

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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Deacon Michael Puscas



**MASS
INTENTIONS**

Saturday September 19, 2020 St. Januarius, bishop, martyr

5:00 PM +Stanley & Anne Dudar R/b Alicia Lamb

Sunday, September 20, 2020 Twenty-fifth Sunday Ordinary Time

8:00 AM +Betty Therrien R/b her family

10:30 AM +Sierra Sekator Stanton R/b her family

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

Monday September 21, 2020 St. Matthew, apostle, evangelist

NO MASS

Tuesday September 22, 2020 Weekday in Ordinary Time

NO MASS

Wednesday September 23, 2020 St. Pius of Pietrelcina, priest

9:00 AM +Douglas Gardner

Living & Deceased members of the Redick family R/b
I. Boone

Thursday September 24, 2020 Weekday in Ordinary Time

NO MASS

Friday September 25, 2020 Weekday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM Living & deceased members of the Brockington family
R/b I Boone

+Jonathan Cubeta

Saturday September 26, 2020 Sts. Cosmas & Damien, martyrs

5:00 PM +Claude Moore R/b his family

Sunday, September 27, 2020 Twenty-sixth Sunday Ordinary Time

8:00 AM +Abbey Marie Coutu R/b Norm & Ella Mae Kuzel

10:30 AM +John Ely R/b his family

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

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

Offertory September 12th: \$ 2,890.00

Catholic Elementary School: \$ 45.00

Next weekend we will collect envelopes for second collections - building maintenance & 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 September 26 & 27

5:00 pm Lector: Bob Nejako

8:00 am Lector: Rick Kane

10:30am Lector: Don Dubiel

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. Grzegorz Brozonowicz, Rev. Paul Boudreau, Rev. Keith Shuley CDR,CHC, Rev. Edward Dempsey DBA, Rev. William McCarthy MSA, Rev. William Olesik, Rev. John O'Neil MS, Rev. David Zercie MSA, Msgr. Henry Archambault, Rev. Dariusz Dudnik, Rev. Russell Kennedy, Msgr. Leszek Janik, Rev. Ben Vinjoe, Msgr. Richard LaRocque.

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.

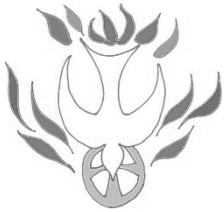


Sunday School Begins in October.

**In order for CCD classes to start
TEACHERS ARE NEEDED FOR**

GRADES 1, 3, 4, 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.**



Congratulations to the following who received their Confirmation on September 19th.

Bridget Holleran Austin

Alexis Grace Boyer

Zachary Scott Bulkovitch

Benjamin Matthew Ceccarelli

Ryan Dungan

Lauren Friedrich

Nina Helen Gardella

Kathleen McCarthy

Joseph Nygren

Shayla Babcock

Erik Rice

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 Lady of Sorrow Icon Workshop

With Deacon Steven DeMartino 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

Amazing Grace: A Calligraphy Adventure

With Kathy Milici Oct 25th - Oct 30th, 2020. Join Kathy on this creative and spiritual journey as we bring Amazing Grace to life! Learn the mysterious and powerful story behind the written words which seem fitting in any age.

Learn more at www.enders.is/amazinggrace

St. Edmund's Retreat
1 Enders Island, PO Box 399
Mystic, CT 06355
(860) 536-0565

Our Deepest Longing day retreats at Holy Family Retreat Center, West Hartford, CT. Join us in exploring that deep longing planted in our hearts by God for peace, wholeness, and relationships that give us joy and lift us up. These retreats are offered on site (40 participants max) as well as on the Zoo platform. Visit our website for dates and additional details: holyfamiliyretreat.org/themed-retreats or call 860.760.9705.



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

Catholic Charities SNAP Enrollment Services

Catholic Charities can assist you with food stamp application and determination. Please call any of our locations to make an appointment. Norwich 860-889-8346, New London 860-443-5328, Middletown 860-346-0060, and Willimantic 860-423-7065.

104th World Day for Migrants and Refugees 2020.

Join us on Sunday, September 27, 3:00 – 4:00-pm for a virtual bilingual Prayer Service as we mark this day with prayer and action for our brothers and sisters, often invisible. This year's theme announced by Pope Francis: Forced life Jesus Christ to flee. To connect: www.facebook.com/pg/Hispanicministrynorwichdiocese. For more information: Sister Mary Jude, scmc, Tele: 860-456-3349.

Norwich Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Annual Layette Program

The Annual Layette program will not be held in the traditional way this year. No program or refreshments. Donations collected will be dropped off at St Sebastian's church in Middletown, on October 17th, 2020. We are collecting **NEW** baby items such as diapers all sizes, baby clothing (sizes 0-3 years old), blankets, etc. All items collected will go to Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Norwich, and will be distributed to Norwich, New London, Middletown and Willimantic. If you haven't already donated, you may leave your items in the collection box located at the side entrance of the church beginning September 12th. Items collected in the Spring will get delivered along with anything else that gets donated. We will be collecting items until **October 16th, 2020**. Any questions please contact Sandra Spedaliere at 860-537-1372. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

A Message from East Catholic High School

If families are not satisfied with their school district's reopening plan, East Catholic is currently accepting applications for a limited number of seats for grades 9, 10 and 11. Please visit www.echs.com for more information.

40 Days for Life campaign will begin with a Vigil Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Tuesday, September 22nd at 7pm. Following Mass, the 40 Days for Life Team will be available to answer any questions and distribute campaign signage and materials. This year The 40 Days for Life Campaign runs from Wednesday September 23rd through November 1st. It is hoped that you will join our Parish by signing up to Peacefully Pray OUTSIDE the Planned Parenthood facility at 12 Case St. in Norwich. Thank you.

RCIA to Begin

If you or a family member or a friend is considering becoming Catholic or learning more about the Catholic faith, the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) will begin on Sunday, September 20 at St. Andrew Church. Classes are held after the 9:30am Mass in the classroom attached to the rectory. All are welcome to learn more and journey deeper into the Catholic faith. For more information or questions, please contact John or Nicole Peck at 860.537.6981 or at jnpeck@mac.com

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

16 Things Employees and Volunteers Can Do To Help Create and Maintain Safe Environments at Church and at School

Employees and volunteers who engage in ministries on behalf of the Church want to teach and guide children and young people as safely and effectively as possible. It does not matter if those in ministry are employees or volunteers, the obligations for providing safe environments are the same. What can we do to assure a safe environment in Catholic churches, schools, and institutions? We can follow the following guidelines.

1. Fulfill the tasks confided to us in a manner that is *respectful* toward others. The pastoral relationship is one that should never be exploited by any minister, employee or volunteer for his or her own benefit. The people we serve have the right to expect that no one will be physically, sexually, or emotionally abused, neglected, or exploited, by Church related personnel.

2. *Be familiar with the Pastoral Code of Conduct of the Diocese of Norwich and abide by its provisions.* Abide by the Diocese of Norwich Electronic Communications, Internet and Computer Use Policy.

3. *Listen attentively* to concerns raised in regard to the *Pastoral Code of Conduct* or compliance with the *Code* and properly address any lack of compliance.

4. It is the goal of all volunteers, official ministers, employees, and contractors to:

- create and maintain safe environments for minors and adults;
- ensure that no minor is alone with an adult and no adult is alone with a minor except in emergency situations or during the Sacrament of penance;
- strive not to place oneself in a vulnerable or unsafe position.

In efforts toward achieving this goal, *adhere to the following principles:*

A. Two adults must be present when working with children or teenagers. As a rule, both must have read and agreed to abide by the Pastoral Code of Conduct, be aware of and know how to create and/or maintain a safe environment for children and adults, and have undergone comprehensive screening. If this is not possible, then adults should be paired so that one adult always has the requisite commitment, training, and screening.

B. All adults on an overnight trip must be screened and trained. Chaperones must be adults over the age of 21 years. The initial one to ten youths should be chaperoned by no less than two adults. For each additional ten youth, there must be at least one additional adult. Chaperones

should be in proportion to the gender breakdown of the youth participants attending the event.

C. When more than two adults are required by the nature of an activity (e.g., dance, field trip, etc.), adults should be *paired* so that one adult always has the *requisite commitment, training, and screening*.

D. When the presence of two adults is not possible, such as medical emergencies, urgent or emergency situations, sacramental confession, or counseling and spiritual direction, *other safe environment measures* should be utilized, such as *remaining visible* to another adult or assuring that the adult involved has the *requisite commitment, training and screening*.

E. Adult leaders should *know the location* of the young people confided to their care immediately before, during, and after any Church-sponsored activity.

F. When transporting children and/or teenagers, drivers are required to submit to a State of Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles record check, as part of their comprehensive screening. In light of this, it is strongly recommended that professional bus companies be used for transporting minors whenever possible. Policy, forms and procedures can be found in the Diocese of Norwich Comprehensive Screening Policy.

G. No Religious Education classes are to take place in private homes.

H. No parish activities are to take place in private homes unless safe environments screened and trained chaperones are present. These activities must always be supervised by a screened and trained individual.

In certain instances, exceptions to the above principles may be granted by the Office for Safe Environments after an application for an exception is placed with this office.

5. *Signed parental consent forms* are a necessity when transporting young people as part of a School or Church group. Similarly, each minor must have a consent form/permission slip signed by his or her parent or guardian to participate in a youth activity.

Any *travel* with an unrelated child (or children) by authorized School or Church-related personnel may only occur when it is part of a School or Church-sponsored, chaperoned activity, with the express written permission of the young person's parents, when there is a second adult in the same vehicle and when diocesan transportation policies are followed.

6. *Minors ministering to or working with other minors* must be supervised by at least one adult who has the requisite commitment, training, and screening. It is strongly recommended that two adults be present during such activities and/or ministries.

7. *Touching* must be appropriate and initiated by the person being ministered to. In certain very visible situations, age-appropriate touching may be initiated by the minister, such as shaking hands before and after Mass. Otherwise unacceptable behavior does not become acceptable if it is done by a minor to an adult. The adult has the obligation to stop the behavior and counsel the minor as to the proper behavior. The adult must also report any such incident to his/her supervisor.

8. Ministers, employees, and volunteers must refrain from giving, or receiving, *expensive gifts* to, or from, young people without express parental consent.

9. *Under no circumstances* may an unrelated young person *stay overnight* in a rectory.

10. The use of *illegal drugs*, or misuse of over-the-counter or prescription drugs by Church related personnel is strictly prohibited. Church ministers, employees, or volunteers who provide, share, or offer illegal drugs, controlled substances, or alcohol, to young people will be terminated and removed from office or ministry and must be reported to the proper civil and church authorities.

11. *Boundaries* between personal/living space and public space must be clear and maintained at all times. As a rule, personal living space in rectories is not to be used for parish/school ministries or functions involving minors and or vulnerable individuals. No religious education classes are to take place in private homes.

12. *Proper behavioral expectations* of minors under age eighteen must be communicated to them prior to the start of the activity.

Private conversations with young people should be considered confidential except insofar as may be necessary to fulfill diocesan and state mandated reporting requirements and/or to protect or save someone's life.

13. *Discipline* in Catholic parishes, schools and institutions should respect the dignity of each child. It is not acceptable to strike, spank, shake or slap a child. When it is necessary to discipline a child, such discipline should be *thoughtful, measured and restrained*.

14. *Visiting lay people* performing any church-sponsored function, at which minors will be present, are to be supervised by a person who is screened and trained according to diocesan safe environment policies.

The parish, school, institution or ministry sponsoring the event will be responsible for assigning a screened and trained individual to the visitor.

It is not necessary to inform the Office for Safe Environments, about the event, unless you wish the office to verify screening and training.

15. In the event of *visiting priests, deacons and seminarians* you must notify the Office of the Vicar for Clergy that a cleric will be visiting the diocese and for what purpose or event, as a Statement of Suitability is required.

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