

# ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

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## **TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

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Paula Vincent	Bulletin Editor

## **OFFICE HOURS**

Monday through Thursday 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM  
Closed Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and also Monday  
Holidays.

## **PARISH EMAIL & Bulletin Announcements**

[stphilipstjude@gmail.com](mailto:stphilipstjude@gmail.com)

## **PARISH WEBSITE**

<https://saintphilipct.com>

## **NEW PARISHIONERS**

We are delighted to welcome you and encourage you to register by filling out a registration form or emailing the office.

## **WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday	4:30 p.m.
Sunday	9:00 a.m.
Sunday	11:00 a.m.

## **DAILY MASS SCHEDULE**

Tuesday	8:00 a.m.
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.
Thursday	8:00 a.m.
Friday	8:00 a.m.

**CONFESSION:** Saturdays 3:30-4:00 pm

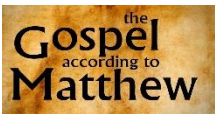
## **SACRAMENTS**

Please call the office for information on Baptism, Marriage, and Pastoral Visits.

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Sundays in the Parish Center

*St. Philip's is Handicap Accessible*



July 23, 2023

16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

† **Mass Schedule and Intentions** †

Readings start on page 915 in St. Augustine Hymnal

**Sat** July 22, 3:30-4:00 pm Confession

**Sat** July 22, 4:30 pm Mass: *St. Mary Magdalene*

† **Theresa & Russ Perkins** by *Andrew & Ann Brndiar*

**Sun** July 23, 9:00 am Mass (Quiet Mass)

† **Adrien & Caroline Bilodeau** by *Jeannette Karosi*

**Sun** July 23, 11:00 am Mass (Quiet Mass)

† **David Lennerton, 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** by *his Mother, Marie*

† **Glen Lagasse, 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary** by *The Family*

**Sun** July 23, 12:00 pm Baptism **Laney May Lamarre**

**Tues** July 25, 8:00 am Mass: *St. James, Apostle*

† **Nancy H. Bradley, 1<sup>st</sup> Year Anniversary**

by *Anne Shea*

† **Frank Triska & Charles Triska** by *Ethel Krapf*

**Wed** July 26, 8:00 am Mass: *Sts. Joachim and Anne*

**For the Sick of Our Parish**

**Thurs** July 27, 8:00 am Mass

† **Russell & Theresa Perkins** by *Sue Harkness*

**Fri** July 28, 8:00 am Mass

† **Russell & Theresa Perkins** by *Caroline Doughty*

**ADORATION** following Mass; **Benediction 12:00 noon**

**Sat** July 29, 3:30-4:00 pm Confession

**Sat** July 29, 4:30 pm Mass: *Sts. Martha, Mary & Lazarus*

† **David P. McCarthy** by *Ann Phillips*

**Sun** July 30, 9:00 am Mass

† **Adrien & Caroline Bilodeau** by *Jeannette Karosi*

**Sun** July 30, 11:00 am Mass

† **Charles Doughty** by *Caroline Doughty*

**Sun** July 30, 12:00 pm Baptism **Cole Joseph Sylvester**

*If you have a Mass Intention for a loved one, please bring up the gifts during that Mass.*

**Please note:** If you need the Eucharist brought to you during Mass, please raise your hand after Communion so the Eucharistic Minister can bring it to you.



**Coffee and Donuts in Parish Center after 9:00 am & before 11:00 am Sunday Mass!**



Church open: Mon-Thurs, 9:30-2:30 & Fri Adoration.

**THE PRAYER BASKET** is for your special intentions to be placed on the altar during Mass.



**THE PARISH FLAGPOLE** is available through the



kindness of some of our parishioners.

Any parishioner is invited to fly a flag in

honor and memory of a deceased military

family member or friend, for one month. To

participate, please call Ann at 860-429-2860, during office hours. Thank you to all our veterans who have served, both living and deceased.

**PRAYER LIST:** For current requests please call 860-429-2860 or email [stphilipstjude@gmail.com](mailto:stphilipstjude@gmail.com).

**PRAYER LIST:** Seth Beebe, John Bergeron, Sr., Brian Berry, Megan Berry, Ed Borowski, Elizabeth Clifford, Helen Donnelly & Family, Kyle Ernst, Agnes Flynn, Myles Gratton, Kathy Hills, P.J., Marie James, Joyce H., Mikey Harakaly, Melinda King, Patrice Lucas, Ray McCaughey, Jackie Mozzicato, Jesse Narwicziks, Bob Ogden, Laura P., M.P., Pauline Picard, Diane Piccoli, Emil Poirier, Heather Poulin, Dawn Pringle, Patrick Pringle, Jim Rook, Mike Schwartz, Skyler Sherman, Maureen Smith, Patrick Stenglein, Mason Studley, Mary Jane Tynan, J.W., Greg & Jocelyne Wakefield, Terri Warren.

**WELCOME TO OUR SUMMER VISITORS!**



We at St. Philip the Apostle Church are delighted that you have decided to make our church your home away from home as you vacation in our area. Please stop and introduce yourself to Father Michael. Let us know if there is anything you need while you are here, and we will do our best to assist you.

The week of July 23-29, 2023, has been designated as **National Natural Family Planning (NFP) Awareness Week** as part of a national educational campaign of the USCCB to celebrate God's vision for marriage and promote NFP methods. This year's theme is entitled *Marriage: One Flesh, Given and Received*.



**ACTS Retreat for Men**

Sponsored by: Corpus Christi Parish Held at: Immaculate

Conception Retreat Center, Putnam CT October 5-8, 2023. Catholic men present an ACTS weekend retreat under guidance of clergy, to strengthen your faith and its application in your daily life, to renew yourself spiritually, and to build community through lasting friendships. The retreat begins Thursday evening, October 5<sup>th</sup> with a 5:30pm check-in at St. Joseph Church, Willimantic, CT. Participants will then be transported to Immaculate Conception Retreat Center, Putnam, CT for the remainder of the retreat. The retreat will end Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at the 10:30am Mass at St. Mary Church, Willimantic, CT. A reception will follow immediately after Mass in the church hall of St. Joseph's. Transportation to and from the retreat center will be provided. The cost for first time retreatants is \$199. If you are a return retreatant it is \$289. A limited amount of "need-based" assistance is available. Our parish representative is Paul Godere 860-942-3980. Applications are available in the vestibule and at the end of our online bulletin.

**DIOCESAN PRO-LIFE MASS** Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich **Sat, Aug 5 at 8:30 A.M.** Please join our celebrant **Rev. Walter Nagle** at Mass as we pray to end abortion and for healing for those who have had an abortion. Following the Mass, the Rachel Rosary will be prayed at the Cathedral. A brunch in the Cathedral Hall will follow the Rosary.



Father Michael would like parents to consider having their daughter or son volunteer for the privilege of serving at the altar during Mass. If interested, please contact the Canavan family at 860-429-4116 and leave a message.

Thank you to **Mark Flynn** for cleaning all the pews in the church.



**SAVE THE DATES**  
**Parish Picnic**

Sunday, September 10, 2023

**Christmas Craft Fair**

Saturday, November 25, 2023, 9am-3pm



FAITH FORMATION

Fall is fast approaching! If you have children that will participate in the **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** program, please register them now for the 2023/2024 academic year.



**THE EARLY CHURCH**

STEVE WEIDENKOPF

**BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH**  
**BIBLE STUDY—FALL 2023**  
**EPIC: THE EARLY CHURCH**

Discover the first 500 years of Church history! *Epic: The Early Church* will lead you through a powerful journey from the lives of the apostles through the rise and fall of Constantine. You will explore Church history slowly and carefully to “unpack” the great riches of the Faith and apply them on a personal level.

Join us for *Epic: The Early Church* at Blessed Sacrament Parish this fall.

In this dynamic ten-part study program, professor Steve Weidenkopf presents the origins of the Faith from a truly Catholic perspective! You’ll meet courageous saints, eloquent theologians, ruthless emperors and heroic martyrs.

Classes will be held in the Blessed Sacrament Parish Center (St. Bernard Campus)

Rockville

Monday 9:00am or Monday 7:00pm

**Ten Sessions:**

August 28, September 11 & 18, October 2, 16, & 30, November 13 & 27, and December 11 & 18

Registration/Materials: \$29.00

Registration Deadline: July 24<sup>th</sup>

Register on our website

[www.blessedsacramentct.org](http://www.blessedsacramentct.org) or scan the QR code



For more information,

email [biblestudy@cath-comm.org](mailto:biblestudy@cath-comm.org) or contact Mary Frances Berstene at 860-872-0200 Ext. 107

**16<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CONNECTICUT CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE**

2023 THEME: **THE PRIESTHOOD: GOD'S GIFT & OUR RESPONSIBILITY**

**REGISTER TODAY!**

FELLOWSHIP ADORATION CONFESSION & MASS NATIONAL SPEAKERS EXHIBITORS

Kevin Wells, Matthew Leonard, Archbishop Blair & Bishop Betancourt, Fr. Glenn Sudano, CFR, Fr. Larry Richards

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 8:30AM - 4PM VIGIL MASS TICKETS ON SALE NOW [ctcatholicmen.org](http://ctcatholicmen.org) | Order Online

LOCATION: NORTHWEST CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL IN WEST HARTFORD

**YOUNG ADULT HIKE AND MASS**

The Young Adult Ministry of the Blessed Sacrament Parish based in Rockville and Tolland is hosting a Hike & Mass on July 29<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM at Case Mountain Park in Manchester, CT; we invite all young adults to join us! We will complete a short hike through the park and have Mass at the summit with our clergy. Please RSVP by visiting our website or by emailing [yam@cath-comm.org](mailto:yam@cath-comm.org).

JOIN THE ADVENTURE  
JULY 29, 2023  
10:00 AM-12:00 PM  
CASE MOUNTAIN - MANCHESTER, CT

**YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY HIKE & MASS**  
BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH  
2023

BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH PRESENTS  
**YOUNG ADULT HIKE & MASS**  
VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO RSVP AND LEARN MORE  
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 PRESENTS A DAY OF REFLECTION  
 FOOD FOR THE SOUL II  
 Celebrating the Eucharistic Revival  
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 SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2023 - 9am to 3pm  
 ENDERS ISLAND - MYSTIC, CT



Registration Form  
 Deadline: September 1, 2023

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**Four County Catholic Weekly Newsletter**

Get the latest news and announcements from around the diocese emailed right to your inbox. Connecting area Catholics to church, faith and the common good with news, upcoming events and spiritual reflection, the new digital newsletter will keep you updated. Discover the good work being done in our two dozen ministries as well as learning about employment and volunteer opportunities. It's informative, it's weekly and it's free! Sign up today! Your email address is safe with us. <https://www.norwichdiocese.org/newsletter>.

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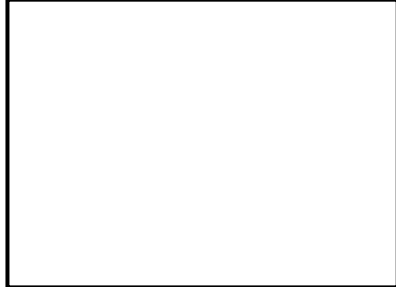
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**ADVERTISE IN OUR BULLETIN**

\$200 for six months for a small ad. (See above).  
 \$300 for a double-sized ad. Discount for an entire year is \$550 for a double ad. Funeral Homes will receive a triple-sized ad. Ads may be submitted each year in July and January to the Parish Office email: [stphilipstjude@gmail.com](mailto:stphilipstjude@gmail.com). If you or someone you know would like to advertise and support the Church bulletin, please let us know.

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 51 East Main Street • Stafford Springs **860-684-2538**

## Connecticut Catholic Men's Conference

16th Annual

Hartford, Bridgeport & Norwich Dioceses

**Saturday, September 23, 2023**



**Location:** Northwest Catholic HS, West Hartford  
**Times:** 8:30am - Vigil Mass | Doors open 7:30am

Purchase Tickets Online

[www.ctcatholicmen.org](http://www.ctcatholicmen.org)

860-484-7950

[info@ctcatholicmen.org](mailto:info@ctcatholicmen.org)

Visit website for Tickets, Speakers,  
Directions, Pictures, & promotion

**ANNIVERSARY MASS REGISTRATION** All couples married 25 & 50 years or celebrating any significant anniversary are invited to attend the 2023 Silver and Golden Jubilee Anniversary Mass celebrated by Bishop Michael R. Cote at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on Sunday, September 10, 2023, at 2 P.M. Registration is required. To register, send the following information: husband and wife's name, address, telephone number, wedding date, anniversary being celebrated and parish to Mary-Jo McLaughlin, Catholic Family Services Coordinator, 199 Broadway, Norwich, CT 06360, call 860-848-2237, Ext 312, or email [mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net). The deadline for registering is **Monday, August 14**. This is a firm date, so please register early. Couples may also email a recent digital photo of themselves in a jpeg format to the email address to be included in a gallery of pictures on the Diocesan Website.

**2023 ACA update:** As of July 5, 2023, St. Philip the Apostle Parish, Ashford has donated \$22,075 or 76% of its goal, and 24% of parishioners have donated. We are striving for as close to 100% participation as possible. **THERE IS STILL TIME TO DONATE!** Our campaign year ends Dec 31, 2023. With your donation, our ACA supported ministries do the work of Christ every day. If you have not made your contribution to the 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal, "One Faith, One Family", or would like to make an additional gift, donation envelopes are still available in the church or you can contact the Development Office at (860) 886-1928 or go online to [www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org](http://www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org). Thank you to everyone for your support!

### **A NOTE ABOUT PARISH REGISTRATION**

If you regularly worship with us, we invite you to register with St. Philip parish. This allows us to provide accurate census data to the diocese. Registration forms (green) are in the vestibule. Please return them to the office. Thank you.

### **DID YOU KNOW!?**

Catholic Charities is a SNAP Outreach agency. We help with SNAP applications and redetermination of benefits in all four offices. For assistance, please contact a Catholic Charities office near you:  
331 Main St., Norwich: 860-889-8346  
28 Huntington St., New London: 860-443-5328  
88 Jackson St., Willimantic: 860-423-7065  
16 Stack St., Middletown: 860-346-0060  
Spanish Speaking Case Workers available.



NATIONAL

## Eucharistic Revival

**July 17-21, 2024, Lucas Oil Stadium,  
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA**

### **A Catholic Experience Unlike Any Other**

Join your Catholic brothers and sisters at the 10<sup>th</sup> National Eucharistic Congress. For the first time in a generation, the Church will gather to ask Jesus to breathe his life into our dry bones and then send us back to our community to share his love. This historic 5-day gathering of missionary disciples will be a new Pentecost, a powerful anointing and personal commission to invite others to know Christ. Your life—and our Church—will never be the same. <https://www.eucharisticcongress.org/schedule>.

### **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time- Parable of the Mustard Seed**

Matt 13:31-32: Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that a person took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is larger than all the garden plants and becomes a tree. The birds of the air come and make their nests in it's branches." Have faith and you can make your relationship strong. Come and rest in its branches. Come experience a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience where the faith of a mustard seed will grow. The dates are:

August 11-13, 2023 in Storrs, CT

August 25-27, 2023 in Vermont

September 22-24, 2023 in Huntington, NY

October 20-22, 2023 in Vermont

Worldwide Marriage Encounter sponsors a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences, some on weekends and some on seven weekdays. Couples explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church. Registration is limited; there is a \$100 application fee. For more information or to apply, call Frank & Margie Pearson at 860-337-2447 or <https://wwmectw.org/>.

**WHEN PLANNING YOUR ESTATE:** Please consider putting St. Philip in your will as a way to be remembered while supporting the ongoing needs of the parish.

**REMINDER:** If you do not currently use our church envelopes and would like an end-of-the-year statement, please register in our parish and include your check or cash in an envelope with your name and address on it. We need this information for our software program. Thank you.

**LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC CDs:** We have lots of CDs you can trust to provide correct Catholic teaching. Thank you for all your donations that help to keep the program going. Contact Donna Vertefeulle: 860-429-4508 or email [donna@vertefeulle.org](mailto:donna@vertefeulle.org).



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**Marriage Preparation Classes to Meet Virtually**  
The Catholic Family Services Office will be offering virtual or one-on-one marriage preparation classes for engaged couples. Couples getting married should contact Mary-Jo McLaughlin at the Catholic Family Services Office to establish class dates. She can be reached Mon – Wed at 860-848-2237, Ext 312 or email: [mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net).

**Caregiver resources and prayers** are available through the Office of Faith Events. To receive **caregiver info** monthly, send your email address to [manicholas@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:manicholas@norwichdiocese.net) and we will add you to the distribution list.

**Natural Family Planning** is scientific, safe, and is 99 % effective for conceiving or responsibly postponing a baby. For information, call Craig and Liz Schantz at 860-464-1184. [www.ccli.org](http://www.ccli.org).

Please do not respond to any messages on the internet from Father Michael Giannitelli. He does not communicate via the internet. If you see anything that bears his name, it is fraudulent. Thank you.



### **RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT WEEKEND**

If you are silently grieving or suffering from an abortion, experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a **Rachel's Vineyard Retreat**. The weekend healing process includes discussions, Living Scripture with meditations, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service and Mass of Entrustment. Participation is confidential and offers an opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion. Both women and men have participated in past retreats. For info, call Marie at 203-631-9030 or e-mail her at [mlaffin@prolifeministry.org](mailto:mlaffin@prolifeministry.org); or visit the national website at [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org).

**"PROJECT RACHEL"** is our Diocesan ministry for anyone seeking healing and forgiveness from an abortion. Priests in the **Project Rachel** ministry are there for you with God's Grace and Mercy. Call 860-861-4439. All inquiries are confidential.

**PARENTS DIVORCING AND/OR RESOLVING CHILD CUSTODY ISSUES** Are you concerned about the effects of divorce, separation or family disruption on your children? **Catholic Charities offers ongoing, monthly one day Parenting Classes in Norwich, Rockville and Middletown. A monthly 2- part Spanish/bilingual parenting education class is held in Willimantic.**

Attendance at both sessions is required for the certificate of completion. Fees are determined by the State of CT. Call 1-860-889-8346 x 260 info.

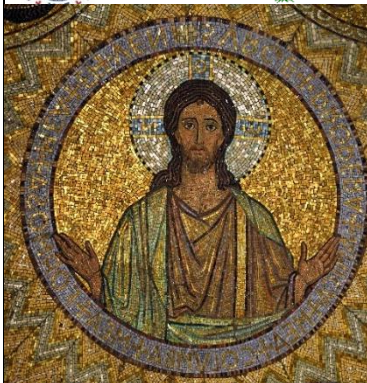
**YOU CAN HELP YOUR MARRIAGE** – If your marriage has become troubled or stressed, unloving or uncaring, even if you are divorced or separated but want to try again, the Retrouvaille program can help. Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness and simply shut down. Others experience conflict and arguments in their relationship. Most don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. This program has helped thousands of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. For info, call confidentially 1-800-470-2230, email [3002r@retrouvaille.org](mailto:3002r@retrouvaille.org) or visit the national website at: <http://helpourmarriage.org>.

**Pregnant? Need help? CATHOLIC CHARITIES**  
**Pregnancy and Adoption Programs** provide concrete help & answers. Call 1-800- BABYDUE, even if you simply want to talk.

**“WHY DON’T OUR ADULT CHILDREN ATTEND MASS?”** REPLAY – Did you miss the virtual presentation of “Why Don’t our Adult Children attend Mass?” with Deacon Dennis Dolan and Mary-Jo McLaughlin, Catholic Family Services Coordinator? Don’t worry, you can watch it again at your leisure from the comfort of your home by adding the link <https://bit.ly/3SR2slk> into your browser. Join Deacon Dennis and Mary-Jo as they explore the topic of adult children who stopped going to Mass. Listen to parents who are burdened by this knowledge as they reflect on the presentation. The session covers why adult children have chosen not to attend, options that may help you encourage them to come back to church, and time for prayer and reflection.

“Pay attention and come to me; listen, that you may have life.”

(Is 55:3 NABRE)



Each day we let either the world or God’s Word shape our lives.  
**Who is influencing your life? Whose voice are you allowing to shape who you are?**  
The New England Catholic Biblical School offers accredited two-year and four-year certificates in Biblical Studies for adult learners and is now enrolling *virtual* classes for the 2023-24 academic year. Find out more at [www.CatholicEdAOHCT.org](http://www.CatholicEdAOHCT.org), or contact us: [catholic.biblical.school@aohct.org](mailto:catholic.biblical.school@aohct.org)

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# MARRIAGE



one flesh, given and received

**Natural Family Planning**

*...supporting God's gifts of love and life in marriage*





THE NORWICH DIOCESEAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN  
PRESENTS A DAY OF REFLECTION  
FOOD FOR THE SOUL II  
Celebrating the Eucharistic Revival  
SPEAKER: Susan Conroy  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2023 – 9am to 3pm  
ENDERS ISLAND - MYSTIC, CT



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**Registration Form**  
**Deadline: September 1, 2023**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration fee Includes lunch and materials (\$40)**

Make check payable to: **NDCCW**

Mail to: **Judith Pappagallo**  
**79 Lafayette Street**  
**Norwich, CT 06360**  
Phone: 860 303-4977  
e-mail: [judypappa@hotmail.com](mailto:judypappa@hotmail.com)

**PLEASE JOIN US!**

# JOIN THE ADVENTURE

JULY 29, 2023

10:00 AM-12:00 PM

CASE MOUNTAIN - MANCHESTER, CT



BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH PRESENTS

# YOUNG ADULT HIKE & MASS

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## We are "In Person" Again !

There will Be an Upcoming  
Weekend Experience:

On

August 11-13, 2023

**Storrs, CT**

This will be a non-residential  
experience. Selected local hotels  
will provide group rates. Details  
to follow.

Contact:

Frank & Margie Pearson  
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Questions? Interest?  
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***Are you celebrating a significant  
wedding anniversary this year?***

***Bishop Michael R. Cote***

*will celebrate the*

*Annual Silver and Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass*

*Sunday, September 10, 2023, at 2 P.M.*

*at the Cathedral of Saint Patrick, Norwich.*

*Each couple who registers will receive a signed certificate from the Bishop  
and have their names and anniversary dates listed on a special  
Anniversary Page on the Diocese of Norwich Website.*

*To register, send the following information:*

***husband and wife's name, address, telephone number,  
wedding date, anniversary being celebrated, and parish***

*to Mary-Jo McLaughlin, Catholic Family Services Coordinator,*

*199 Broadway, Norwich, CT 06360*

*860-848-2237, Ext 312*

*Email [mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net)*

*Couples may email a recent **digital photo** of themselves in a jpeg format to  
[mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net) to be included in a gallery of pictures on the  
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***The registration deadline is August 14, 2023. This is a firm date; register early.***





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# ACTS Retreat for Men

Sponsored by: Corpus Christi Parish  
Held at: Immaculate Conception Retreat Center, Putnam CT  
October 5-8, 2023

Catholic men present an ACTS weekend retreat under guidance of clergy. The goals of the retreat are to strengthen your faith and its application in your daily life, to renew yourself spiritually, and to build community through lasting friendships. The retreat begins Thursday evening, October 5th with a 5:30 pm check-in at St. Joseph Church, Willimantic, CT. Participants will then be transported to Immaculate Conception Retreat Center, Putnam, CT for the remainder of the retreat. The retreat will end Sunday, October 8th at the 10:30am Mass at St. Mary Church, Willimantic, CT. A reception will follow immediately after Mass in the church hall of St. Joseph's. Transportation to and from the retreat center will be provided.

The cost first time retreatants is \$199. If you are a return retreatant it is \$289. If you cannot pay in full at this time, a deposit of \$100 made payable to Corpus Christi Parish and submitted with this form will reserve your place. In the memo section of your check, note "Men's ACTS Retreat". The remaining balance will be due at the Thursday evening check-in. If you have never attended an ACTS retreat and the cost of the retreat is a concern, please discuss with one of the directors below. Financial difficulties should not prevent anyone from attending. A limited amount of "need based" assistance is available.

Please submit your application by September 25, 2023. You will receive a letter within two weeks of the retreat describing the necessities you should bring. Note: Men that have been on an ACTS retreat previously will be placed on a waiting list to give priority to first-time Retreatants.

Michael McKeever, Retreat Director – (860-490-4524) michael.mckeever@sbcglobal.net  
Kevin Arpin, Co-Director – (860-942-1388) klarp4@gmail.com  
Karl Klein, Co-Director – (860-781-0293) karlklein1566@gmail.com

Please send your completed registration form and payment to:  
**Karl Klein, 22 Hickory Rd, Colchester, CT 06415 Attn: Men's ACTS Retreat**

PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN THE BOTTOM PORTION TO THE ABOVE ADDRESS.

## Please register me for the Men's ACTS Retreat: October 5-8, 2023

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Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Parish you attend \_\_\_\_\_

Please check if any specific needs:  Dietary  Medical  Physical  Financial Assistance

Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Tee-Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_

### Emergency Contact:

(Must be provided) Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ eMail address \_\_\_\_\_

I have enclosed my deposit of \$100.00

I have enclosed full payment of \$199 or \$289

I understand that ACTS will collect all retreatants information for quality purposes and testimonials. I also understand that ACTS Missions may contact me after this ACTS Retreat to get feedback on my experience and see if I would like to participate and support future ACTS Retreats. I understand that ACTS will NOT release my personal information to outside agencies.

Initial here to OPT-OUT of ACTS follow up initiatives: \_\_\_\_\_

Retreatant Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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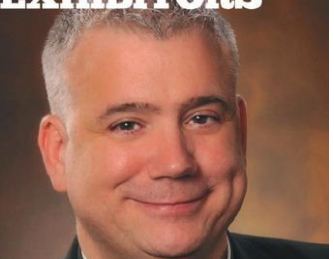
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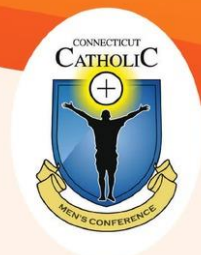
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