

**8We are pleased and honored
To welcome you to
St. Francis of Assisi Parish**
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Deacon Michael Puscas



**MASS
INTENTIONS**

**Saturday June 27, 2015 Blessed Virgin Mary; St. Cyril of
Alexandria, bishop & doctor of the Church**

4:00 PM Confession

5:00 PM Constance Aiken req. by a friend

Sunday, June 28, 2015 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Living members of the Clinch & Kuzel families req.
by Norm & Ella Mae Kuzel

10:30 AM People of the parish living & deceased

Monday June 29, 2015 Sts. Peter & Paul, apostles

NO MASS

**Tuesday June 30, 2015 First martyrs of the Holy Roman
Church**

NO MASS

Wednesday July 1, 2015 Blessed Junipero Serra, priest

9:00 AM Intentions of JoAnn Coules

Thursday July 2, 2015 Weekday

NO MASS

Friday July 3, 2015 St. Thomas, apostle

9:00 AM

Saturday July 4, 2015 Independence Day

4:00 PM Confession

5:00 PM Carolyn Sharpe req. by her husband

Sunday, July 5, 2015 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM

10:30 AM

Sacrificial Giving

Offertory: \$ 2,202.00

Building maintenance: \$ 662.00

Today's second collection is the Combined Collection for World
Charities.

Next weekend's second collection if for monthly extraordinary
expenses.

A very sincere thanks to all those parishioners who make-up their
offertory while away.

**St. Andrew Church – Colchester on Thursdays ~ Adoration
at 8:30 ~ Rosary at 6:00pm...Benediction at 7:00pm.**

Weekend of July 4 & 5

5:00pm Lector: Steve Wengloski

Eucharistic Minister: Carole Briggs

Altar Servers: Ariana Savluk, Elizabeth Spedaliero

8:00am Lector: Jim Worth

Eucharistic Minister: Gregg Lafontaine

Altar Servers: Sam, Jack & Christian Terwilliger

10:30am Lector: Greg Jones

Eucharistic Minister: Wally Gagnon

Altar Servers: Becky Kovach, Anna Campbell

Additional Father's Day Remembrances:

Living: Robert C. Paris, Steve Getman, Russ
Burgess, Ed Weingart, Waldyn Benenek

Military Service Honor Roll

SW1 John P. Dyer Jr. U.S. Navy
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
Sgt. Justin A. VonEdwins, U.S. Army
Sgt. Robert Massicotte U.S. Army
Pvt. First Class Jordan Anderson U.S. Army

Prayer for our Men and Women in Military Service

O Prince of Peace, we humbly ask 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 FOR PRIESTS

This week, June 28 – July 4 — Let us pray for our priests —.
Rev. Charles LeBlanc, Rev. Dennis Mercieri, Rev. Charles
McGrail, Rev. Martin Noe, Rev. Joseph DeCosta, Rev. Richard
Crawley OFM Cp, Rev. Russell Kennedy, Rev. Paul Murdock,
Rev. Martin Jones, Msgr. Thomas Bride, Rev. Roger Lamoureux
OMI, Rev., Mark Masnicki, Rev. Justinian Rweyemamu, Rev.
Arthur Archer. Precious Blood of Jesus, cover our priests and
protect them from the snares of the enemy. (Mother Catherine Aurelia,
foundress)

We also pray for any priests who have left the ministry.

**CCD REGISTRATIONS FOR THE
2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR WERE
DUE BY JUNE 1ST. Forms available in
the Church and Office.**

**Be a Donation Angel:
New Window Grids for the Church
We have reached our goal!!**

Thank you to Paul & Christine Pelletier, Betty
Mackey, Harold & Barbara Teller, Stacey Terwilliger,
Rick & Susan Kane, Carole Briggs, John & Cindy
Ramatowski, Dennis & Julie Hoddinott, Peggy &
Glenn Stygar, Richard & Emily Kubena, Christine &
John Bendoraitis, Joseph & Maureen Polana, Janice
Palmer, Sandra Grillo, Wally Gagnon, Joseph &
Karen DiFrancesca, Cheryl Wheaton, and Fr. Mark
for their generous response. We will be ordering the
new grids very soon.

The Combined Collection for World Charities is this weekend. The causes supported by this collection are:

The Catholic Relief Services Collection – the official international relief and development agency of the Catholic community in the United States helps to fund programs that give hope to victims of human trafficking, those who suffer from unjust laws, and those who need pastoral care and humanitarian assistance across the globe.

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) – works to uphold the dignity of human life by breaking the cycle of poverty across the United States through grants that improve education, support economic development, and create affordable housing in low income neighborhoods.

The Church in Central and Eastern Europe – raises funds to address the spiritual reconstruction of this traumatized region – training seminarians and lay leaders, reaching out to young people, reviving Catholic Charities, and renewing programs of catechesis and communication.

Holy Land Collection – the Collection for the Holy Land, in the words of Pope Paul VI is “not only for the Holy Places but above all for those pastoral, charitable, educational, and social works which the Church supports in the Holy Land for the welfare of their Christian brethren and of the local communities.”

This combined collection offers an excellent opportunity to support hands-on efforts towards helping people in need. Your gift does make a difference. Please be generous.

ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

- **Diocesan Pro-Life Mass at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on Saturday, July 4th ~ 8:30 a.m.** Please join us and our celebrant Rev. Ray Introvigne at Mass as we pray to end abortion and for the healing for those who have had an abortion. Following the Mass, the Rosary will be prayed both at the Cathedral and Planned Parenthood. A brunch in the Cathedral Hall will follow the Rosary this month.
- **Marriage Preparation Classes for Engaged Couple** “God’s Plan for a Joy-filled Marriage” Fri. July 10, 17 & 24, 2015 6:30pm-9:00pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Gales Ferry. To register for the 3 session class call: The Family Life Office at: 860-889-8346 ext. 283.
- **Healing Masses:** Monday July 13 and 27th at 2:00PM, Spiritual Renewal Center, 11 Bath St, Norwich, CT, Masses held on first floor – handicap accessible. Fr. Ray, Celebrant & Judith Hughes Healing Prayer
- **Loved the Wedding! Invite Me to the Marriage...God. Natural Family Planning ~ For Married and Engaged Couples.** NFP is loving, scientific, safe, helps with fertility problems and 98-99% effective for conceiving or responsibly postponing a baby. Plan your family naturally with God. NFP has none of the dangerous hormonal side effects of contraception or birth control. Classes are ongoing in the Diocese. For information call the Collisons at 860-399-8265 or go to www.ccli.org. Virtual Online and Home Study Course in English and Spanish also available.
- **Holy Hour for Vocations:** July 16 from 6-7pm at St. Lawrence in Killingworth.
- **RACHEL’S VINEYARD RETREAT WEEKENDS**
“I did not think the sorrow and wounds from my

abortion, could be healed”. Healing and forgiveness can begin with a **Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat**. A Retreat July 17-19 in Stockbridge, MA call 413-452-0661. rachelsvineyard.org “**PROJECT RACHEL**” is our Diocesan ministry for anyone seeking healing and forgiveness. Priests in **Project Rachel** ministry are there for you with God’s Grace and Mercy. Call 860-889-8346 ext.283. All inquiries are confidential.

- **11 Day Europe Pilgrimage:** Lisbon, Fatima, Santiago de Compostela, Salamanca, Avila, Madrid & Lourdes. Hosted by Fr. Ray Introvigne & Mrs. Judith Hughes. Oct. 6-16, 2015. \$3,199 per person from New York. Includes round trip flight, tours and most meals. Call Spiritual Renewal Center for brochure and reservations. 860-887-0702
- **DIOCESE OF NORWICH PILGRIMAGE TO THE CZECH REPUBLIC AUSTRIA, AND HUNGARY** Most Rev. Michael R. Cote, Bishop of Norwich, will lead an eleven day pilgrimage to many holy sites in the Czech Republic, Austria, and Hungary. Some stops include: In the Czech Republic the pilgrimage will visit the statue of the Infant Jesus of Prague, as well as enjoy a boat ride on Europe’s largest subterranean lake. In Austria we will visit St. Stephen’s Cathedral, the State Opera House, and while in Hungary, the largest indoor market in Europe. Price includes motor coach to/from JFK departure lunch, all tips, **daily Mass**, breakfast and dinner daily, departure tax and fuel surcharge. **Reservations must be made by July 20, 2015.** Cost of Tour: \$3,350.00 per person double occupancy \$ 300.00 deposit required \$ 562.00 single supplement (**limited number**) Travel insurance available through George’s International Tours.
- **Has Your Family Been Touched By Adoption?** If so, please join Catholic Charities Adoption Program on August 2, 2015 from noon until 4:00 pm for a pool party and picnic celebrating adoptive families. The day will include swimming, games, food and an opportunity to meet other adoptive families. Please RSVP Susan Sedensky, Director of Adoption Programs at (860) 889-8346 ext. 282 if you plan to attend.

ANNUAL RETREAT DAY FOR SECRETARIES AND ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS

On Wednesday, July 8, 2015, Immaculata Retreat House in Willimantic, CT, will host its annual retreat day for secretaries and administrative assistants. It will begin at 10:00 a.m. and finish with the celebration of the Eucharist at 2:30 p.m. Lunch is included. A \$20 donation is asked. It is a chance for people with similar experiences of parish service to gather, reflect, pray, share in order to become more conscious of the spirituality of service for people in these positions. Our grounds are wonderful; our food is great. Last year’s gathering was highly appreciated by those who attended. We are located at 289 Windham Road in Willimantic. If you plan to attend please give us a call at 860 423 8484. We are looking forward to being with you in prayer and sharing.

Part-time position (25 hours) for a youth minister in the Office of Faith Events, Diocese of Norwich. Major responsibilities include coordinating youth events and assisting in other events of the office. Email faithevents@dioceseofnorwich.net for complete job description and qualifications.

*LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

The Liturgy Committee (composed of fellow parishioners) is charged with the responsibility of advising our parish of valuable ways to enhance the celebration of Holy Mass; so that all of us can be mindful of the true and real Presence of Jesus Christ here among us all during our attentive visits here at mass. The Liturgy Committee sees it worthwhile to remind us about Mass Etiquette, which will help us get the most out of our Sacred Liturgy, and help us participate fully in the Holy Mass. The Liturgy Committee wishes to underscore that the Mass involves not only the work of the priest, but the work of the people as well. Mass is an opportunity to listen carefully to the prayers and readings, and reflect on the fact that every mass throughout the world is using the same readings and Holy Rituals.

*REAL PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Accordingly; it is suggested that we will all benefit greatly by being mindful that (Jesus is not only here "tangibly in the tabernacle as we enter the building"), but that Jesus is about to bless all of us as we celebrate our great heritage in Christ. May we all find Christ more alive within our hearts and minds as we carefully and joyfully participate in the true and real Miracles of Christ at each of our Holy Masses.

*REVERENT SILENCE

Please mute your cell phones, and we suggest leaving your ipods, games, laptops, ipads, and earbuds, in your car or at home.

We would appreciate if it everyone would maintain a holy attitude and a reverent silence, before and during the mass -- because many people come to church with problems, fears, sadness, and needs. Many are in deep prayer begging God for his Holy Help. When we unknowingly distract others we are distracting their quiet time with God (perhaps the only time they can find to visit God in this holy place).

As Jesus said: "My house shall be called a house of prayer".

*THE CRY ROOM

Please consider using the cry room at the main entrance of the Church if you have young people in your family who need to be active and playful during mass so that you can come to worship as a family each week and still allow for a peaceful and reverent atmosphere in the main church. The parishioners who lived before us had decided to welcome families with small children and to make them comfortable and participative by constructing a well-designed room with a great sound system and good ventilation for all of our families to use until the children are able to participate quietly in the main body of the church. We certainly welcome and enjoy having children attend and we have provided a convenient and quiet place for all our very young children to allow them "to be themselves -- until they are ready to join us in the quiet-zone".

*ARRIVING HERE ON TIME

Please make every attempt to be on time – or even early. Due to circumstances out of our control, we understand that there are times when you can't get to church before it starts, but remember it is better to be present, even if late, that it is to absent from the assembly of faith.

*LEAVING BEFORE THE FINAL BLESSING

Leaving church before the dismissal is to ignore an important part of the Liturgy: Christ's commission to "...go out and make disciples of all nations." Our Liturgy has a beginning, "in the name of the Father...", and an end, "Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord..." We encourage you to receive your commission with dignity, respect, and honor.

Defending Our Religious Liberty June. 28, 2015

During *Fortnight for Freedom*, it is important that we consider the reasons why the federal healthcare mandate violates religious freedom and contact our elected officials. The mandate: 1) forces religious insurers to write policies that violate their beliefs; 2) forces religious employers and schools to subsidize and facilitate coverage that violates their beliefs; and 3) forces conscientiously objecting employees and students to purchase coverage that violates their beliefs.

If you haven't done so already, please voice your opposition to the federal health care mandate by calling U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Sylvia Mathews Burwell at 202-205-5445, and your elected representatives. Let them know that the mandate is in violation of our First Amendment right to religious freedom.

Lebanon Historical Society Museum Program:

"Eastern Connecticut Native People and Their Stone Artifacts" Wednesday, July 8 from 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

State Archaeologist, and UConn professor Brian Jones lectures on the Eastern Connecticut Native People with a "show-and-tell" of stone tools. Guests are invited to bring stone artifacts for a "show and tell." Please arrive between 6pm –6:15pm to place your labeled objects on tables for display. *Members free, non-members \$2. Refreshments served* Held at the Lebanon Historical Society Museum located at 856 Trumbull Hwy., Lebanon. For more information call 860-642-6579 or museum@historyoflebanon.org or www.historyoflebanon.org

29th Annual Rummage Sale

St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Church at 70 West Main Street in Baltic is seeking donations for its annual rummage sale. Donations of furniture, household items, clothing etc. will be gratefully accepted through July 27th. Please call St. Mary Rectory at (860) 822-6378 to arrange for pick-up of larger items.

Annual Catholic Appeal

In this week's bulletin we have an insert regarding the 2015 Annual Catholic Appeal. If you have made a pledge, our sincere thanks. If you have yet to make your gift or pledge, please consider doing so this week. This year the goal for St. Francis is \$22,900...to date \$21,788 has been pledged. We have reached 95.14% of our goal.

For additional information, please contact the Development Office at 860.886.1928. Thank you.

August brings with it the Lebanon Fair



The St. Francis Ladies Guild needs volunteers to work the Lebanon Fair Soda Booth on August 7th, 8th and 9th.

Sign-up sheets will be located at the side entrance of the Church.

All new volunteers **must** complete background paperwork and an on-line training module. Please see Cheryl during office hours for forms and / or training information.

Any questions contact Estelle Elliott at home 860-429-1685 or my cell 860-420-7221

Thank You



MASS INTENTIONS

We have several open Masses during 2015. You may have a Mass said for a variety of intentions: for a deceased loved one, in celebration of a marriage, anniversary, birthday, in thanksgiving, for a special intention, for world peace, etc.

To request a Mass intention, please call Cheryl in the parish office during office hours.

Ladies Guild 2015 Senior Award

On behalf of the Ladies Guild, it gives me great pleasure to announce this year's recipient of the St. Francis of Assisi Ladies Guild 2015 Graduating Senior Award.

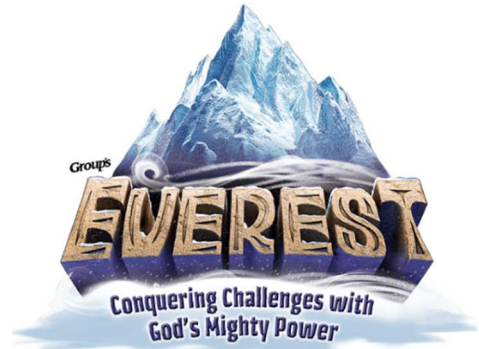
This award is given to a high school senior who has demonstrated a strong involvement in our Parish, as well as school and community organizations and academic grades throughout high school. This year's award goes to Emerson Flannery. We congratulate and wish him the best as he begins a career with the United States Navy.

We would like to thank the Senior Award applicants for applying and for all you have done for our Parish. The Ladies Guild congratulates you on your graduation from Lyman Memorial High School and wishes you all the best in your future accomplishments.

Barbara Wengloski, President

Saint Francis Parish will be celebrating its 35th Anniversary at a special Mass in November. The present building was dedicated on May 18, 1980 and we became an independent parish on January 17, 1981. Anyone interested in being on the Anniversary Committee please contact Barbara at 642-7168 or bobbi.w@charter.net.

The lending library has a new addition- a signed copy of *The Ear of the Heart: An Actress' Journey from Hollywood to Holy Vows* by Mother Dolores Hart. Five members of the Ladies Guild had the pleasure of hearing Mother Hart speak at the Norwich Diocesan Council of Catholic Women's convention on May 16th. She signed our copy of the book at this event. Take some time after mass and check out this and our many other offerings at the lending library.



LEBANON VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The Coolest VBS on Earth

“EVEREST”

Conquering Challenges with
God's Mighty Power

When: July 20 – 24, 2015 from
9am – 12 noon

Where: Lebanon First
Congregational Church

Who: Children Pre-K thru 6th Grade

Ecumenical Church Sponsors:

St. Francis of Assisi Church
Lebanon Baptist Church
First Congregational Church

Registration forms available at
Church Entrances

SEE YOU THERE!!!