

**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 August 1, 2020 St. Alphonsus Liguori, bishop, doctor of the Church

5:00 PM People of the parish living & deceased

Sunday August 2, 2020 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM +Marcus LaGuardia req. by Deb. Intagliata

10:30 AM +Julie Coscia's intentions req. by her family

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

Monday August 3, 2020 Weekday in Ordinary Time

NO MASS

Tuesday August 4, 2020 St. John Varney, priest

NO MASS

Wednesday August 5, 2020 Dedication of the Basilica of Saint

Mary Major

9:00 AM Poor Souls in Purgatory req. by Pam Roberts

Living & deceased members of the Kissane family
req. by I. Boone

Thursday August 6, 2020 The Transfiguration of the Lord

NO MASS

Friday August 7, 2020 St. Sixtus II, pope & companions, martyrs:

St. Cajetan, priest

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

Saturday August 8, 2020 St. Dominic, priest

5:30 PM

Sunday, August 9, 2020 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM

10:30 AM NO 10:30am Mass

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

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

July second collections:

July 5 monthly extraordinary: \$ 565.00

July 12 parish endowment: \$ 580.00

July 26 building maintenance: \$ 583.00

July Offertory: \$ 11,303.00

Today's second collection is for monthly extraordinary expenses.

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

Weekend of August 8 & 9

5:30 pm Lector: Steve Wengloski

8:00 am Lector: Rick Kane

10:30am Lector: NO MASS

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

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 Bishop Michael R. Cote, Rev. Bogdan Olzacki OSPPE, Rev. Stephen Gulino, all priests, V. Rev. Laurence LaPointe, Msgr. Kevin Randall, Rev. Thomas Smith, Rev. Edward Wisneski, Rev. John Antonelle, Rev. Joseph DeCosta, V. Rev. David Choquette, Rev. Thomas Angelo.

May Your priests be happy, may they be esteemed a thousand times, privileged to drink of the Fountain of the Savior each day! Glory to the Precious Blood!

“Intense love does not measure, it just gives.” - Saint Mother Teresa

The Covid-19 pandemic continues on, and the uncertainty of employment is great. Catholic Charities has seen a 102% increase in services over last year, and are quickly running out of resources to help our neighbors in need. All donations are welcome especially monetary donations of any size, non-perishable food, baby items such as diapers & wipes and toiletries. Visit ccfsn.org or call 860-889-8346 for more information.

Thank you, especially from our clients! “I was really pleased to know that you cared not only for my immediate need, but as a whole person, and in us as a family,” – F.C.

**Weekend of August 8 & 9
Mass Schedule Changed
Saturday 5:30pm
Sunday 8:00am only
No 10:30am Mass**

ANNIVERSARY MASS – Because of uncertainties surrounding Covid-19, the Annual Silver and Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass will not take place this year. Bishop Cote will offer a private Mass for the intentions of all couples celebrating specific anniversaries this year. Each couple who registers will receive a signed certificate from the Bishop. The names of all registrants and their anniversary dates will also be listed on a special Anniversary Page on the Diocese of Norwich Website. If you are celebrating a significant anniversary this year and would like to be recognized by Bishop Cote, please register by sending the following information: **husband and wife's name, address, telephone number, wedding date, anniversary being celebrated and parish** to: Mary-Jo McLaughlin, Catholic Family Services Coordinator, 199 Broadway, Norwich, CT 06360, telephone at 860-848-2237, Ext 312 or by email at mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net. Couples may also email a **recent digital photo** of themselves to this address to be included in a gallery of pictures on the Diocesan Website. The registration deadline is September 2, 2020.

Get Your Daily Dose of Iron! At the 15th Annual Catholic Charities Golf Tournament September 16, 2020 at Norwich Golf Course, Norwich, CT
Registration 11:00AM

- Boxed Lunch

Shotgun Start 12:30PM

Awards & Dinner* 5:30PM

*Dinner in compliance with state safety guidelines

Sponsorships still available!

For information, Registration & Sponsorships
Contact Susan Connelly at 860-889-8346 ext. 264 or email susanconnelly@ccfsn.org

**St. Andrew Church
Vacation Bible School
Will NOT be held this year!**

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>

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

PLEASE CONSIDER BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE LADIES GUILD!

Yearly dues are \$5.00

We are considered *the heart of the Parish* and are celebrating **70 years of continued service**. Started in 1949 with only six members, the Saint Francis Ladies Guild has grown to become a very vital and active organization which has accomplished and given much over the years to Saint Francis of Assisi.

MEMBERSHIP IN THE LADIES GUILD IS OPEN TO ALL WOMAN OF THE PARISH
Dues may be paid through the Ladies Guild August 11th envelope or direct to our treasurer, Jennie Brewster, 820 Trumbull Highway, Lebanon, CT 06249.

Please make checks to *Saint Francis Ladies Guild*.
Dues are payable by September 21, 2020.

WHAT DOES THE GUILD DO?
Fundraising, service projects, activities for the parish and for members' own enjoyment and spiritual development.

In 2019-20 we purchased window blinds for the office rooms and curtains for the secretary's office. With the Knights of Columbus we purchased a new driveway entrance sign.

Our meetings are held on the third Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Meeting Room
Due to COVID-19, a notice will be made when we resume 2020 Fall meetings.

WHY JOIN THE GUILD?
To strengthen our parish family - help build community - make new friendships in our church family - build up our spirituality and reach out and help others through a variety of programs and speakers.

Please feel free to contact Sandra Spedaliere, President at etcdtc@sbcglobal.net or 860-537-1372 for more information.



Peg Stygar, Michelle Trani and Barbara Wengloski for planting the summer flowers; the Kuzel family for maintaining the rectory side garden (by driveway). And to the Ladies Guild for purchasing all flowers planted. The grounds look beautiful.

The 2020 Connecticut Catholic Men's Conference: Taking It to Higher Ground

The worldwide Covid-19 pandemic took a heavy toll on humanity with the deaths and the lockdowns, and the many changes that social distancing and fears about the spread of the disease brought. For people of faith, this crisis brought new ways of worshipping through social media as churches were closed down.

For the men of the Connecticut Catholic Men's Conference Committee, it seemed as though the pandemic would dash all hopes of a gathering this year. But thanks to the fortitude and ingenuity of these faithful servants, the conference is being taken to higher ground – literally – as the committee gave birth to the idea of a new kind of conference, one that would call men up to the mountain under the shadow of the 56-foot cross at Holy Land USA in Waterbury, Connecticut.

Against the odds, the CCMC Committee, headed by Ken Santopietro, secured the 17-acre site and two large tents, raised an army of workers to prepare the ground for an open-air event, and harvested the talents of the committee members themselves as speakers. Each meeting the committee held opened up new possibilities for making this event the best it has ever been. The theme, the focus, the goals, and a new date began to coalesce around those symbols and strengths that make Catholic men great, and with a lot of grace, this 13th conference, which is now scheduled for September 19th, 2020 (assuring warmer weather), has come together in ways none of the men of the committee could have dreamed of a year ago.

In commemoration of the 150th anniversary of Saint Joseph being proclaimed the Patron of the Universal Church by Pope Pius IX on 8 December 1870, this year's theme is SAINT JOSEPH: OUR PATRON. In addition, the Mass this year will be dedicated to the soon-to-be blessed Father Michael J. McGivney, the founder of the Knights of Columbus, who grew up in the shadow of Holy Land, the brainchild of another outstanding Catholic man, John Baptist Greco, who turned a piece of undesirable land into a place where believers could celebrate the life, death, and resurrection of Christ.

The event will be doubly blessed because of the dedication of so many from the Knights of Columbus who are preparing the site and who represent what it means to be a man dedicated to the Catholic faith. And Fr. Jeffrey Romans, former priest-secretary for the Archbishop of Hartford and a former CCMC Committee member, will be the principal celebrant at the outdoor Mass.

The speakers for the event include: Father James Sullivan, the current conference chaplain, who will speak on the life of Father McGivney; David Craig, founder of Adoration for Vocations, Aaron Joseph, conference co-director, and founder of SAINT JOSEPH: OUR PATRON, a lay apostolate founded to promote Saint Joseph's universal patronage; and Walter Finneran, who will be giving a testimony on The Brian O'Connell Homeless Project. These men will be tying together the theme of the day in a way that will drive home the overarching goal of every conference: to connect Catholic men to Christ and one another, and prompt each man to seek out a personal apostolate where he can serve the Kingdom of God and help other Catholic men to become the best of who they can be.

There will be all the familiar elements the men have come to expect from the conference: great speakers, Mass, Adoration, Confession, fellowship, and an uplifting message of encouragement for the men. This event will truly reach new levels for those who will participate. There will be a limit of 500 men for this conference, and the CCMC Committee is asking those who wish to attend to purchase their tickets before September 1st by going to www.ctcatholicmen.org. We hope to see you there!