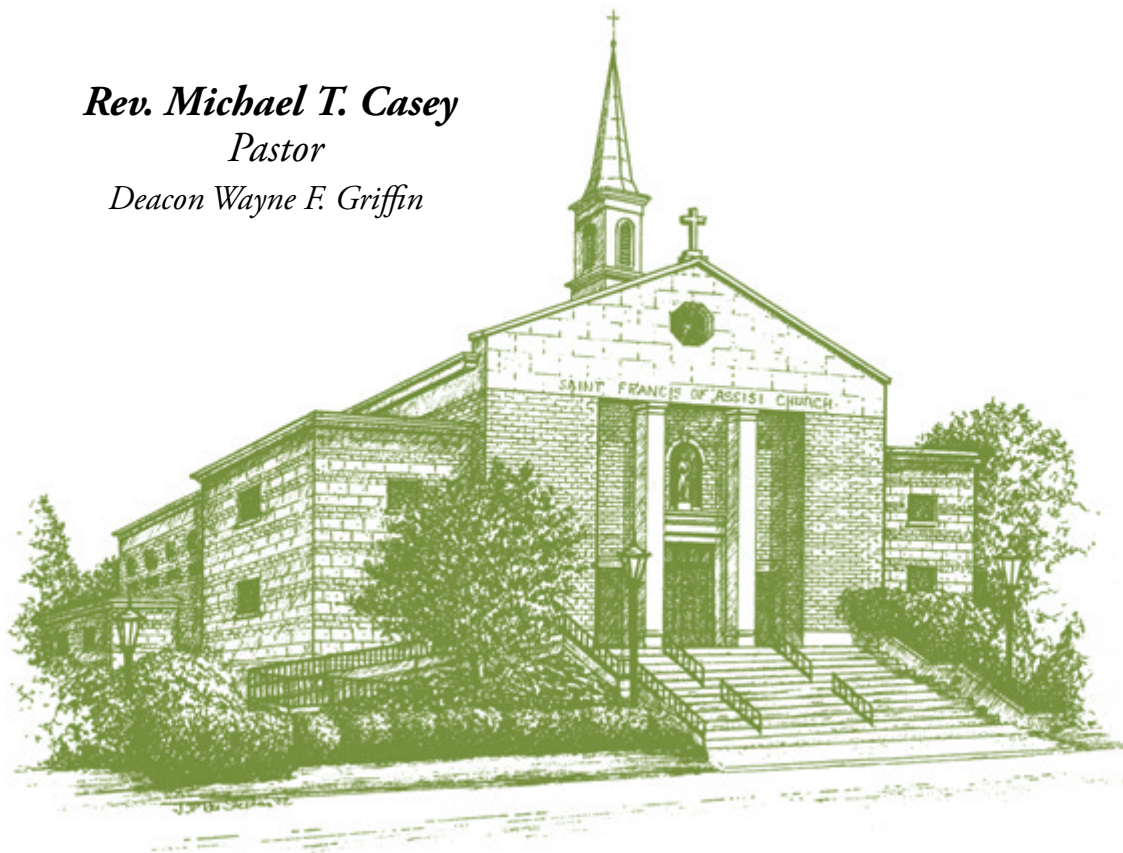


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*Pastor*  
Deacon Wayne F. Griffin



#### WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday: 4:30pm  
Sunday: 8:00 & 10:00am  
6:00 pm

#### DAILY MASSES

Monday-Thursday: 7:00am  
Saturday: 8:00am

#### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday  
8:30am - 5:00pm

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#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 3:00 - 4:00pm

#### MARRIAGE

Please contact the Parish Office.

#### BAPTISM

Please contact the Parish Office.

#### REGISTRATION

New parishioners should register as soon as possible. Call the Parish Office. Please notify the Parish office of any change of address or telephone number.

#### MINISTRY TO THE SICK OR HOMEBOUND

Please call the Parish Office if someone you know is hospitalized or homebound and would like to receive the Sacraments.

#### PRAYER LINE

We pray for anyone in need of prayer. Names are not necessary; simply tell us your intention. Contact Maureen at 860-224-2397 or Marjorie at 860-357-3853

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**Saturday, April 21 – Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Easter**

4:30PM †Adam Brojek by Wife & Children

**Sunday, April 22 – Fourth Sunday of Easter**

8:00AM †Eleanor Ryba by Children & Grandchildren

10:00AM †Wieslaw Glogowski req. by Wife & Family

6:00PM CCSU Mass at St. Francis

**Monday, April 23**

7:00AM For Increase in Vocations to the Priesthood

**Tuesday, April 24**

7:00AM †Connie Dzwonkowski by K. Dzwonkowski

**Wednesday, April 25 – Saint Mark**

7:00AM †Nicholas Salza by Mario & Family

**Thursday, April 26**

7:00AM †Deceased of the Lynch & Hallinan Families

**Saturday, April 28**

8:00AM Intentions of the Celebrant

**Saturday, April 28 – Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Easter**

4:30PM †Jerry Levesque 1<sup>st</sup> Anniv. by Family

**Sunday, April 29 – Fifth Sunday of Easter**

8:00AM For Living & Deceased of Our Parish

10:00AM †Angela Salza Mario & Family

6:00PM CCSU Mass at St. Francis

**Please Pray for...**

**Our Sick, Homebound and those in Nursing Homes:**

Carl Bienkowski, Gladys Cloukey, Phyllis Hary, Kathleen Kryszak, Lee Labianca, Marita O’Neill, Richard Picerno, Stephen Sen, and Helen Tomassetti.

**Our Deceased.**

**This week the Blessed Sacrament lamp will burn...**

*In memory of  
Daniel & Theresa Boyer,  
requested by Daughter*



Our Memorial candles will be changing. Please call Paula at 860-225-6449 for details.



**Church Support**

April 14 & 15

<b>Weekly Collection</b> .....	<b>\$3,048.76</b>
Children’s Envelopes.....	\$2.00
<b>Monthly Collection</b> .....	<b>\$750.00</b>
<b>Rice Bowl Collection</b> .....	<b>\$365.00</b>
<b>Online Donations</b> .....	<b>\$267.00</b>

Thank you for your support.

**Our Faith, Our Future**

It is important that when you give to any charitable organization, you are confident that the funds received are being used wisely. Be assured that your gift to the Archbishop’s Annual Appeal supports the ministries and programs indicated in the 2018 Appeal literature! Organizations such as CCARC, the Friendship Service Center, and Klingberg Family Center right here in our own town received funding from the Appeal’s Vicariate Outreach Program that makes a difference in the lives of our local neighbors. Please visit the Appeal website at [www.archdioceseofhartford.org](http://www.archdioceseofhartford.org)

**Annual Bishop Peter Rosazza  
Social Justice Conference**

*June 9, 2018 -- 8:00AM – 3:30PM  
St. Thomas Seminary, Bloomfield, CT*

**“Rooted in Faith: Bringing Social Justice Home”**

Keynote speakers will be Joan Rosenhauer, CRS Vice President of US Operations, and Fr. Stephen Sledesky, Pastor of St. George Parish.

Call 860-242-5573, Ext. 2688 or go to [www.catholicsocialjustice.org](http://www.catholicsocialjustice.org) for more information.

### **An Invitation to a Banquet**

The Ladies' Guild invites everyone to join us for some fun as we celebrate the end of another successful year at our May Banquet! The Banquet will be held on Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM in the Church Hall.

Catered by Fortuna Caterers, the Buffet Menu will consist of: Penne Ziti with Marinara, Baked Cod with Lemon Sauce, Chicken Marsala, Sliced Roast Beef, Roasted Red Bliss Garlic Potatoes, Italian Style String Beans, Tossed Green Salad, Bread & Butter, Coffee/Tea and Dessert.

All are welcome regardless of gender. The cost is \$16.00 per person. Reservation flyers are available at all entrances to the Church. We hope you will join us. All reservations must be received by Friday, May 4, 2018.

### **Thank you!**

The Ladies' Guild thanks those parishioners whom have made donations to our Cakeless Cake Sale. Donations have topped \$1,200 and are still climbing. All donations regardless of size are most welcome.

If you did not receive our mailing, but would like to make a donation, please place a white envelope clearly marked "**Cakeless Cake Sale**" into any weekend collection basket or mail your donation to St. Francis of Assisi Ladies' Guild, Cakeless Cake Sale, 1755 Stanley St., New Britain, CT 06053.

### **The Word of God Is Alive!**

Come to know Jesus more fully in the Bible in Hartford, New Haven and Litchfield Counties. Find out more about the Catholic Biblical School online at [www.CatholicEdAOHCT.org](http://www.CatholicEdAOHCT.org). Or contact the Office of Education, Evangelization and Catechesis at 860-242-5573 or [catholic.biblical.school@aohct.org](mailto:catholic.biblical.school@aohct.org).

### **For Your Address Book!**

Rev. Jerzy Auguscik, OFM, Conv.  
Parish of St. Maximilian Kolbe  
19 Electric Avenue  
Thomaston, CT 06787-1651

### **Pro-Life Thought of the Week**

Human law is law in as much as it is in conformity with right reason and thus derives from the eternal law. But when a law is contrary to reason, it is called an unjust law; but in this case it ceases to be a law and becomes instead an act of violence.

*Summa Theologiae, &  
The Gospel of Life, 72*

Check out: [thecatholicthing@frinstitute.org](mailto:thecatholicthing@frinstitute.org) for a daily thoughtful article on the Church today.

### **Archdiocesan Mass of Remembrance**

*Tuesday, April 24, 2018 at 5:30PM  
St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 872  
Farmington Avenue, West Hartford*

The Mass of Remembrance is a time for reflection on the lives of our children who have died from any cause. The causes are numerous but the resulting emotions of pain, longing, and sorrow are the same.

### **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**

On this Good Shepherd Sunday we celebrate World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray for an increase in vocations to priesthood, diaconate and religious life. May God raise up good shepherds in our midst. To serve as a shepherd of the Lord's flock as a priest or religious, call Fr. Michael Casey as Director of Vocations at 860-225-6449 or visit the web at [www.hartfordpriest.com](http://www.hartfordpriest.com).

### **Calendar of Meetings and Events**

**Religion Classes: Grades 1 – 5:** Saturday mornings, 8:45 AM – 9:45AM, April 28, May 5 & 12, in the church.

**Sacrament of First Holy Communion:** The students in our First Holy Communion preparation class will receive the Sacrament for the first time at the 10:00AM Mass on Sunday, May 6, 2018. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

**Men's Rosary League:** Wed., May 16<sup>th</sup> at **11:00AM** in Church. Social Hour follows. All men are invited.

### Take a Chance and Support a Local Retreat Center

Would you like to win a 2018 Mercedes-Benz C-Class Sedan while supporting a local Retreat Center? You can help upgrade the heating and cooling systems at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center in Farmington by purchasing a Car Raffle ticket.

The car raffle tickets are only \$60 each, in honor of the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of this ministry. Call 1-888-816-5813 to order your ticket(s); please leave your name and telephone number only, so that staff can call you. For more information please visit [www.OurLadyofCalvary.net](http://www.OurLadyofCalvary.net); Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/olcretreat>. Our goal is to sell 2,500 tickets.

### Celebrate Malta House of Care

Seven amazing women will be honored at “Celebrating Wonder Women ‘18” on Wednesday, May 9, 2018, 6:00 – 8:30PM at the Hartford Marriott Downtown. The 8<sup>th</sup> annual fundraiser will benefit the Malta House of Care mobile medical clinic, which provides free primary care to uninsured adults on a van that visits 4 neighborhoods each week.

To learn more about Malta or to buy a ticket (\$100 per person) to Wonder Women ‘18, visit <http://www.maltahouseofcare.org> or call 860-548-1593. Thank you!

### 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Franciscan Sports Banquet & Silent Auction

*Tuesday, June 5, 2018 at the Aqua Turf Club*

*5:30PM to 9:30PM*

The Franciscan Life Center and Franciscan Home Care and Hospice Care invite all sports enthusiasts to attend this annual Sports Banquet and Silent Auction. Honored guests include: Rece Davis, Sports commentator ESPN; Claire Smith, Coordinating Editor, ESPN; Joe D’Ambrosio, “Voice of the Huskies” for 26 years; Bernie Schilberg, CEO, Prime Materials Recovery; and John Salerno and Betsy Tooker, Owner & Partner, Tops Marketplace

Proceeds to benefit Franciscan Life Center and Franciscan Home Care and Hospice Care. Tickets: \$65 Per Adult and \$30 Per Child (12 and under). Visit [www.flcenter.org](http://www.flcenter.org) for table & ticket reservations or sponsor opportunities.

### Overcoming Anxiety Workshop

*A six session educational program designed to provide basic tools for managing anxiety more effectively. Individuals age 16 years or older are welcome.*

<b>Dates/Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 and June 13, 2018 7:00PM to 8:30PM	San Damiano Seminar Room 275 Finch Avenue, Meriden, CT 06451
<b>Facilitator</b>	<b>Course Objectives:</b>
Dr. Thomas Finn, Clinical Psychologist Franciscan Life Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify the causes of anxiety.</li> <li>• Learn breathing and relaxation tools.</li> <li>• Develop anti-anxiety thinking patterns</li> <li>• Build self-esteem.</li> <li>• Improve Assertiveness skills.</li> </ul>
<b>Cost</b>	
\$40.00 per session for six-week program (Insurance coverage may apply)	

For more information contact 203-237-8084 or visit [www.flcenter.org](http://www.flcenter.org).

## May Events at the Shrine of Lourdes in Litchfield

**May 1<sup>st</sup>** Marks the beginning of the 60<sup>th</sup> Pilgrimage Season of the Shrine of Lourdes in Litchfield, located at 50 Montford Rd., Rte. 118, Litchfield, CT 06759. Mass is celebrated Tuesday through Sunday at 11:30AM in the outside Grotto. In the event of inclement weather, Mass is celebrated in the Grotto Chapel located on the Shrine grounds. Also on the grounds are the Grotto Gift Shop and the Grotto Café.

**May 13<sup>th</sup>: Mother's Day & Celebration of Mary's Crowning** – There will be a special blessing for all women present as part of the yearly celebration of the May Crowning. Donation of plants & flowers to help beautify the Grotto will be greatly appreciated.

**May 20<sup>th</sup>: The Annual Blessing of Motorcycles** will begin at 1:30PM to mark the beginning of the 2018 riding season. There is no 3:00PM service today.

**May 27<sup>th</sup>: Monthly prayer of the Sacrament of the Sick** occurs at the conclusion of Mass.

**May 28<sup>th</sup>: Memorial Day** – Mass will be celebrated at 11:30AM in the Grotto.

For further information call 860-567-1041, email: [lourdeshshrinect@gmail.com](mailto:lourdeshshrinect@gmail.com) or visit our website: [www.shrinect.org](http://www.shrinect.org).

## Dates for Men's and Women's Conferences for 2018 Announced

*Save the Date!*

**Connecticut Catholic Men's Conference:** The conference will take place on Saturday, October 20, 2018 at St. Paul Catholic High School in Bristol. The theme for this year is "Go out to the whole world" (Mark 16:15) Registration and additional information is available online at <https://ctcatholicmen.org>.

**Archdiocese of Hartford 2018 Women's Conference:** Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 3, 2018. Our 2018 theme will be "Woman is the World's Harmony," taken from Pope Francis' morning meditation on February 9, 2017.

Kerry A. Robinson, of Leadership Roundtable, will be our keynote speaker. The day will include workshops, "spiritual breakouts," a vendor hall, and Vigil Mass with Archbishop Blair. Join us for a faith-filled and fabulous day! Registration will open on <http://www.CatholicEdAOHCT.org> this spring.

## Forward with Faith Cathedral Repair and Renovations

The scaffolding gets higher each day! As a result of this most recent progress, the three bronze doors at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph on Farmington Avenue in Hartford are no longer accessible. To enter the Cathedral from Farmington Avenue, both side (wooden) doors remain available – the east door (closest to the Rectory/Chancery – near the ramp) offers the easiest access. Parishioners visiting the Cathedral are encouraged to use the new West Entrance which includes elevator access to all levels of the Cathedral and multiple rest rooms. It is anticipated that the scaffolding will be in place until November as the limestone steeple is repaired and replaced; new steeple/cross lighting installed and the entire outside of the Cathedral cleaned.

## Bereavement Workshop

The Office of the Diaconate and the Office of Education, Evangelization and Catechesis will be hosting a workshop for those involved in bereavement ministry. It will take place on **April 28, 2018** at St. Peter Claver Parish in West Hartford, starting at **9:00AM**. Lunch will be included.

Please contact Deacon Bob Pallotti at: 860-242-5573 x7446 or [dcn.pallotti@aohct.org](mailto:dcn.pallotti@aohct.org) to register.

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