

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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Deacon Michael Puscas



MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday May 24, 2021 Bl. Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

NO MASS

Tuesday May 25, 2021 St. Bede the Venerable, priest, doctor of the Church; St. Gregory VII, pope; St. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi, virgin

NO MASS

Wednesday May 26, 2021 St. Philip Neri, priest

9:00 AM +Frank Chamberland R/b the Kuzel family

Intentions of Silvano Guillen R/b I. Boone

Thursday May 27, 2021 St. Augustine of Canterbury, bishop

NO MASS

Friday May 28, 2021 Weekday in ordinary time

9:00 AM Intentions of Ron Melewski R/b I. Boone

Poor Souls in Purgatory R/b Pam Roberts

Saturday May 29, 2021 St. Paul VI, pope

5:00PM + Fred Steenbock R/b the Dyer family

Sunday, May 30, 2021 Most Holy Trinity

8:00 AM +Markus Vesligaj R/b the Dyer family

10:30 AM + Charles Harmon R/b his son

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

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

Offertory: \$ 1,269.00

Building Maintenance: \$ 304.00

Ascension: 212.00

Next weekend's second collection is for St. Bernard School.

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 II
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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 Rev. Michael Gill, Rev. Peter Langevin, Rev. Mark O'Donnell, Rev. John O'Neill MS, Rev. Thomas Smith, Msgr. Michael Donohue, Rev. Bijoy Joseph CST, Rev. Jeffrey Ellis, Rev. Anthony DiMarco, Rev. Jonathan Ficara, Rev. Martin Jones, Rev. Mark Curesky OFM Cv, Rev. James Thaikootathil, Msgr. Leszek Janik.

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 29 & 30

5:00 pm: Richard Lataille

8:00 am: Kathy Pellerin

10:30 am: Paul Pelletier

Baccalaureate Service: The Lebanon faith communities invite our young people who are graduating from high school in 2021, their family, and friends, regardless of church affiliation, to a Baccalaureate Service Sunday, June 6th at 6:30 p.m. at the Lebanon Baptist Church, 694 Trumbull Highway. Graduates are requested to come in cap and gown (if they are available) and to arrive by 6:15. All Coronavirus protocols will be in place. All are welcome!



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 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.
- ❖ **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.

- ❖ **Holy Hour for Vocations:** Cathedral of Saint Patrick, Norwich on June 25, 2021 from 7-8pm.

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.

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.



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](https://www.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.

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.

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.

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

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



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](#))

QUILTS2HEAL will hold a sew/quilt sandwiching day
TUESDAY May 25 9:00-3:00 in the Church Hall.

No sewing experience needed

We will be ironing and do LOTS of pinning of quilt tops and backs and "sandwiching" these together.

Quilts are created for those in need of comfort.

Contact Paula DeSilva quilts2heal@comcast.net,
860.306.7000 or Florette Juriga fjuriga@gmail.com

Come for an hour or stay for the day. Many caring hands needed. It will be a fun day!

See Quilts2Heal.org to see some of our more than 1,500 completed quilts.

Adult Education Program

Deacon Michael will be offering an adult education program on the subject of "Supernatural Messages from Heaven".

This educational program will occur at St. Andrew Church on Thursday, June 3, 2021 at 7 PM, in the church, right after Benediction. This multimedia program will include a PowerPoint presentation by Deacon Michael outlining the various messages given to us by the Blessed Virgin Mary, Jesus Christ, our Father in heaven, various saints, and other interesting secrets. Each person who attends the educational program will receive a reference document containing notes from the evening. The evening will also include music and the opportunity for individual prayer with team members. Save the date and we will see you on June 3rd

Catholic Charities is collecting school supplies and backpacks for children who will be attending school over the summer and in the fall!

If you would like to help a child in need, 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. *Because of the generous donations from our parishes, Catholic Charities will be able to help families who are torn between paying for utilities and rent or buying school supplies and backpacks for their children.*

Thank you for your heartfelt support, you truly make a difference in the lives of others!

Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center

31 Colton Street, Farmington, CT

olcretreat@sbcglobal.net 860.677.8519

We are planning an in-person event on June 18, 2021. It will begin with an outdoor Mass at 10:00 am with Fr. Jim Kelly, OFM. This will be followed by a presentation by Kathy Irr. There will be time for quiet reflection on the grounds and for small and large group sharing with the whole OLC Retreat Team. You are invited to stay and enjoy your lunch outside on our grounds with your friends.

The theme for the day: What Treasure Do You Choose? *We all search for a treasure that brings security and happiness, but Jesus talks about another kind of wealth not found in the materialism or the culture of our world. The heavenly treasure Jesus urges us to seek is both for now and forever. Together, let us seek to enter into a deeper and richer life with God, keeping close to our hearts those things that last.*

Please bring your own chair and lunch. **The rain date is June 22, 2021.**

We encourage everyone to be fully vaccinated before returning to OLC.



All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit!
Acts 2.4

**Happy birthday to the Catholic Church!
Happy birthday to you, who are the body of the Church!**

We're all familiar with our own birthdays, and we celebrate them because they mark the day of the year in which we entered into this life. But did you know you have a second birthday? Because you are part of the body of the Church, Pentecost is the Church's birthday, and yours as well. And like any birthday, it's a cause for celebration.

The word Pentecost is Greek and it means "50th day." Fifty days after Easter Sunday, we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and their followers, and the beginning of their Earthly ministry to make disciples of all nations.

Pentecost is also a Jewish holiday, which the Jews use to celebrate the end of Passover. Jews celebrate the gift of the law to Moses at Mt. Sinai on this day. But we, as Catholics celebrate the birth of our Church.

At Pentecost, the Apostles and their followers were gathered in a room. Jews from all over the world were gathered with Peter, the leader of the Apostles and the Eleven. At this time, a great wind blew and a flame appeared as a tongue of fire, which split itself into many individual flames above the heads of all those present. The Holy Spirit came upon these people and each began to speak in tongues. Despite the fact many had no common language, they were perfectly able to understand one another. (Catholic Online)

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.