

ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

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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

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



August 6, 2023

Transfiguration of the Lord

†**Mass Schedule and Intentions**†

Readings start on page 1257 in St. Augustine Hymnal

Sat Aug 5, 3:30-4:00 pm Confession

Sat Aug 5, 4:30 pm Mass: *Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major, Blessed Virgin Mary*

† **Mildred Parks, 6th Anniversary** by *Ann Phillips*

Sun Aug 6, 9:00 am Mass

Bob & Leslie Letendre in Honor of Their 50th

Wedding Anniversary by *the Gauthier Family*

Sun Aug 6, 11:00 am Mass (Quiet Mass)

† **Frank R. Yulo** by *Ralph Yulo*

† **Russell & Theresa Perkins**

by *Bruce & Denise Beaudoin*

Tues Aug 8, 8:00 am Mass: *St. Dominic*

For the Sick of Our Parish

Wed Aug 9, 8:00 am Mass: *St. Teresa Benedicta*

For the Intentions of Bishop Cote

Thurs Aug 10, 8:00 am Mass: *St. Lawrence*

For Our Parish

Fri Aug 11, 8:00 am Mass: *St. Clare*

† **Karen Nowak** by *Anne Shea & Family*

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

Sat Aug 12, 3:30-4:00 pm Confession

Sat Aug 12, 4:30 pm Mass: *St. Jane Frances de Chantal*

Sun Aug 13, 9:00 am Mass

Sun Aug 13, 11:00 am Mass (Quiet Mass)

† **Ruby Hand Surprenant** by *Ralph Yulo*

† **Sandra Napoletano Cote, 1st Anniversary**

By *the Cote & Napoletano Families*

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.



FLAG MEMORIAL FOR AUGUST

Teddy J. Skrok

U.S. Navy, Radioman second class instructor. Served in WWII in the Pacific on the General John Pope and then on the Hamlin, a seaplane tender, off the coast of Japan.

Father of Carolann Hernberg



PRAYER LIST: For current requests please call 860-429-2860 or email stphilipstjude@gmail.com.

PRAYER LIST: Seth Beebe, John Bergeron, Sr., Brian Berry, Megan Berry, Ed Borowski, Elizabeth Clifford, Charles Dobrowolski, Helen Donnelly & Family, Kyle Ernst, Agnes Flynn, Myles Gratton, Kathy Hills, P.J., Marie James, Joyce H., Mikey Harakaly, Melinda King, Patrice Lucas, Noah Markowycz, Ray McCaughey, Jackie Mozzicato, Jesse Narwicziks, Bob Ogden, Laura P., M.P., Pauline Picard, Diane Piccoli, Carl Piecyk, 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.



There will be a **LADIES GUILD** meeting on Wednesday, August 9, 2023, in the parish center at 6:30 P.M. All women are invited to participate in the event. We will be discussing the Annual Craft Fair and the Parish Picnic. Refreshments will be served.

WELCOME TO OUR SUMMER VISITORS!

We 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 Fr. Michael. Let us know if there is anything you need while you are here, and we will do our best to assist you.



Congratulations to **Cole Joseph**

Sylvester who was baptized on Sunday, July 30, 2023 by Father Michael Giannitelli at St. Philip the Apostle Church.

Parents: Joseph and Meagan (Bancroft) Sylvester
Godparent: Katrina Sylvester and Matt Canfield - Christian Witness

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Fall is fast approaching! If you have children that will participate in the program, please register them now for the 2023/2024 academic year. We need an accurate count to help us prepare.



A reminder to member Knights, their wives and guests who have committed to attending the **August 17th Woosox Game**.

Be present at the Church center Thursday, August 17th at 5:00 pm. Tickets will be given out and carpooling set up. This event is sponsored by KofC Council 6934 as voted on at a previous spring meeting. Tickets are Free.



SAVE THE DATE

Parish Picnic

Sunday, September 10, 2023

ALTAR SERVERS: 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.



Help the **Office of Faith Events** decorate two trees for the Wadsworth Athenaeum Festival of Trees 2023! Our two trees' themes will be "Warm and Toasty Christmas" and "Mental Health Awareness". **Handmade** hats and scarves of all sizes, shapes and colors needed – the brighter the better as well as ornaments that show Hope, Understanding, and Support and Donations of BRIGHT GREEN ribbon. Any contributions can be mailed or delivered to the Office of Faith Events, 199 Broadway, Norwich. Questions? Call 860-848-2237 ext. 203 or ext. 304.

BECOME A CERTIFIED SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

The Immaculate Conception Center in Putnam CT, in partnership with Franciscan University of Steubenville, is offering a 3-year training program for those who feel called to serve as Spiritual Directors. Classes are taught during a 2-week winter training session each year. We invite you to prayerfully consider joining our program to begin accompanying brothers and sisters in Christ on their journey with our Lord. Application materials can be found at: immaculateconceptioncenter.org. For questions, please call: 860-928-7955 or email: admin@immaculateconceptioncenter.org. Winter Intensive 1 (of 3): Jan 28-Feb 10, 2024. Application **Due Date: September 1, 2023.**

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



Registration Form
Deadline: September 1, 2023

ATTENTION VENDORS!
CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2023

There are now **23** confirmed crafters for the Christmas Craft Fair. It's not too late to sign up for a table. Applications are available in the office, or they can be sent out via email. We are only accepting **40** vendor applications.



Friends of Ecole Agape's 8th Annual
Barbecue & Concert

Saturday, September 23, 2023 - 2:00pm to 8:00pm
680 MIDDLE TURNPIKE, Storrs, CT 06268



Enjoy chicken, pork, beef, or vegetarian fare with delicious side dishes while listening to 6 hours of CT's finest musical talent, including Patty Tuite, Hugh Blumenfeld, Curt Brand, Karen Bushey Lussier & others. All proceeds benefit Ecole Agape, a school for girls in Haiti, which supports 250 girls with daily meals and education grades pre-k to six. **ADMISSION: FREE WILL OFFERING IN DOLLARS**

<http://friendsofcoleagape.org>
friendsofcoleagape@gmail.com 860-810-6656
680 MIDDLE TURNPIKE STORRS, CT 06268

2023 ACA update: As of August 2, 2023, **Saint Philip the Apostle Parish, Ashford** has donated **\$26,476.22** or **90.74%** of its goal, and **24.93%** of your parishioners have donated. We are striving for as close to 100% participation as possible. **THERE IS STILL TIME TO DONATE!** Our campaign year ends December 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 within the church or you can contact the Development Office at (860) 886-1928 or go online to www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org. **Thank you to everyone for your support!**



Happy 63rd Anniversary:
Bruce & Denise Beaudoin

YOUTH AND FAMILY EXPLOSION

The Family and Youth Explosion will take place on December 3rd from 1-4pm at Mercy High School in Middletown with speaker, song writer, and musician Jesse Manibusan. Jesse has that knack to build instant rapport, connect to his audience, and create life-giving memories that help deepen faith and cultivate the joy that inspires service, sacrifice and the celebration of life. He works with any and every age group, so everyone is invited to attend! Tickets will be \$5 per Person, \$25 for a family or \$4 per person for a youth group. For more info or to buy tickets go to: <https://youthexplosionct.weebly.com/> Questions? Email Liza lroach@norwichdiocese.net

PLAY LIKE A CHAMPION TODAY COACH'S WORKSHOP

Play Like a Champion Today provides leadership in an effort to renew the culture of youth sports. The Coach's Clinic of Play Like a Champion Today is centered around the principles of coaching as a ministry. The program is supported by research on character development & faith formation in sports. Play Like a Champion Today is designed to bring the best athlete-centered practices to your community. Coaches are required to attend the Play Like a Champion Today Workshop prior to volunteering at Catholic Schools for K-8. There are 2 upcoming Coach's Clinics: Saturday, August 26th 10:00 am - 12:30 pm in the Hall of Cathedral of St. Patrick, Norwich or Sunday, August 27th at 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm in the Gym of St. John's School, Old Saybrook. To register please go to: <https://forms.office.com/r/VK4d3K9c2Y>

PARENT LIKE A CHAMPION TODAY

Parent Like a Champion takes parents through a program designed to help them partner with coaches in the development of their Child and empowers them to create a better youth sports culture. Play Like A Champion Today Educational Series programs are research-based and child-centered approaches to youth and high school sports. Parents are required to participate in a Workshop to register their child in K-8 for sports in Catholic Schools. There are 2 upcoming Parent workshops: Saturday, August 26th from 8:30 - 9:30 am in the Hall of the Cathedral of Saint Patrick, Norwich or Monday, August 28th from 7:00 - 8:00 pm in the Gym of St. John's School, Old Saybrook. To register please go to: <https://forms.office.com/r/VK4d3K9c2Y>



ACTS Retreat for Men Sponsored by: Corpus Christi Parish Held at:

Immaculate Conception Retreat Center, Putnam CT, Oct 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 Thurs, Oct 5th with a 5:30pm check-in at St. Joseph Church, Willimantic, CT. Participants will be transported to Immaculate Conception Retreat Center, Putnam, CT for the remainder of the retreat. The retreat will end Sunday, Oct 8th at the 10:30am Mass at St. Mary Church, Willimantic, CT. A reception will follow 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.

THE PARISH FLAGPOLE is available through the kindness of some of our parishioners.



Any parishioner is invited to fly our 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.

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>.

ANNIVERSARY MASS REGISTRATION

DEADLINE— The deadline for registering for the 2023 Silver and Golden Jubilee Anniversary Mass is fast approaching. If you haven't yet registered and are planning to do attend this year's Mass, please do so by **Monday, August 14. This is a firm date.** All couples married 25 & 50 years or celebrating any significant anniversary year are invited to attend the Mass celebrated by Bishop Michael R. Cote at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on Sunday, **September 10, 2023, at 2 P.M.** Register by sending 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 at mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net. Couples may also email a **recent digital photo** of themselves in a **jpeg format** to this address to be included in a gallery of pictures on the Diocesan Website.

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.

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.



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 10th 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: Transfiguration of the Lord" His face shone like the sun/his clothes white as light"

Matt 17:1-9: "Jesus transfigured before them, his face shone like the sun and his clothes became dazzling white. From a cloud came a voice saying, This is my beloved son, listen to him." Let us all listen to Jesus. He can transform your life. Let him transform your marriage. Come experience a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience where you and your spouse will be transformed. Dates:

August 11-13, 2023 in Storrs, CT

August 25-27, 2023 in Derby Line, 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.

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 and we will add you to the distribution list.

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.



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.

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.



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

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 or visit the national website at: <http://helpourmarriage.org>.

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; or visit the national website at www.rachelsvineyard.org.

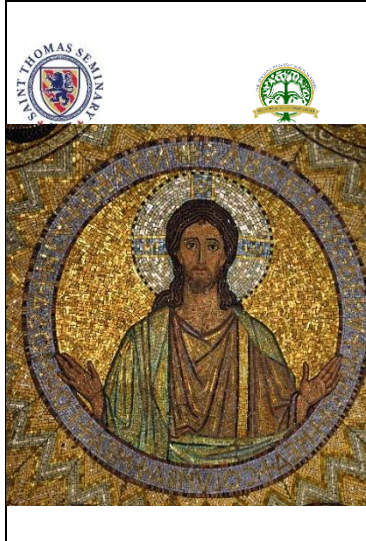
"PROJECT RACHEL" is our Diocesan ministry for anyone seeking healing and forgiveness from an abortion. Priests in the **Project Rachel** ministry are there for you with God's Grace and Mercy. Call 860-861-4439. All inquiries are confidential.

"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, or contact us: catholic.biblical.school@aohct.org

We Invite You to Join Our Amazing Group of Hospice Volunteers

- Volunteer on your schedule and on your terms
- Free training provided at your convenience
- We work with you on finding the right patient fit and providing support throughout

Volunteers make visits to homes and/or nursing facilities to offer companionship for patients and relief for caregivers. Volunteers usually visit once a week for 2 hours throughout the patient's special journey on hospice. Examples of volunteer opportunities include reading to the patient, playing music, providing massage, reiki, certified pet therapy, veteran companionship, or by simply being a listening ear. Volunteers are also needed to assist staff in the office.

Hospice Volunteer Training Classes

Training classes explore the history of hospice, physical symptoms, spirituality, grief & bereavement, and how to be a great volunteer.

Our next classes will be in September & October 2023 on the following dates:

Thursday 09/14, Tuesday 09/19, Thursday 09/21, Tuesday 09/26, Thursday 09/28
All Classes are 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Or

Thursdays, 10/5, 10/12, 10/19, 10/26, 11/2

All Classes are 1:00 to 3:00 PM

There may be follow-up training required.

Volunteers are required to be vaccinated, complete health screens and background checks.

For More Information or to Register, Contact Either

Laurie Steiger, Manager of Volunteer Services,
860.969.5442, or laurie.steiger@hhchealth.org,

or Constance Kendros, Volunteer Coordinator
860.515.9889 or constance.kendros@hhchealth.org

When you give us the valuable gift of your time and compassion,
we give you a chance to make a real difference in someone's life.

ST. EDMUND'S RETREAT



IN THE PEWS

EMPOWERING A CHRISTIAN RESPONSE TO TRAUMA & ADDICTION IN OUR WORLD

TRAUMA RECOVERY

Trauma can wound individuals and rupture relationships. Pastoral care is where most people turn for help, before even consulting a therapist. From disclosures during parish work through the annulment process, Catholics become confidantes to people who are facing grave wounds inflicted by increasing degrees of interpersonal aggression and violence in society. Teresa Pitt Green provides practical guidance and clear do's and don'ts for trauma-informed pastoral care.

ADDICTION RECOVERY

Lives, families, and ministries can be staggered and even broken by the effects of addiction to substances such as alcohol and drugs, as well as to processes such as gambling, gaming, and porn. Often the loved ones of addicts turn to the Church for guidance and help. Fr. Tom Hoar and Deacon Steven DeMartino provide an up-close look at the reality of addiction in 2023 and practical guidance on how to minister to lives crippled by addiction and the despair it creates.

THE OCCULT & DELIVERANCE

Interest in the occult and other practices associated with the demonic are on the rise. Many people venture into these practices as a method of coping and healing, inadvertently opening their lives to demonic influences and spirits. Occult practices have moved from the more obvious Tarot cards and conjuring of spirits into an online world where the triggers for invitation are far more subtle, but no less effective. Learn how to identify these spiritual hazards and how to understand the reality of deliverance enough to help the afflicted find a path to liberation.

EXPERTS FOR THE DAY

FR. THOMAS F.X. HOAR, S.S.E., PH.D.

Is the President of St. Edmund's Retreat, with its post-treatment collegiate recovery program, a sabbatical recovery program for clergy, year-round retreats and religious services, and the Sacred Arts Institute. Fr. Tom has spent over 20 years working with priests, religious, and seminarians; 44 years working with college-age men and women; and 33 years in personal recovery. He currently is part of a team developing a new model in human formation for vocations in the Diocese of Albany, New York.

DEACON STEVEN DEMARTINO

Is the Vice President of Catholic Mission and Identity at St. Edmund's Retreat. Deacon Steven offers experience and wisdom from a lifetime of service to clergy wellness as consultant to Roman Catholic dioceses and religious orders around the world, where he has promoted wellness practices and recovery support programs for clergy, religious women and men, and seminarians. He is also the Director of Safeguarding for the Conference of Major Superiors of Men.

DEACON FRANCIS VALLIERE

Is the Executive Assistant to the President and Coordinator of the Sacred Arts Institute at St. Edmund's Retreat. A talented speaker and catechist, he attends to special projects for the President, such as developing a long-term strategy to enrich the recovery programs at St. Edmund's Retreat with beauty, truth, and goodness of sacred art, and also providing on-site expertise in spiritual warfare through studies at the Pope Leo XIII Institute at Mundelein College.

TERESA PITT GREEN

Is Vice President of Healing and Recovery Ministries at St. Edmund's Retreat and foundress of Spirit Fire, a Catholic restorative justice ministry which provides resources and programs worldwide to promote healing from abuse or trauma for survivors, families, parishes, clergy, and leaders in the Church.

To Make a Reservation or For More Information, Call or Email Today.

Tracie Georgetti

Director of Programs

St. Edmund's Retreat

(860) 536-0565

TGeorgetti@EndersIsland.org

Very limited dates. Some restrictions apply.

Scheduling is subject to availability.

Reservations on a first-come, first-served basis.

Consider scheduling multiple parishes for a single date.



ST. EDMUND'S RETREAT CREATING PEACE. FINDING HOPE.

A Catholic Community offering welcome and hospitality to all. Come pray in our Chapel, walk our grounds, or join our upcoming programs.

PAINTING IN ZURBARÁN'S SHADOW: August 27 – September 1, 2023

Gwyneth Thompson-Briggs: Sacred artist. Program Price:
Twin Double Shared - \$1,235. Twin Single - \$1,385.
Commuter - \$910.

Interested in Sacred Art? This unique workshop analyses Zurbarán's famous painting, "St. Francis in Prayer," to study oil on canvas. Learn the delicate transitions between the light and the shadow regions of the face and drapery.

JOURNALING & HEALING: September 3 – 8, 2023

Teresa Pitt Green: International speaker, writer, and advocate for trauma-informed pastoral care. Program Price: Twin Double Shared - \$950. Twin Single - \$1,250.

Join us as we explore storytelling in the process of healing and recovery, as found in Scripture, the lives of saints, and the stories of great artists. Discover new ways to understand your own life story during this guided retreat.

For more information, call
or visit us online:

(860) 536-0565
www.endersisland.org
1 Enders Island, Mystic, CT 06355

*Help the Office of Faith Events
decorate two trees for the
Wadsworth Athenaeum
Festival of Trees 2023!*

Our two trees' themes will be...



Warm and Toasty Christmas- handmade hats and scarves of all sizes, shapes and colors needed- the brighter the better!



Mental Health Awareness-

ornaments that show
Hope, Understanding, and Support



Donations of **BRIGHT GREEN** ribbon needed!

We are also looking for a donation of a five- or six-foot tree, white or silver- if anyone has one to donate- we will come pick it up!

Please contact us at 860-848-2237 ext. 304 or 203

Thank you!



Make this a Summer of Love!



Are you ready
for more growth
and happiness in
your marriage or
priesthood?

Uncover the
secrets to a
lasting,
supportive,
transformational
marriage!



This experience will help you listen, share and
connect more deeply with your spouse

Apply at:

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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
(860) 869-2610**

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Questions? Interest?
Call Frank & Margie Pearson
(860) 869-2610





***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

*Couples may email a recent **digital photo** of themselves in a jpeg format to
mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net to be included in a gallery of pictures on the
Diocesan Website.*

The registration deadline is August 14, 2023. This is a firm date; register early.



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Celebrating the Eucharistic Revival
SPEAKER: Susan Conroy
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2023 – 9am to 3pm
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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**

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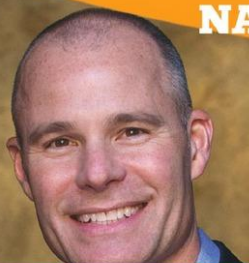
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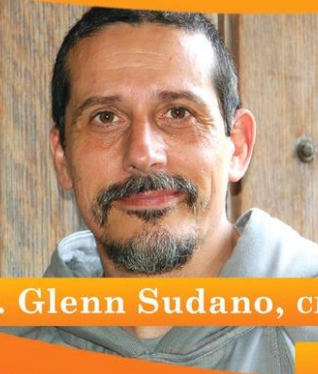
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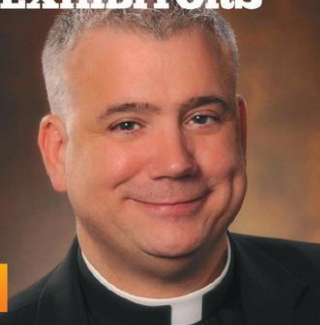
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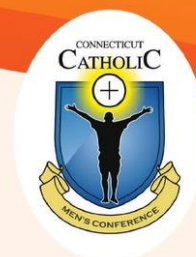
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680 MIDDLE TURNPIKE
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ACTS Retreat for Men

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

First Name _____ Last Name _____ Name for ID Badge _____ Birth Year _____

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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