

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



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday July 25, 2015 St. James, apostle

4:00 PM Confession

5:00 PM Richard E, Williams req. by Vinnie Moran

Sunday, July 26, 2015 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Ken Walden req. by his family

10:30 AM Jason Bates & Rudolph Schuster req. by Susan & Donna Schuster

Monday July 27, 2015 Weekday

NO MASS

Tuesday July 28, 2015 Weekday

NO MASS

Wednesday July 29, 2015 St. Martha

9:00 AM Phyllis Jacobeno req. by Mackie

Thursday July 30, 2015 St. Peter Chrysologus, bishop, doctor of the Church

NO MASS

Friday July 31, 2015 St. Ignatius of Loyola, priest

9:00 AM Colin Shaughnessy req. by his family

Saturday August 1, 2015 St. Alphonsus Liguori, bishop, doctor of the Church

5:30 PM Richard E. Williams req. by C. Wheaton

Confessions following Mass

Sunday, August 2, 2015 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Louise Pratt req. by her family

10:30 AM NO MASS

Sacrificial Giving

Offertory: \$ 2,356.00

Today's second collection is for building maintenance. Next weekend's second collection is 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 August 1 & 2

5:30pm Lector: Anne Staebner

Eucharistic Minister: Julie Hoddinott

Altar Servers: Ariana Savluk, Elizabeth Spedaliere

8:00am Lector: Rick Kane

Eucharistic Minister: Peggy Stygar

Altar Servers: Sam, Jack, Christian Terwilliger

MASS TIME CHANGES (while Fr. Mark is away):

August 1 Saturday 5:30pm

August 2 Sunday 8:00am there is no 10:30am

August 8 Saturday 5:30pm

August 9 Sunday 8:00am there is no 10:30am

August 15 Saturday 5:30pm

August 16 Sunday 8:00am there is no 10:30am

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, July 26 – August 1 -- Rev. William Olesik, Rev. Luis Agudelo, Msgr. Michael Donohue, Rev. Francis Rouleau, Rev. Joseph Castaldi, Rev. Patrick McCorry, Rev. Edward Wisneski, Rev. Sylva LeCours, Rev. Jonathan Ficara, Msgr. Leszek Janik, Our Holy Father, Rev. William McCarthy MSA, Rev. Alfred Irving. Let us pray for our priests - 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.



Thank You!

I would like to thank all St. Francis parishioners for the opportunity to have served as your organist for the past few years. From the beginning everyone has been so friendly and welcoming. With bittersweet emotions I will be moving at the end of the month to South Carolina to live near my daughter. Thank you Fr. Mark and Fr. Ben for serving as our priests and Cheryl for taking care of any needs for the music ministry. My sincere gratitude to our cantors Mary, Kathy, Emily and Roger for helping to make our liturgical music even more special. "Singing is praying twice". Thank you all for lifting your voices in song with us.

God Bless,

I'll miss you all,

Sue Williams

Vendors for St. Joseph Living Center's Annual Outdoor Fall Festival: Saturday, September 19, 2015 from 10:00 to 2:00, 14 Club Road in Windham. Crafts, Art Work, Plants, Home Goods, Your Home Business (i.e. Avon, Pampered Chef, etc.), Tag Sale, Jewelry, Fabrics, Wood Working, and so on.

We are now taking applications for vendors. Call the Recreation Department for an application. 456-1107 ext. 123 or 124. Leave a message with name, address and telephone number.

LEBANON CHILDREN'S CLOTHING WARDROBE



Our next clothing event will be held on Aug 15 (last chance for summer clothing). Appointments can be made throughout the summer to "shop" for summer clothing or to make donations. We will continue to post pictures on our Facebook page as items come in. If you have a particular need, ask if we have it. If we don't, we will put out a request. We are in need of 3t girls summer clothing, especially nightgowns or lightweight pj's a baby monitor, 24 month boys summer clothing, size 5 toddler boy sandals/shoes, summer maternity clothes in a size small or medium. We are accepting donations on Wed. Aug. 12 from 4-6pm. For more information:

www.facebook.com/lebanonccw
or lebanonccw@gmail.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

- **Diocesan Pro-Life Mass at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on Saturday, August 1st ~ 8:30 a.m.** Please join us and our celebrant Rev. Joseph Whittel 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.
- **Holy Hour for Vocations – August 20 Most Holy Trinity in Pomfret, CT 6-7pm**
- **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
- **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.
- The 10th Catholic Charities Annual Golf Tournament will be held on Wednesday September 16th at Fox Hopyard in East Haddam.

29th Annual Rummage Sale - Baltic CT
St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Church at 70 West Main Street in Baltic, CT., is holding it's **29th Annual Rummage sale!** - Furniture, Housewares, Clothing, Toys, Books and MORE!

Dates & Times

Thursday, July 30 Early Bird Shopping,

\$10 admission, 5 pm – 8 pm

Friday, July 31 9 am – 6:00 pm, Free Admission

Saturday, August 1 9am - 2 pm, Free Admission

Friday, August 7 10 am – 5 pm, Free Admission

Saturday, August 8 9 am – 2 pm, Free Admission

& last day bargains!

We hope to see you there! Please call St. Mary Rectory at (860) 822-6378 for directions or more information.

Thank you very much for your support.

Defending Our Religious Liberty July 19, 2015

The right of religious liberty, the first freedom guaranteed by our Constitution, includes a right to provide and receive health care without being required to violate our most fundamental beliefs. Since abortion became legal nationwide in 1973, federal lawmakers have worked in a bipartisan way to ensure that Americans can fully participate in our health care system without being forced to take part in abortion or other procedures that violate our conscience. Why isn't the same option being applied to the federal health care reform law?

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.

Defending Our Religious Liberty July 26, 2015

Critics who say the Catholic Church is against universal health care are misinformed. The Catholic Church is founded on the Corporal Works of Mercy and helping others. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has always advocated for health care. The Catholic Church is opposing the health care mandate, because it violates the First Amendment, which is supposed to safeguard freedom of religion.

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Wanted – Part-time Administrative Assistant with strong computer and managerial skills.

Must be very proficient in MS Word, Excel, Access, Word Perfect, and written and oral communication skills. Must be responsible, organized, loyal, professional, and a practicing Catholic with ability to multi-task, maintain strict confidentiality, and complete tasks in a timely manner. 21 hours per week starting. Send cover letter and resume by August 15, 2015, to: Search Committee, Diocese of Norwich Tribunal, 201 Broadway, Norwich, CT 06360.



Lebanon Back to School Program

We have begun hanging the tags for the Back to School Supplies Program.

Tags are available on the Back to School Giving Board for donations of school supplies.

This year we have been asked to supply backpacks, lunch bags, binders, high-liters, pocket folders, 1-3 subject notebooks, index Cards, Erasers, Crayons, Pencils & Pens.

Please place items in a plain bag along with the tag.

Bring back to Church by Sunday, August 9th.

Thank you!

HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR CCD CLASSES?

Please return registrations ASAP.

We will be ordering text books the end of July.

Registrations forms are available at the Church entrances.



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

Dear Parishioners:

Winter took its toll on our rear parking lot. After years of patching and re-patching it is crumbling away and as you all know it will not repair itself. The parking lot is over 30 years old.

Unfortunately, it will be a costly replacement project, deferring and waiting until next year or future years will not avoid the expense, simply postpone it, all the while creating a safety issue. We must face this issue responsibly and in a timely manner. It will only get worse with additional winters and erosion.

We have received five (5) separate quotes ranging from \$68,000 to \$90,000. The least costly is still \$68,000. The Parish Finance Committee has recommended we accept pledges over a two year period to ease the impact on our parish families. The requested pledge will be \$400/per family per year with the expectation and hope that approximately 80-100 families can and will contribute.

We understand and appreciate that this is an added burden on our parish families, as it will be on each of our families, but it is our parish and our responsibility to maintain it. Our parish facilities are not immune to the maintenance requirements of what we have to do for our own homes.

We ask you prayerfully consider supporting this project the best you can, because as a community we are the stewards of this parish, and this project is necessary to maintain our parish facilities.

It is our intent to complete this project this year prior to the onset of the colder weather and will do so by borrowing against the existing emergency fund and replenish the fund through the pledges collected over the next two years.

On July 10, 2015, Saint Francis of Assisi Church received permission from Bishop Michael R. Cote and the Diocesan Finance Office to proceed with repaving our parking lot.

This letter along with a pledge card will be mailed to each of our parish families soon. When you receive the mailing, please complete and return the pledge card to the parish office with your initial payment no later than August 22, 2015.

Your dedication to the needs of your parish are a true sign of your deep faith in providing for the spiritual needs of your families and friends.

With deep gratitude,

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Mark Masnicki
Pastor

Rick Kane
Gregg Lafontaine
Elizabeth Mackey
Barbara Wengloski
Finance Committee Members