

## St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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Rev. Richard Breton, Parochial Vicar  
Deacon Michael Puscas



**MASS  
INTENTIONS**

### Saturday May 8, 2021 Easter Weekday

10:00 AM First Holy Communion

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

### Sunday, May 9, 2021 Sixth Sunday of Easter ~ Mother's Day

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

### Monday May 10, 2021 St. Damien de Veuster, priest

NO MASS

### Tuesday May 11, 2021 Easter Weekday

NO MASS

### Wednesday May 12, 2021 Sts. Nereus & Achilleus, martyrs; St.

### Pancras, martyr

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

Poor souls in Purgatory R/b Pam Roberts

7:00 PM Vigil of The Ascension of our Lord

Intentions of Mary Evancho R/b I. Boone

### Thursday May 13, 2021 Ascension of the Lord

9:15 AM Living & deceased members of the Corwin family R/b their family

+Mary Wisneski R/b Karen & Larry

### Friday May 14, 2021 St. Matthias, apostle

9:00 AM Forgotten souls in Purgatory R/b Janet Yuris

Living & deceased members of the Jacobeno family  
R/b I. Boone

5:30 PM Rehearsal & Reconciliation for Confirmation Class

### Saturday May 15, 2021 St. Isidore

10:00 AM Confirmation

5:00PM James Dobrolet on the occasion of his birthday

R/b his family

### Sunday, May 16, 2021 Seventh Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM +Alice Kristoff 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: \$ 2,585.00

Seminarian Education: \$ 282.00

Today's second collection is for extraordinary expenses.

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 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 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

CTN2 Jonah Swett, U.S. Navy

IT2 Rocky Spedaliera 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 Our Holy Father, Rev. Christopher Feeney, V. Rev. Dennis Perkins, Rev. John Welch MS, Rev. Grzegorz Brozonowicz, Rev. Mark Masnicki, Rev. Stanley Szczapa, Rev. Richard Sliwinski, Rev. Brian Maxwell, V. Rev. Lawrence LaPointe, Rev. Raymond Introvigne. We also pray for those priests who have left the ministry.

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 15 & 16

5:00 pm: Bob Nejako

8:00 am: Jim Dyer

10:30 am: Don Dubiel

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net) or call her at (860) 848-2237 Ext. 312.

- ❖ **CLERGY APPOINTMENT:** Reverend Jonathan Ficara from Administrator, Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Coventry, and Storrs, to Pastor, Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Coventry and Storrs and Diocesan Director of Vocations. Effective: April 30, 2021.
- ❖ **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 Sunday, June 13th from 3:30 – 5pm. You will receive your BINGO cards online, mark them and even remark them for the next game or you can print them and play. Through video conferencing, we will call the numbers and play different BINGO games from regular bingo, double bingo, picture frame, and finally black out! It's always a lot of fun with lots of gift certificates for prizes! We only sell 200 cards, so act fast! The cost is \$6 per card for the whole Bingo event! To register for your Bingo card, go to: <https://bit.ly/2Laol7Y> or call Marianne at 860-848-2237 ex. 304.

**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+ Years 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](mailto: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

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.



**Lebanon Memorial Day Parade: Saturday, May 29<sup>th</sup> will be held on the Lebanon Green beginning at 10:00am.** The theme for the parade is "Always Remember, Never Forget (Centennial of the Tomb of the

Unknown Soldier).

As a condition for granting the Town's highway use permit, the parade must be held in accordance with all COVID safety directions issued by the Governor's Office and Department of Public Health. Spectators should plan to remain at least 6 feet from other spectators who are not part of their household cohort and to wear masks when not eating or drinking. Following the parade, the 2021 'Citizen of the Year' recipient will also be revealed at a small ceremony at the Town Hall. There will be extremely limited seating due to the need to seat participants 6 feet apart. Therefore, this year's after-parade ceremony will be invite-only so that we can make sure seating is available and safe for Lebanon veterans and the families of fallen veterans. If you are interested in attending, please email [bdennier@lebanonct.gov](mailto:bdennier@lebanonct.gov) to register for an invitation; we may not be able to accommodate all requests. The ceremony will also be livestreamed on Facebook.com/LebanonCTTownHall. Due to the need to comply with COVID-safety directives, there will be no rain date or indoor ceremony in the event of inclement weather.



Our Ladies Guild completed their annual spring Church cleaning on April 29<sup>th</sup>. The ladies cleaned all the windows inside

and out. They also vacuumed and rotated the cushions and dusted under the cushions. Laundered all linen and curtains and dusted other areas where needed.

The following ladies participated Barbara Wengloski, Alicia Lamb, Carole Brown, Estelle Elliott, Lorraine Paris, Sandra Spedaliere and Laura Spedaliere. Thank you, ladies, for your devotion to our Church.



**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 Mass Remembrances Deceased:***

**Margaret O'Neill  
Irene Wengloski  
Mary Wiczorek  
Frances Wheaton  
Polly Haralson**

**Isabelle Stygar  
Theresa Wengloski  
Edith Perotti  
Viola Smutko**

***Mother's Day Mass Remembrances Living:***

**Shawn Smith  
Shayla Coutu  
Shannon Kuzel  
Alisa Carlson  
Vicki Duff  
Kathleen Smith  
Nancy Amidon  
Barbara Wengloski  
Rita Tays  
Anne Dobrolet  
Crystal Wolf  
Cindy Lynch  
Marissa Seng  
Lynn Johnson  
Sara Cooper**

**Sherrilyn Flannery  
Shirleen Garrahy  
Leah Prescott  
Mary Horan  
Rose Pogmore  
Jacy Worth  
Jennie Brewster  
Ann Wengloski  
Shirley Sheehan  
Rita C. Atspins  
Jennifer Wheaton  
Lois McGuire  
Emily Haralson  
Jacqie Cooper**

Merciful God, bless my mother this Mother's Day for her loving and nurturing ways. Through her care and intercession, you graced me and formed me in so many ways. May the love You gave me through her be showered on her today and for all eternity. Amen.

(Fr. Patrick Cagevlia, O.S.B)

# 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.**



## Banns of Ordination

The following seminarian  
will be ordained to the  
Order of Deacon on  
Thursday, May 27, 2021:



Mr. Jacob Ramos

Should you know of any reason why this man  
should not be ordained a deacon,  
please write to:

**The Most Reverend Michael R. Cote, Bishop of  
Norwich  
201 Broadway  
Norwich, CT 06360**



**Congratulations to our  
First Holy Communicants  
Penelope Gemma-Rose Frank  
Keira Annelle McManus  
Declan Joseph McManus  
Allie Elizabeth Ruffo**

## Saint Francis of Assisi Confirmation

Rehearsal: Friday May 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm

Confirmation: Saturday May 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am

