

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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Rev. Mark Masnicki, Pastor

Rev. Richard Breton, Parochial Vicar

Deacon Michael Puscas



<u>Saturday December 26, 2020 St. Stephen, the first martyr</u> 5:00 PM +William Dlugos R/b Irene, Marie, Brian, Jan, Estelle Sunday, December 27, 2020 the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and <u>Joseph</u>

8:00 AM +Ann Marie Keating R/b the Dyer family
10:30 AM 55th Wedding Anniversary – Greg & Linda Jones
Mass to also be streamed from St. Andrew 9:30 AM
Monday December 28, 2020 the Holy Innocents Martyrs
NO MASS

Tuesday December 29, 2020 St. Thomas Beckett, bishop, martyr NO MASS Parish Office open 9:00am-2:00pm Wednesday December 30, 2020 6th day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

9:00 AM Living & deceased members of the Ruzzi family R/b I. Boone

Thursday December 31, 2020 New Year's Eve; St. Sylvester I, pope

5:00 PM Living & deceased members of the Talarico family R/b I. Boone

Friday January 1, 2021 the Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord; the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God; New Year's Day

9:15 AM Kim & Ceara Concannon & family R/b Pam Roberts
NO EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
Parish Office Closed
Saturday January 2, 2021 St. Basil the Great & Gregory
Nazianzen, bishops & doctors of the Church

5:00 PM
Sunday, January 3, 2021 Epiphany of the Lord
8:00 AM +Alice Kristoff R/b the Dubiel family
10:30 AM +Raoul Pomerleau R/b his family

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

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

Offertory Dec. 13: \$ 2,808.00 Parish Fuel Fund: \$ 327.00 Immaculate Conception: \$ 460.00

Today's second collection is for building

maintenance.

Next weekend's second collection is for extraordinary expenses.

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

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 Berguist, 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 Rev. Thomas Hoar SSE, Msgr. James Carini, Rev. James Sucholet, Rev. Charles McGrail, Rev. Michael Gill, Rev. Martin Jones, Rev. Paul Ramen, Rev. Gerald Kirby, Rev. Michael Sequeira, Our Holy Father, Rev. Izydor Sadowski SDB, Rev. Gregory Mullaney.

Father, we pray for our priests: for the sanctity of their souls, and that they may be the voice of Christ. May each day of this New Year bring our priests more souls to save and more holy influence to spread around them by word and by deed.

Weekend of January 2 & 3

5:00 pm Lector: Carole Briggs 8:00 am Lector: Jim Worth 10:30am Lector: Angela Corentin

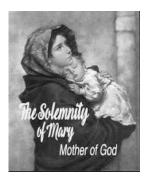
Remember to wear a facemask Sanitize your hands Maintain social distancing

ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

❖ 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

- ❖ Marriage Preparation Classes to Meet Virtually: With the uncertainty surrounding Covid-19, the Catholic Family Service Office will be offering virtual or one-on-one marriage preparation classes for engaged couples. All formal live classes have been suspended through July 1, 2021. Couples getting married in 2021 or beyond, should contact Mary-Jo McLaughlin at the Catholic Family Services Office to establish class dates. She can be reached Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 860-848-2237, Ext 312 or by email at mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net.
- 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!



Saint Francis of Assisi New Year's Masses Thursday, December 31, 2020 Vigil 5:00 PM Friday, January 1, 2021 – 9:15 AM

Saint Andrew
New Year's Masses
Thursday, December 31, 2020
Vigil 4:00 PM
Friday, January 1, 2021- 9:30 AM



An Invitation to Anyone who has been away from the Church

☐ Were you raised Catholic but do not come or seldom come to church anymore?

☐ Are you a Catholic who now feels separated from the Church during this pandemic?

☐ Would you like to know more about the Catholic Church as it is today?

☐ Would you like to feel at home in the Catholic Church again?

No matter how long you've been away for whatever reason, we invite you to consider renewing your relationship with the Catholic Church. Please join us for informal listening session and an update of the Catholic faith. A six-week series will be held in a COVID-safe environment on Mondays at the St. Bernard Parish Hall, 25 St. Bernard Terrace, Rockville, CT 06066, beginning on January 11th, starting at 7 pm with an option for remote participation. For more information and to register, please visit https://www.blessedsacramentct.org/, email evangelization@cath-comm.org or call (860) 875-0753 x122.



A new tradition is being initiated at St. Francis. This is an ancient Catholic worldwide annual event held on the Feast of the

Epiphany. This is the day the three kings presented their gifts to Bambinelli or Baby Jesus. Epiphany Blessing bags will be given to the heads of each household before Masses on January 2 and January 3rd. Father Mark or Father Richard will bless these Epiphany Gift bags prior to the final blessing.

THANK YOU.

LITURGY COMMITTEE