

## St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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Deacon Michael Puscas



**MASS  
INTENTIONS**

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

Monday September 28, 2020 St. Wenceslaus, martyr, saint

Lawrence Ruiz & companions, martyrs

NO MASS

Tuesday September 29, 2020 Sta. Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael,

Archangels

NO MASS

Wednesday September 30, 2020 St. Jerome, priest & doctor of

the Church

9:00 AM Poor Souls in Purgatory especially those who have no one to pray for them

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

Thursday October 1, 2020 St. Therese of the Child Jesus, virgin, doctor of the Church

NO MASS

Friday October 2, 2020 Holy Guardian Angels

9:00 AM Kim & Ceara Concannon R/b Pam Roberts

Rev. Frank W. McKenna

Saturday October 3, 2020 Weekday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM +Jim Piro R/b the Knights of Columbus

Sunday, October 4, 2020 Twenty-seventh Sunday Ordinary Time

8:00 AM +Frank & Viola Smutko R/b their family

10:30 AM +Arthur Choquette R/b his family

1:00 PM Blessing of Animals

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

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

Offertory September 20th: \$ 1,919.00

This weekend we will collect envelopes for second collections - building maintenance & extraordinary expenses.

Next weekend's second collection is for the Diocesan Cradle Fund.

**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 October 3 & 4

5:00 pm Lector: Steve Wengloski

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

1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Miles N. Snelgrove USMC 2<sup>nd</sup> Batt. 6<sup>th</sup> Marines

1<sup>st</sup> 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

1<sup>st</sup> 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.

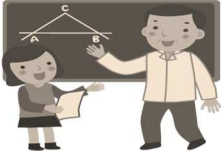
**APOSTOLATE OF PRAYER** — We pray Rev. Bijoy Joseph CST, Rev. Joseph Ashe, Rev. George Busto CO, Rev. Christopher Zmuda, Rev. Luis Agudelo, V. Rev. Gregory Calvin, Rev. Mark Masnicki, Rev. William Flynn, Rev. Bogdan Olzacki OSPPE, Rev. Stephen Gulino, V. Rev. Laurence LaPointe, Msgr. Kevin Randall, Rev. Thomas Smith.

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.

## **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

The next First Fridays one hour Blessed Sacrament Adoration is on October 2nd from 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM. Please come and visit our Lord Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament for the whole hour or any time during the adoration.



## 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.**

### 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.

**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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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: [holyfamilyretreat.org/themed-retreats](http://holyfamilyretreat.org/themed-retreats) or call 860.760.9705.

### 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](https://www.facebook.com/pg/Hispanicministrynorwichdiocese). For more information: Sister Mary Jude, scmc, Tele: 860-456-3349.

### 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](http://www.echs.com) for more information.

**40 Days for Life** campaign runs from Wednesday September 23<sup>rd</sup> through November 1<sup>st</sup>. 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.

**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.

**RCIA HAS BEGUN.**

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](mailto:jnpeck@mac.com)

CRADLE FUND for the Diocese of Norwich will be taken up next weekend on Respect Life Sunday October 3 & 4. This is the 43 year that the Cradle Fund has been taken up to assist needy expectant mothers in caring for their unborn or newly born children. It also provides financial support or birthright programs. Please give as generously as you are able to support this pro-life collection.

**2020 Norwich Diocesan Women's Conference October 24, 220 from 9:00am to 12:30am. This will be a virtual conference.**

Keynote Speaker is Danielle Bean, author of *...You Are Enough: What Women of the Bible Teach You about Your Mission and Worth*. Guest speakers: Sr. Elissa Rinere, C.P. Lisa Gulino, D. Min., Holy Apostles Seminary. Basket Raffle will be virtual. **If you already registered for the 2020 Women's Conference that was scheduled for March 28, 2020, you will automatically be e-mailed a link to the virtual conference.** If you would like to register go to: [www.norwichdiocese.org/Find/Ministries/Faith-Events](http://www.norwichdiocese.org/Find/Ministries/Faith-Events). Tickets are \$30. For more information please contact the Office of Faith Events at 860.848.2237 ext. 304 or 203.

**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

**Safe Environments in the Diocese of Norwich**

Safe *Environments* refers to environments that are created and maintained in an effort to provide children, young people, ministers, and other people with the safest possible place in which to minister, study, and work.

The Diocese of Norwich and its parishes, schools, and other affiliated institutions is committed to providing safe environments for children, young people, and adults.

To assist in creating and maintaining safe environments, Bishop Michael R. Cote has established the Office for Safe Environments. The responsibilities of this office include overseeing the creation and implementation of safe environments programs and policies. In the Diocese of Norwich, there are six components to the safe environments programs and policies:

1. Awareness and Education

In creating any safe environment, awareness and education are essential.

The Diocese has chosen the Praesidium programs *Armatus* online and *Called to Protect* as two of the avenues for raising awareness regarding the issue of child sexual abuse and how to prevent it. *Called to Protect* is a video-based and discussion-oriented program, and *Armatus* is online training. Both of these programs provide a foundational understanding of the risks, warning signs, and appropriate responses to child sexual abuse. It also discusses preventive strategies and how to implement them.

All priests, deacons, ministry leaders, and employees and volunteers who interact with children and teenagers on a regular basis have an obligation to attend this program.

In addition to these two programs, the Diocese has embarked upon several initiatives to raise awareness and increase education in regard to safe environments. These initiatives include:

- the writing and distribution of pamphlets, bulletin inserts, and other educational materials;
- Articles in the *Four County Catholic*;
- postings on the diocesan website ([www.norwichdiocese.org](http://www.norwichdiocese.org));
- other programs and forums determined by the Office for Safe Environments.

2. The Pastoral Code of Conduct

The *Pastoral Code of Conduct* is a set of guidelines for all Catholics to follow in creating and maintaining safe environments. It also includes provisions for addressing a lack of compliance with the *Pastoral Code of Conduct* and referrals in how to report sexual misconduct.

3. Electronics Communication and Computer Use Policy

The proper relationship between adults and minors can easily become confused because of the easy, informal, and at times anonymous nature of many forms of electronic communication. Adults must make sure that their use of electronic communication maintains a proper professional relationship with minors, and does not create or give the appearance of an inappropriate relationship, or encourage inappropriate behavior. In using electronic communications, proper and healthy boundaries between adults and minors must always be maintained.

#### 4. Comprehensive Screening

Comprehensive screening refers to the screening process for employees, volunteers, and contractors affiliated with the Diocese of Norwich. It includes:

- a written application form with signed statement by the employee, volunteer, or contractor;
- checks of references listed on an application form;
- a personal interview with employee, contractor, or volunteer;
- observations of the person's conduct;
- a criminal background check of the contractor, volunteer, or employee.

#### 5. Sexual Misconduct Policy

The *Sexual Misconduct Policy* of the Diocese of Norwich addresses child sexual abuse and other issues of sexual misconduct by priests, deacons, employees, volunteers, and contractors of the Diocese of Norwich. It describes how to report allegations of sexual misconduct and how the Diocese will respond to allegations. This policy complies with the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, which was drafted by the United State Conference of Catholic Bishops in June of 2002.

#### 6. Practical Matters and Other Concerns

This component addresses practical matters that arise during awareness and education sessions and the implementation of comprehensive screening, the *Pastoral Code of Conduct*, and other safe environments measures. Practical matters and concerns include such things as safe environments conditions of usage for the use of parish facilities by people outside of the parish and resolving conflicts between diocesan safe environments policies and other professional codes of ethics and conduct.

*Your help is needed!*

Creating and maintaining safe environments for children and young people is not the responsibility of one or two people. Each and every person can assist in providing safe environments for all of God's children. In fact, for these initiatives to be truly successful, we need the help and assistance of all Catholics. To find out how you can help in creating and maintaining safe environments for all of God's children, contact your local parish, school, or Catholic institution or contact the Office for Safe Environments.

#### **Safe Environments Abuse Prevention Training**

In the Diocese of Norwich, all volunteers who have regular contact with minors, all employees, all clergy, and all religious, are required to complete safe environments training. This training is also available to any parishioner, or parent of a parochial school child, regardless of whether or not they wish to volunteer at their parish or school.

The Diocese of Norwich offers two Praesidium programs. Both cover the same material, just in different formats. You can take the on-line program, Armatus, or attend a one-time DVD presentation, Called to Protect.

Due to the current pandemic, the in person Called to Protect in person training classes have been postponed. Armatus is available and the preferred training at this time. As soon as in person gatherings are permitted, Called to Protect in person training will resume.

Please contact Cheryl in the Parish Office in order to be enrolled, or for more information. Our children's safety is the responsibility of all Catholics.

**GUARDIAN ANGELS:** *No evil shall befall you, nor shall affliction come near your tent, for to His Angels God has given command about you, that they guard you in all your ways. Upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.*

Psalm 91: 10-12 A heavenly spirit assigned by God to watch over each of us during our lives. The doctrine of angels is part of the Church's tradition. The role of the guardian angel is both to guide us to good thoughts, works and words, and to preserve us from evil. Since the 17th century the Church has celebrated a feast honoring them in October throughout the Universal Church. Since the last calendar revision this feast is Oct 2.

He has charged His angels with the ministry of watching and safeguarding every one of His creatures that behold not His face. Kingdoms have their angels assigned to them, and men have their angels; these latter it is to whom religion designates the Holy Guardian Angels. Our Lord says in the Gospel, "Beware lest ye scandalize any of these little ones, for their angels in heaven see the face of My Father." The existence of Guardian Angels, is, hence a dogma of the Christian faith: this being so, what ought not our respect be for that sure and holy intelligence that is ever present at our side; and how great our solicitude be, lest, by any act of ours, we offend those eyes which are ever bent upon us in all our ways! (Catholic on line)

**21 September 2020**

**Dear Parents,**

**I would like to up-date you on our CCD program for this year.**

**As of this date we are still lacking teachers for the 1st, 3rd, 4th, 6th and 8th grades.**

**Due to Covid-19, we are going to do virtual training through Zoom and will begin October 4 with those classes who have teachers (Grades 2, 5, 7 & 9).**

**Registrations are slowly being received. We are in need of teachers for grades 1, 3, 4, 6, & 8. Assistants to all grades are also needed.**

**I believe we all agree that it is extremely important for our Children to learn about their faith. If no one will step up to teach the grades without teachers by the middle of October, parents will be asked to home school their children.**

**We all have been through a lot this year, but we can overcome this pandemic and hopefully get back to normal soon.**

**God Bless all of you and Stay Safe.**

*Jim Hay*

**DRE**

**St. Francis of Assisi –**  
**Born 1181 - Died 1226**  
**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**

All pets accompanied by their owners (young & old) will be welcomed at St. Francis of Assisi Parish's Annual Blessing of the Animals to be held on Sunday, October 4, 2020 at 1:00pm, gathering near the Statue of Saint Francis in front of the Church. Please wear you face mask and respect social distancing.

**All pets MUST be leashed or cage**

