

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

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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Rev. Richard Breton, Parochial Vicar

Deacon Michael Puscas



**MASS
INTENTIONS**

Saturday August 15, 2020 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:15 AM People of the parish living & deceased
5:00 PM +Robert Burns R/b Irene Burns

Sunday, August 16, 2020 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM +John Walden R/b the Ladies Guild
10:30 AM +Jennifer & Robert Chesters R/b their family
Mass to also be streamed from St. Andrew 9:30 AM

Monday August 17, 2020 Weekday in Ordinary Time
NO MASS

Tuesday August 18, 2020 Weekday in Ordinary Time
NO MASS

Wednesday August 19, 2020 St. John Eudes, priest
9:00 AM Living & Deceased members of the Harding family R/b
I. Boone

Thursday August 20, 2020 St. Bernard, abbot and doctor of the Church
NO MASS

Friday August 21, 2020 St. Pius X, pope
9:00 AM Living & Deceased members of the Weston family R/b
I. Boone

Saturday August 22, 2020 Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
5:00 PM +Bill Brewster R/b his family

Sunday, August 23, 2020 Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 AM +John Walden R/b C. Wheaton
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 8: \$ 1432.00

Today's second collection is for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Please drop Ladies Guild Membership Envelopes into the offertory basket.

Next weekend's second collection is for building maintenance.

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 adorers, please consider omitting to a specific hour. Contact Dennis Girard @ 860.334.9894 or dennisgirard51@gmail.com

Weekend of August 22 & 23

5:00 pm Lector: Bob Nejako

8:00 am Lector: Kathy Pellerin

10:30am Lector: Paul Pelletier

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 Rev. Brian Maxwell, Rev. Robert Washabaugh, Rev. Dennis Mercieri, Rev. Brian Converse, Rev. Thomas Griffin, Rev. Joseph Tito, V. Rev. Ted Tumicki, Rev. Robert Buongiorno, Rev. John Welch MS, Rev. Gregoire Fuet, Rev. George Villamthanam CST, Rev. Michael Phillipino, Rev. Patrick Martin.

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

St. Vincent de Paul Place is looking for a bookkeeper and for a development/marketing coordinator. Call parish office for details if interested.

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.

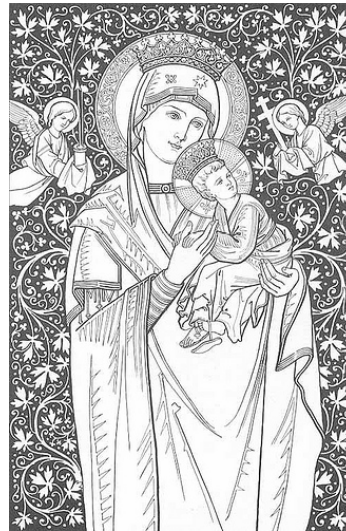
The event will be doubly blessed because of the dedication of so many from the Knights of Columbus who are preparing the site and who represent what it means to be a man dedicated to the Catholic faith. And Fr. Jeffrey Romans, former priest-secretary for the Archbishop of Hartford and a former CCMC Committee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

Town of Lebanon 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 Story of the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary

On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII defined the Assumption of Mary to be a dogma of faith: "We pronounce, declare and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma that the immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory." The pope proclaimed this dogma only after a broad consultation of bishops, theologians and laity.

There were few dissenting voices. What the pope solemnly declared was already a common belief in the Catholic Church.

We find homilies on the Assumption going back to the sixth century. In following centuries, the Eastern Churches held steadily to the doctrine, but some authors in the West were hesitant. However by the 13th century there was universal agreement. The feast was celebrated under various names—Commemoration, Dormition, Passing, Assumption—from at least the fifth or sixth century. Today it is celebrated as a solemnity.

Scripture does not give an account of Mary's Assumption into heaven. Nevertheless, Revelation 12 speaks of a woman who is caught up in the battle between good and evil. Many see this woman as God's people. Since Mary best embodies the people of both Old and New Testaments, her Assumption can be seen as an exemplification of the woman's victory.

Furthermore, in 1 Corinthians 15:20, Paul speaks of Christ's resurrection as the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

Since Mary is closely associated with all the mysteries of Jesus' life, it is not surprising that the Holy Spirit has led the Church to believe in Mary's share in his glorification. So close was she to Jesus on earth, she must be with him body and soul in heaven.