

**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 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

Monday February 10, 2020 St. Scholastica, virgin

NO MASS

Tuesday February 11, 2020 Our Lady of Lourdes

NO MASS

Wednesday February 12, 2020 Weekday in Ordinary Time

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

And the Sanctification of the Berry family req. by
I. Boone

Thursday February 13, 2020 Weekday in Ordinary Time

NO MASS

**Friday February 14, 2020 Sts. Cyril, Monk & Methodius,
bishop**

9:00 AM Living & deceased victims of addiction req. by
Pam Roberts

Saturday February 15, 2020 Blessed Virgin Mary

5:00 PM +Jordan Haralson req. by her family

Sunday February 16, 2020 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM +Wayne Woodward req. by the Kuzel family

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

Offertory: \$ 2,801.50 Monthly Extraordinary: \$ 837.00
Next weekend' second collection is for building maintenance.
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 15 & 16

5:00 pm Lector: Steve Wengloski

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Michael

Altar Servers: CJ Frank, Grace Gardella

8:00 am Lector: Kathy Pellerin

Eucharistic: Deacon Michael

Altar Servers: Emily Pomerleau

10:30am Lector: Sandy Grillo

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Michael

Altar Servers: Nicholas Barrett, Drew Taylor

Meetings

Ladies Guild Feb. 17 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 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. Edward
Wisneski, Rev. Joseph Ashe, Rev. Arul Peter, Rev. Paul
Ramen, Rev. Gerald Kirby, Rev. John Antonelle, Rev. Michael
Sequeira, Rev. John Moskus, All priests, Rev. Raymond
Introigne, Rev. Mark O'Donnell. We also pray for those priests
who have left the ministry.

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

**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.**

The Willimantic District of the Norwich Diocese Council
of Catholic Women invites all ladies of the parish to a
program entitled SUPPORT FOR CAREGIVERS on
SUNDAY, FEB. 23 at 1 p.m. in St. Joseph Church Hall.

Andrea Hoisl, Director of the Office of Faith Events will
be the speaker. Please join us for this important topic.

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.

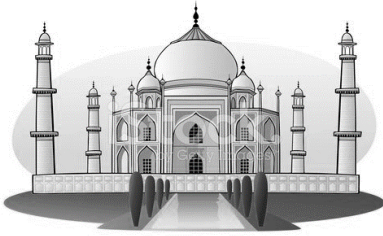
*The presentation of modules is geared at the instructional level for middle school and high school students.

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 place 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: 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 read a 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.

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!

The Tribute Page will be a new addition to our 2020 **Women's Conference Booklet**. Acknowledge all the women who are threads in the tapestry of your life by letting them know their unique contribution has reinforced the fabric of your life and your faith! Write a thankful tribute or a note of gratitude to your Mother, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother or Godmother for all she has done for you, or any woman/women who have helped you throughout your life.

The cost is \$5.00 a line (no more than 65 characters including spaces) Please make checks out to the Office of Faith Events and send to: Office of Faith Events, 199 Broadway, Norwich, CT 06360 Contact Marianne at 860-848-2237, ext. 304 with questions.

(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.

Saint Andrew's Ladies Guild Trips

Saint Andrew's Ladies Guild is offering two wonderful travel opportunities. The guild is working on two **fund-raisers** to help support the many outreach programs they offer during the year. We are looking forward to people joining their friends while having fun and helping others in a unique way.

April 28-30, 2020 - Trip to Lancaster, PA. View the brand new show **Queen Easter** at the Sight and Sound Theatre in Lancaster, PA. Also included, viewing Improv Comedy Show, Old Windmill Farm, Strasburg Railroad, shopping time - travel by deluxe motor-coach, 2 nights hotel, 2 breakfasts, 2 dinners, sightseeing and admissions per itinerary. Cost \$521pp double.

Boston Pops on Old Cape Cod:

Aug. 9-10 Pops by the sea with Keith Lockhart and the Boston Pops, visit JFK Museum and have a Hyannis Harbor Cruise. Travel by deluxe motor-coach, 1 night hotel stay, 1 breakfast, 1 dinner and reserved seats for the Boston Pops. Cost \$369 pp double

Don't wait---deposits are being accepted at this time.

Please contact Cathy Russi if you need added information:

crussi45@sbcglobal.net or 860-887-9621

Congratulations St. Francis Ladies Guild - 70 years of continued service!

On February 7, 1950 the Ladies Guild became an official organization of the church when they adopted a constitution written by Catherine Masi, Rosemarie Dalton and Elizabeth Grant, all teachers at Lyman Memorial High School. Started in May 1949, with a group of about six women who met after Mass at the home of Mary Kelley with Father Woods to discuss the formation of a Guild. Later in July of that year, approximately twenty enthusiastic women met at Margaret Meyers' home to form the Saint Francis Ladies Guild. A guild was formed, and this group of ladies has become a cornerstone at our church for seventy years.

Amazingly the Ladies Guild started with only a handful of members but has grown quickly to become a very vital and active organization committed to promoting Catholic faith, charitable work and social activities which has accomplished a lot over the years for St. Francis of Assisi. Through the Guild, the most amazing ladies of this parish share generously of their time and talents. Twenty-eight wonderful women have filled the role as president; eight of which have served for multiple years, in multiple terms. Many more have served in other executive board positions and on the countless committees.

It is the hope that as some grow older, the younger women of the parish will assure a successful future for the Guild and that those new women joining the Ladies Guild will come share their talents, vision, and friendship. It is a great way to build up our parish family by bringing all the women together for the common goal of supporting the parish.

In 1969, first and past president Elizabeth Grant, commented on the wonderful spirit of cooperation which existed over the years, as the women worked together for the benefit of the church and with the guidance and assistance given by the pastors, many good things had been accomplished.

One thing remains consistent throughout the years is the mission: *"The Ladies Guild was established to assist the Pastor of Saint Francis of Assisi Parish in every way possible, to provide spiritual enrichment for the members, and to promote a spirit of cooperation and unity among the women of the Guild."* In 2016, Father Mark Masnicki stated it well, "My dear ladies, you are the heart of our parish."

Congratulations to the women of the St. Francis Ladies Guild, may you continue to serve our parish for many more years to come.

SAINT ANDREW PARISH CRUISE VACATION
Saturday May 8 – Thursday May 13, 2021
5 Night Cruise to Bermuda aboard the Beautiful
Freedom of the Seas
Leaving out of Bayonne, New Jersey

For more information call the St Andrew Rectory and speak with Father Richard. If interested a deposit of \$500 per room is needed by February 20, 2020 to secure your space.

Stateroom Allotment	Stateroom Category	First/Second Person Rate	Taxes, Port Fees & Gratuities PP
8	Ocean View Balcony (Double)	\$799 PP	\$248.94
8	Ocean View (Double)	\$629 PP	\$248.94
8	Interior (Double)	\$529 PP	\$248.94

Holy Family Summer Camp 2020
 Theme: **Jesus Our Eucharistic King**
July 28-July 31

Located at Holy Family Motherhouse in Baltic, CT!
 For girls, ages 11-15

Come join us for a wonderful spiritual experience and lots of fun!

Contact: Sister Mary Kathleen, SCMC 860-388-1517
 srmmarykathleen@gmail.com
 or Sister Rafael, SCMC
 860-822-8241

All forms will be available on our website: www.sistersofcharity.com
Email Sr. Mary Kathleen and I will send these directly to you!

Come Soar with the Eagles! East Catholic High School will offer an Informational Session for families interested in pursuing admission on Thursday, February 27 from 5-7pm. Please plan on dropping in to meet administrators, take mini-tours with student ambassadors, and have questions answered about the application process. Additionally, East will hold an entrance exam on Saturday March 28 from 8:30-12:00pm. Parents are welcome to stay for an information session while their students take the exam.

Center for Hospice Care, 227 Dunham Street in Norwich. 860.848.5699 hospicesect.org Expressive Arts Groups

***For Teens: Drawing on our Memories: Thursdays Feb. 13, 20, 27; March 5, 12, 19 from 5:00-6:00pm.**

***For Children: ages 5-12 years old on Tuesdays from February 11-March 17**

- Valentine's Remembrance Day Feb. 11**
- Healing Garden – Bird Buffet Feb. 18**
- Marching in March Feb. 25**
- Culinary Creativity March 3**
- Tell Me A Story March 10**
- Welcome Spring March 17**