

## St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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Deacon Michael Puscas



**MASS  
INTENTIONS**

Saturday October 24, 2020 St. Anthony Mary Claret, bishop

5:00 PM +Irene Wengloski req. by her family

Sunday, October 25, 2020 Thirtieth Sunday Ordinary Time

8:00 AM +Anthony Cosentino R/b the Dyer family

10:30 AM +Greg Poynter R/b the Meline family

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

Monday October 26, 2020 Weekday in Ordinary Time

NO MASS

Tuesday October 27, 2020 Weekday in Ordinary Time

NO MASS

Wednesday October 28, 2020 Sts. Simon & Jude, apostles

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

Thursday October 29, 2020 Weekday in Ordinary Time

NO MASS

Friday October 30, 2020 Weekday in Ordinary Time

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

Saturday October 31, 2020 Blessed Virgin Mary

5:00 PM

Sunday, November 1, 2020 Solemnity of All Saints

8:00 AM +John Walden R/b the Kuzel family

10:30 AM 52nd Wedding Anniversary Paul & Christine Pelletier

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

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

Offertory Oct. 18: \$ 1220.32

Extraordinary: \$ 274.00

Today's second collection is for building maintenance.

Next weekend's second collections are for All Saints and for St. Bernard's School

**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 31 & November 1

5:00 pm Lector: Carole Briggs

8:00 am Lector: Jim Dyer

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 for all priests, Rev. John Walsh MS, Rev. Gregoire Fluet, Rev. George Villamthanam CST, Rev. Michael Phillippino, Rev. Patrick Martin, Rev. D. Scott Surrency CFM Cap, Rev. Patrick McCorry, Msgr. Anthony Rosaforte, Rev. Alfred Irving, V. Rev. Richard Ricard, Rev. Christopher Feeney, Rev. Thomas Sickler MS.

Glory to the Blood of Jesus!

**Wear a facemask**

**Sanitize your hands**

**Maintain social distancing**

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

### **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION ~ Saint Francis**

The next First Fridays one hour Blessed Sacrament Adoration is on November 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **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.

**St. Vincent de Paul Place's community meals program increased 26% since the COVID-19 shut down began and our food pantry sign ups have increased 31%. We have not missed a day or a meal since the shutdown. On the 16<sup>th</sup> day of September, we distributed a record 8,134 meals. The increase in need from the pandemic grows daily. We rely on your donations to continue this work. You can find out more and donate at [svdpp.org](http://svdpp.org). Checks can be mailed to SVDPP, 120 Cliff St. Norwich, CT 06360. Questions, call 860.889.7374. Every donation large or small is appreciated!**

**On behalf of the thousands served by St. Vincent de Paul Place, thank you for your support.**

*You saw me hungry and fed me.  
One of the Seven Corporal Works of Mercy*

### **Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center**

**31 Colton Street, Farmington, CT**

[olcretreat@sbcglobal.net](mailto:olcretreat@sbcglobal.net) 860.677.8519

**Spirituality and Art: Eaten by God:** This in-person program at our Lady of Calvary on Oct. 28 @ 9:00am – 12:00 noon will be conducted in adherence to all Covid-19 safety guidelines and is limited to 25 participants.

**Zoom: Silence With-in** – An at home four day guided retreat based on Sacred Scripture. Nov. 5-8 on Zoom

### **Upcoming Events at Mercy High School**

**Open House 2020** - Mercy will hold its open house as a virtual experience this year. 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, to service opportunities to clubs and activities. Advanced 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!***

**"Mercy Girl for a Day" Visits:** Mercy Girl for a Day has been revamped for the 2020-2021 school year to meet the Mercy High School COVID Management Plan. We are now offering the "Inside Look" Program. This program is for 8th grade students who are interested in learning what a day at Mercy High School is like. Space is limited to three students per day. The day will begin at 8 a.m. and will conclude after lunch at 11:45 a.m. The day will consist of three 30 minute classes, advisor group with a Mercy Ambassador, a tour of our campus and lunch in our cafeteria.

***"Mornings at Mercy!"*** – Select dates now through May from 8:30 – 10:30 a.m. - For families and students to meet with student ambassadors, faculty, school guidance counselors, and administrators, tour the campus and grab a snack in the Mercy Commons Cafeteria. ***Virtual Options Available.***

You can also find all of the above forms and information on our website at <https://www.mercyhigh.com>. Please feel free to contact me with any questions. Thank you!

**Entrance Exam Dates** - Saturday, November 7 & Saturday, November 14, from 8:00 - 11:15 a.m. The exam will be held at Mercy High School in-person. We will follow social distance guidelines as outlined in our **Mercy High School COVID Management Plan.** Virtual Options are available upon request.

**\*\*To register for the exam, please create an admissions account and complete the online application for the 2021-2022 school year.**

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**Programs at Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center**

**303 Tunxis Road West Hartford**

**860.521.0440**

**Wed. October 21 – Mental & Spiritual Wellbeing in a Pandemic with Michael Norko, MD from 7:00pm-8:30pm**

**This program will be offered online via Zoom platform. Visit [www.holyfamilyretreat.org](http://www.holyfamilyretreat.org) for more info and to register.**

**Wed. November 18 – The Darkness of Evil and the Light of Christ with Fr. David Cinquegrani, C.P. from 7:00pm-8:30pm**

**Visit [www.holyfamilyretreat.org](http://www.holyfamilyretreat.org) for more info and to register.**

**2020 Norwich Diocesan Women's Conference VIRTUAL BASKET RAFFLE!**

We are so excited to be able to still offer you all this fun, traditional part of our conference.

**The raffle is open to all this year and as always will benefit the future endeavors of the Norwich Diocesan Women's Conference.**

This raffle begins today **October 15 and runs until through October 31.**

**Winners will be notified November 2nd by phone or email.**

There are **15 Beautiful Baskets** to choose from at **ONLY \$1 a chance!**

Simply use the link below to participate!

<https://go.rallyup.com/wcraffle>

**Or send a check with your basket choices to**

Bishop Flanagan Ministry Center, 199 Broadway, Norwich, CT, 06360, attention: Marianne

The Women's Conference Basket Raffle became part of the Women's Conference to help fund the speakers who would provide unique and varied spiritual experiences.

For ten years, the Women's Conference has enhanced the faith journey of hundreds of women throughout Connecticut.

Baskets of varying themes are all donated.

Thank you for your support!

**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.



**PARISH GIVING:** Did you know that you can have your weekly offering automatically sent to the parish with online banking automatic bill pay through your bank.

No need to find your check book and write out a check.

No need to stop by the ATM.

No need to remember your weekly envelope.

You can choose how much and how often to give.

Your contributions would still be recorded for tax purposes.

**BENEFITS FOR SAINT FRANCIS**

Offertory becomes more stable.

No more missed offertory due to sickness, weather, or vacation.

Expense for offertory envelope packets for those using online banking bill pay would be eliminated.

All you would need to do would be to contact your bank and ask to set up online banking and automatic bill pay. Questions: Please contact Cheryl in the parish office at 860.642.6711

The offertory collection is the lifeline of our parish. This weekend please consider an increase in your offering. If you are away from home and unable to attend Mass at St. Francis, please make up this offering when you return. By maintaining this type of giving practice on a yearly basis, the parish can rely on a consistent contribution enabling us to better meet our financial obligations.

The Liturgy Committee (composed of fellow parishioners) is charged with the responsibility of advising our parish of valuable ways to enhance the celebration of Holy Mass; so that all of us can be mindful of the true and real Presence of Jesus Christ here among us all during our attentive visits here at Mass.

The Liturgy Committee sees it worthwhile to remind us about Mass Etiquette, which will help us get the most out of our Sacred Liturgy, and help us participate fully in the Holy Mass. The Liturgy Committee wishes to underscore that the Mass involves not only the work of the priest, but the work of the people as well.

Mass is an opportunity to listen carefully to the prayers and readings, and reflect on the fact that every Mass throughout the world is using the same readings and Holy Rituals.

We would appreciate if everyone would maintain a holy attitude and a reverent silence, before and during the Mass -- because many people come to Church with problems, fears, sadness, and needs. Many are in deep prayer begging God for His Holy Help.

When we unknowingly distract others we are distracting their quiet time with God (perhaps the only time they can find to visit God in this holy place).

**As Jesus said: "My house shall be called a house of prayer".**

Please consider using the cry room at the main entrance of the Church if you have young people in your family who need to be active and playful during Mass so that you can come to worship as a family each week and still allow for a peaceful and reverent atmosphere in the main church. The parishioners who lived before us had decided to welcome families with small children and to make them comfortable and participative by constructing a well-designed room with a great sound system and good ventilation for all of our families to use until the children are able to participate quietly in the main body of the church. We certainly welcome and enjoy having children attend and we have provided a convenient and quiet place for all our very young children to allow them "to be themselves -- until they are ready to join us in the quiet-zone".

Accordingly; it is suggested that we will all benefit greatly by being mindful that (Jesus is not only here "tangibly in the tabernacle as we enter the building"), but that Jesus is about to bless all of us as we celebrate our great heritage in Christ. May we all find Christ more alive within our hearts and minds as we carefully and joyfully participate in the true and real Miracles of Christ at each of our Holy Masses.

Please make every attempt to be on time – or even early. Due to circumstances out of our control, we understand that there are times when you can't get to church before it starts, but remember it is better to be present, even if late, than it is to be absent from the assembly of faith.

Leaving church before the dismissal is to ignore an important part of the Liturgy: Christ's commission to "...go out and make disciples of all nations." Our Liturgy has a beginning, "in the name of the Father...", and an end, "Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord..." We encourage you to receive your commission with dignity, respect, and honor.

### **Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibit to come to the Diocese of Norwich**

Over the centuries, there have been countless instances, all over the world, where God has chosen to have The Eucharist transform perceptively into flesh and blood. That is, the Eucharistic bread manifesting itself physically into human flesh, and the wine into human blood. In fact, there have been over 160 such Eucharistic miracles approved by the Church.

The Church of the Holy Family, in Hebron is hosting the Vatican International Exhibit of Eucharistic Miracles of the World. The exhibit was produced by the Vatican and consists of 140 posters, panels and a Power Point presentation documenting instances around the world where the Eucharist has perceptively changed into real human flesh and real human blood. Many of these have been scientifically analyzed, all with the same result - the flesh is always from heart muscle, and the blood type is always AB (the same as the Shroud of Turin).

Exhibition Schedule:

Thursday, November 5th: 6 -9 pm

Friday, November 6th: 6 pm – 9 pm

Saturday, November 7th: 9am – 12pm; and 4pm – 8pm

Sunday, November 8th: 8am- 12 pm; and 4pm -8pm

Location: Church of the Holy Family, 185 Church Street, Hebron.

The Exhibit is in the Parish Hall.

**Please use the entrance behind the Church**

***Social Distancing directives will be strictly adhered to***

**There is no charge for the exhibit, but a free will donation will be gratefully accepted.**