

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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Deacon Michael Puscas



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday May 1, 2021 St. Joseph the worker

5:00PM +Steve Richards R/b his family

Sunday, May 2, 2021 Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM +John & Mary Clinch R/b the Kuzel family

10:30 AM +Al Tays R/b C. Wheaton

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

Monday May 3, 2021 Sts. Phillip & James, apostles

NO MASS

Tuesday May 4, 2021 Easter Weekday

NO MASS

Wednesday May 5, 2021 Easter Weekday

9:00 AM +Mary Wisneski R/b Karen & Larry

Living & deceased victims of addiction

R/b Pam Roberts

Thursday May 6, 2021 Easter Weekday

NO MASS

Friday May 7, 2021 Easter Weekday

9:00 AM + Mary Wisneski R/b Karen & Larry

Living & deceased members of the Narravage family

R/b I. Boone

5:00 PM Rehearsal & Reconciliation for First Communion Class

6:00 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday May 8, 2021 Easter Weekday

10:00 AM First Holy Communion

5:00PM +Fred Steenboch R/b the Ladies Guild

Sunday, May 9, 2021 Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM +Estelle Bastien R/b her family

10:30 AM + Mary Wisneski R/b Karen & Larry

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

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

Offertory: \$ 1,649.50

Building Maintenance: \$286.00

Today's second collection is for the Diocesan Seminary Education Fund.

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 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
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 Bishop Michael R. Cote, Rev. Brian Converse, Rev. Timothy Roth MIC, Msgr. Kevin Randall, Rev. Joseph DeCosta, V. Rev. Ted Tumicki, Rev. Edward Konopka, Rev. Izydor Sadowski SDB, Rev. Gregory Mullaney, Rev. Josef Olczak OSPPE, Rev. Michael Giannitelli, Rev. Michel Phillipino.

Mary Immaculate...we know you are blessing our priests, your beloved consecrated sons.

Der Mother, cover them with your maternal mantle and hold them in your Immaculate Heart. .

Lector Schedule Weekend of May 8 & 9

5:00 pm: Anne Staebner

8:00 am: Greg Jones

10:30 am: Maureen Polana

Ladies Guild & Knights of Columbus Graduating Senior Award



Any graduating high school senior who is an active member of St. Francis Parish may apply for the Ladies Guild and Knights of Columbus annual Graduating Senior Awards. These awards are based on academic record, activity in school and community and most importantly, devotion to your Parish. Applications are found at the church entrances or contact Barbara at bobbie.w@charter.net to be emailed a copy. Please return by May 16, the mailing address is on the applications.

Announcements: Diocese of Norwich

- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **Are you grieving from an Abortion?** Trust in the mercy of God's love. Consider these words from St. John Paul II to those suffering because of abortion: *"The church is aware of the many factors which may have influenced your decision, and she does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision. The wound in your heart may not yet have healed. Certainly, what happened was and remains terribly wrong. But do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope.... The Father of mercies is ready to give you His forgiveness and His peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. You will come to understand that nothing is definitively lost, and you will also be able to ask forgiveness from your child, who is now living in the Lord."* (Evangelium Vitae, no. 99). Call **Project Rachel**, the church's post-abortion healing program, for a confidential referral to a priest who can help: **860-861-4439**.
- ❖ **Virtual Marriage Enrichment** -- Come away for a day and re-energize and deepen your marriage and your faith with practical insights from Pope Francis' wisdom on marriage and family life. Join other married couples for a virtual enrichment entitled "The Joy of Love" on Saturday, May 15, 2021, from 9 A.M to 1 P.M. The enrichment is based on Chapter 4 of Pope Francis' Amoris Laetitia: The Joy of Love and will feature four talks on: Daily Love, Conjugal Love, Passionate Love and Transformation of Love. This enrichment is for married couples of all ages and years married. There is no cost, but registration is required. To register, call Mary-Jo McLaughlin at Catholic Family Services 860-848-2237, Ext. 312. Or email her at mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net.
- ❖ **Holy Hour for Vocations:** St. Lawrence Church in Killingworth from 6-7pm on May 20th.
- ❖ **Evening of Reflection for Mothers** – All moms are invited to take time for their own personal growth and wellness by joining with other women for a virtual Evening of Reflection for Mothers on **May 20th at 7pm**. If you are a mom, consider taking the time you need and deserve to deepen your relationship with Christ through personal prayer, reflection, and spiritual enrichment. There is no cost, but registration is required. To register, please email Mary-Jo McLaughlin at Catholic Family Services at mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net or call her at (860) 848-2237 Ext. 312.

Immediate Vacancy: Saint Vincent de Paul Place, Norwich is searching for a Full-time Food Pantry Manager. This position is responsible for all aspects of food procurement and distribution of food, including pickup, receipt, storage, and distribution of food to community members in need. The manager trains and manages staff and volunteers to ensure that patrons' needs are met, 2+ Year's operations food management experience and min. 2-year degree preferred. Bilingual with English and Spanish or French/Creole desired. Interested parties, please email your resume to Jill Corbin at jcsvdpp@gmail.com

Worldwide Marriage Encounter has gone "Virtual"!
To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and some span multiple weeks on a given weekday. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority.
Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call Frank & Margie Pearson at 860-337-2447 or visit them at <https://wwmectw.org/>.
Let us be open to the love from our spouse and God by participating in a virtual Worldwide Marriage experience on Mondays/Thursdays May 3-24
Thursdays/Mondays Jun 3-24

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Norwich is looking for individuals who are willing to serve on an Advisory Board for our Willimantic office. Advisory Board Members meet once a month and assist the local office in driving the mission and vision of the organization. Advisory Board Members serve as ambassadors of Catholic Charities and are key liaisons with the local parishes. We are looking for every parish to be represented.
If interested and for more information, please contact Susan Connelly at 860-889-8346, extension 264 or at susanconnelly@ccfsn.org.

Catholic Charities is collecting school supplies and backpacks for children who will be attending summer school. If you can help, please drop off items such as pens, folders, pencils, crayons, markers, notebooks, backpacks, rulers, glue sticks and book covers at one of our Catholic Charities locations - 331 Main Street in Norwich, 28 Huntington Street in New London, 151 Broad Street in Middletown, or 88 Jackson Street in Willimantic. For questions or more information, please contact Terri Fontaine at 860-889-8346 extension 263 or email terrifontaine@ccfsn.org.

Catholic Charities needs your help!

Due to the enormous impact of Covid-19, we are quickly running out of resources to help all of those who come to us in need within the Diocese of Norwich. At this time, all locations are badly in need of toiletries. Items such as shampoo, soap, toothbrushes, tooth paste etc. If you would like to donate any of these much-needed care items, please contact one of our locations nearest you.

Norwich- 860-889-8346

New London-860-443-5328

Middletown- 860-346-0060

Willimantic-860-423-7065

“Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.”

Mathew 25:40

San Jose Assembly 121, Fourth Degree, Knights of Columbus, is pleased to announce the **Andrew J. Kuhar Memorial Scholarship**. The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal organization of Catholic men based on the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. Although academics will be one of the criteria for this award, the major criterion will be voluntary service to the applicant's Church, community, or both. This scholarship is open to all graduating high school seniors in eastern Connecticut, who will be attending a two-year College, four-year College, University or Technical School in the fall of 2021. Application deadline is May 15. The award for this year is \$500 and will be awarded on or about June 1, 2021. Applications available in the parish office.

**God needs priests. Is He calling you?
If you are 30-60, you may be surprised.
“Friday Adoration”**

**Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary
558 South Ave. , Weston, MA
Friday, May 7 at 5:00pm**

Join the Seminary community virtually for prayer & fellowship Holy Hour and Evening Prayer.

<https://www.psj.edu/chapel-live-stream>

Zoom meeting with Seminarians. To get Zoom link.

RSVP Msgr. William Fay to msgr.fay@psj.edu

May 2, 2021 5th Sunday of Easter

“Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.” - 1 JOHN 3:18

Regarding our Catholic faith, do you “walk the talk?” Do your actions reflect what it means to be a good disciple? Are you an active participant at Sunday Mass? Are you joyful when participating in parish ministry? Do you give gratefully and generously with your financial support to your parish and other Church needs? If not, it's not too late to start!



National Day of Prayer Celebration:

Thursday May 6th 12:15 PM

Monument in front of the Lebanon
Town Hall.

All are welcome to join us.

St. Francis Church will also be
participating.



Joseph is the patron saint of the dying because, assuming he died before Jesus' public life, he died with Jesus and Mary close to him, the way we all would like to leave this earth.

Joseph is also patron saint of the Universal Church, families, fathers, expectant mothers (pregnant women), travelers, immigrants, house sellers and

buyers, craftsmen, engineers, and working people in general.

We celebrate two feast days for Joseph: March 19 for Joseph the Husband of Mary and May 1 for Joseph the Worker. March 19 has been the most commonly celebrated feast day for Joseph, and it wasn't until 1955 that Pope Pius XII established the Feast of "St. Joseph the Worker" to be celebrated on May 1. This is also May Day (International Workers' Day) and believed to reflect Joseph's status as the patron of workers. (Catholic Online)



First Holy Communion

Saint Francis of Assisi

Rehearsal & Reconciliation:

Friday, May 7 at 5:00PM

First Holy Communion:

Saturday, May 8 at 10:00am

John Walden Memorial Spring Plant Sale



**Buy Local – Support your
Community!**

Sat. – May 15, 2021 9:00am-6:00pm

**Sun. – May 16, 2021 8:00am –
3:00pm**

Rain or Shine

**67 West Town Street., Lebanon, CT
On the grounds of St. Francis of
Assisi Church**

**Vegetable Plants – Flowers – Variety
of Shrubs**

**Quality plants from Pride's Corner
& Malerba's**

**Please remember social distancing
remains in place.**

**Masks required and please maintain
a 6-foot distance from others.
(per order of Uncas Health District)**

**John Walden was a dedicated Knight
for many years. It was his idea to
create this sale and provide a venue
which helps us provide for our
community.**

**The Knights of Columbus thank you
for your support.**



**Norwich Diocesan
Council of Catholic Women
Annual Layette Program**



The Annual Layette Program will be in late May or early June 2021. There will not be a formal program once again this year due to the pandemic. Each church will be informed where and when to drop off all items collected.

We will be collecting **NEW** baby items such as diapers all sizes, baby clothing (sizes 0-3 years old), blankets, etc.

All items collected will go to Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Norwich, and will be distributed to Norwich, New London, Middletown, and Willimantic.

You may leave your items in the collection bassinet located at the side entrance of the church.

We will be collecting items until June 4th.

Any questions please contact Sandra Spedaliere at 860-537-1372. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



**Mother's Day
Spiritual Bouquet
Cards available at
the side entrance.**

"In appreciation of your countless acts of love and sacrifice for me, I have arranged to have your special intentions remembered in the Masses on Mother's Day."

**Please return your request to the
parish office by Sunday, May 2nd.**