

## St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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Rev. Richard Breton, Parochial Vicar  
Deacon Michael Puscas



**MASS  
INTENTIONS**

### Saturday October 31, 2020 Blessed Virgin Mary

5:00 PM For parishioners who are ill

### 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

### Monday November 2, 2020 All Souls

9:00 AM All the Faithful Departed

### Tuesday November 3, 2020 St. Martin de Porres, religious

NO MASS

### Wednesday November 4, 2020 St. Charles Borromeo, bishop

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

### Thursday November 5, 2020 Weekday in Ordinary Time

NO MASS

### Friday November 6, 2020 Weekday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM Kim & Ceara Concannon & family R/b Pam Roberts  
Adoration 6:00PM – 7:00PM

### Saturday November 7, 2020 Blessed Virgin Mary

5:00 PM All who are affected by the Pandemic R/b the Knights of  
Columbus

### Sunday, November 8, 2020 Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM +Alice Kristoff R/b the Kuzel family  
10:30 AM +Rev. Frank W. McKenna

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

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

Offertory Oct. 24: \$ 1,706.32

Building Maintenance \$ 344.00

Today's second collection: All Saints

Next weekend's second collection: 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 November 7 & 8

5:00 pm Lector: Carole Briggs

8:00 am Lector: Jim Worth

10:30am Lector: Angela Corentin

**Remember to wear a facemask  
Sanitize your hands  
Maintain social distancing**

### 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. Tadeusz Zadorozny, Rev. Thomas Sickler SSE, Msgr. James Carini, Rev. James Sucholet, Rev. Charles McGrail, Rev. Michael Gill, Re. Martin Jones, Rev. Paul Ramen, Re. Gerald Kirby, Rev. Michael Sequeira, Rev. John Moskus. We also pray for those priests who have left the ministry.

Glory to the Blood of Jesus!

### **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.

Social Services – Town of Lebanon will not be collecting food for Thanksgiving & Christmas this year. Currently the Food Bank is well stocked.

What they are asking for is gift cards for Thanksgiving Day from Stop & Shop and ShopRite in Norwich in various denominations. These should arrive in Town Hall **before November 15th.**

For Christmas they are asking for Wal-Mart or Game-Stop or a general Visa gift card for the 0-15 year olds, arriving at the Town Hall **before December 3rd.**

### 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.**

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

**The monthly Diocesan Pro-Life Mass** will take place at The Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on **Saturday, November 7 at 8:30 A.M.** Please join our celebrant **Rev. Ray Introvigne** at Mass as we pray to end abortion and for the healing for those who have had an abortion. Following the Mass, the Rosary will be prayed both at the Cathedral and Planned Parenthood.

Let the Office of Faith Events brighten your Wednesday mornings by signing up for the weekly **Hope and Faith video series**. Throughout the year be inspired with varied reflections on Lent, Advent, the Saints, Gratitude and much MORE! **There are two easy ways to receive our weekly video...** Simply send your e-mail to [manicholas@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:manicholas@norwichdiocese.net) or have the videos sent right to your cell phone by texting @lentvid to #81010

### 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.**

**East Catholic High School** Applications for the 2021-22 are coming in big numbers. If you are considering becoming a part of our family, please make sure to start the process. Please visit [echs.com](https://www.echs.com) for more information. Also, we are offering family tours. For an appointment, please go to: [calendly.com/echstours](https://calendly.com/echstours). The month of November will bring you the Departmental Information Session. 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.

### A Saint for Our Times with Fr. Demetri Belsito

Wednesday, November 11th, 2020

St Edmund (c. 1180-1240) was a saint and theologian/scholar. His life and writings are as timely for us today as ever. St. Edmund's "Mirror of the Church" guides one on the path to get closer to God and live out one's Christianity authentically in today's world. Come and learn about this Saint's life and writings--whose relic is kept in the Chapel of the Assumption here on Enders Island. Come, pray at his relics and be transformed. Learn more at [www.enders.is/stedmunddor](http://www.enders.is/stedmunddor)

St. Edmund's Retreat - 1 Enders Island, PO Box 399, Mystic, CT 06355

(860) 536-0565

[reception@endersisland.org](mailto:reception@endersisland.org)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

*Discover Catholic Schools Week*, which is celebrated from November 3 to November 9, is now a second annual celebration of Catholic education in our country, together with *Celebrate Catholic Schools Week* that will take place from January 31 to February 6, 2021. During both weeks, our schools will provide special activities for students, faculties, families, parishioners, and community members.

There are many reasons to choose a Catholic education. The National Catholic Education Association lists twelve, including offering instruction that combines Catholic faith and teachings with academic excellence, along with partnering with parents in the faith formation of their children.

We help our students succeed by setting high standards for student achievement, emphasizing moral development, and self-discipline. Our children learn respect of self and the value of service to others in order for them to be productive citizens and future leaders. We also cultivate a faculty and staff of people who are dedicated, caring and effective in promoting our mission. These tenets are embraced in our Catholic schools in the Diocese of Norwich.

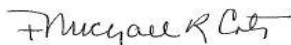
*Discover Catholic Schools Week* is also a time to express my appreciation for all who help sustain our excellent Catholic schools. It is a time to thank all our administrators, teachers, staff, and parents, along with parishioners who are giving of their time, talent, and treasures. I thank all for their dedication to the children who are placed in our care.

I especially would like to acknowledge all those who worked overtime this past summer to prepare our schools to be safe havens against the COVID-19 pandemic. Because of their efforts our schools opened as scheduled and remain a source of pride under these most difficult times.

I hope that through these celebrations, all parents will consider providing the gift of a Catholic education to their children and the many benefits in doing so.

With God's abundant blessings, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Bishop of Norwich



## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE BOX OF JOY PROJECT!

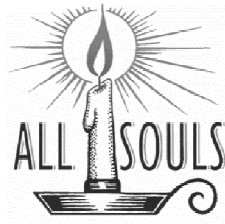
Even in this unprecedented year, the response was incredible. Thanks to your generosity of items we will provide 55 poor children a Christmas they will never forget. This is eighteen boxes more than last year. Your monetary donations will cover the shipping costs. **Because of the increase in boxes, we are still accepting monetary donations to help with shipping (\$9.00 a box).** Please see Estelle Elliott after Masses this weekend or make checks to the *St. Francis Ladies Guild* and can be put in the collection basket, prior to November 8. Your compassion not only gives a Box of Joy, but also gives Christ's love to those who need it most. This project is on behalf of the St. Francis Ladies Guild, in partnership with the National Council of Catholic Women and Cross Catholic Outreach; boxes will be shipped in early November. The boxes are sent to Cross Catholic Outreach in Florida and then delivered to Haiti, Dominican Republic, Guatemala, and Nicaragua. We would also like to thank the Guild members who helped sort and unwrap items and pack the boxes.

*Estelle Elliott, project coordinator and Sandra Spedaliere, Guild President*

On Thursday, November 19, come join in praying with Bishop /cote a Eucharistic Holy Hour for Vocations. This month the holy hour will be at St. Columba, Columbia, from 5:00pm to 6:00pm. 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)!

## *All Souls*

Constance Arsenault  
Wallace Arsenault  
William & Margaret Fries  
Kaye Macht  
Roy Showalter  
Mark Showalter  
John Walden  
Richard & Louise Pratt  
Ken & Tessie Walden  
Stanley & Anne Dudar  
Yvette Elliott  
Jessy Elliott  
Jessie Elliott  
Joseph Guilbeault  
Rosa Guilbeault  
Al Guilbeault  
Gertrude Guilbeault  
John Elliott  
Alda Elliott  
Julie Gulombouski  
George Dehney  
Sean Stephenson  
M/M Isidore Wengloski  
M/M Kazimierz Wieczorek  
Paul Wengloski  
Joyce Wengloski  
John M. Petrofsky  
Eugene Lescoe  
Genevieve Lescoe  
Richard Chalifoux  
Paul & Josephine Mathieu  
Real Leclair  
Kathleen Chambers  
Harry Dobrolet  
James Dobrolet  
Alek Dobrolet  
Julia Chaput  
Margaret Joyce  
Mary Ahearn  
Kathleen Canty  
Connie Sheehan  
Raymond Boisvert  
Theresa Boisvert  
Bette & Jerry Rovers  
Marie & John McGee  
Ginie & Jack Hartley  
Arthur Choquette  
George & Mildred Hull  
Harvey Hull  
Thomas Armstrong  
Edith & Edward Armstrong  
Michael & Cecelia Nejako  
Jack & Leona McCormack  
John & Beatrice Flower  
Edith & Richard Talbot



Jordan Haralson  
Viola Smutko  
Frank Smutko  
Polly Haralson  
Harry Haralson  
Irma Smutko  
Anton J. Smutko, Sr.  
Pauline Mickiewicz  
Rev. J. Wm. Mickiewicz  
Leona Piskadlo

## *Deceased members of the:*

Clinch family  
Kuzel family  
Policky family  
DeLaere family  
Malone family  
Krenek family  
Janda family  
Cassells family  
Burhans family  
Prescott family  
Lamson family  
Carlson family  
Horan family  
Smith family  
Flannery family  
Coutu family  
Carroll family  
Shain family  
Garrahy family  
Russ family  
Jones family  
Curry family  
McElroy family  
Stephenson family  
Clark family  
Pelletier family  
Spedaliere family  
Elliott family  
Cote family  
Brisson & Lataille families  
Vojick family  
Malozzi family  
Perotti family  
Wheaton family  
Dudar family  
Martineau family  
Hofmann family  
Becker family  
Buff family  
Leclerc family  
Aligata family  
Furnia family

### *Additional All Souls Remembrances:*

Aurore B. Thivia      Deceased members of the:  
William Thivia      Diette & Valliere families  
Doris Anderson      Mackewicz family  
Marian Jones  
Freeman Jones  
Anthony Dicello  
Mary Dicello  
Jim & Mary Ellen Piro

#### **Virtual Project Rachel Rosary**

The third Tuesday of each month at 3pm, come and pray the Project Rachel Rosary online with the Office of Faith Events. The Project Rachel Rosary focuses on putting an end to abortion and healing for those who have been involved in an abortion. Our first Rosary will begin on November 17th. *Meeting link:*

<https://norwichdiocese.webex.com/norwichdiocese/j.php?MTID=m56fb1b5dfd123d11b3f6fd3b4a7d783c>

*Meeting number:* 132 917 2663

*Password:* Rosary

*Join by phone:* +1-415-655-0001 US Toll

*Access code:* 132 917 2663

#### **Diocesan Advent Mission**

The Office of Faith Events is offering a virtual Diocesan Advent Mission. It will take place the first three Thursdays in December at 7 P.M. beginning on December 3rd. The mission will focus on three of the themes of Advent: Patience, Love and Peace. There is no cost to participate in the Advent Mission, but registration is required. You can do so by emailing Marianne Nicholas at [manicholas@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:manicholas@norwichdiocese.net) or calling Marianne Nicholas at 860-848-2237, 304.

**Bereavement Day of Prayer** ~ The Diocesan Catholic Family Services Office is sponsoring a virtual workshop for the bereaved entitled: ***Praying Your Goodbyes*** on **Saturday, November 21** from 10 A.M. to 12:15 P.M. It will include time for private reflection, prayer and journaling and give participants suggestions on how to navigate the upcoming holidays and discover ways to grow through the experience of their loss. There is no cost, but registration is required by contacting Mary-Jo McLaughlin at Catholic Family Services, 860-848-2237, ext. 312 or by email at [mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net).

**MASS OF REMEMBRANCE** – To honor and celebrate the lives of all loved ones who have died in the past year, a **Mass of Remembrance** will take place at the Cathedral of Saint Patrick, Norwich, on Thursday, November 19 at 6 P.M. The Mass will also be livestreamed on the Diocese of Norwich website at [www.norwichdiocese.org](http://www.norwichdiocese.org). For more information, call Mary-Jo McLaughlin at the Catholic Family Services Office, 860-848-2237, Ext. 312.

#### **Programs at Holy Family Retreat:**

**Wednesday, November 11** - *Being Made New: An Evening of Reflection for Young Adults with Valerie Kisselback from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.* We may want to shut out the world and wait until everything “returns to normal,” but if we take the time to pay attention, there are precious gifts to receive and lessons to learn through this messy and uncomfortable pandemic experience. This evening of reflection will examine images of creation and offer suggestions for praying from a place of disorientation. This program is online offered via Zoom. Visit [holyfamilyretreat.org/calendar](http://holyfamilyretreat.org/calendar) for more info and to register.

**Wednesday, November 18** - *The Darkness of Evil and the Light of Christ with Fr. David Cinquegrani, C.P., from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.* How do we reconcile the presence of evil in the world and the goodness of God who created all things? Using the scriptures and our human experience, Fr. David will address this difficult subject and guide the discernment of the participants toward a steady faith that can respond in the face of negative powers that often seem beyond our control. This program will be offered online via the Zoom platform. Visit [holyfamilyretreat.org/calendar](http://holyfamilyretreat.org/calendar) for more info and to register.