

**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 April 25, 2020 St. Mark, Evangelist

5:00 PM Bill Brewster req. by his family

Sunday April 26, 2020 Third Sunday of Easter

Only one Mass to be streamed from St. Andrew at 10:30 AM  
+Arthur Choquette req. by his family

Monday April 27, 2020 Easter Weekday

NO MASS

Tuesday April 28, 2020 St. Peter Chanel, priest, martyr; St. Louis  
Grignon, de Montfort, priest

NO MASS

Wednesday April 29, 2020 St. Catherine of Siena virgin, doctor of  
the Church

9:00 AM Sanctification of the Sharpe family req. by I. Boone

Thursday April 30, 2020 St. Pius V, pope

NO MASS

Friday May 1, 2020 St. Joseph the Worker

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

6:00 – 7:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday May 2, 2020 St. Athanasius, bishop, Doctor of the  
Church

5:00 PM Jordan Haralson req. by her family

Sunday May 3, 2020 Third Sunday of Easter

Only one Mass to be streamed from St. Andrew at 10:30 AM

+John & Mary Clinch req. by their family

+Francois Fauteux req. by his family

Offertory Mailed into St. Francis 4/17/2020: \$ 3,094.00

Thank you to all parishioners who have mailed in their  
contributions.

Today's second collection will be for building maintenance.  
Next weekend's second collection is for Seminary Education.

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

**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.**

**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  
1<sup>st</sup> 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 Spedalieri Jr., U.S. Navy  
AEAN Jared Swett, 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. Grzegorz  
Brozonowicz, Rev. Keith Shuley, CDR, CHC, Rev. James  
Thaikootathil, Rev. Edward Dempsey DBA, all priests, Rev.  
Mark Masnicki, Rev. John O'Neill MS, Rev. Kevin Reilly, Rev.  
George Richards, Jr., Rev. Martin Jones, Rev. Paul Ramen,  
Rev. Gerald Murphy, Rev. Michael Konopka.  
Mary Immaculate...we know you are blessing our priests, your  
beloved consecrated ones. Dear Mother, cover them with your  
maternal mantle and hold them in your Immaculate Heart.

**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

## **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.
- ❖ **Eucharistic Holy Hour at All Saints** in Somersville in Cromwell from 6-7pm on May 14th.
- ❖ **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](mailto:crussi45@sbcglobal.net) or 860-887-9621

### **Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center**

**31 Colton Street, Farmington, CT**

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

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

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



#### **Annual Layette Program**

The Annual Layette Program has been postponed. A new date has not been set yet. However, we are still collecting **NEW** baby items such as diapers all sizes, baby clothing (sizes 0-3), 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 bassinet 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.

### **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

[smarykathleen@gmail.com](mailto:smarykathleen@gmail.com) or Sister Rafael, SCMC 860-822-8241. All forms will be available on our website:

[www.sistersofcharity.com](http://www.sistersofcharity.com)

*Email Sr. Mary Kathleen and she will send these directly to you!*

### **Programs at Mercy High School**

1740 Randolph Rd. Middletown, 06457

Register online – [www.mercyhigh.com](http://www.mercyhigh.com)

Office of Admissions 860-346-6659 x115

**\*Calling all (rising) 6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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.

### **Coronavirus Precautions**

The obligation to attend Sunday Mass is commuted (i.e., can be fulfilled in lieu of their participation of Mass) by doing one of the following and making an Act of Spiritual Communion:

- ❖ Watching Sunday Mass on TV or online.
- ❖ Reading and reflecting upon the Scripture for Sunday – available on the Diocesan website, USCCB website and in print through hand missal missals, Missalettes and subscription services.
- ❖ Praying 5 decades of the Rosary – the Sorrowful Mysteries being particularly suited to both the current situation and the Lenten Season.
- ❖ Meditating on the Stations of the Cross – there are many online and print resources available.
- ❖ Please consult the Diocesan website for additional information and resources.

### **Act of Spiritual Communion by St. Alphonsus Liguori**

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Amen.