

**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 May 9, 2020 Easter Weekday**

5:00 PM Improved Health of Lori Kalinowski req. by Robert Kalinowski

*For all mothers living and deceased*

**Sunday May 10, 2020 Fifth Sunday of Easter Mother's Day**

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

*+John & Mary Clinch req by Norm & Ella Mae Kuzel*

*For all mothers living and deceased*

**Monday May 11, 2020 Easter Weekday**

NO MASS

**Tuesday May 12, 2020 St. Nereus & Achilleus, martyrs; St.**

**Pancras, martyr**

NO MASS

**Wednesday May 13, 2020 Our Lady of Fatima**

9:00 AM Sanctification of the Yurgosky fam. req. by I. Boone

Sanctification of the Drabek family req, by I. Boone

**Thursday May 14, 2020 St. Matthias, apostle**

NO MASS

**Friday May 15, 2020 St. Isidore**

9:00 AM Sanctification of the Warrick fam. req. by I. Boone

**Saturday May 16, 2020 Easter Weekday**

5:00 PM +Anne Dudar req. by her family

**Sunday May 17, 2020 Sixth Sunday of Easter**

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

*In celebration of the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the West Town Street Church*

Collection totals for May will be reported at the end of the month. Thank you to all parishioners who have mailed in their contributions.

There was some confusion with second collections. May 3rd's second collection was Seminary Education, May 10 second collection is extraordinary expenses, May 17 second collection will be building maintenance. May 24 second collection is for St. Bernard School.

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

**Correction: Please pray for the soul of Alice Kristoff.**



First Communion scheduled for May 9<sup>th</sup> has been postponed until further notice based on a directive from the Norwich Diocese.

**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 Spedaliere 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 Our Holy Father, Rev. Michael Giannitelli, V. Rev. Jan Swiderski, Rev. Martin Noe, Rev. Leon Susaimanickam, Rev. Izydor Sadowski SDB, Rev. Josef Olczak OSPPE, Rev. Timothy Roth MIC, Rev. Mark Curesky OFM Cv, V. Rev. Dennis Perkins, Rev. Gregory Mullaney, Rev. Walter Nagle, Rev. John Ashe.

*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/>.

**Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:00am to noon.**

**The Church is open during the week from 8:00am to 6:00pm so individuals can come and pray and make an Act of Spiritual Communion with the Lord.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH**

**Part-time Job Opening: 27.5 hours per week.** Join the Diocese's Development Office as Campaign Manager and apply your skills to help our ministries.

Responsible for working with office staff on implementing all aspects of various diocesan campaigns. Requires a college degree preferably in marketing, communications or business. Must be proficient in MS Office, including Excel, Word, Outlook and Access. Additional requisites include marketing skills, ability to work collaboratively as well as independently, attention to detail and deadlines ability to multitask, and excellent writing/communication skill. Experience in donor relations preferred but not required. For consideration, please email your cover letter and resume to Executive Director, Mary Ellen Mahoney at [memahoney@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:memahoney@norwichdiocese.net)

**2020 Annual Catholic Appeal Update:** While we were not able to conduct our video/in person 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal, "One Faith, One Family" weekend, we are still very much in need of your support. Please go to our website, [www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org](http://www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org) to watch our video to see some of our ministries' good works. You may also make your gift/pledge online on our website as well. If you have not returned your ACA envelope, please do so at your earliest convenience. Now, more than ever, our diocesan ministries need your help to support those of our brothers and sisters who are suffering physically, spiritually, and emotionally from this pandemic Thank you and God Bless You.

### **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



### **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.

### **Live Stream Schedule**

**Sunday** May 10 at 9:30am from St. Andrew Church

**Tuesday** May 12 at 7:00pm from St. Andrew Church

**Wednesday** May 13 at 9:00am from St. Francis of Assisi Church

**Thursday** May 14 at 8:00am from St Andrew Church Adoration from 9:00am – noon

**Friday** May 15 at 8:00am from St. Andrew Church

Your prayers are requested for Robert Nowosad and family. Robert had a bad accident and is in the burn unit at Bridgeport Hospital.

**Unfortunately, there is a scam/fraudulent email going around** from Bishop Michael Cote with a message asking for help or asking a favor of you or asking you to run an errand for him. The message will come from this email address: **From:** "Bishop. Michael R. Cote"

[<bishopcote.norwichdiocese@gmail.com>](mailto:bishopcote.norwichdiocese@gmail.com)

Please note this is not coming from Bishop Cote and is a scam.

### **Ways to honor Mary in and around our homes.**

1. Pray: The Hail Mary. And the prayer with a series of Hail Mary's, which Mary gave to St. Dominic, is the Rosary. When we pray the Rosary, we meditate on the life of Jesus, and while we do so, we ask Mary to intercede for us. The Rosary is a powerful and beautiful devotion. But as we develop the habit of praying the Rosary every day, it can feel overwhelming. The good news is that we can start small and grow from there. To begin, pray one decade of the Rosary each day for five days, so by the end of the week, you will have prayed an entire Rosary.

Another way to ask Mary for her prayers and intercession is by simply incorporating the Hail Mary, Memorare, or another Marian prayer into our daily prayer routine.

2. Ponder: Below is a simple Marian lectio divina. Some passages will be familiar, as they are also mysteries of the Rosary. After reading a Bible verse, consider what it means to you. What can you learn from Mary? How can you emulate her words and actions in your own life?

- The Annunciation: Luke 1:26-38
- The Visitation: Luke 1:39-56
- The Nativity of Our Lord: Luke 2:1-20
- The Presentation: Luke 2:22-38
- The Losing and Finding Jesus in the Temple: Luke 2:41-52
- The Wedding at Cana: John 2: 1-12
- The Crucifixion: John 19:26-27
- The Early Church: Acts 1:14

### 3. Read

Another way to get to know Mary is by reading a good book about her. This will help you grow in relationship with her, and it will equip you to share the truth about Mary with others. Check the parish library for books about Mary.

And if you want the children in your life to know Mary from an early age, Take It To the Queen: A Tale of Hope by Josephine Nobisso is a beautiful children's book about her.