

# ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

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**Father Michael Giannitelli, Pastor**

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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*



**September 10, 2023  
12 Noon at  
The St. Philip Parish Center**

**Free to attend**

**Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, etc.**

**Games and activities will be provided for children**

**Please sign up on the sheets in the vestibule**



**Picnic**



August 13, 2023

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

† Mass Schedule and Intentions †

All Masses are quiet Masses

Readings start on page 921 in St. Augustine Hymnal

- Sat Aug 12, 3:30-4:00 pm Confession
Sat Aug 12, 4:30 pm Mass: St. Jane Frances de Chantal
For the Sick of Our Parish
Sun Aug 13, 9:00 am Mass
† Russ & Theresa Perkins by Jeanette Karosi
Sun Aug 13, 11:00 am Mass
† Ruby Hand Surprenant by Ralph Yulo
† Sandra Napoletano Cote, 1st Anniversary
By the Cote & Napoletano Families

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

- Tues Aug 15, 8:00 am Mass
† Greg Ritter by Mary Udal
Tues Aug 15, 6:00 pm Mass
† Liam P. Boyce by his Family



- Wed Aug 16, 8:00 am Mass: St. Stephen of Hungary
† Murland & Jeannette Bradley, Anniversary
Remembrance by Peter & Jean Piecyk

- Thurs Aug 17, 8:00 am Mass
For Our Parish
Fri Aug 18, 8:00 am Mass
† Jimmy Clifford by Roger & Mary Bowen
ADORATION following Mass; Benediction 12:00 noon

- Sat Aug 19, 3:30-4:00 pm Confession
Sat Aug 19, 4:30 pm Mass: St. John Eudes
† Emma Dagon by David & Deren Dagon
Sun Aug 20, 9:00 am Mass
Sun Aug 20, 11:00 am Mass
In Thanksgiving by Ralph Yulo

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, Tony DeMonte, Charles Dobrowolski, Alison Dodd, Helen Donnelly & Family, Kyle Ernst, Agnes Flynn, Barry G., 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.

WELCOME TO OUR SUMMER VISITORS!

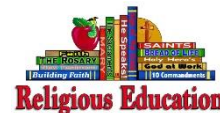
We are delighted that you have decided to make our church your home away from home as you vacation in our area. Please stop and introduce yourself to Fr. Michael. Let us know if there is anything you need while you are here, and we will do our best to assist you.



Flowers in Mary's Chapel are in memory of Jules & Colleen Giradet.

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.

PARISH PICNIC
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

Please be sure to sign up on the sheets in the vestibule.



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](http://immaculateconceptioncenter.org). For questions, please call: 860-928-7955 or email: [admin@immaculateconceptioncenter.org](mailto:admin@immaculateconceptioncenter.org). Winter Intensive 1 (of 3): Jan 28-Feb 10, 2024. Application **Due Date: September 1, 2023.**

From September to June the **Office of Faith Events: Hope and Faith video series** will ask the question, "What is your favorite part of mass and why?" If you would like to share your answer to this question in a short 2 minute video that would be shared with the whole diocese, please contact Marianne at 860-848-2237 x 304 or email: [manicholas@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:manicholas@norwichdiocese.net)

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 **29** 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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://friendsofecoaleagape.org>  
[friendsofecoaleagape@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofecoaleagape@gmail.com) 860-810-6656

**ACTS RETREAT FOR MEN** Sponsored by: Corpus Christi Parish. Held at: Immaculate Conception Retreat Ctr, Putnam CT, **Oct 5-8, 2023.** Catholic men present an ACTS 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 5<sup>th</sup> with a 5:30pm check-in at St. Joseph Church, Willimantic, CT. Participants will be transported to Immaculate Conception Retreat Ctr, Putnam for the remainder of the retreat. The retreat ends Sun, Oct 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Willimantic. A reception follows Mass in the church hall of St. Joseph's. Transportation to and from the retreat center will be provided. 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.





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

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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  
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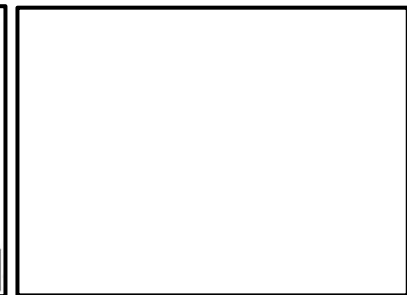
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**You Can Help Your Marriage** – If communication in your marriage is a struggle, or things have become troubled, unloving, or uncaring, the **Retrouvaille** program can help. Retrouvaille provides tools to help you communicate better, resolve conflicts, and rediscover why you fell in love. The next local weekend is **September 9-10, 2023**. For information, call confidentially **1-800-470-2230**, email [3002r@retrouvaille.org](mailto:3002r@retrouvaille.org) or visit the national website at: <http://helpourmarriage.org> for information and registration.

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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.

If you would like to become a **Hospice Volunteer**, training is available through Hartford Healthcare at Home in September and October. Please visit <https://hartfordhealthcareathome.org/health-professionals/hospice-volunteer-training> for more information.

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**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](http://www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org). **Thank you to everyone for your support!**

**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.



### **YOUTH AND FAMILY EXPLOSION**

The Family and Youth Explosion will take place on **December 3<sup>rd</sup>** 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](mailto:lroach@norwichdiocese.net)

### **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>.

### **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 26<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am - 12:30 pm in the Hall of Cathedral of St. Patrick, Norwich or Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 - 9:30 am in the Hall of the Cathedral of Saint Patrick, Norwich or Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup> 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>

### **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  
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**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).



## 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: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time-"Stand on the mountain before the Lord."**

1 Kings 19:11: "Go outside and stand on the mountain before the Lord; the Lord will be passing by." Matt 14:27: Jesus spoke and said, "Take courage, it is I, do not be afraid. The Lord is always with you. He will shelter you and sustain you in your marriage. Sign up for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. He will guide you in your relationship. The dates are:

August 25-27, 2023 in Derby Line, Vermont

September 22-24, 2023 in Huntington, NY

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](mailto: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 Vertefeuille: 860-429-4508 or email [donna@vertefeuille.org](mailto:donna@vertefeuille.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](mailto: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.



**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.

**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).

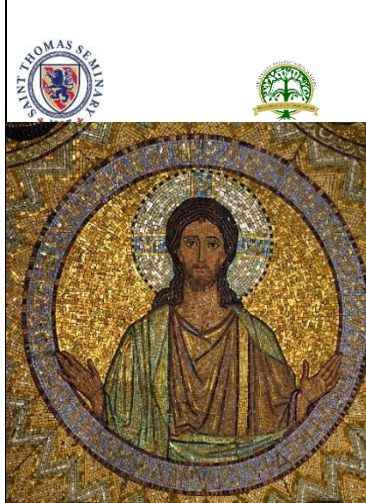
**“PROJECT RACHEL”** is our Diocesan ministry for anyone seeking healing and forgiveness from an abortion. Priests in the **Project Rachel** ministry are there for you with God’s Grace and Mercy. Call 860-861-4439. All inquiries are confidential.

**“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)



## **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](mailto:laurie.steiger@hhchealth.org),

or Constance Kendros, Volunteer Coordinator  
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## 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.

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### 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.

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### 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.

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

#### **Tracie Georgetti**

Director of Programs

St. Edmund's Retreat

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**Registration Form**  
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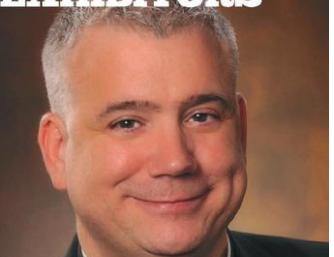
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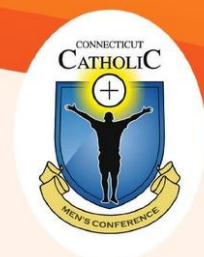
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# ACTS Retreat for Men

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**

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

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

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

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