

**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 23, 2020 Easter Weekday

5:00 PM +Robert Burns req. by Irene Burns

Sunday May 24, 2020 Seventh Sunday of Easter

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

+JoAnn Pomerleau req. by her family

Monday May 25, 2020 St. Bede the Venerable, priest & doctor of the Church; St. Gregory VII pope; St. Mary Magdalene, virgin

Memorial Day

8:00 AM Memorial Day Mass for deceased men & women of  
The military

Tuesday May 26, 2020 St. Philip Neri, priest

NO MASS

Wednesday May 27, 2020 St. Augustine of Canterbury, bishop

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

Thursday May 28, 2020 Easter Weekday

NO MASS

Friday May 29, 2020 Easter Weekday

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

Saturday May 30, 2020 Easter Weekday

5:00 PM

Sunday May 31, 2020 Pentecost Sunday

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

+John Farr req. by C. Wheaton

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



Our annual gift of seeds have been blessed. Packets of beans, squash, peas, pumpkins, & cucumbers are available for parishioners to take.

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. John O'Neill MS, Rev. David Zercie MSA, Msgr. Henry Archambault, Rev. Dariusz Dudzik, Rev. Russell Kennedy, Msgr. Leszek Janik, Rev. Ben Vinjoe, Msgr. Richard LaRocque, Rev. Bijoy Joseph CST, Rev. John Ashe, Rev. George Busto CO, Rev. Christopher Zmuda, Rev. Luis Agudelo.

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.

**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.**

**Confirmation scheduled for June 6<sup>th</sup> has been postponed until further notice based on a directive from the Norwich Diocese.**



**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 24 at 9:30am from St Andrew Church  
**Tuesday** May 26 at 7:00pm from St. Andrew Church  
**Wednesday** May 27 at 9:00am from St. Francis of Assisi Church  
**Thursday** May 28 at 8:00am from St Andrew Church  
**Friday** May 29 at 8:00am from St. Andrew Church  
**Sunday** May 31 at 10:30am from St. Francis of Assisi Church

### 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.

### Confession: Saturday from 4:00 to 4:45pm or by appointment.

Please note: if you are unable to go to Sacramental Confession, do not despair. The Church in her merciful love and as attested by the wisdom of many Saints, allows that you can experience God's forgiveness by an act of perfect contrition, provided you have the intention to seek Sacramental Confession as soon as you are able.

**Act of Contrition:** Oh my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee: and I detest my sins most sincerely because they displease Thee, my God, Who are so deserving of all my love for Thy infinite goodness and most amiable perfections: and I firmly purpose by Thy holy grace never more to offend Thee.

**2020 Annual Catholic Appeal Update:** While we were not able to conduct our video/in pew 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 a 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.

**Wanted:** Director for Catholic ministry office for child and youth protection. Must have good skills in administration, organization, management, training/teaching, and communication. Computer literacy required, including in MS Word, Excel, Outlook, Power-point, and Access. Must be a practicing Catholic in good standing. By May 22, 2020, send resume and cover letter with salary expectations to: SE Search Committee, 201 Broadway, Norwich, CT 06360.



A heartfelt appreciation goes to all of Francis Parish parishioners who continue to make their donations by mail or online banking. The offertory collection is the lifeline of our parish. Your generosity is making it possible for us to meet our financial obligations.



## Ladies Guild and Knights of Columbus Graduating Senior Awards

Any graduating high school senior who is an active member of St. Francis Parish may apply for the Ladies Guild and Knights of Columbus annual Graduating Senior Awards. These awards are based on academic record, activity in school and community, and most importantly, devotion to your Parish. There are no applications in the church. For applications please email Barbara at [bobbi.w@charter.net](mailto:bobbi.w@charter.net) to be emailed one of each or which one you prefer. Please return by June 10; the mailing address is on the application.



Remember -  
our fallen heroes.  
They are the reason  
that we are free.

### A Memorial Day Prayer

Creator, all powerful and ever living God, we do well to sing your praises today and forever, and to give you thanks in all we do through your goodness and compassion.

We pause to reflect on the cost of the free lives we live today. On this day, we remember the heroism, the hardship, the national gain and personal loss our wars have brought. America has been given so much, but of all our assets, resources and strengths, none have counted for more than the courage of young soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines in the face of battle. When war has come, great and difficult decisions are made, but when the orders went out and were received half a world away, victory has always come down to the people flying the planes, manning the ships, carrying the gun and the pack. They are the ones who have cleared the seas, crossed the rivers, charged the hills and covered the skies. They have defended us. They have died for us. They have never disappointed us. We are in their debt, more than a lifetime of honors could ever repay.

With their sacrifice come duty that will go on through the generations to honor them in our thoughts, in our words and in our lives.

And so God, our Creator, we do well to join all creation, in heaven and on earth in praising you today, and giving thanks to our heroes who currently serve or have served for justice and freedom. We ask this in Your Name.

Amen