

**We are pleased and honored
to welcome you to**

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

67 West Town Street, Lebanon, CT 06249

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Rev. Mark Masnicki, Pastor

Rev. Richard Breton, Parochial Vicar

Deacon Michael Puscas



**MASS
INTENTIONS**

Saturday February 22, 2020 Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

5:00 PM +Stanley Dudar req. by his family

Sunday February 23, 2020 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM +Rev. V. Antony J. Alaharasan

10:30 AM Healing for Declan Burns req. by Irene Burns

Monday February 24, 2020 Weekday in Ordinary Time

NO MASS

Tuesday February 25, 2020 Weekday in Ordinary Time

NO MASS

Wednesday February 26, 2020 Ash Wednesday

9:00 AM Ashes

Living & Deceased members of the Picotti family

Req. by I. Boone

7:00 PM Ashes

Sanctification of the Runco family req. by I. Boone

Thursday February 27, 2020 Thursday after Ash Wednesday

NO MASS

Friday February 28, 2020 Friday after Ash Wednesday

9:00 AM Living & Deceased members of the Hachan family

Req. by I. Boone

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday February 29, 2020 Saturday after Ash Wednesday

5:00 PM +Christina Lataille req. C Wheaton

Sunday March 1, 2020 First Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM +Frank Smutko req. by his family

10:30 AM +Rev. Patrick McCorry

Offertory: \$ 2,406.18 Building Maintenance: \$ 582.00
Next weekend'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 29 & March 1

5:00 pm Lector: Kevin Flaherty

Eucharistic Minister: Pam Flaherty

Altar Servers: CJ Frank, Grace Gardella

8:00 am Lector: Greg Jones

Eucharistic: Gregg Lafontaine

Altar Servers: Emily Pomerleau

10:30am Lector: Maureen Polana

Eucharistic Minister: Paul Pelletier

Altar Servers: Drew Taylor, Erika Densman

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

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. Thomas Sickler MS, Rev. Roland Cloutier, Rev. David Zercie MSA, V. Rev. Gregory Galvin, Rev. Jozef Olczak OSPPE, Rev. Peter Liszewski, Rev. Richard Archambault, Rev. Grzegorz Brozonowicz, Rev. Keith Shuley, CDR, CHC, Rev. James Thaikootathil, Rev. Edward Dempsey DBA, Rev. Mark Masnicki, Rev. John O'Neill MS, Rev. Keith Reilly.

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

FAST AND ABSTINENCE

These regulations unite the whole Catholic Church throughout the world in the Lenten journey of repentance and conversion of heart. Observed in a spirit of generosity, fast and abstinence remind us of our own frailty and make us more sensitive to the needs of others. Acts of penance find their completion in works of charity and justice.

Fasting: Those between the ages of 18 and 59 years old are obliged to observe the laws on fasting. Traditionally, to fast means limiting oneself to one full meal in the day and two smaller meals. The two prescribed days of fasting are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Abstinence: The law of abstinence obliges all those who are over the age of 14. On days of abstinence meat is not eaten at any meal. The prescribed days of abstinence are Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent, including Good Friday. Those individuals who have a medical condition in which fasting or abstaining may be considered harmful are not obliged to fast or abstain, but should perform some other act of penance or charity.

All parishioners are encouraged to do acts of penance and charity during the Lenten season beyond what is prescribed by law.

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, March 7 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. Joseph Church in Chester from 6-7pm on March 19th.
- ❖ **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.

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.

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/>.

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.

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.

Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center

31 Colton Street, Farmington, CT

olcretreat@sbcglobal.net 860.677.8519

Women's Retreat

February 28-March 1

March 6-8 March 13-15 March 27-29

April 17-19 July 17-19

**Please Join Us: 2020 ACA Ministry Fair
Reservations Required**

The 2020 Ministry Fair showcasing our Diocesan ministries and programs will be held in Norwich on Sunday, March 15, 2020 from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm. We will offer a complimentary continental breakfast throughout this open house style event and there will be a kid's corner as well. If you would like to attend to learn how donations to the 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal, **"One Faith, One Family"**, support our ministries and programs please **RSVP by March 9th** to Rosela Precopio at 860-886-1928 ext. 110 or dodadm@norwichdiocese.net. Reservations are required due to space limitations.

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 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.

**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

Stations of the Cross & Fish Fry

Every Friday in Lent

Enjoy dinner in the Enders House - an early 20th century arts and crafts style mansion. Choose a 5pm or 6:30pm seating, or order to go. Stations of the Cross are recited in the Chapel of the Assumption at 6pm.

Learn more at www.enders.is/bestill

**Care Net Pregnancy Resource Center of
Southeastern CT 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 - Wednesdays at St. Andrew Church

"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 series is free of charge and will be held in the church, Wednesday evenings from 6 to 7 PM on the following dates: **March 4, 11, and 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.

Connecticut March for Life to be held on April 15th.

Doors open at the Bushnell Theater, 166 Capitol Avenue, Hartford at 9:30am on April 15th.

Assemble for a Pre-March Short Program to be held at 10:00am.

At 11:15am the First Official CT March for Life will begin at the Bushnell.

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For more information, please visit:

<https://marchforlife.org/event/Connecticut-march-for-life/>

Fish -Fry Lenten Dinners

St. Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church in Colchester once again will organize and offer Friday Fish - Fry Lenten Dinners this year. The first one coming on Friday February 28th from 4:30 till 7:00 pm. and the last Fish - Fry Friday Dinner April 3rd. Everyone welcome.

The menu and prices are the same as in previous years: your choice of Baked or Beer-battered fillet of fried fish, French Fries or onion rings, Homemade Coleslaw, variety of Home-made desserts and soft drinks- all for \$15 donation for adults and \$7 for Kids Ages 5-10. Children under 4 are free of charge. Take out is also available. For more information please call 860-537-2069. Thank you for your support of our very small parish and wish you all a happy & joyful Lenten journey.

**Programs at Mercy High School
1740 Randolph Rd. Middletown, 06457
Register online – www.mercyhigh.com
Office of Admissions 860-346-6659 x115**

****"Discover Mercy"** "Discover Mercy" is a morning program offered for girls and their parents to get their first look at Mercy by enjoying activities, student performances and informal conversations with Mercy students, parents, administrators and faculty.

Saturday, March 21, 2020

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

For 5th, 6th & 7th grade girls. Girls participate in two activities of their choice followed by lunch in the dining commons. The day concludes with closing comments and a performance in the auditorium. Some of this year's activities: **Beginner's Yoga, Chemistry of Tie-Dyeing & Simple DNA, Creative Writing, Mad about Math, French Cuisine, Theater Arts Workshop, Field Hockey Clinic, Card Making, Introduction to Italian, Mini Mock Trial,** Musical Dance/Musical Vocal.

***Mornings at Mercy: Feb. 25, March 12**

Students and parents are invited to spend a morning experiencing Mercy during the school day. Girls in the 6th, 7th and 8th grade, as well as high school students considering a transfer to Mercy, and their parents, are welcome to visit from 8:30 - 10:30 a.m. to see for themselves what it's like to attend an all-girls school, to gain an understanding of what happens at a Catholic college preparatory high school during the school day and to explore and experience a learning environment that supports personal growth and leadership development in the classroom, on the playing fields and through clubs and activities.

Mercy and Xavier High Schools Present Mamma *Mia!
Friday, March 13, 2020 7 pm

Saturday, March 14, 2020 - 7 pm

Sunday, March 15, 2020 – 2 pm

Tickets available online (with reserved seating) and at the door

***Calling all (rising) 6th – 9th graders**

Super Charge your summer and register for the 2020 M-Powered Summer Programs:

Basketball, Higher Achievement, Soccer, Theater Arts (co-ed), plus additional programs for the Mercy Class of 2024. Visit Mercy's website for information or contact the school for a brochure.

www.mercyhigh.com/summerprograms

Mercy High School 860-346-6659

\$20,000 Cash Raffle Sponsored by Mercy High School Home & School Association Ticket Price \$100.

Purchase tickets online at www.mercyhigh.com or call 860-346-6659. Only 650 tickets will be sold. You do not have to be affiliated with Mercy High School to Play or Win. Winner need not be present. Winner will be responsible for all taxes.

THE QUESTIONS YOU MAY ASK...

Why do Catholics baptize infants, while some other Christian denominations wait until adulthood?

To understand when we baptize, it's important to know what baptism is. Baptism removes original sin, and we are reborn into the family of God, adopted as His sons and daughters. We become joint heirs with Christ and sharers in His mission. Early on, baptism was given immediately upon personal conversion such as the three thousand baptized at Pentecost. Some Christian churches today emphasize baptism specifically as personal conversion. As such, they would not baptize young children who have not yet consciously chosen to follow Christ. As the Church slowly grew, whole households were baptized together upon the deep conversion of one of the leaders (Acts 16). From this evidence, we can surmise that may have included children who were just beginning to hear the Christian message. This would not have been uncommon, especially for Jewish converts. Circumcision marked entrance into the Old Covenant for men. This occurred, without the express consent of the infants, to male children eight days after their birth. In the second century, processes had begun to more gradually incorporate people into the Church. The basis of this "catechumenal model" is still used in parishes today for adults wishing to convert to Catholicism. This familial transmission of faith still retains an important place. Throughout His ministry, Jesus emphasized the importance of baptism for salvation. As Catholics see it, "The Church and the parents would deny a child the priceless grace of becoming a child of God were they not to confer Baptism shortly after birth. Christian parents will recognize that this practice also accords with their role as nurturers of the life that God has entrusted to them" (Catechism of the Catholic Church 1250-1251).

PILL BOTTLE COLLECTION

The collection of Pill Bottles will stop on Sunday February 23rd. The Outreach Board of the First Congregational Church expresses their thank you for the overwhelming response you have given to this project. What was done for people we will never hear from could not have happened without your contributions.

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OPERATION RICE BOWL OUR LENTEN PROGRAM FOR LENT FOR LIFE

For 47 years, Operation Rice Bowl has helped to feed the hungry poor. Through Operation Rice Bowl – a program of prayer, fasting, learning, and giving – what you give up for Lent can give hope to the poorest of the poor. Make this Lenten season one of awareness, compassion, and reflection. Operation Rice Bowl is sponsored by Catholic Relief Services and the Diocese of Norwich. Details of this program will appear in next Sunday's bulletin.

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NEWS FROM THE LENDING LIBRARY

With Lent fast approaching, we will have a series of new inspirational reading available. In the late 80's through the 90's, Fr. Joseph F. Girzone wrote a series of books starting with "Joshua". Seven of his books will now be available. Once you read one, you will be looking forward to the next and won't want to put it down.

In addition, 3 other of his best-selling books will be added to our library: Stories of Jesus: "Forty Days of Prayer and Reflection", Never Alone: "A Personal Way to God", and "A Portrait of Jesus".

Take advantage of these books before, during and after Lent. I promise you will be inspired!

The Sisters of Charity will host a St. Joseph's Retreat for young women ages 14, 15, 16, and 17 at Holy Family Mother House, 54 W. Main St., Baltic, CT on Saturday March 7th from 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Activities include talks, chapel time, sharing and friendship with the Sisters. No charge. Please contact Sister Mary Jacinta at 869-822-8241 or email srmarijacinta@gmail.com.

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.**

**Ocean View Balcony Double \$799pp
Ocean View Double \$629pp
Interior Double \$529pp
Plus Taxes Port Fees & Gratuities \$248.94pp**

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
srmariakathleen@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.**

Safe Environments Abuse Prevention Training

**In the Diocese of Norwich, all volunteers who have regular
contact with minors, all employees, all clergy, and all
religious, are required to complete safe environments
training.**

**This training is also available to any parishioner, or parent
of a parochial school child, regardless of whether or not
they wish to volunteer at their parish or school.**

**The Diocese of Norwich offers two Praesidium programs.
Both cover the same material, just in different formats.
You can take the on-line program *Armatas*, or attend a
one-time DVD presentation, *Called to Protect*.**

**Please contact Cheryl in the parish office (860.642.6711)
in order to be enrolled, or for more information.**

**Our children's safety is the responsibility of all
Catholics.**

**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**

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Lenten Soup & Bread

**Every Friday during Lent at the
Frist Congregational Church in Lebanon –
February 28 through March 10, (except March 13th).
Time 5-7pm.
Take Out Available.
Info please call 860.642.6179.**

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Learn more at www.enders.is/bestill**

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