

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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**MASS
INTENTIONS**

Saturday June 12, 2021, The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

5:00PM + Fred Steenbock R/b C Wheaton

Sunday, June 13, 2021, Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM +Rev. Charles A. McGrail

10:30 AM +Richard Moran R/b his grandmother

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

Monday June 14, 2021, Weekday in Ordinary Time

NO MASS

Tuesday June 15, 2021, Weekday in Ordinary Time

NO MASS

Wednesday June 16, 2021, Weekday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM +Maria Alba R/b her grandson

Kim & Ceara Concannon & family R/b Pam Roberts

Thursday June 17, 2021, Weekday in Ordinary Time

NO MASS

Friday June 18, 2021, Weekday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM +Linda Cunningham

Living & deceased members of the Redick family
R/b their family

Saturday June 12, 2021, St. Benedict, abbot,

5:00PM Living & deceased members of the Dobrolet family
R/b their family

Sunday, June 19, 2021, Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

10:30 AM +Julie Hoddinott R/b the Ladies Guild

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

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

Offertory: \$ 2,271.50

Extraordinary Expenses: \$ 311.00

Next weekend's second collection is for World Charites.

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 committing to a specific hour.

Contact Dennis Girard @ 860.334.9894 or dennisgirard51@gmail.com

Lector Schedule Weekend of June 19 & 20

5:00 pm: Anne Staebner

8:00 am: Jim Worth

10:30 am: Maureen Polana

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

Captain 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. Francis Rondeau, Rev. James Sucholet, V. Rev. Richard Ricard, Rev. Joseph Tito, Most Rev. Daniel Reilly DD, Rev. Martin Nye, Very Rev. Peter Kucer MS, Rev. John Gallagher OFM Cap, Rev. Dariusz Dudzik, Rev. Ernest Bedard OFM, Msgr. James Carini, Rev. Dennis Mercieri. We also pray for those priests who have left their ministry.

Heavenly Father, the responsibility of Your priests is great. May the love of the Precious Blood of Jesus abound in their hearts. Kindle in their hearts a great love for You and for all souls.

O my Jesus, I beg You on behalf of the whole Church. Grant, it love and the light of Your Spirit, and give power to the words of priests so that hardened hearts might be brought to repentance and return to You, O Lord.

Parish Merger Prayer

O God, Who are perfect unity and true charity, grant to us the parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi and St. Andrew Parishes, the grace necessary to be of one heart and one mind, united in the Body of Christ.

May all we do in the coming months, unite us in faith, hope, and love, so that we may flourish in charity and be strong in unity.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Composed by Fr. Richard)

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.

- ❖ **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, June 15, 2021**. Contact Liza Roach at lroach@norwichdiocese.net to receive a link for the Rosary.
- ❖ **Holy Hour for Vocations:** Cathedral of Saint Patrick, Norwich on June 17, 2021, from 6-7pm.
- ❖ **Leave Your Legacy:** June is "Leave a Legacy" month in the Diocese of Norwich. It is a wonderful time for parishioners to reflect on the value of charitable estate and planned giving. Some people choose to mark their legacy by requesting gifts made in memoriam to their parish, school, ministry, or the Diocese in lieu of flowers upon their passing. Others include a bequest in their Will to the Annual Catholic Appeal or their favorite Catholic organization. Still others are interested in establishing an endowment within the Catholic Foundation of the Diocese of Norwich to benefit a Diocesan organization. If you are interested in learning more about how you can leave your legacy and support all the good works that the Church is involved with, please contact Mary Ellen Mahoney, Executive Director of Development, at (860) 886-1928 or memahoney@norwichdiocese.net.

Middle School Game Night

On Tuesday, June 29th from 7 - 8pm Middle School Youth are invited to play fun virtual games on video conferencing with other Catholic Middle School youth from around the Norwich Diocese. The Office of Faith Events will be putting on an hour of virtual ice breakers, screen games, and brain teasers which young people in rising 6th grade through 8th Grade are welcome to attend. In order to register, please contact Liza Roach at lroach@norwichdiocese.net or call (860)848-2237 ex. 305

High School Youth Group Meet Up

On Tuesday, June 29th at 8pm High School young people are invited online to create friendship, join in fun, and enhance your Catholic faith with other Catholic High School Youth from the Diocese of Norwich. In order to register, please contact Liza Roach at lroach@norwichdiocese.net or call (860)848-2237 ex. 305



Faith and Fun for Children

On Monday, June 28th at 4pm-5pm or 6:30pm-7:30pm children in grades 1-5 are welcome to join "Faith and Fun for Children" through video conferencing. The event will combine exciting activities with Bible-based teachings. There will be faith lessons taught with games, characters, and videos that captivate kids attention. To register for the free event, email Liza Roach at lroach@norwichdiocese.net or call (860)848-2237 ex.305 with the selected time you would like to attend.

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

Worldwide Marriage Encounter virtual marriage experiences.

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and are seven sessions on weekdays from 7:00pm to 9:30pm. 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://www.mectw.org/>. Thursdays/Mondays Jul 8-29

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.

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.

NEW Saint Bernard Summer Program

Classes are open to all students entering grades 6-12 and are offered on a staggered basis throughout the summer. Subjects range from general interest, specialized topics, and enrichment courses such as: Journalism, Geometry Via Origami, Astronomy, Number Theory, Entrepreneurship, Economics, Computer Science, SAT Prep, Writing the College Essay, Math Skills, Study Skills. For more info: visit www.saintbernardschool.org or call 860.848.1271 or email Mrs. Cyr at hcyr@saint-bernard.com



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](#))

Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center

31 Colton Street, Farmington, CT

olcretreat@sbcglobal.net 860.677.8519

In-person event on June 18, 2021. Beginning with an outdoor Mass at 10:00 am with Fr. Jim Kelly, OFM. 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.

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.

14th Annual Connecticut Catholic Men's Conference
Save the Date!

Saturday, September 25th

Conference Theme: The Most Holy Rosary

For details & Purchase Tickets

Go to www.ctcatholicmen.org

Location: New Britain Stadium

An outdoor venue – Doors open at 7:30am

Event begins at 8:00am

Subway lunch included

Vigil Mass end of day

\$45pp – Free for Clergy - \$20 for Teens (13-19)

Email: info@ctcatholicmen.org

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.

Volunteers Urgently Needed!

Catholic Charities is looking for dependable volunteers to unload and put away cases of food for our emergency food pantry in Norwich. Must be able to lift boxes up to 30 pounds and can make a regular commitment to help two Fridays a month from 10-12. Receptionist for the Norwich office, answer phones, greet clients, some data entry. If you are interested in helping us help others, please contact Terri Fontaine at 860-889-8346 ext. 263 or email terrifontaine@ccfsn.org.

There are job openings at Oak Hill School.

Oak Hill provides services for people with disabilities. For more information, visit www.oakhillct.org/about/join-our-team Or email recruiting@oakhillct.org.

The Combined Collection for World Charities

will be held next weekend. Your contribution will assist the Catholic Relief Services Collection, the Campaign for Human Development, Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, and The Holy Land. Most of you should have received information in the mail about this collection. Please read this material and bring your contribution envelope to Mass next week, June 19th and 20th, or, if you are unable to attend Mass please mail or deliver the envelope to your parish office by the end of June. Your support and generosity are essential to these programs of the Universal Church.



The Baby Bottle Campaign begins on Father's Day, June 20th to help fund CareNet.

As a result, women experience the love of Jesus and unborn children received the gift of life through the free services offered to women facing unplanned pregnancies. Just pick up a bottle at the side entrance of Church and fill it with coins, cash or checks made payable to CareNet and then bring back to Church on July 25th

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A favorite motto of St. Teresa of Calcutta was, "do small things with great love." This is how it works in the kingdom of God. God can do tremendous things with the smallest gesture, especially when it is done in love. We can clearly see that our world is suffering greatly. People are struggling to find peace, navigate through conflicts, earn a sustainable living, find security and enough food to eat, and work through political tensions and conflicts. In the light of the magnitude of the difficulties that exist around us and even within us, we can find ourselves floundering to discover practical, effective solutions. How can something so large be helped by someone as small and seemingly insignificant as me? While whole systems and structures may be out of the league of our personal influence, are we really that helpless in the midst of all of the turmoil, sadness, and suffering?

If we believe that God is with us and that God is still working to bring about the glory of God's kingdom, then the answer is no. We are never helpless or without hope. Armed with a strong life of prayer, we can always flee to God and ask for inspiration, wisdom, and especially love. We are all blessed with unique gifts and talents, and it often seems that considering all that the world lacks, love and charity remain at the top of the list. Life can easily become a battleground of hostility. Because life is challenging and difficult, anger is not far away. We see it on people's faces and hear it in their voices. There is a measure of frustration that permeates all avenues of life. It is even felt in the air.

As people of faith, we know that what we see here is not the end but only a part of something far greater to come. We know that God's kingdom is where we are ultimately meant to be, and the Gospel is the way to get there. If love and charity can prevail in us, then God will be able to do what God does best. God will use us to scatter the seeds of his kingdom. Through our small gestures, those seeds can receive the nurturing attention that is necessary for them to bear great fruit. We cannot fall victim to the strife that is around us. We have to keep ourselves refreshed and focused so that even in small ways, we can become part of the solution, not the problem. Love and charity, which come from God, can help to heal the ills of the world. May we bring these simple gifts to the everyday simple tasks of our lives! Watch how big the plant grows!