

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday May 15, 2021 Easter Weekday

10:00 AM Confirmation

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

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

Monday May 17, 2021 Easter Weekday

NO MASS

Tuesday May 18, 2021 St. John I, pope, martyr

NO MASS

Wednesday May 19, 2021 Easter Weekday

9:00 AM +Dominic Jacobeno R/b I. Boone

Kim & Ceara Concannon & family R/b Pam Roberts

Thursday May 20, 2021 St. Bernardine of Sienna, priest

NO MASS

Friday May 21, 2021 St. Christopher Magallanes, priest & companions, martyrs

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

+Phyllis Jacobeno R/b I. Boone

Saturday May 22, 2021 St. Rita of Cascia, religious

5:00PM + Mary Wisneski R/b Karen & Larry

Sunday, May 23, 2021 Pentecost Sunday

8:00 AM +Harry O'Neill R/b C Wheaton

10:30 AM + Joanne Pomerleau Landry R/b her family

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

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

Offertory: \$ 1,994.00

Extraordinary expense: \$ 298.00

Today'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

Wedding Banns
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Alex Clark & Cassandra Leone

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 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 Rev. Robert Buongiorno, Rev. P. Grzegorz Jednaki, Rev. David Zercie MSA, Msgr. Anthony Rosaforte, V. Rev. Jan Swiderski, Rev. Richard Breton, Rev. George Villamthanam CST, Rev. Victor Chaker, Rev. Michael Sequeira, Rev. Paul Ramen, Rev. Bogdan Olzacki OSPPE, V. Rev. David Choquette, Rev. Peter Liszewski, Rev. Tadeusz Zadorozny.

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 22 & 23

5:00 pm: Steve Wengloski

8:00 am: Rick Kane

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 bobbi.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**.
- ❖ **Project Rachel Rosary** – Please join the Office of Faith Events staff online the third Tuesday of each month as we pray the **Project Rachel Rosary** for an end to abortion and healing for those who have been involved in an abortion. The next Rosary will be **Tuesday, May 18, 2021**. Contact Liza Roach at lroach@norwichdiocese.net to receive a link for the Rosary.
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **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/2Lao17Y> or call Marianne at 860-848-2237 ex. 304.

- ❖ **Evenings of Reflection for Fathers:** Come and Join us for a virtual evening of reflection put together just for our special dads! The Fathers' Evening of Reflection will take place on June 24th at 7-8pm. You are invited to take time for your own personal growth and wellness by joining us for an online retreat created just for dads. Come deepen your relationship with Christ through personal prayer, reflection, and spiritual enrichment. Reflection given by seasoned retreat provider, Don Gould. To register, please email Liza at lroach@norwichdiocese.net or call (860)848-2237 ex. 305.

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

East Catholic High School: The Admissions Office is still accepting applications for the 21-22 school year. There is still an opportunity to apply for Financial Aid. Also, we continue to offer private family tours. To schedule a tour, get the general information or fill out admissions and/or financial application, please visit our website: echs.com/Admissions.

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 29th 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 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.

Welcome Senior Citizens: May is Older Americans Month and the parish family find it fitting to thank the Senior Citizens of the parish for the many contributions seniors have made and continue to make in support of our churches, Wednesday May 26, 2021 the parish family will honor the Senior Citizens (those 60+) at Saint Andrew church. Although the celebration will be a little different this year a special Mass will be held on the 26th at 2:00 pm to honor and thank all the seniors of Saint Andrew and Saint Francis church. Please come and celebrate! If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Gozzo - barbgozzo@gmail.com or Cathy Russi - crussi45@sbcglobal.net.

Would you like to make a difference in the community? St Vincent de Paul Place relies on and values all of our volunteers. We are currently in need of new volunteers to help with receiving donations into the building, pantry work, helping in the kitchen and cleaning. We provide training for all opportunities. It is important volunteers are willing to volunteer at least 3 hours a week for a minimum of 10 weeks, be able to walk up and down stairs regularly and lift 20 lbs. Interested call Celia 860-917-7737 or email at cgs99@aol.com.

2021 ACA Update: As of May 5, 2021, **Saint Francis Parish, Lebanon** has donated \$17,052.75 or 82.86% of its goal, and 11.22% 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. If you have not made your contribution to the 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal, "One Faith, One Family", or would like to make an additional gift, donation envelopes are still available within the church or you can contact the Development Office at (860) 886-1928 or go online to www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org. **Thank you to everyone for your support!**

Faith Formation Director/Coordinator for Grades K-6
Immediate Vacancy: Blessed Sacrament Parish in Vernon and Tolland is searching for a faith formation director for grades K-6 to inspire students in the knowledge and love of their faith. We are looking for a practicing Roman Catholic who can work in a collaborative team environment to engage K-6 students and their parents in the faith formation and sacramental preparation process. They are responsible for recruiting, training, motivating, and supporting faith formation teachers. The K-6 program integrates the parish mission and encourages students and their parents in active parish participation. Basic Microsoft Office skills are required. Interested candidates may email their resume to Brian Kenny, Business Manager, bkenny@cath-comm.org by June 30, 2021.

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 Spedalieri at 860-537-1372. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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

The men of St. Andrew and St. Francis Parishes are invited to be consecrated to St. Joseph. Pope Francis has declared 2021 as the year of St Joseph, the Guardian, and Protector of the Christ Child and of the Church. Several members of the Knights of Columbus Council 6107 will be completing the 33-day program of preparation and consecration outlined by Fr. Michael Calloway MIC in the book, "Consecration to St Joseph, The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father". Total consecration to St Joseph is a formal act of filial entrustment to the paternal care of your spiritual father, so that you can acquire his virtues and become holy. **The program will include: 1) spending about 30 minutes of your personal time daily for spiritual reading and prayers; 2) participating in a weekly in-person, or virtual meeting to discuss the daily readings; and 3) a group consecration with one of our Pastors presiding. The planned start date is July 16 with completion on August 17, the Feast Day of Our Lady of Knock. For more information or to participate, please contact John Bear at (860) 365-5987, or Tom Moreno at (860) 917-7472.**

(Reference the website: [Introduction](#) | [Consecration to St. Joseph](#))

Ascension of Our Lord

"Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God." – 1 JOHN 4:15

How strong is your faith? When you have an opportunity to either defend or clarify a question about our Catholic faith, do you do it? Or do you remain silent so that others don't think you are weird? Pray for the courage to be strong in all circumstances and to joyfully share your witness with others.

**Remember to wear a facemask.
Sanitize your hands.
Maintain social distancing.**

Congratulations to our newly confirmed:

Kelsey Aaren Dunnack

Kyle Dillon Franchi

Christopher Paul Frank

Genevieve Elizabeth Gardella

Daniel Benjamin Goldstein

Joseph Thomas Michele

Sophia Lorena Palombizio

Zachary John Rebello

Jared Roland Russo

Cameron Bryan Sammarco

Jack Thomas Schroeder

Jacob Kyle Shaner



ATTENTION LYMAN ALUMNI:

Lyman Memorial High School will celebrate its centennial during the 2022-23 school year. An Alumni Anniversary Committee is planning details to celebrate this incredible milestone and have partnered with the Lebanon Historical Society (LHS).

A history is being put together and we need your help - besides yourself, did your parents, grandparents, children, or grandchildren graduate from Lyman? Please check your attics and basements, do you have any of the following? I am looking for 1923, 1925, 1937 graduation ceremony programs; yearbooks *earlier than* 1938; 1940, 1944, and 1948; class photos (caps and gowns) with graduates' names as they appear: 1923, 1924, 1962, 1964, 1972, and 1977.

Other items wanted, *but not limited to*, are photos of the three locations, construction, dedications, entire school populations, proms (at the location, not couples), initiations, graduations, class nights, concerts, band uniforms/parades, drama, sports, Vo-Ag/FFA, graduation/class night/prom invitations, prom bids, Athletic Banquet booklets, National Honor Society induction programs, *Lymanite* newsletters, *the Bulldog* newspaper, Music or Scholastic Letters, newspaper articles about any event or sport; Lyman memorabilia: pins, pennants, sports uniforms, anything Lyman related!

If you have any of these items, please email Barbara at LymanMHS100years@gmail.com. Scanned or original items will be accepted. Items can be scanned at the Historical Society (856 Trumbull Highway). Donated items will be accepted on the discretion of the LHS Collection Committee. Please date and identify photos and we need your permission to use in the book or exhibits.

Please help us spread the word to our Lyman alumni. More information on this celebration can be found on the Lyman-Memorial-High-School-100-Year-Anniversary Facebook page.