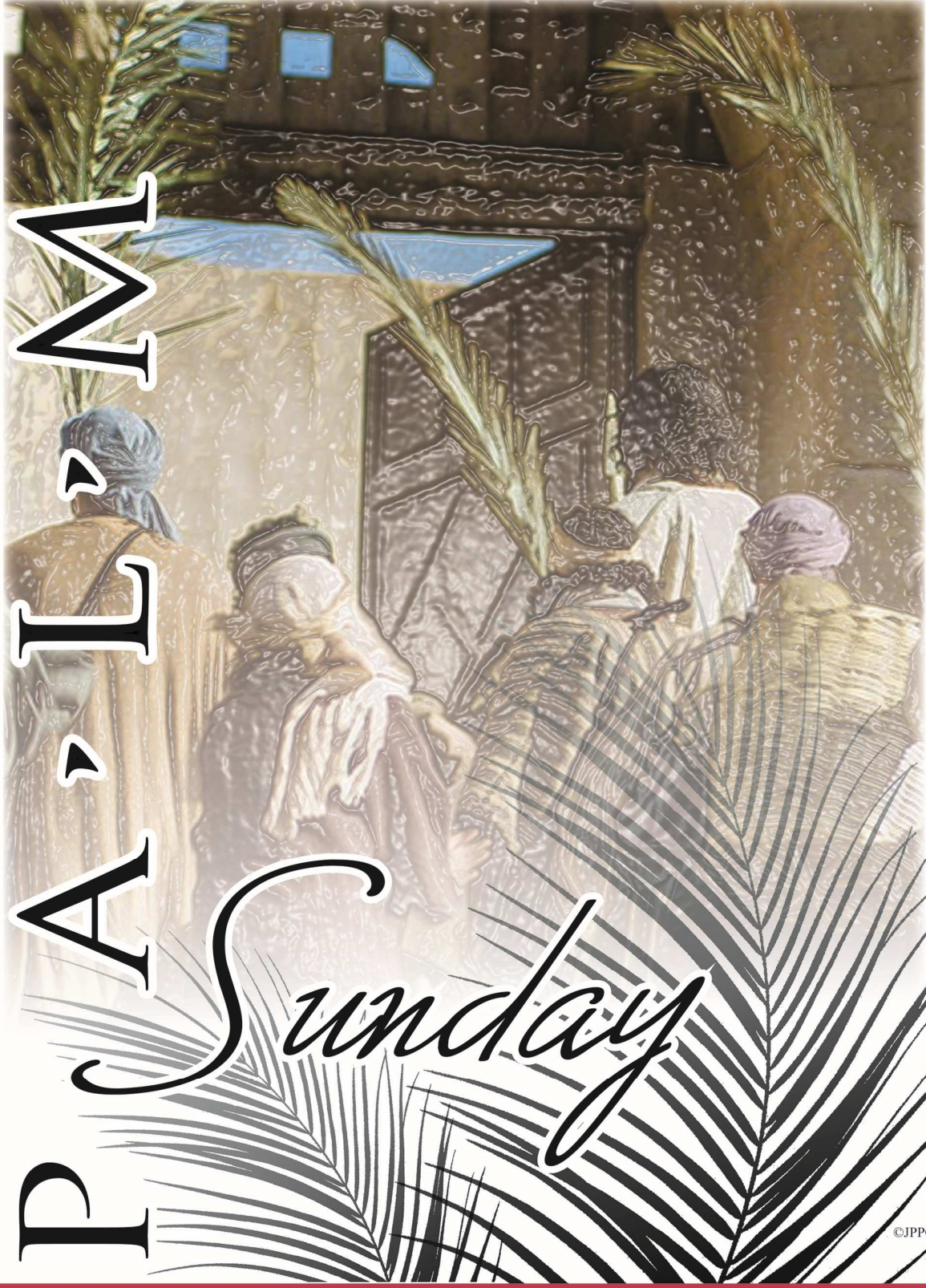


PALM

Sunday



**We are pleased and honored
to welcome you to
St. Francis of Assisi Parish**
67 West Town Street, Lebanon, CT 06249
Telephone: 860.642.6711 Fax: 860.642.4032
Rev. Mark Masnicki, Pastor
Rev. Richard Breton, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Michael Puscas



**MASS
INTENTIONS**

Saturday April 4, 2020 St. Isidore, bishop & doctor of the Church

5:00 PM + Nicholas Emil Kuzel req. by Norm & Ella Mae Kuzel

Sunday April 5, 2020 Palm Sunday

Only one Mass to be streamed from St. Francis at 10:30am

+Jean Fillex req. by Joey Major

Monday April 6, 2020 Monday of Holy Week

NO MASS

7:00 PM Confessions

Tuesday April 7, 2020 Tuesday of Holy Week

NO MASS

Wednesday April 8, 2020 Wednesday of Holy Week

9:00 AM +Robert Chesters req by his family

Sanctification of the Shaffer family req. by I. Boone

Thursday April 9, 2020 Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper

7:00 PM at St. Andrew Church

Kim & Ceara Concannon req. by Pam Roberts

Friday April 10, 2020 Passion of the Lord - Good Friday

9:00 AM NO MASS

3:00 PM Good Friday Services at St. Andrew Church

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross cancelled

Saturday April 11, 2020 Holy Saturday Easter Vigil

Blessing of Easter food cancelled

8:00 PM Easter Vigil at St. Andrew Church

Sunday April 12, 2020 Resurrection of the Lord

Only one Mass to be streamed from St. Andrew at 9:30 AM

+Rev. Thaddeus F. Malanowski

Offertory Mailed into St. Francis for the weekends of 3/22/2020 thru 3/29/2020: \$1,194.00. Thank you to all parishioners who have mailed in their contributions. \$5,000 was taken from savings to meet expenses for this time period.

Today's second collection will be for Operation Rice Bowl.

Next weekend's second collection will be for Easter Collection for Sick & Infirm Priests.

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

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL has been postponed until June.

This year's St. Andrew's Annual Passion Play has been cancelled.

Easter flower envelopes available at the entrances of Church.

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

1st Class Petty Officer 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

IT2 Rocky Spedaliere Jr., U.S. Navy

AMSA Jared Swett, 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. George Villamthanam CST, Rev. Bijoy Joseph, CST, Rev. Victor Chaker, Req. Antony Alaharasan, Rev. Patrick Martin, Rev. Frank McKenna, Rev. Martin Jones, Rev. Edward Wisneski, Rev. Joseph Ashe, Rev. Arul Peter, Rev. Paul Ramen, Rev. Gerald Kirby.

Glory be to the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit. Father, recall to our priests that they hold between their hands the Most Precious Treasure of the Church: the Blood of the Sacred Victim. Enkindle in them the fire of love of Christ as they do Your work.

Please note that activities posted in the bulletin may be cancelled or postponed. To date no changes for these postings have been received in the parish office.

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.

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. John Church in Cromwell from 6-7pm on April 23rd.
- ❖ **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**.

Saint Andrew's Ladies Guild Trips

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

Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center

31 Colton Street, Farmington, CT

olcretreat@sbcglobal.net 860.677.8519

Women's Retreat April 17-19 July 17-19 July 24-26

Awakening Our Creative Self in Recovery August 7 @ 7:00pm thru August 9 @ 12:00pm



Annual Layette Program

All ladies are invited to attend the Annual Layette Program on Sunday, April 26th at 1pm at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church Hall, 63 Old Norwich Road, Quaker Hill. We are collecting NEW baby items such as diapers all sizes, baby clothing (sizes 0-3 years old), blankets, etc. All items collected will go to Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Norwich, and will be distributed to Norwich, New London, Middletown and Willimantic. You may leave your items in the collection box located at the side entrance of the Church. We will be collecting items until the day of the event. Any questions, please contact Sandra Spedalieri at 860.537.1372. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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

***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.

\$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.

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.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter - The Lord, God is my help. Let God help your marriage be the Sacrament He intended. Strengthen, renew, and rekindle your marriage sacrament by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Jul 10-12, 2020 in East Windsor, CT and Nov 6-8, 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/>.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 22-26 6-6:30pm

St. Andrew Church

Our theme is: The Knights of North Castle

Volunteer & registration info coming soon

Message from Neighbors Helping Neighbors

In light of the rapid spread of (COVID-19) Coronavirus through Connecticut, Neighbors Helping Neighbors Food Cupboard is taking a proactive measure and will be closing until further notice. This closure will protect the health of the volunteers who work to keep the pantry maintained, and the health of those who use the Cupboard. While this decision was very difficult, with many considerations and factors taken into account, the safety of the people we work with and serve is of the utmost concern. We will continue to be in contact and assist all of the folks of Lebanon that frequently rely on NHN Cupboard to supplement their groceries. Any questions please call 860-208-9963. We will need your help in the future. Thank you.