

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

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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**MASS
INTENTIONS**

Saturday June 20, 2020 Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

5:00 PM All Fathers living & deceased

Sunday, June 21, 2020 Father's Day

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

All Fathers living & deceased

Monday June 22, 2020 St. Paulinus, bishop; Sts. John Fisher, bishop, and Thomas More, martyr

NO MASS

Tuesday June 23, 2020 Weekday in Ordinary Time

NO MASS

Wednesday June 24, 2020 Nativity of St. John, the Baptist

9:00 AM Living & Deceased members of the Melewski family
req. by I. Boone

Thursday June 25, 2020 Weekday in Ordinary Time

NO MASS

Friday June 26, 2020 Weekday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM Living & Deceased members of the Piccottti family
req. by I. Boone

Saturday June 27, 2020 St. Cyril of Alexandria, bishop, doctor of the Church

5:00 PM

Sunday, June 28, 2020 Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Living & deceased members of the Clinch & Kuzel families req.
by Norm & Ella Mae Kuzel

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

June second collections: June 7 monthly extraordinary; June 14 Poor of the parish; June 21 world combined; June 28 building maintenance. Collection amounts to be announced the end of June.

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

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.

Live Stream Schedule

Sunday June 21 at 9:30am from St. Andrew Church

Tuesday June 23 at 7:00pm from St. Andrew Church

Wednesday June 24 at 9:00am from St. Francis of Assisi Church

Thursday June 25 at 8:00am from St Andrew Church

Friday June 26 at 8:00am from St. Andrew Church

Sunday June 28 at 10:30am from St. Francis Church

The Intentions for Saturday Mass is celebrated privately by Fr. Richard.



We pray for the repose of the soul of Mildred Misbach.

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 Spedalieri Jr., U.S. Navy

AEAN 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 Rev. George Villamthanam CST, Rev. Michael Phillipino, Rev. Patrick Martin, Rev. Scott D. Surrency OFM Cap, Rev. Patrick McCorry, Mgr. Anthon Rosaforte, Rev. Alfred Irving, Rev. Thaddeus Zadorozny, Rev. Thomas Hoar SSE, V. Rev. Richard Ricard, Rev. Christopher Feeney, Rev. Thomas Sickler MS, Msgr. James Carini, Rev. Frank Mc Kenna.

Heavenly Father, the responsibility of Your priests is great. May the love of the Precious Blood of Jesus abound in their hearts. O my Jesus, I beg You on the behalf of the whole Church. Grant it love and the light of Your Spirit, and give power to the words of priests so that hardened hearts might be brought to repentance and return to You, O Lord.

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.

Great News! Marriage Encounter has gone "Virtual". To support married couples during social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring a virtual 3 week marriage experience called "Restore – Rekindle – Renew"; it aims to restore a married couple's communication, rekindle romance and renew their commitment to one another. The program will meet online for seven sessions on Thursday and Monday nights July 9-30 from 7-9:30 P.M. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and how to keep their relationship a priority. No group discussions are involved. Registration is limited, and a \$50 application fee is required. For more information or to register, call or email Frank and Margie Pearson at 860-337-2447 or application@wwmectw.org

Returning to Church – Diocesan Web Links:

Video Link - <https://vimeo.com/423426373>

ARTICLE Link-

<https://www.norwichdiocese.org/Stay-Informed/All-Diocesan-Articles/articleType/ArticleView/articleID/3486>

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



Care Net Baby Bottle Campaign will be a Virtual Campaign this year.

The campaign will begin on June 21 (Father's Day) and run until July 19.

All donations can be made online at psclife.org

The goal is to raise money for Care Net. As a result, women experience the love of Jesus and unborn children received the gift of life through the free services offered to women facing unplanned pregnancies.

Checks can also be mailed to Care Net, 492 Montauk Ave., New London, CT 06320.

Norwich Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Annual Layette Program



The Annual Layette Program hopes to be rescheduled in the fall. Thank you to those who have been so generous with your donations thus far. The collection will stop for now and the bassinets will be put away and brought back out again once a new date has been scheduled.

Any questions please contact Sandra Spedaliere at 860-537-1372.

Enfield Loaves and Fishes (Soup Kitchen) is in need of **garden vegetables**. Please put in an extra plant or two and share your crop. We are located 28 Prospect St., drop off time 10:00 am to 6:00 pm Monday –Friday. Call Priscilla 741-0226

Banns of Ordination

The following deacon will be ordained to the Order of Priesthood on Saturday, June 27, 2020:

Rev. Mr. Michael Patrick Bovino

Should you know of any reason why this man should not be ordained a priest, please write to:

**The Most Reverend Michael R. Cote,
Bishop of Norwich
201 Broadway
Norwich, CT 06360**

The Combined Collection for World Charities is this weekend.

The four causes supported by this collection are: The Catholic Relief Services Collection – helps six Catholic agencies provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and work towards peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) –In the United States one in six people lives in poverty. This collection helps to address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those who are struggling across the country. 25% of the funds for this collection stay in our diocese. The Church in Central and Eastern Europe – helps restore the Church and build the future in 20 countries, many of which still struggle to recover in the aftermath of Soviet rule, by providing help with reconstruction, education, formation and poverty outreach. Holy Land Collection – assists the Franciscan Fathers in their ministry to pilgrims, in the maintenance of the Holy Places, and in their pastoral ministry to native Christians in the Holy Land. This combined collection offers an excellent opportunity to support hands-on efforts towards helping people in need. Your gift does make a difference. Please be generous.

John the Baptist

John the Baptist was a contemporary of Christ who was known for evangelization and his baptizing of Jesus Christ.

John the Baptist was born through the intercession of God to Zachariah and Elizabeth, who was otherwise too old to bear children. According to scriptures, the Angel Gabriel visited Elizabeth and Zachariah to tell them they would have a son and that they should name him John. Zachariah was skeptical and for this he was rendered mute until the time his son was born and named John, in fulfillment of God's will.

When Elizabeth was pregnant with John, she was visited by Mary, and John leapt in her womb. This revealed to Elizabeth that the child Mary carried was to be the Son of God.

John began public ministry around 30 AD, and was known for attracting large crowds across the province of Judaea and around the Jordan River. When Jesus came to him to be baptized, John recognized him and said, "It is I who need baptism from you." Jesus told John to baptize Him anyway, which he did, whereupon the heavens opened, and the Spirit of God was seen like a dove. The voice of God spoke, saying, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

John instructed his followers to turn to Christ, calling Him the "Lamb of God" and these people were among the first Christians.

Following his baptism of Christ, John's popularity grew so much that he alarmed King Herod. Herod ordered him arrested and imprisoned. John spoke with Herod on several occasions and condemned his marriage to his half-brother's wife. This condemnation would be his downfall as King Herod promised to grant a wish to his daughter. In revenge for John the Baptist's condemnation of her mother's scandalous marriage to Herod, she asked for John's head. King Herod reluctantly obliged. John the Baptist died sometime between 33 and 36 AD.

John the Baptist's feast day is June 24, and the anniversary of his death is August 29 and is sometimes celebrated with a second feast. John the Baptist is the patron saint of Jordan, Puerto Rico, French Canada and many other places.

(Taken from Catholic.org)