

**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 8, 2020 St. Dominic, priest

5:30 PM Dave & Edith Perotti req. by their family
Sunday August 9, 2020 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM John Walden req. by the Dyer family
NO 10:30 AM Mass

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

Monday August 10, 2020 St. Lawrence, deacon & martyr

NO MASS

Tuesday August 11, 2020 St. Clare, virgin

NO MASS

**Wednesday August 12, 2020 St. Jane Frances de Chantel,
religious**

9:00 AM Living & deceased members of the Stafford family &
Living & deceased members of the Kron family req. by
I Boone

**Thursday August 13, 2020 Sts. Pontian, pope & Hippolytus,
priest, martyrs**

NO MASS

Friday August 14, 2020 St. Maximilian Kolbe, priest, martyr

9:00 AM Living & deceased victims of addiction req. by Pam
Roberts

**Saturday August 15, 2020 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin
Mary**

9:15 AM

5:00 PM Robert Burns req. by Irene Burns

Sunday, August 16, 2020 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM John Walden req. by the Ladies Guild

10:30 AM

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

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

Offertory August 1: \$ 1,719.00

Monthly Extraordinary: \$ 259.00

Today we are collecting Ladies Guild Membership
Envelopes. Next weekend's second collection is for
the Assumption.

**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 15 & 16

5:00 pm Lector: Kevin Flaherty

8:00 am Lector: Ella Mae Kuzel

10:30am Lector: Angela Corentin

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 Spedaliero 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 Rev. Stanley
Szczapa, Rev. Jim Gallagher OFM Cap, Msgr. Michael
Donohue, Rev. Joseph Castaldi, Rev. Aguirre Palacio, Rev.
Richard Sliwinski, Rev. Victor Chaker, Rev. John Gwudz, Rev.
P. Grzegorz Jednaki, Rev. Richard Breton, Our Holy Father. We
also pray for those priests who have left the ministry.

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!

**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@cfsn.org

**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
etcctc@sbcglobal.net or 860-537-1372 for more information.*

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.

Back to School Donations: Due to Covid-19, the Town of Lebanon Social Services will only be accepting gift cards or check donations to purchase gift cards for families in need of Back-to-School Supplies for their children this fall. Families in need will be awarded gift cards based on need and family size. This will allow for families to purchase exactly what is needed for school supplies or other items needed for their children. Please send gift cards or check donations to: Lebanon Social Services, 579 Exeter Road, Lebanon, CT 06249. Please note on donation "Back-to-School Program". Asking for Gift Cards to Kohl's, Target, Walmart, Staples, or Dollar Tree.

**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: OUT 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!