joseph, CST, Rev. Victor
Chaker., Rev. Patrick Martin, Rev. Frank McKenna, Rev. Martin
Jones.*

*Our priests speak to the faithful with their hearts and their faith.
Fill them, Lord, with burning zeal for the conversion of sinners.*

EUCHARISTIC 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.**

**Grades 3 & 5 will be assisting at the
10:30am Mass on Sunday February 9.
Refreshments in the meeting room
following the Mass.**

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. Joseph Church in Norwich from 6-7pm on February 20th.
- ❖ **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://www.mectw.org/>.

Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center

31 Colton Street, Farmington, CT

olcretreat@sbcglobal.net 860.677.8519

Women's Retreat

February 21-23 & February 28-March 1

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.

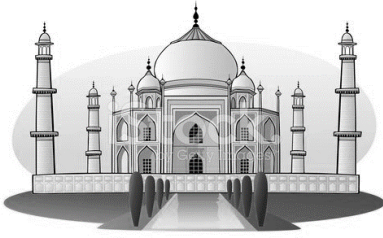
*The presentation of modules is geared at the instructional level for middle school and high school students.

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.

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.



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: holyfamilyretreat.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 and follow the Office of Faith Events link.
Questions, please contact The Office of Faith Events at 860-848-2237, or faithevents@norwichdiocese.net
Registration forms also available at church entrances.
Attendees are requested to bring a canned good.

Please look for the Office of Faith Events' new column: **"Faith Sparks"** in the 4 County Catholic newspaper and online. This past month's column entitled "Pope Francis Calls Us to Bear Witness to Jesus", discusses how to come to learn who God is within the framework of family life. MaryJo McLaughlin of Catholic Family Services writes, "There are many simple and subtle ways to give witness to your faith." To find these tips and read this entire article, visit: NorwichDiocese.org/FaithSparks

Programs at Enders Island, Mystic 860.536.0565 www.endersisland.com
Centering Prayer Weekend: March 27-29. Learn more at www.enders.is/bestill
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

Faith and Reason Workshop to be held on March 16, 2020, Mercy HS, Middletown. This presentation focuses on how to address mistruths about science and God, with our youth and young adults. Mr. Robert Alderman will be the presenter and he will be offering the same workshop twice that day- 8:30-12:00 AM or 6:30-9:00 PM.

Auditions for 16th annual Passion Play Musical!

Open Auditions for singing/speaking parts for the 16th annual St Andrew Passion Play Musical will be held Friday, January 31 (7-10 pm) Saturday Feb 1 (9AM-1PM) (with Wednesday February 5, 7-9 PM as a snow date.) All auditions will take place at the St Andrew Parish Hall, 128 Norwich Ave, Colchester. The production is a full scale musical about the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and features a cast/crew of over 130 talented individuals. Performance dates are: April 1, 3, & 4.

Those wishing to audition for a singing role should bring a short segment of a song to sing. An accompanist will be provided. Those auditioning for speaking roles will be asked to a read short section of the script. Those who do not wish to have a singing or speaking role, but would like merely to be in crowd scenes, should still come during those times to fill out necessary paperwork, and video permission forms.

For more information, contact Colleen Puscas colleenpuscas@gmail.com.

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.

Evening of Praising and Worshiping God

Please join us on Thursday evening, February 6th, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Andrew Church for an evening of praising and worshiping God with music, teaching, and prayer. Deacon Ben Locosto will be speaking on "Wounds That Heal - The Mystery of Salvific Suffering". Following the service, prayer groups will be available for those who wish to have individual prayer.

Please join Care Net Pregnancy Resource Center of Southeastern CT at our Annual Fundraising Banquet!

Come hear about the past year at Care Net, a life affirming resource center and licensed medical clinic located in New London. Our staff is dedicated to providing women facing an unplanned pregnancy with *real* choices. At Care Net, women and their families receive the following free services: accurate, medically-sourced information about pregnancy, a pregnancy test, ultrasound, STI screening and treatment if needed, peer counseling, parenting & birthing education, and practical items for their infants, as well as referrals to local agencies. We also share the Gospel with each client in word and deed.

Date: Thursday, March 19

Time: Lunch @ 11:15 am

Dinner @ 6:15 am

Location: Groton Inn & Suites 99 Gold Star Highway, Route 184 Groton, CT 06340

If you'd like to host a table or RSVP, please call our office at 860-449-0386 OR email Katie at katie@carenetsect.org. Thank you for considering joining us and supporting this ministry!

(NEW) LENTEN ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM

Please join us on Wednesday, February 5th as we kick off our New Adult Education Program here at St. Andrew Church. The first of our series of program to be offered is "FORGIVEN", the Transforming Power of Confession. "FORGIVEN" explores the grace and healing offered in Confession and show how this sacrament of mercy reveals the depth and bounty of God's love. By looking at God's revelation of his mercy in Scripture and making a step-by-step examination of the Rite itself, "FORGIVEN" communicates God's invitation to each one of us to come experience his indescribable love in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

This six-part series is free of charge and will be held in the church, Wednesday evenings from 6 to 7 PM on the following dates: **February 5,12,19, March 4,11,18**

This program is for all, no matter where you are in your faith journey, whether you are just beginning, returning or have many years under your belt. No problem if you miss a week-feel free to join us whenever you can. Flyers with additional information are located in the side and front entrances of the church. If you have any questions, please call Ed or Marie Fusco (860) 537-6386. Please bring a notebook or journal with you.