

## St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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**MASS  
INTENTIONS**

Saturday November 21, 2020 Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

Sunday, November 22, 2020 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

8:00 AM +John Walden R/b the Knights of Columbus

10:30 AM +Gaston Soucy R/b C. Wheaton

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

Monday November 23, 2020 St. Clement I, pope & martyr; St. Columban, abbot; Bl. Miguel Augustin Pro, priest & martyr

NO MASS ~ Parish Office Closed

Tuesday November 24, 2020 St. Andrew Dong-Lac, priest & companions, martyrs

NO MASS ~ Parish Office Will Be Open

Wednesday November 25, 2020 St. Catherine of Alexandria, virgin & martyr

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

Parish Office Closed

Thursday November 26, 2020 Thanksgiving Day

9:00 AM For our many blessings

Friday November 27, 2020 Weekday in Ordinary Time

NO MASS ~ Parish Office Will Be Open Until Noon

Saturday November 28, 2020 Blessed Virgin Mary

5:00 PM

Sunday, November 29, 2020 First Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM +Norm Pellerin R/b his wife

10:30 AM

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



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

Offertory Nov. 15: \$ 1,728.80

Extraordinary Expenses: \$ 318.50

Today's second collection: 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 28 & 29**

5:00 pm Lector: Richard Lataille

8:00 am Lector:

10:30am Lector: Don Dubiel

### 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 Rev. William Olesik, Rev. John O'Neill MS, Rev. David Zercie MSA, Msgr. Henry Archambault, Rev. Dariusz Dudzik, Rev. Russell Kennedy, Msgr. Leszek Janik, Rev. Ben Vinjoe, Msgr. Richard LaRocque, Rev. Bijoy Joseph CST, Rev. George Busto CO, Rev. Christopher Zmuda, Rev. Luis Agudelo.

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.

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.**

The Knights of Columbus 9653 will be selling advent wreaths again this year. They will be available after the 5 p.m. and 8 a.m. masses or by calling 860-642-7168. Complete wreath - \$15. Replacement candles - \$5. Keep Christ in Christmas magnets also being sold - \$5.

**Remember to wear a facemask**

**Sanitize your hands**

**Maintain social distancing**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH**

❖ 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

❖ **Diocese of Norwich Outreach to Haiti Raffle**  
Do You Want to Win \$10,000? New! Your support is needed now more than ever to help our brothers and sisters in Haiti with emergency food and nutritional supplements for malnourished children and expectant mothers, health care, education sponsorships, training, and start-ups for micro-businesses. Diocese of Norwich Outreach to Haiti Ministry is launching its first ever For the Love of a Child Raffle. Tickets are **limited to only 400** and are on sale now for \$100 each. The only prize to be awarded is a Grand Prize of \$10,000 and there are only 40 tickets still available! The raffle drawing will take place Noon, Nov. 27, at the Outreach Office in Norwich – just in time for Black Friday shopping. To get your ticket contact Marie at the Outreach to Haiti office at 860-800-3603.

We pray you will support our diocesan ministry that has been helping thousands of families in the poverty-stricken, Christ the King neighborhood in Port-au-Prince, Haiti for nearly 40 years. Donations of any amount are always gratefully received. May God bless you.

❖ **Giving Tuesday December 1<sup>st</sup> Our Annual Catholic Appeal helps fund diocesan ministries that provide spiritual, educational and physical support throughout the Diocese of Norwich and Haiti.**

### ❖ **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.

❖ **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 7 Corporal Works of Mercy*

### ❖ **Volunteers Needed!**

*"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace" 1Pet 4:10*

Catholic Charities is looking for dependable weekly volunteers to pick up, unload and put away boxes of food for our food pantries in Norwich, New London and Willimantic. If you can lift boxes up to 30 pounds and can make a regular commitment to help one day a week, please contact Cindy Mageski at 860-889-8346 ext. 269 or email [cindymageski@ccfsn.org](mailto:cindymageski@ccfsn.org). **Thank you!**

### **East Catholic High School**

Applications for the 2021-22 keep flowing in. Also, we have many participants of family tours. For scheduling a tour, please go to: [calendly.com/echstours](http://calendly.com/echstours)

The month of November will bring you the Department Highlights Series.

Please inquire at: <https://www.echs.com/Admissions-Process> and you will receive the information about the admissions process, as well as invitations to our ZOOM sessions.

In case if you missed our Virtual Orientation Session, please look out for information about another one coming in December.

### **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.

## **Saint Cecilia:**

**Feast Day: November 22**

**Patron of musicians**

**Birth: 200 AD in Rome, Italy**

**Death: November 22, 230 AD Sicily, Italy**

In the fourth century a Greek religious romance on the Loves of Cecilia and Valerian was written in glorification of virginal life with the purpose of taking the place of then-popular sensual romances.

Consequently, until better evidence is produced, we must conclude that St. Cecilia was not known or venerated in Rome until about the time when Pope Gelasius (496) introduced her name into his Sacramentary. It is said that there was a church dedicated to St. Cecilia in Rome in the fifth century, in which Pope Symmachus held a council in 500.

The story of St. Cecilia is not without beauty or merit. She is said to have been quite close to God and prayed often:

In the city of Rome there was a virgin named Cecilia, who came from an extremely rich family and was given in marriage to a youth named Valerian. She wore sackcloth next to her skin, fasted, and invoked the saints, angels, and virgins, beseeching them to guard her virginity

During her wedding ceremony she was said to have sung in her heart to God and before the consummation of her nuptials, she told her husband she had taken a vow of virginity and had an angel protecting her. Valerian asked to see the angel as proof, and Cecilia told him he would have eyes to see once he traveled to the third milestone on the Via Appia (Appian Way) and was baptized by Pope Urbanus.

Following his baptism, Valerian returned to his wife and found an angel at her side. The angel then crowned Cecilia with a chaplet of rose and lily and when Valerian's brother, Tibertius, heard of the angel and his brother's baptism, he also was baptized and together the brothers dedicated their lives to burying the saints who were murdered each

day by the prefect of the city, Turcius Almachius.

Both brothers were eventually arrested and brought before the prefect where they were executed after they refused to offer a sacrifice to the gods.

As her husband and brother-in-law buried the dead, St. Cecilia spent her time preaching and in her lifetime was able to convert over four hundred people, most of whom were baptized by Pope Urban.

Cecilia was later arrested and condemned to be suffocated in the baths. She was shut in for one night and one day, as fires were heaped up and stoked to a terrifying heat - but Cecilia did not even sweat. When Almachius heard this, he sent an executioner to cut off her head in the baths. The executioner struck her three times but was unable to decapitate her so he left her bleeding and she lived for three days. Crowds came to her and collected her blood while she preached to them or prayed. On the third day she died and was buried by Pope Urban and his deacons.

St. Cecilia is regarded as the patroness of music, because she heard heavenly music in her heart when she was married, and is represented in art with an organ or organ-pipes in her hand.

Officials exhumed her body in 1599 and found her to be incorrupt, the first of all incorrupt saints. She was draped in a silk veil and wore a gold embroidered dress. Officials only looked through the veil in an act of holy reverence and made no further examinations. They also reported a "mysterious and delightful flower-like odor which proceeded from the coffin."

St. Cecilia's remains were transferred to Cecilia's titular church in Trastevere and placed under the high altar.

In 1599 Cardinal Paolo Emilio Sfondrati, nephew of Pope Gregory XIV, rebuilt the church of St. Cecilia.

(Catholic Online)

### 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!

### Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center

**31 Colton Street, Farmington, CT**

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

Dec. 9 – Waiting – An Advent Experience on Zoom at 1:00pm-3:00pm. Fee: \$20

Dec. 24 – OLC Christmas Eve Celebration on Zoom @ 11:00am. Free. One hour celebration featuring music, prayer, reflection & sharing.

Catholic Trivia Challenge (answers next week's bulletin)

- In which United States East Coast City are the remains of Mother Cabrini displayed behind glass?
- Of which United States East Coast diocese was St. John Neumann bishop from 1852 to 1860?
- In which American City on the East Coast did St. Katharine Drexel grow up?
- In which American City on the East Coast was St. Elizabeth Seton born?
- On October 9, 2009, President Barack Obama announced he was sending a six-member delegation to the Vatican for the canonization of which Catholic saint?

The "First **Thanksgiving**" was celebrated by the Pilgrims after their first harvest in the New World in October 1621. This feast lasted three days, and—as recounted by attendee Edward Winslow—was attended by 90 Native Americans and 53 Pilgrims. In 1621, when their labors were rewarded with a bountiful harvest after a year of sickness and scarcity, the Pilgrims gave thanks to God and celebrated His bounty with feasting and recreation.

### A Prayer of Thanksgiving:

Lord God, on this day of Thanksgiving, we ask your blessings on our family, our friends, our home, our health – and on the food we are about to eat.

We thank you for this time together and the many gifts that you have given us.

Help us to remember in this time of bounty those less fortunate. And may Your love consume us all that we might share in Your glory.

Amen.

