

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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Deacon Michael Puscas



**MASS
INTENTIONS**

Saturday September 5, 2020 St. Teresa of Calcutta
5:00 PM 35th Wedding Anniversary Barbara & Steve Wengloski
Sunday, September 6, 2020 Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary
Time

8:00 AM +Alice Kristoff R/b the Dyer family
10:30 AM +Rev. J William Mickiewicz R/b the Haralson family
Mass to also be streamed from St. Andrew 9:30 AM
Monday September 7, 2020 Weekday in Ordinary Time Labor Day
NO MASS PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday September 8, 2020 Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
NO MASS

Wednesday September 9, 2020 St. Peter Claver, priest
9:00 AM Poor Souls in Purgatory R/b Pam Roberts
Living & Deceased members of the Michael family R/b
I. Boone

Thursday September 10, 2020 Weekday in Ordinary Time
NO MASS

Friday September 11, 2020 Weekday in Ordinary Time
9:00 AM Living & deceased victims of addiction R/b Pam
Roberts
Poor Souls in Purgatory especially those who have no
one to pray for them

Saturday September 12, 2020 The Most Holy Name of Jesus
5:00 PM +Rev. J William Mickiewicz R/b the Haralson family
Sunday, September 13, 2020 Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary
Time

8:00 AM Wayne & Irene Vojick 35th Wedding Anniversary
10:30 AM +Gaetan Menard R/b C. Wheaton
Mass to also be streamed from St. Andrew 9:30 AM

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

Offertory August 30: \$ 1,670.00

Today's second collection is the Diocesan National Combined Collection.

Next weekend's second collection is for Catholic Elementary Schools.

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 September 12 & 13

5:00 pm Lector: Anne Staebner
8:00 am Lector: Greg Jones
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 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 Bishop Michael R. cot, V. Rev. Douglas Mosey CSB. Rev. Edward Konopka, all our priests, Rev. Michael Giannitelli, V. Rev. Jan Swiderski, Rev. Martin Noe, Rev. Leon Susaimanickam, Rev. Izydor Sadowski SDB, Rev. Josef Olczak SPPE, Rev. Timothy Roth MIC, Rev. Mark Curesky OFM Cap.

We pray for our priests; for the sanctity of their souls; and for perfect love, that they may be the voice of Christ. May they be a channel for His Precious Blood, always acting through love. Increase in Your priests a hunger for the glory of Jesus, and for the salvation of souls. Grant them courage and confidence in carrying out their duties.



Swing on By! 15th Annual Catholic Charities Golf Tournament
September 16, 2020 at Norwich Golf Course, Norwich, CT

Registration 11:00AM Shotgun Start 12:30PM

Due to the pandemic and CT safety food regulations, there will be **Catered Food Stations** through-out the golf course. Awards will be posted at ccfsn.org **Sponsorships still available!** For information, Registration & Sponsorships contact Susan Connelly, 860-889-8346 ext. 264
Or email susanconnelly@ccfsn.org

Confirmation Rehearsal & Confessions Friday Sept. 18 @ 6:00pm at St. Francis
Confirmation Saturday Sept. 19 @ 10:00am at St. Francis



Today we will take up the National Combined Collection which benefits the Catholic Communication Campaign, the Annual Appeal for the Holy Father (Peter's Pence), the Retirement Fund for Religious, and the Catholic University of America. Please indicate on your gift envelope how you wish your gift to be used. Gift envelopes and an informational brochure are also available at Church entrances. Please support our aging religious join our Holy Father in providing essential relief to the most disadvantaged, connect people with Christ through communication resources, and help provide a Catholic based education to university students. Your generous support is greatly appreciated.

**The 2020 Connecticut Catholic Men's Conference:
It's a Home Run!**

No doubt, it's Divine Providence

**We're moving the conference to New Britain Stadium!
September 19, 2020**

Prayers to Saint Joseph uncovered this opportunity!

Outdoor venue with up to 1,500 capacity, in total compliance with Social Distancing precautions.

Indoor bathrooms and handicap ramps

Full Seats with cup holders rather than folding chairs

Easy access off the highway right in the middle of Connecticut

Plentiful parking

Going onto the field to receive Eucharist!

Adoration on the roof top!

NOW including lunch with the same ticket price.

The CCMC Committee requests those who wish to attend to purchase their tickets before September 1st by going to www.ctcatholicmen.org. We hope to see you there!

Scripture and the Sea - With Deacon Steven DeMartino
Sept 14 - Sept 16, 2020

Join Deacon Steven on a journey by and in the sea as we together reflect deeply on how scripture references to water and the ocean can inspire our spiritual journey and challenge us to more fully embrace our baptismal call to be missionary disciples of Christ.

Learn more at www.enders.is/seascripture

St. Edmund's Retreat

1 Enders Island, PO Box 399

Mystic, CT 06355

(860) 536-0565 reception@endersisland.org

A Square and Prayer Ministry

Now available from the Diocesan Square and Prayer Ministry, individually wrapped, knitted "prayer squares" with prayer cards. For distribution to convalescent homes, hospitals, etc. "Prayer squares" are free of charge and on a first come first serve basis. If you are interested in distributing squares or volunteering your crocheting/knitting skills please contact Marianne at the Office of Faith Events at 860.848.2237 ext. 304 or manicholas@norwichdiocese.net

A Journey with Mary through Her Seven Sorrows

A Virtual Seven- Week Program

If you are seeking to find hope, strength and comfort from a loss, burden, or sorrow, join us for "A Journey with Mary Through Her Seven Sorrows", a virtual seven-week program that will explore each of the seven sorrows of Mary's life and the message of strength and encouragement each one contains.

The program will be offered in two sessions:

Tuesday nights from 7-8:15pm September 15, 22 October 6, 13, 20, 27 and November 3

OR

Wednesday afternoons from 1:30-2:45pm September 16, 23, October 7, 14, 21, 28 and November 4.

Each week will include a reflection on one of Mary's sorrows, guided prayer imagery and discussion. The program is free, but **registration is required**. To do so, or for more information, contact the Catholic Family Services Office at 860.848.2237, Ext. 312, or email mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net.

PLEASE HELP US FILL BOXES OF JOY. *Cross Catholic Outreach* will continue with the Box of Joy ministry this season. In these unprecedented times, your help is needed more than ever. The Ladies Guild, with your help, will again send Christmas blessings to children around the world through the *Box of Joy* program. *The program is an annual Christmas gift ministry organized by local Catholic school, parishes, and groups across the United States and facilitated by Cross Catholic Outreach.*

Together we can gather items needed to fill Box of Joy shoeboxes. The Guild will supply the boxes, all you have to do is help fill them, **all items must fit in a 10" shoebox**. Lists of suggested items can be found at the Church entrances. Please put items in the collection boxes at the Church entrances. **COLLECTION DATES:** September 5 to October 11. To help with shipping costs, monetary donations are accepted, please make checks payable to St. Francis Ladies Guild. *Now more than ever, children need to have the reassurance that they are loved by God. Cross Catholic Outreach believes in the urgency of reaching communities with the eternal hope of the Gospel, especially in these uncertain times. Box of Joy gifts, the Story of Jesus and the rosary are powerful tools to share God's love with thousands of children around the world.*

For more information, please contact Estelle at 860.420.7221 or estelle7moodus@yahoo.com

Our summer projects have been completed.

*Removal of underground oil tanks, installation of above ground tanks. Cost: \$18,956.75. Fence still to be installed around oil tanks at back of Church. All tanks are full. Excess oil from underground tanks is stored in a temporary tank until we begin to use oil this winter.

*Seal-coat Driveways & Parking Lot. Cost: \$5,000.

*Line Striping of Driveways & Parking Lot: \$1,500.00.

*Re-coup of \$5,500. Expensed 2017-2018 for tree work.

All projects were paid for with monies received from the Trumbull Grant of \$36,755.

It is with great appreciation that we thank Rick Kane for managing these projects for the parish.

Our Lady of Sorrow Icon Workshop

With Grace Zazzaro
Oct 4th - Oct 9th, 2020

In this participatory icon workshop, the central subject will be Our Lady of Sorrows, influenced by Marcos Zapata from the Cuzco school. The icon will be painted in classical traditional, egg tempera medium. Byzantine, Romanesque, and contemporary methods will be applied in this week-long, intensive icon workshop.

Learn more at www.enders.is/ourladyicon

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2020 ACA Update: As of August 24th,

St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Lebanon has donated \$15,605.93 or 75.82% of its goal, and 12.10% of our parishioners have donated.

We are striving for as close to 100% participation as possible.

With your donation, our ACA supported ministries to do the work of Christ every day. From a client of Catholic Charities, "There is absolutely no way that I would have been able to put enough food on the table and diapers on my baby during this terribly difficult COVID, if not for the help of Catholic Charities. Thank you from the bottom of my heart to the Annual Catholic Appeal." If you have not made your contribution to the 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal, "One Faith, One Family", or would like to make an additional gift, please contact the Development Office at (860) 886-1928 or go online to www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org.

Thank you to everyone for your support!

Parish Bulletin E-mailed to You

If you would like the parish bulletin emailed to you, a friend, or a college student away from home,

E-mail the parish office a request to be put on the email list.

**Parish E-mail address:
cheryl@stfrancisassisilebanonct.org**

Faith for the Future

Catholic Elementary School Collection

This September 12th and 13th the Annual Catholic Elementary School Collection will be conducted throughout the Diocese. Informational flyers and donation envelopes will be available in church for this in pew collection.

Our 9 Diocesan elementary schools offer families a safe and nurturing environment in which to entrust their children's academic, social and moral growth, preparing them to become the future leaders of our church and communities. In addition to the normal expenses, this year our schools are faced with the unexpected costs of making their school COVID19 ready. We know how difficult this pandemic period has been for many in our parish community and truly appreciate your support. All funds collected at our parish will be distributed throughout our Diocesan elementary schools. Thank you for your continued support. Please make checks payable to the parish and place them in the CES collection envelopes found in Church.

Celebrating the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Tuesday September 8 is the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Have a special birthday celebration.

Mary's birthday is a special day to **celebrate**, because without her and her willingness to serve God, salvation history would have taken a very different turn. ...
Celebrate with the rosary. ...
Make a cupcake rosary. ...
Learn a Marian hymn. ...
Pray a litany.



MASS INTENTIONS

We have several open Masses during 2020. You may have a Mass said for a variety of intentions: for a deceased loved one, in celebration of a marriage, anniversary, birthday, in thanksgiving, for a special intention, for world peace, etc.

To request a Mass intention, please call Cheryl in the parish office during office hours.

Please support our Saint Francis Bulletin and our community by supporting these wonderful businesses who advertise on our bulletin cover. The money paid to sponsor these ads provides this bulletin at no cost to St. Francis Parish. Please let them know that you appreciate their generous financial support by saying "Thank You" when you patronize them.

8 Things Children Can Do To Help Create and Maintain Safe Environments at Church and at School

Rules tell children what to do and what not to do. Children should be taught that if they follow the rules they can stay safe. Given the unique needs of children and teenagers in relation to the rest of the Christian community, it is not surprising that in the Church we place the needs of our children and teenagers first.

Children can help maintain a safe environment by following certain rules. Children need to know that:

1. They can and should discuss anything that happens to them that makes them feel uncomfortable, confused, or upset in any way. They would usually talk to one of their parents, but they can also talk to a teacher, a school nurse, or another adult they can trust. When someone touches them in a way they do not want to be touched, they can tell that person to stop.
2. Most people are only allowed to touch certain parts of their body, like their hands or their shoulders. But NO ONE should touch the private parts of their body unless they are helping you keep these parts healthy. Private areas are those parts of their bodies covered by a swimsuit. If they are touched in a way they do not want to be touched they must tell their parents or an adult they trust. They need to remember that if an adult touches them in a place they do not want to be touched, that adult is wrong. It is never a child's fault when an adult does something wrong.
3. They do not talk to or ride in cars with people they do not know. They do not accept gifts from adults they do not know. When accepting gifts they tell their parents.
4. When they go on field trips, they stay close to each other and they do not wander away from their parents or teachers. They always remember to have permission slips signed by their parents or guardians that allow them to go on field trips. If there is no permission slip, then there is no field trip.
5. If they see a friend doing something that could be bad for their friend, they tell their friend to stop. If he or she keeps doing it, they tell their parents or another adult. If a friend tells them that another person is making him or her feel uncomfortable, confused, or upset in any way, they tell this to an adult who can help, like their parents or a teacher.
6. If someone around them makes them uncomfortable or worried, they should tell their parents or another adult they trust.
7. They do not wander off alone to lonely or secluded places. They always keep an adult they trust within sight. Before they leave the area of the adult in charge, they must ask permission of the adult.
8. They treat other people the way they would want to be treated. They do not treat other people as objects. They do not use other people to get what they want.

WE CAN HELP

To report inappropriate contact of any kind by a representative of the Diocese of Norwich or for assistance to victims, please call: 1.800.624.7407

9 Things Teenagers Can Do To Help Create and Maintain Safe Environments at Church and at School

Laws and rules are at the service of a community as well as individuals. Given the unique needs of children and teenagers in relation to the rest of the Christian community, it is not surprising that in the Church we place the needs of our children and teenagers first. Our laws and rules are at the service of our children and teenagers.

Teenagers can also help create and maintain safe environments. As a teenager, you need to be aware that:

1. *Your body is your own.* No one should touch you in a way you do not want to be touched. If another person touches you inappropriately, that person is wrong and should be reported to the proper authorities.

You *should not accept expensive gifts from non-family members.* You should not accept food, drinks, or rides from people you do not know well.

2. When attending Church functions, expect to be *chaperoned at all times and have behavioral expectations made clear to you.* If this is not occurring, then either the people in charge or your parents must be told. When attending an activity you need to advise the adult(s) in charge before you leave the activity.

3. You must not stay overnight in church-owned or operated facilities without *chaperones and the written permission* of your parents.

4. Adolescents must not bring, consume or abuse *drugs or alcoholic beverages.* Any Church ministers, employees, or volunteers who provide drugs or alcohol to teenagers are *acting illegally* and must be *reported promptly* to both Church and civil authorities.

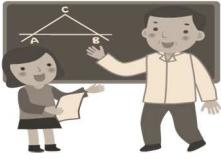
5. *Be cautious* when dealing with *overly friendly adults*, those who place themselves on the same level as adolescents, those who seem to relate better to adolescents than to adults, those who suggest activities of which parents would not approve. Similarly, exercise caution around any adult who takes pictures extensively of adolescents, or offers explicit pornographic materials to teenagers. Such behavior should be reported immediately to parents or other trusted adults. Overlooking or thinking of such behavior as harmless can pose a real threat to everyone in the community.

6. Church personnel have certain limitations on their behavior. Church ministers, workers, and volunteers are not allowed to give expensive gifts to young people. They are not allowed to travel unchaperoned with young people. They are not allowed to touch young people in unacceptable ways. Generally, except in certain limited situations, it is expected that there will be at least two adults present for youth activities. If you observe violations of these rules by Church personnel, you should *report* those violations to your parents or appropriate Church authorities (see *Process of Reporting and Addressing Complaints and Allegations* listed under the section entitled *Enforcement*).

7. *Reporting violations* of this *Pastoral Code of Conduct* may not be an easy or popular thing to do. However, the purpose of this Code of Conduct is to assure the safety of people young and older. The Church personnel who may be disregarding these provisions are wrong and may pose a real threat to the health and safety of others. None of us can look the other way and pretend we do not see what is happening.

8. Discuss with your parents, the *Diocese of Norwich Electronic Communications, Internet and Computer Use Policy.* Abide by this policy.

9. *Strive to live lives of truth, holiness, and virtue*, treating all human beings as human persons and not as objects for gratification, power, or advancement.



Sunday School Begins in October.

TEACHERS ARE NEEDED FOR GRADES 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, & 8. ASSISTANTS ARE NEEDED FOR GRADES 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8. Please give prayerful consideration to volunteering. Class cannot

be held without volunteers.

U-R qualified if you are over 16 and a practicing Catholic who attends weekend Mass. We will help you with the rest of the job and help you to easily get certified to work with our youth

If you could volunteer, please call Jim Hay, the DRE at 860.886.1882 or the parish office at 860.642.6711. Registrations for classes is ongoing.

Dear Parents,

Due to the conditions we have been in and still are in with the Covid-19 pandemic, we are going to have a modified CCD program this year. It will be starting a little later than usual, but I am hoping to begin by the end of September or the first part of October. A schedule will be sent to you in a couple of weeks.

I attended a virtual meeting by John Roberto arranged by Liza Roach from the Office of Faith Formation for the Diocese of Norwich. Mr. Roberto has been working on how we could safely hold CCD classes during this time, and has recommended the plan that we will be using.

The following has been proposed and approved by Father Mark. Grades 1 & 3 would meet every other week and grades 4, 5 & 6 would meet every other week. In other words, grades 1 & 3 would meet one week, and grades 4, 5 & 6 would meet the following week. Grade 2 will meet every week because it is a sacramental preparation class.

Grades 7, 8 & 9 would meet each week, but virtually thru zoom or some other conferencing web site. They would be required to meet once a month in person with their teacher.

This year the Office of Faith Formation has approved home schooling, but grades 2 and 7, 8 & 9 are not approved for home schooling. These are especially important grades due to the preparation for the sacraments of Penance, First Communion and Confirmation. I hope everyone will be able to come as it is particularly important for the children to have social contact even though it is at a distance.

The Covid-19 protocol and the Church protocol will be followed with masks for all and social distancing.

Registration forms have been enclosed with this letter. We need to receive them back as soon as possible so we can begin our CCD program.

I pray that you and your families are well and able to cope with this pandemic. I look forward to seeing all of you again shortly.

Sincerely,

Jim Hay

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DRE