

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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**MASS
INTENTIONS**

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

Monday November 9, 2020 Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

NO MASS

Tuesday November 10, 2020 St. Leo the Great, pope & doctor of the Church

NO MASS

Wednesday November 11, 2020 St. Martin of Tours, bishop

9:00 AM Poor Souls in Purgatory R/b Pam Roberts

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

Parish Office Closed in Observance of Veteran's Day

Thursday November 12, 2020 St. Josaphat, bishop, martyr

NO MASS

Friday November 13, 2020 St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, virgin

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

Saturday November 14, 2020 Blessed Virgin Mary

5:00 PM +Robert Burns R/b Irene Burns

Sunday, November 15, 2020 Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM +Ed Couto R/b the Kuzel family

10:30 AM +Julie Coscia R/b her family

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

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

Offertory Nov. 1: \$ 1,951.00

All Saints: \$ 555.00 All Souls: \$ 538.00

Today's second collection: St. Bernard's School.

Next weekend's second collection is for building maintenance.

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 14 & 15

5:00 pm Lector: Anne Staebner

8:00 am Lector: Greg Jones

10:30am Lector: Paul Pelletier

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

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 for our Holy Father, all deceased priests, Rev. James Thaikootathil, Rev. Jonathan Ficara, Rev. Raymond Introvigne, Rev. George Richards, Jr., Rev. William McNulty, Rev. Mark O'Donnell, Rev. Kevin Reilly, Rev. Francis Rouleau, Rev. Arul Peter, V. Rev. Douglas Mosey CSB.

Glory to the Blood of Jesus!

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.**

Ladies Guild Meeting Monday November 16 at 6:30pm
In the Church

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 Date 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!

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 or have the videos sent right to your cell phone by texting @lentvid to #81010

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 for more information. Also, we are offering family tours. For an appointment, please go to: 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.

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 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.

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. For more information, call Mary-Jo McLaughlin at the Catholic Family Services Office, 860-848-2237, Ext. 312.

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 and check out our website at god-calls.com!

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 holymfamilyretreat.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 holymfamilyretreat.org/calendar for more info and to register.

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

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

Office for Safe Environments: The following Diocesan Policies are available in the parish office or on the diocesan website:

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

<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

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@sfrancisassisilebanonct.org****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.

Comfort and Caring Shawl Ministry

Do you knit or crochet to take up the time? Do you know someone in need of a Comfort and Caring Shawl? The St. Francis Ladies Guild has made a commitment to distribute hand-made prayer shawls to anyone in need; someone who is ill, on potent medication, battling the pain of depression or lost a loved one. The gift of a shawl is not limited to members of the Guild or our parish, but can be given to anyone you feel would benefit from this shawl of love and comfort. There are numerous shawls of many colors, shapes and weight as well as lap robes available. If you wish to contribute a knitted or crocheted shawl (must be certain dimensions) or know of someone who would benefit from this gift, please contact Barbara Dyer (Keeper of the Shawls) at 45bfdyer@gmail.com or 860.822.9400.

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 16th 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. 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 7 Corporal Works of Mercy*

The Corporal Works of Mercy are found in the teachings of Jesus and give us a model for how we should treat all others, as if they were Christ in disguise. To feed the hungry. To give water to the thirsty. To clothe the naked. To shelter the homeless. To visit the sick. To visit the imprisoned, or ransom the captive. To bury the dead.

Spiritual works of mercy. Just as the corporal works of mercy are directed towards relieving corporeal suffering, the aim of the spiritual works of mercy is to relieve spiritual suffering. To instruct the ignorant. To counsel the doubtful. To admonish the sinners. To bear patiently those who wrong us. To forgive offenses. To comfort the afflicted. To pray for the living and the dead.

Saint Leo the Great, also known as Pope Saint Leo I, was born into a Roman aristocratic family. His response to the call of the Lord transformed him into one of the greatest popes of Christian history. In fact, he was the first pope to be given the title "the Great." Details pertaining to Leo's place of birth are not known, but it is believed his ancestors come from Tuscany.

St. Leo the Great became a very well-known deacon of the Church by 431, serving the church under the pontificate of Pope Celestine I. Leo was widely respected for his love for the Lord, intelligence and persuasive nature. He was also gifted in bringing reconciliation between disputing groups of Christians.

That is why he was often sent out to settle disputes, both secular and theological. Following the pontificate of Pope Celestine, the next Pope was Pope Sixtus III.

Pope Sixtus III passed away while Leo was visiting Gaul at the request of Emperor Valentinian III. His task was to bring peace between one of Gaul's chief military commanders and the chief magistrate. Leo was then unanimously elected as the next pope to succeed Pope Sixtus III in 440. His swift election reflected the respect he had garnered among the people from his service to the Lord and the affection the faithful had this pastoral and wise servant of the Lord.

Pope Leo was deeply dedicated to his service as pope. He saw himself as privileged to sit in the Chair of St Peter, as the servant of the servants of God. He worked diligently as "Peter's successor." Over time, Leo became known as one of the best administrative popes of the ancient Church. But, he was so much more.

During his reign, he tirelessly fought to preserve the unity of the Church and its faith; and to ensure the safety of his people against invasions from armies which sought to destroy the Church and the Christian influence on culture which she brought to bear.

Pope Leo I focused his pontificate on four main areas. He continuously worked to oppose and root out numerous heresies which were threatening the Western Church. Among them were Pelagianism, which involved denying Original Sin and failing to understand the necessity of God's grace for salvation.

At the foundation of the Pelagian error was the mistaken notion that we can perfect ourselves without God's grace and assistance.

The other major heresy threatening the Church was Manichaeism.

This heresy denied the goodness of the human body, creation, and even matter itself. It failed to understand the full implications of the Incarnation of Jesus Christ. In fact, it denigrated the human body. In short, it viewed everything material as evil. That denies the very teaching of the Hebrew Scriptures and the New Testament. It also rejects the very heart of the Gospel message.

Pope Leo I was a great defender of the orthodox teaching of the Catholic Christian Church and protected the full deposit of faith. The whole Church is still indebted to him for this.

During this same period, some Eastern Christians began questioning the teaching of the Church concerning the relationship between Jesus' humanity and his divinity, and how to articulate this mystery of the Christian faith.

In response, Leo resolved the doctrinal controversy with a letter setting down the Church's official teaching on Jesus Christ as One Person with a human and a divine nature which could not be separated. This profound and theologically astute letter reconciled the disputing parties. It preserved the core teaching concerning Jesus Christ. Finally, it affirmed the fullness of what occurred in the Incarnation, as well as its implications for all men and women who are baptized into Jesus Christ.

To this day, Leo's letter is heralded and praised, not only for bringing peace, but for preserving the fullness of Christian truth and doctrine. It helped the whole Church enter more fully into the heart of the Gospel message of who Jesus is - and who we can become in Him, as we cooperate with grace.

Along with his dynamic faith and outstanding theological wisdom, Pope Leo I was also courageous. He led Rome's defense against Attila the Hun's barbarian invasion on Italy in 452, by taking on the role of peacemaker.

Pope St Leo focused heavily on the pastoral care of his people. He inspired and helped to foster charitable work in areas of Rome affected heavily by famine, refugees and poverty. To him, being a Christian was not only about embracing the fullness of the Gospel theologically but living it out in a world filled with hurt, suffering and needs.

Pope Leo I was renowned for his profoundly spiritual sermons. With his words, Leo could reach the everyday needs and interests of his people. It was his reputation as an "instrument of the call to holiness, well-versed in Scripture and ecclesiastical awareness" that helped him become one of the greatest popes in the history of the Church. (Catholic Online)

Additional All Souls Intentions:

Margaret & Robert O'Neill

Isabelle & Chester Stygar

Patrick O'Neill

Robert Burns

Helen Burns

Robert F. Burns

Millie Schiffert

John Schiffert

Anna Burns

Harry Dobrolet

James Dobrolet

Alex Dobrolet

Julia Dobrolet

Josephine Richards

Rose Yuschalle

Maria DiNenno

James DiNenno

Anton Dobrolet

Mary Dobrolet

John Contos

Evans Contos