

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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Rev. Richard Breton, Parochial Vicar

Deacon Michael Puscas



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday December 12, 2020 Our Lady of Guadalupe
9:00 AM Living & deceased members of the Odell family
R/b I. Boone



5:00 PM Intentions of Julie Hoddinott R/b her family



Sunday, December 13, 2020 Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM +Cindy Mello R/b her family

10:30 AM Noella Daigle on the occasion of her 65th birthday

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

Monday December 14, 2020 St. John of the Cross, priest, doctor of the Church

NO MASS

Tuesday December 15, 2020 Advent Weekday

NO MASS

Wednesday December 16, 2020 Advent Weekday

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

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

Thursday December 17, 2020 Late Advent Weekday

NO MASS

Friday December 18, 2020 Late Advent Weekday

9:00 AM +Robert Burns R/b Irene Burns

Living & deceased victims of the Lepri family R/b I. Boone

Saturday December 19, 2020 Late Advent Weekday

5:00 PM + Bill Brewster R/b his family



Sunday, December 20, 2020 Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM +Jane & Lea Gertschitz R/b Norm & Ella Mae Kuzel

10:30 AM For the people of the parish living & deceased

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



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

12/6 Offertory: \$ 2,063.00

Monthly Extraordinary Expenses: \$ 149.00

Today's second collection is for the Parish Fuel Fund. Last winter season our fuel costs were \$3,470.00. Your donations to the fuel fund last year were \$1,067.00.

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

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 Spedalieri 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 Rev. P. Grzegorz Jednaki, Rev. Richard Breton, Rev. Brian Maxwell, Rev. Robert Washabaugh, Rev. Dennis Mercieri, Rev. Brian Converse, Rev. Thomas Griffin, Rev. Joseph Tito, V. Rev. Ted Tumicki, Rev. Robert Buongiorno, Rev. John Welch MS. We also pray for those priests who have left the ministry.

We thank You Father, for those who have responded to Your call to priestly ministry. Fill Your priests with the knowledge of Your love. Open their hearts to the power and consolation of the Holy Spirit. O Mary, Mother of Christ, guard maternal to these chosen ones. Intercede for our priests.



Children of the parish are invited to help decorate the Christmas tree after the 10:30am Mass this weekend.

Weekend of December 19 & 20

5:00 pm Lector: Anne Staebner

8:00 am Lector: Jim Dyer

10:30am Lector: Maureen Polana

Christmas Flower Envelopes available at Church Entrances.

Please return by December 11th due to early submission of the Christmas week bulletin.



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

- ❖ **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.

- ❖ **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

- ❖ **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. **Thank you!**

- ❖ **VIRTUAL BINGO FOR ALL AGES**

The Office of Faith Events invites people of all ages to participate in Virtual Bingo! Bingo will take place on New Year's Eve, December 31st from 3:30 – 5pm. You will receive your cards online, mark them and even remark them for the next game. Through video conferencing, we will call the numbers and play different BINGO games from regular bingo, double bingo, and picture frame, to black out! It will be great fun with lots of gift certificates for prizes! The cost is \$6 per card for the whole Bingo event! To register for your Bingo card, go to: <https://bit.ly/3kohQtJ> or call Marianne at 860-848-2237 ex. 304

- ❖ The Office of Faith Events and the Norwich Diocesan Women's Conference Committee are looking for donations of unwanted **BASKETS**. If you have a basket or baskets you would like to part with, **please contact Marianne at 860-848-2237 ext. 304** or manicholas@norwichdiocese.org **Thank you!**

- ❖ **Please share your e-mail with The Office of Faith Events of the Diocese of Norwich.** Be the first to know about all the virtual programs we are offering throughout the coming year, and also receive our own Advent and Lenten reflections! Send your e-mail address to manicholas@norwichdiocese.net to be added to the list!

- ❖ 2020 ACA Update: As of November 20th, **Saint Francis Parish, Lebanon** has donated \$16,255.93 or 78.98% of its goal, and 12.52% 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 Seminarian, "During these difficult times due to the pandemic, with so many people facing their own challenges, we truly appreciate your contributions to the ACA and our education. It is truly through your prayers and support that future priests are being formed for the glory of God and His church!" 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!**

Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center
31 Colton Street, Farmington, CT
olcretreat@sbcglobal.net 860.677.8519

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

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!

BAMBINELLI WEEKEND

St. Francis will again continue with this annual family tradition. A special blessing will take place at all Masses the weekend of December 12 and 13.

Please remember to bring your Baminelli (baby Jesus) from your family Nativity Set to Mass that weekend (Gaudette Sunday) where either Father Mark or Father Richard will give your Baminelli a special blessing.

There are a few Baminelli kits available in the Sacristy for children who have not already received one.

Thank you. Liturgy Committee



St. Vincent de Paul Place Christmas Miracle Bags 2020

Covid-19 has changed almost everything we do, but we won't let it stop us from giving out Miracle Bags again this year. Help us give this gift to the neediest in our community!

Miracle Bags are gift bags that contain warm hats, gloves and personal hygiene items. We estimate we will distribute **400 Miracle Bags** this year to our guests along with a hot Christmas meal (delivery and take out this year).

Donate one or more of the following:

Men's gloves (L, XL) Warm Hats & Gloves
Razors Shaving Cream Deodorant
Toothpaste/Toothbrushes Shampoo/Conditioner
\$5 or \$10 Gift Card's to Walmart, Dunkin Donuts, McDonalds, etc.

You can donate small or large amounts. You may also compose a card with uplifting quotes or drawings to include with the bags. Our guests often spend time alone during the holidays, and Covid restrictions have only increased this loneliness. Our guests value hand written notes.

Please bring donations on or before **December 18** to:

St. Vincent de Paul Place, 120 Cliff St., Norwich, CT 06360

For more information contact: Tim Hathaway, thsvdpp@gmail.com, 860.889.7374

Our website svdpp.org accepts all major credit cards for donations. Donations to St. Vincent de Paul Place, Norwich are fully tax deductible. 120 Cliff Street ☎ Norwich, CT 06360 ☎ 860-889-7374. For more information, visit us at www.svdpp.org or [Facebook.com/svdppnorwich](https://www.facebook.com/svdppnorwich)

We make Miracle Bags from donations, but we also accept pre-made bags.

***You saw me hungry and fed me.
Thank You.***



Please Note:

Everyone is required to have a ticket to attend Christmas Masses.

Please call the parish office to acquire a ticket.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Saint Francis of Assisi

Thursday, December 24,

Christmas Eve

4:00 PM & 7:00 PM

Friday, December 25,

Christmas Day

8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

New Year's Masses

Thursday, December 31, 2020

Vigil 5:00 PM

Friday, January 1, 2021 - 9:15 AM

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Saint Andrew

Thursday, December 24

Christmas Eve

4:00 PM, 7:00 PM & 11:00 PM

Friday, December 25

Christmas Day

9:30 AM & 11:00 AM

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