

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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Deacon Michael Puscas



**MASS
INTENTIONS**

Saturday October 10, 2020 Blessed Virgin Mary

5:00 PM Dave & Edith Perotti R/b their family

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

Monday October 12, 2020 Weekday in Ordinary Time Columbus Day

NO MASS

Tuesday October 13, 2020 Weekday in Ordinary Time

NO MASS

Wednesday October 14 St. Callistus, pope, martyr, 2020 Our

Lady of the Rosary

9:00 AM Poor souls in purgatory R/b Pam Roberts

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

Thursday October 15, 2020 St. Teresa of Jesus, virgin, doctor of the Church

NO MASS

Friday October 16, 2020 St. Hedwig, religious; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, virgin

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

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

Saturday October 17, 2020 St. Ignatius of Antioch, bishop, martyr

5:00 PM

Sunday, October 18, 2020 Twenty-ninth Sunday Ordinary Time

8:00 AM +Deceased members of the Clinch & Kuzel R/b Norm &
Ella Mae Kuzel

10:30 AM +Antoine & Maurice Soucy R/b their family

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

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

Offertory Oct. 4: \$ 2,501.00

Cradle Fund: \$ 272.00

Today's second collection is for the Mission Combined collection.

Next weekend's second collection is for monthly 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 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

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

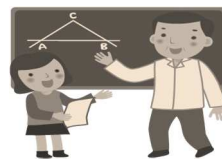
1st Lt. Tyler McGuire, U.S. Air Force

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 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 has begun

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

**GRADES 1, 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.**

Wear a facemask

Sanitize your hands

Maintain social distancing

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: holyfamiyretreat.org/themed-retreats or call 860.760.9705.

East Catholic is currently accepting applications for the 2021-22. Please visit echs.com for more information. Also, we are offering family tours. For an appointment, please go to: calendly.com/echstours In lieu of Open House we are extending an invitation to ZOOM Information Session which will take place on October 22 at 5:30 pm. Please inquire at: <https://www.echs.com/Admissions-Process> and you will receive the information about the admissions process, as well as the invitation to the ZOOM session.

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

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.

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
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

Watercolor Whimsy

With Kathy Irr

Sunday, October 18th, 2020

Painting can be meditative when we lose ourselves in the creativity, shapes, and colors of a project rather than worrying about perfection. During this day we'll pray and play together. You will discover simple techniques for creating a personal reflection journal filled with positive reminders and affirmations to nourish the soul.

Learn more at www.enders.is/watercolorwhimsy

Transforming Your Suffering

with Rev. Thomas Lynch & Barbara Mariconda

Wednesday, October 28th, 2020

At some point, all of us will be faced with suffering. How can we deal with the challenges that we are confronted with as we walk this path of suffering together? Father Thomas Lynch and Barbara Mariconda lead this session in which they'll explore what this "path of suffering" entails and how the way in which we choose to walk it can radically change the experience.

Learn more at www.enders.is/transformdor

St. Edmund's Retreat

1 Enders Island, PO Box 399

Mystic, CT 06355

(860) 536-0565

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.

Tickets are \$30. For more information please contact the Office of Faith Events at 860.848.2237 ext. 304 or 203.

Eucharistic Holy Hour October 15, 2020 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 and check out our website at god-calls.com.

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.
Thank you to everyone for your support!

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.

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

Phone Number: 860-215-1229

Mercy High School Virtual Open House for Middle School and Transfer Students Achieve MORE...Learn MORE... Succeed MORE...Be MORE at Mercy!

Sunday, November 1, 2020 1:00 pm
www.mercyhigh.com Mercy will hold an open house for middle school student and high school students considering a transfer, as a virtual experience. Attendees will have the opportunity to speak with current Mercy students, faculty, administration, and coaches, while exploring all the programs Mercy has to offer—from academics to athletics, service opportunities to clubs and activities. Pre online registration is required. In addition to our virtual open house, we invite you to take a tour of our campus! In-person or virtual tours available anytime by appointment. For more information and to register, please visit www.mercyhigh.com

Entrance Exam for the Class of 2025 Mercy High School Saturday, November 7, 2020 & Saturday, November 14, 2020
1740 Randolph Road Middletown, CT 8:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. Pre-register at www.mercyhigh.com **In-person and virtual options**

The Mission Combined Collection this weekend supports missionary works in Latin America, Asia, Africa and parts of the United States. Generous gifts made to today's Collection will fund catechesis, seminarian formation and pastoral programs for the Church in Latin America, assist poor mission dioceses here at home in the United States by funding essential ministries, including seminary education and lay ministry training with the Catholic Home Missions Appeal, help proclaim the Gospel and offer hope in countries devastated by war or natural disasters through the World Mission Appeal, and provide grants to dioceses to operate schools, parishes and other missionary services that build the Body of Christ in Native American, Alaska Native, and African-American Catholic communities. Please give today with a joyful and generous heart. Your support will truly make a difference.

Saint of the Day: Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska : A Sister of Our Lady of Mercy, Saint Maria Faustina was blessed with unique messages from Christ concerning his mercy and forgiveness. These messages came at a time when many people viewed God as a strict judge. Like Pope Francis, Saint Faustina emphasized the mercy of God. She died in 1938, and was canonized in 2000: a truly modern saint.

Scripture Quote of the Day: Proverbs 8: 17-21. Those who love me I also love, and those who seek me find me. With me are riches and honor, wealth that endures, and righteousness. My fruit is better than gold, even pure gold, and my yield than choice silver. On the way of righteousness I walk, along the paths of justice, granting wealth to those who love me, and filling their treasuries.

Story of the Day: It took me about eight months to kind of regroup myself," she told TODAY, "and then I got it in my head, 'Okay, I'm blind. Now what am I going to do with my life?'" A Long Island native, Pagonis practically grew up in the water. She'd taken up competitive freestyle swimming just a few months prior to going totally blind. While she excelled at the sport even with limited vision, an "abusive team" atmosphere prompted her to quit competition. Losing her sight so close on the heels of giving up the pastime she loved took a heavy emotional toll. After months of therapy, the tenacious teen was ready to get back in the swim—only swimming wasn't enough for Pagonis. She wanted to compete. Now she was faced with another dilemma. "Nobody wanted to train the blind girl," she recalled in an interview with TEAM USA. "I ended up after about eight months finding an amazing coach who was willing to train me and actually put on blackout goggles to try to figure out a way for me to swim." By the age of 16, Pagonis was earning a reputation as a fierce competitor, taking two gold medals at the World Para Swimming World Series in Australia. Even with her newfound sense of accomplishment, Pagonis was reticent at first to tap into social media. When Pagonis realized her experiences and positive outlook might be a boon to others, however, she eagerly donned the mantle of role model. "I want to help people the way that I needed help," Pagonis told TEAM USA. "I started doing Instagram and social media and was soon getting a bunch of (direct messages) and replies saying, 'Wow you really helped me get through little things,' or, 'I was getting bullied in school and you helped me get through that,' or, 'You let me know how much I was worth.'" Back in the water, Pagonis was truly in her element. "It's my happy place," she told TODAY. "It's the place where I feel like I don't have a disability and I feel like that's the only place where I feel free. When I dive in the water, it's just me in the pool and I feel such a connection with it."

When I opened my bags, I busted out crying!"

'The amount (of groceries) was overwhelming and such a relief to my mind. We appreciate it all so very much.'

Comments like this are what keeps Catholic Charities committed to serving those most in need in our communities. We have seen an increase in rental & utility assistance of 99% and a 181% increase in infant needs! Want to help? Catholic Charities is in need of, baby items such as diapers & wipes, monetary donations of any size, toiletries and non-perishable food. Visit cfsn.org or call us at 860-889-8346 for more information.

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.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES?

Would you like to receive offertory envelopes? The rectory has received a number of inquiries regarding how an individual can receive them. Please fill out this form and within a few weeks they will be sent to you. If you have any questions, please call the rectory at 642-6711. Thank you!

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Office for Safe Environments: The Diocesan Policy Review Board has recently revised the following diocesan policies:

- Pastoral Code of Conduct
- Sexual Misconduct Policy
- Comprehensive Screening Policy
- Electronic Communications, Internet, and Computer Use Policies.

Copies are available in the parish office or on the diocesan website:

<http://norwichdiocese.org/Find/Diocesan-Offices/Safe-Environments>, on Praesidium's

Armatus program, and from the Office for Safe Environments 860.848.2237 ext. 212 or ose@norwichdiocese.net

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 COVID-19 the DVD presentation is not available at this time.

Please contact Cheryl in the parish office (860.642.6711) in order to be enrolled, or for more information.

Our children's safety is the responsibility of all Catholics.

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

All Souls envelopes available at Church entrances. Please return by Sunday, October 25th.