

## St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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**MASS  
INTENTIONS**

Saturday October 3, 2020 Blessed Virgin Mary  
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

Monday October 5, 2020 Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, priest  
NO MASS

Tuesday October 6, 2020 St. Bruno, priest; Bl. Marie Rose  
Durocher, virgin

NO MASS

Wednesday October 7, 2020 Our Lady of the Rosary

9:00 AM Living & Deceased members of the Maloney family R/b  
I. Boone

Thursday October 8, 2020 Weekday in Ordinary Time

NO MASS

Friday October 9, 2020 St. Denis bishop & companions, martyrs:  
St. John Leonardi, priest

9:00 AM Living & deceased victims of addiction R/b Pam  
Roberts

Saturday October 10, 2020 Blessed Virgin Mary

5:00 PM

Sunday, October 11, 2020 Twenty-eighth Sunday Ordinary Time

8:00 AM +Scott Michael Dyer R/b the Dyer family

10:30 AM +Robert Biolsi R/b The Meline 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 27th: \$ 1,193.00

Building Maintenance for September: \$ 364.00

Extraordinary for September: \$ 374.00

Today's second collection is for the Diocesan Cradle Fund.

Next weekend's second collection is the Mission Combined collection.

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 10 & 11

5:00 pm Lector: Richard Lataille

8:00 am Lector: Kathy Pellerin

10:30am Lector: Paul Pelletier

### Military Service Honor Roll

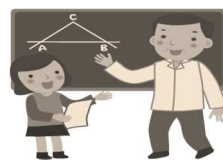
LCPL Alex Bielawa, U.S. Marines  
Lt. Colonel William J. Girard, U.S. Army  
Sgt. Derek Keegan, U.S. Army  
Major Michael A. Goba, U.S. Army JAG  
E-5 Francis Orcutt, U.S. Army  
HMC Heather S. Gardipee, U.S. Navy  
Pvt. Zachary Berquist, U.S. Army  
Pvt. First Class Jacob Grzanowicz  
SFC Justin A. VonEdwins, U.S. Army  
Sgt. Robert Massicotte U.S. Army  
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 Our Holy Father, Rev. Edward Wisneski, Rev. John Antonelle, Rev. Joseph DeCosta, V/ Rev. David Choquette, Rev. Thomas Angelo, Rev. Stanley Szczapa, Rev. John Gallagher OFM Cap, Msgr. Michael Donohue, Rev. Joseph Castaldi, Rev. Aguirre Palacio, Rev. Richard Sliwinski, Rev. Victor Chaker.

Glory to the Blood of Jesus!



**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 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 Zoom platform.

Visit our website for dates and additional details: [holyfamilyretreat.org/themed-retreats](http://holyfamilyretreat.org/themed-retreats) or call 860.760.9705.

**East Catholic High School** is currently accepting applications for a limited number of seats for grades 9, 10, & 11, for the current school year, as well as applications for the 2021-2022. Please visit [www.echs.com](http://www.echs.com) for more information. Additionally, East Catholic is pleased to offer family tours. For an appointment, please go to [calendly.com/echstours](http://calendly.com/echstours).

### **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)

### **How to be a Better Catholic**

With Fr. Norman Bolton Wednesday, October 14th, 2020. The presentations will incorporate some ideas from Matthew Kelly's book, "The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic." Don't let the title (Dynamic) discourage anyone. Concrete and down-to-earth examples will be offered. This day could be a renewal and a better relationship with God and one another. Learn more at [www.enders.is/catholicdor](http://www.enders.is/catholicdor)

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

**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 this 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.

**The Mission Combined Collection will be held next weekend.** Your contribution will provide assistance to the World Mission Appeal, U.S. Bishop's Appeal for Latin America, Black and Indian Missions, and the Catholic Home Mission Appeal. Registered parishioners should have received information in the mail about this collection. Additional brochures and gift envelopes are available in church. Please read this material and bring your gift envelope to Mass next weekend, October 10/11, 2020.

**Eucharistic Holy Hour** at St. Thomas Aquinas, Storrs from 6:00pm – 7:00pm. Come join in praying for vocations with Bishop Cote. Come pray for those who are called to priestly or consecrated religious life. Pray for our seminarians and those in the process of applying to the Diocese. Join our Diocesan Prayer Team for Vocations by emailing the vocation office for more information at [vocations@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:vocations@norwichdiocese.net) and check out our website at [god-calls.com](http://god-calls.com).

### **WALK FOR HUNGER**

This October, help us fight hunger across Norwich! Get a team together, and we'll send you envelopes to gather pledges for your walk. Enjoy your own group walk while employing social distancing. Help to raise money for St Vincent de Paul and the Norwich Community Meal.

**When: October 18**

**Where: All Across Norwich!**

**To register a team, or to find out more, contact Rev. Sam Chesser. Email: [sechese@gmail.com](mailto:sechese@gmail.com)  
Phone Number: 860-215-1229**

**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 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.

2020 ACA Update: 9/25/2020: **Saint Francis Parish** has donated 76.84% or \$15,815.93 of its goal, and 12.34% of our parishioners have donated. We are striving for as close to 100% participation as possible.

With your donation, our ACA supported ministries do the work of Christ every day. From a client of St. Vincent de Paul, "St. Vincent has been my lifeline through all of this. It's been one thing after another getting me down, but St. Vincent's food and support keeps picking me up." 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](http://www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org).

**Thank you to everyone for your support!**

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

**Diocese of Norwich: Sexual Abuse & Sexual Misconduct Reporting Procedures** *Sexual Misconduct*

It is contrary to the policy of the Diocese of Norwich for any priest, religious, or lay person, either employed by, volunteering for, or otherwise engaged in ministry in the Diocese, to engage in sexual conduct which is unlawful or contrary to the moral teachings of the Roman Catholic Church.

To enforce this policy and to prevent future incidents, we need the help of victims, their families and friends, and other concerned people to tell us when such misconduct may have occurred, even though it is sometimes not easy to come forward with allegations.

Victims, survivors, family members – indeed, each and every person, has the right – and an obligation – to report suspected or actual abuse to appropriate civil authorities before calling the diocesan reporting line when appropriate.

**Getting Help**

It is important that those affected by sexual misconduct obtain help immediately. We encourage victims and their families to utilize the services of an experienced victims' service agency staffed with personnel who can assist them and who can also assist victims and families wishing to make a complaint against diocesan personnel. Victims and families may also wish to seek the assistance of experienced mental health professionals.

To assist those affected by sexual misconduct by an employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Norwich, the Diocese makes available the services of the Assistance Coordinator. This person helps those victims and families find the assistance they need for healing. The Assistance Coordinator can be contacted by calling the diocesan reporting line listed below.

**Reporting**

If you know of an emergency situation in which abuse or assault is occurring or has just occurred, call the police immediately.

To report allegations of sexual misconduct involving a minor under age eighteen and an employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Norwich, or its parishes, schools, or institutions, call the DCF Hotline at 1-800-842-2288 and then call the reporting line of the Office of Internal Affairs at 1-800-624-7407.

To report allegations of criminal or illegal sexual misconduct involving an adult and an employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Norwich, or its parishes, schools, or institutions, call the police and then call the reporting line of the Office of Internal Affairs.

To report allegations of sexual misconduct that are not illegal and involve an adult and an employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Norwich, or its parishes, schools, or institutions, call the reporting line of the Office of Internal Affairs.

To file a written complaint alleging sexual misconduct against an employee, minister, or volunteer of, or in, the Diocese of Norwich, call the reporting line of the Office of Internal Affairs.

After you call the diocesan reporting line, you will be sent information on the diocesan procedures and a complaint form for you to complete, sign, and return to the Office of Internal Affairs. If you are not able to file a written incident report form, the Office of Internal Affairs will help you file a written report. No information regarding the incident will be sought or received on the telephone. If you are upset, confused, or in immediate need of help, please contact a crisis hotline immediately.

If you believe that there is a current danger to other people, call the State or local police.

**Diocesan Procedures**

When your complaint is received, the Office of Internal Affairs, if criminal behavior is alleged, will send the matter to the Connecticut Department of Children and Families (DCF) and/or to the State's Attorney in the jurisdiction where the incident occurred. If the matter appears to be non-criminal, the Office of Internal Affairs will conduct an investigation. This means that the person making the complaint may be questioned further about it. It also means that the person against whom the complaint is

being made will be made aware of the allegation and questioned about it.

The results of every investigation will be brought to the Diocesan Review Board and to the Bishop. If there appears to be some substance to the allegation, the worker or volunteer against whom the complaint was made will be removed from ministry and/or diocesan employment, and the Assistance Coordinator of the Diocese will work with victims to help them obtain counseling and other professional help.

If complainants are dissatisfied with the functioning of the Diocesan Review Board, they may file a complaint with the Policy Review Board. The Policy Review Board reviews and evaluates the functioning of the Office of Internal Affairs and the Diocesan Review Board and makes recommendations for changes in policy. At each point in the procedures, every attempt will be made to respect the privacy of the parties involved but this cannot always be assured.

**SEEKING - PARISH ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Consideration for candidates to the Parish Advisory Council:

- (a) Active parishioners are eligible.
- (b) Parishioners may nominate any interested parishioner, including themselves.
- (c) Must be a Roman Catholic.
- (d) Must be a practicing Catholic in accordance of Canon Law.
- (e) Must be Confirmed (meaning, has received the Sacrament of Confirmation).

A parishioner desiring to serve on the Parish Advisory Council should be nominated by making his or her interest known to the Pastor. The Pastor will verify and confirm that such individual is eligible and is a Catholic in good standing.

Council meets the first Wednesday at 6:30pm in the meeting room every other month September thru May. Meetings usually last 1 hour.

**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.



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