

**We are pleased and honored
To welcome you to
St. Francis of Assisi Parish**
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Rev. Mark Masnicki, Pastor
Rev. Benjamin Soosaimanickam, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Michael Puscas



MASS INTENTIONS

**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

Monday August 3, 2015 Weekday

NO MASS

Tuesday August 4, 2015 St. John Vianney, priest

NO MASS

**Wednesday August 5, 2015 Dedication of the Basilica of St.
Mary Major**

9:00 AM Phyllis Jacobeno req. by Mackie

Thursday August 6, 2015 Transfiguration of the Lord

NO MASS

**Friday August 7, 2015 St. Sixtus II, pope and companions,
martyrs; St. Cajetan, priest**

9:00 AM Phyllis Jacobeno req. by Mackie

Saturday August 8, 2015 St. Dominic, priest

5:30 PM Patricia Spedaliere req. by her family

Confessions following Mass

Sunday, August 9, 2015 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM

10:30 AM NO MASS

Sacrificial Giving

Offertory: \$ 2,405.93

Building Maintenance: \$ 649.00

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 8 & 9

5:30pm Lector: Dick Lataille

Eucharistic Minister: Carole Briggs

Altar Servers: Steven Bardes, Grace & Nina Gardella

8:00am Lector: Jim Worth

Eucharistic Minister: Ella Mae Kuzel

Altar Servers: Anthony Pomerleau, Wayne Woodward

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

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, August 2 – August 8 – Bishop Michael R. Cote, Rev. Nicholas Mbogo, Msgr. Anthony Rosaforte, all priests, Rev. Izydor Sadowski SDB, Rev. Halbert Weidner, V. Rev. Ignatius Manfredonia FL, Rev. George Busto CO, Rev. Thomas Sickler MS, Rev. Michael Sequeira, Msgr. Henry Archambault, Rev. Samuel Fuller OFM Cap. Let us pray for our priests – May Your priests be happy, may they be esteemed a thousand times, privileged to drink the Fountain of the Savior each day. (Mother Catherine Aurelia, foundress)

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

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.

MEETINGS

Knights of Columbus Thursday Aug. 6 @ 7pm



**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.**

**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 Sun. Aug. 9th from 6-8pm, Mon. Aug. 10th from 10-12am, and Wed. Aug. 12 from 4-6pm. For more information:

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



**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.

**Please bring back to Church
by Sunday, August 9th.**

Thank you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

- **Secretary Needed:** Position for secretary competent in computer skills open at Spiritual Renewal Services, 11 Bath Street, Norwich, CT - 19 hours per week – Please Call Judith Hughes 860-887-0702 for information.
- **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
- The 10th Catholic Charities Annual Golf Tournament will be held on Wednesday September 16th at Fox Hopyard in East Haddam.
- **Is your marriage tearing you apart, little or no communication, considering separation or divorce? For serious marriage building and repair: Retrouvaille is a lifeline.** At a **Retrouvaille** weekend couples are given tools to re-establish communication, work on their issues, gain new insights and heal. A series of 6 post sessions follows the weekend phase. For information or to sign up for the next weekend on **September 18-20** in Hartford area call 413-525-1634. **Website www.retrouvaille.org.**
- **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**. Retreat Oct. 16-18 in RI and Spanish Oct. 23-25 in RI call 401-421-7833 ext.118. Retreat Oct. 30-Nov. 1 in CT call 203-631-9030. rachelvineyard.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.
- **The Silver and Gold Jubilee Anniversary Mass Sunday, October 18, 2015 -- 2:00p.m. Cathedral of St. Patrick** Inviting all couples married 25 & 50 years or a significant anniversary in renewal of your wedding vows at the Pontifical Mass celebrated by Bishop Michael R. Cote at the Cathedral of St. Patrick. Family members are invited to share in your celebration. A reception follows the Mass. Register through your parish in September.

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.

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



Sun, Aug 23 & Nov 15
Father Ralph A. DiOrio
Apostolate of Divine Mercy
and

Healing (508) 832-7890
www.rdohealingministry.org

Come in the spirit of Pilgrimage. Invite Jesus into your heart. Be open to receiving a religious experience. Holy Mass & Benediction Anointing; Spoken Love Scripture of Our Lord; The Healing Ministry; Holy Plenary Indulgence & Blessings

NOTE New Location:

Maironis Park, 52 South Quinsigamond Ave,
Shrewsbury, MA

Southeastern CT Constitution Coach bus coordinator -
Janet Przybysz, 860 536-6638
przybyszjanet@sbcglobal.net

Bus departs 9 AM Old Mystic Village • 9:15 AM I-95 Exit 82, New London Shopping Ctr; • I-395 Commuter Parking Lots @ Exit 80 W Norwich; Exit 89 Moosup Service 12 noon to 4 PM - Pack a lunch; Dunkin Donuts stop on the way home **COST \$50 (includes \$10 ticket)**
♪♪ Children, Teenagers, Clergy & Nuns are always welcome to attend the pilgrimage as our guest ♪♪ Do not let financial difficulties stop anyone from joining us.

Defending Our Religious Liberty Aug. 2, 2015

The Catholic Church is not asking for special treatment when it comes to the federal healthcare mandate, she is simply asking that every American's right to religious freedom be protected. This right is not only about our ability to go to Mass on Sunday, or to pray the Rosary at home. It is about adhering to the tenets of our faith, so that we can contribute to the common good of all Americans.

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.



BASEBALL & FIREWORKS

Connecticut Tigers

VS

Vermont Lake Monsters

Friday, August 21, 2015 @ 7:30pm

Dodd Stadium - Norwich

Sponsored by the St. Francis of Assisi
Knights of Columbus Council 9653

Tickets are \$8.00 each

Tickets on Sale after all Masses:

Weekends of

August 8-9 and August 15-16

For more information or to reserve tickets, contact:

Fran Malozzi, Grand Knight @ 860.933.4976
or Bob Nejako @ 860.456.0301



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

Immaculata Retreat House

289 Windham Road, Willimantic, CT 06226
Office: 860.423.8484

Looking for 1000+ Pray-ers

July 1, 2015: A new chapter has begun. The Immaculata has a new director and is getting a "new" team of Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate. On the Sunday afternoons of August 30, October 4, and November 15, 2015, 100+ friends of the Immaculata will gather to dream, discuss and decide: beginning a process of renovation, rejuvenation, and renewal for our next years. This is a holy place of prayer, hope and peace. Ours is to be a spiritually uplifting, religiously challenging, authentically Catholic Christian, realistic and compelling future. We will focus on proclaiming Jesus as Lord and Savior to clients and staff, by inspiring programs and beautiful grounds, established retreats and new events ... reaching out to neighbors: young and old, poor and rich (and all in between) both local and throughout New England.

Will you join us in prayer? We hope to have over 1000 folk like yourself holding us in prayer before the Lord while we dream, discuss and decide. You can pray however and wherever you like, whenever and with whomever you want. If you wish, send us a spiritual bouquet/note of spiritual support. It will be displayed for all to read during our sessions.

If you want to be kept informed of what happens when 100+ folk gather to seek God's will supported by 1000+ folk holding them in prayer, give us a way to communicate with you. Spread the Good News: God is very good!

Fr. Ron Meyer, OMI
Director

