

# ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

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## **OFFICE HOURS**

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## **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*

## **October 15 is National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day.**

It was established in 2002 and passed in the United States House of Representatives in 2006, to honor, celebrate, and remember babies who have passed away due to miscarriage, stillbirth, neonatal death, and other causes of infant loss. The aim of this day is to raise awareness of the estimated 1 in 4 individuals and families whose lives are altered by the death of their children during pregnancy, at birth and in infancy.

Below is a prayer written by Mother Angelica, a sister of the Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration and founder of the Eternal Word Television Network, EWTN. It was written to comfort parents who have suffered a pregnancy or infant loss.

*For families who have lost babies to miscarriage, stillbirth, neonatal death, or other causes of infant loss, that they may find new hope in the midst of suffering, we pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.*

*For all who have suffered the loss of a child, that Christ may be their support, we pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.*

### **Prayer by Mother Angelica**

My Lord, my baby is dead! Why, my Lord – dare I ask why? My child will not hear the whisper of the wind or see the beauty of its parents' faces – he or she will not see the beauty of Your creation or the flame of a sunrise. Why, my Lord?

*“Why, My child – I will tell you why. You see, the child lives. Instead of the wind, your child hears the sound of angels singing before My throne. Instead of the beauty that passes, your child sees everlasting Beauty – your child sees My face. Your child was created and lived a short time so the image of his or her parents imprinted on his or her face may stand before Me as their personal intercessor. Your child laughs with a special joy that only the innocent possess. My ways are not the ways of humans. I create for My Kingdom and each creature fills a place in that Kingdom that could not be filled by another. Your child was created for My joy and his or her parents' merits. Your child has never seen pain or sin. He or she has never felt hunger or pain. I breathed a soul into a seed, made it grow and called it forth.”*

I thank You for the life that began for so short a time to enjoy so long an eternity.

**Saint Sebastian Parish Presents**  
*“Vatican International Exhibit of  
Eucharistic Miracles”*

Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> & Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>  
The exhibit will be open on both days from 12 PM. to 5 PM.  
St. Sebastian Parish Hall  
155 Washington Street, Middletown, CT 06457

- **October 21:**       **5:00 PM Mass**, followed by a live presentation on Blessed Carlo Acutis.
- **October 22:** **11:00 AM Solemn Mass**  
                  **3:00 PM** live presentation on  
                  St. Manuel González García.  
                  **4:00-4:30 PM Confessions**  
                  **5:00 PM Solemn Mass**

If you have any questions, please contact Linda McCarty Cell #860-301-2965, email: [stjohnsecretary@comcast.net](mailto:stjohnsecretary@comcast.net) or Maria Dambrose phone 860-347-5188, email: [dambrosem@gmail.com](mailto:dambrosem@gmail.com)

Carlo Acutis did not strive to become famous but rather to cooperate with God’s graces as generously as possible. That journey brought him many experiences that were all united by a burning desire to serve God and others.

**This 15–year old is just one  
miracle away from becoming a Saint.**

Would it surprise you to know that seventy percent of Catholics today no longer believe in the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist? **Saint Sebastian Parish, 155 Washington Street, Middletown, CT**, is proud to participate in a rare, moving presentation, which offers overwhelming evidence to prove the skeptics wrong.

“The National Eucharist Revival” is a movement to restore understanding and devotion to the great Mystery of the Eucharist.

Next Sunday, Saint Sebastian Parish will present the **“Vatican International Exhibit of Eucharistic Miracles”** as catalogued by Blessed Carlo Acutis. This exhibit will also offer opportunities for veneration of first-class relics of both Blessed Carlo Acutis and Saint Manuel González García, as well as feature biographical talks on their inspiring lives.

We are asking the members of this parish to please encourage our young people to consider attending the exhibit as well, to get to know the first Millennial, a member of their own generation, beatified by the Roman Catholic Church.

Please help us promote this powerfully moving event dedicated to bringing awareness to the most important Sacrament of our faith.

October 15, 2023  
28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
†**Mass Schedule and Intentions**†

**Readings on page 937 St. Augustine Hymnal**

**Sat** Oct 14, 11:00 am **Baptism: Ronan Zalonis**

**Sat** Oct 14, 3:30-4:00 pm Confession

**Sat** Oct 14, 4:30 pm Mass

† **Stanley & Lottie Pudelkiewicz** by *Ann Phillips*

† **William Karosi, Birthday Remembrance**

by *Jeanette & Family*

**Sun** Oct 15, 9:00 am Mass

† **Josephine L. Mozzicato** by *John & Jackie Mozzicato*

**Sun** Oct 15, 11:00 am Mass

† **Ruth Yulo** by *Ralph Yulo*

**Tues** Oct 17, 8:00 am Mass: *St. Ignatius of Antioch*  
**For Our Parish**

**Wed** Oct 18, 8:00 am Mass: *St. Luke, Evangelist*

† **Jimmy Clifford** by *Roger & Mary Bowen*

**Thurs** Oct 19, 8:00 am Mass: *St. John de Brébeuf*  
**The Intentions of Bishop Cote** *St. Isaac Jogues*

**Fri** Oct 20, 8:00 am Mass: *St. Paul of the Cross*  
**For the Sick of Our Parish**

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

**HAITIAN HEALTH FOUNDATION MISSIONARY VISIT**

**Sat** Oct 21, 3:30-4:00 pm Confession

**Sat** Oct 21, 4:30 pm Mass

† **Donald Bigras, 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

by *Victor & Lori Drouin and Pauline Picard*

**Sun** Oct 22, 9:00 am Mass

**Cynthia Sienna, Celebration of 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

by *David & Jill Dutton*

**Sun** Oct 22, 11:00 am Mass

† **Amalia Zaicek** by *Zaicek & Zabik Families*

† **Regina Shannon** by *Ralph Yulo*

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

If you need the **Eucharist** brought to you at Mass, please raise your hand after Communion, the Eucharistic Minister will bring it to you.

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

**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.

Divine Mercy Candle is lit for a special intention requested by **Roger & Ann Phillips.**



**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.

**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, Jr., John Bergeron, Sr., Brian Berry, Megan Berry, Penny Boomer, Ed Borowski, Elizabeth Clifford, Ed Conlan, Tanner DeJesse, Tony DeMonte, Camille Delisle, Yvette & Maurice Dionne, Charles Dobrowolski, Alison Dodd, Helen Donnelly & Family, Kyle Ernst, Agnes Flynn, Barry G., Myles Gratton, Kathy Hills, P.J., Marie James, Joshua, Joyce H., Mikey Harakaly, Melinda King, Patrice Lucas, Barry Madden, Matthew Madden, Noah Markowycz, Ray McCaughey, Jim Meighan, Jackie Mozzicato, Jesse Narwicziks, Bob Ogden, Laura P., M.P., Pauline Picard, Diane Piccoli, Emil Poirier, Heather Poulin, Chad Pramuka, Jim Rook, Mike Schwartz, Skyler Sherman, Maureen Smith, Patrick Stenglein, Mason Studley, Mary Jane Tynan, Joseph Tyson, J.W., Greg & Jocelyne Wakefield, Terri Warren, Caroline Williams.

**CHOIR REHEARSALS on Sundays**  
**October 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 6:30 P.M.**



**LADIES BIBLE STUDY** meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues each month in the Parish Center **at 9:30am** Next meeting Oct 17. We will continue "**The Holy Spirit**" by Fr. Mitch Pacwa. Please join us.

**ST. PHILIP ADULT EDUCATION** every Wednesday at 10 AM in the Parish Center. Led by Ed Conlan, our topic is the *Parables of Jesus*. Oct 18<sup>th</sup> ~ **The Weeds and the Net**. All are welcome.

**BOY SCOUTS** meet Tues, Oct 24, 6:30-8:30 pm.

**Blessed Mother's Stitches:** Tue, Oct 31, 10am. Please join us as we create Baptismal blankets and hats, scarves, and gloves for needy people.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** will meet Tues, Nov 7 at 7pm in the Parish Center.



St. Philips will join over 20,600 other **ROSARY RALLIES** being held on **Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon.** (Sponsored by America Needs

Fatima). Join us outside the church by the Mary statue (weather permitting) to pray the Rosary for our great country. We hope you can join us.



**Turkey Dinner** on Sat, Nov 4, 2023 after the 4:30pm Mass in the Parish Center. Tickets on sale after all Masses and office hours: M-Th, 9:30-2:30! Proceeds from the dinner will go towards heating and air conditioning.

**CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR and BAKE SALE**  
**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2023**



**RAFFLE BASKETS.** It's that time of the year again! We are looking for our creative parishioners to make up Raffle Baskets for



our Christmas Craft Fair. **Baskets are due in the Parish Hall by Tues, Nov 7<sup>th</sup>.** Please drop-off baskets M-TH, 9 am–2:30 pm. All baskets need to be wrapped with cellophane and label them with a title. Themes: Italian Dinner, Game Night, Fishing, Christmas Baking, Home Spa Day, and Dessert Delight, etc.

**CRAFT FAIR BAKE SALE.** Baked goods can be dropped off at the Parish Center on Fri, Nov 24<sup>th</sup> from 6–8 pm. Please list ingredients on all food items, especially peanuts and nuts. Fudge, brownies, cookies, cakes, and pies would be awesome. Salt-free and gluten free items have always been in demand. Any baked goods remaining will be on sale after the 9 and 11 am Masses on Sunday. **Thank you.**

**LADIES OF THE PARISH, WE NEED YOU!**

Please look for the papers in the pews that show opportunities where you can volunteer to help. Place completed papers in the collection basket. **"Many hands make light work."**

**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 (orange) are in the vestibule. Please return them to the office. **Thank you.**



**Our Holy Family Women's Retreat** theme this year is **Only Say the Word.** During this women's retreat, January 26-28, 2024, we will explore where healing is needed in us and in the world. For more info contact:

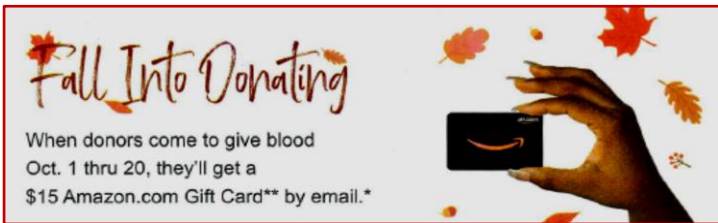
Burtie: 617-939-4234 or Marsha: 860-429-4926 or <https://www.holyfamilyretreat.org/themed-retreats>.

**THANKSGIVING FOOD** is being collected for needy

families in Ashford. Please donate: stuffing mix, cranberry sauce, canned gravy, turkey broth, canned corn, peas, string beans & carrots, apple & pumpkin pie filling, prepared pie crusts, dried mashed potatoes & quick-bread mixes. **Cash donations (no checks, please)** will be used to purchase fresh food. There is a sign-up sheet for **frozen turkey donations.** Also need volunteers to sort and distribute the food.

**Haitian Health Foundation Missionary at St. Philip.**

Each year the Church Propagation of the Faith assigns a missionary to speak at every Catholic Church in the USA about their service to the poor in world missions and to ask for financial support. Dr. Jeremiah J. Lowney, founding president of the Norwich-based Haitian Health Foundation (HHF), will speak at St. Philip the Apostle Church at the invitation of Fr. Michael. at all **weekend Masses Oct 21 & 22.** Dr. Lowney and the Haitian Health Foundation have served the health needs of over 250,000 of Haiti's poorest, in the city of Jeremie and 105 rural villages in southwestern Haiti for 40 years. The poor of Haiti are struggling more now due to horrific gang violence in the cities, leading to increased suffering and malnutrition for our poorest Brothers and Sisters. All donations given in the 2<sup>nd</sup> collection are tax-deductible. HHF is proud to continue as one of Charity Navigator's top-rated charities for low overhead, financial accountability, and transparency. Visit: [haitianhealthfoundation.org/](http://haitianhealthfoundation.org/)



**NATIONAL BLOOD SHORTAGE!**

**Please donate at St. Philip's Blood Drive on Thurs, Oct 19, 2023, 1-6 pm.** The American Red Cross continues to see a critically low blood supply. The Red Cross must collect 10,000 additional blood products each week over the next month for the blood supply to reach sufficient levels to meet hospital and patient needs. Every 2 seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood. When donors come to give blood Oct 1 - 20, they'll get a \$15 Amazon Gift Card by email.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE** is Sept 27 – Nov 5, 2023, 6 am

to 6 pm. Although St. Philip has not adopted a specific day, if you are able, please consider, in groups of 2 or more, joining the peaceful walk/vigil outside of Planned Parenthood, 12 Case St., Norwich, CT. Please join in by praying, fasting, and signing-up: [www.40daysforlife.com/en/Norwich](http://www.40daysforlife.com/en/Norwich) to participate in this peaceful prayer vigil for the end of abortion.





**KofC Council 6934 Ashford** will collect **used** coats for needy children and adults.

We are joining the Putnam district which participates in used coats. We are also collecting used hats, gloves, sleeping bags and **new** socks. Donate after Masses in vestibule in container provided. Items may be dropped off at Parish Center Mon-Thurs, 9-2:30. **Collection ends weekend of Nov 18/19.** Distribution will be held at St. Johns Church, Plainfield on Friday Nov 24<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for participating in the Church Mission of Clothing the poor and needy. *Clay Wright, Council 6934*

Join us for the **CHILDREN'S ROSARY PRAYER GROUP** the first Saturday each month at noon in our church. This group is composed of children and led by children. The group is geared for 3-15-year-olds, but all are welcome to join us. Bring your Rosary or use those provided. No experience necessary! Our Lady wants our children and parishioners to know how to pray and experience the powerful strength and graces of the Rosary. The Rosary is a powerful prayer second only to the holy Mass. After we pray, children are invited for a snack and fellowship outside. The next meeting is **Nov 4<sup>th</sup> at noon.** Hope to see you there!



"When one million children pray the Rosary, the world will change." -Saint Padre Pio

**The Mission Combined** Collection Last weekend the Mission Combined Collection for the World Mission Appeal, U.S. Bishop's Appeal for Latin America, Black and Indian Missions, and the Catholic Home Mission Appeal was taken up in our Parish. If you were unable to bring your gift envelope, extras are available in the Church. Your support of the missionary needs of the Universal Church is greatly appreciated. This collection is an opportunity to share your faith and strengthen the church at home and abroad. Your contribution can be placed in the collection basket or mailed directly to the parish. Thank you for your generosity and helping our missionaries continue the work of Christ.

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**St. Philip Annual Gift Card Fundraiser**

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**2023 ACA update:** As of September 29, 2023, Saint Philip the Apostle Parish, Ashford has donated \$27,007.71 or 92.57% of its goal, and 26.33% 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 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 within the church or you can contact the Development Office [www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org](http://www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org) or (860) 886-1928. Thank you to everyone for your support!

### **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.

### **How To Be an Evangelizer...**

**Tiny neighborhood "Book Houses" as popping up in all different neighborhoods. Free books for people to donate and enjoy. Place some small prayer books/religious materials, for kids and adults, in your neighborhood "Book House" to help spread the good news!**

### **Go Green Parish**

**What can you do with old magazines other than throw them in the recycle bin? Donate them to your local schools, convalescent facilities, or daycares to use for crafts. The magazines will help defray the cost of supplies while at the same time be a source of fun.**

### **Join us for the Diocesan Virtual Book Club!**

Streaming Thursday nights, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, November 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-7:30 PM. We will be discussing **Stolen Blessing**, by Jim Sano. Space is limited, for details and to register Please contact Marianne at [manicholas@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:manicholas@norwichdiocese.net) or 860-848-2237 ext. 304.

### **ALTAR SERVERS:** Fr. 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 leave a message with the Canavan family at 860-429-4116.



**The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Seton Scholarship Dinner,** celebrating Catholic education in the diocese honoring Sister Mary Cabrini S.C.M.C. – Sacred Heart School, Taftville, LTC (RET) Larry Fitzgerald – Sacred Heart School, Groton/ Saint John Paul II Catholic School, Middletown, and Jayne Anne Vitale – Xavier High School, Middletown, will take place on Sunday, November 5, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. for cocktail hour and 5:00 p.m. for dinner at the Riverhouse at Goodspeed Station 55 Bridge Road Haddam, CT. Tickets sales are well underway and are \$150/person and \$100 for Priests, Religious, Ministry Directors, & current Diocese of Norwich Catholic School Faculty & Staff. All proceeds benefit students attending our diocesan Catholic elementary schools. To purchase tickets, reserve a table, list a congratulatory ad for our honorees, donate a silent auction item or for sponsorship opportunities please contact Gina Foster at 860-886-1928 ext. 115, [gfooster@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:gfooster@norwichdiocese.net) or visit: [norwichdiocesedevelopment.org/Stewardship](http://norwichdiocesedevelopment.org/Stewardship)



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.

### **Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish Haitian Ministry Pasta Supper & Basket Raffle**



St. Mary Church Hall  
1600 Main St.  
Coventry, CT

October 21, 2023 - 5:30 pm

Adults \$10 – Child \$5  
(under 4 years free)

Take Outs Will Be Available

For tickets call Lou at 860-872-4189



All proceeds benefit our school in Les Palmes, Haiti

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3 Buckley Highway, Stafford, CT

Call Stafford Family Services to sign up—860-684-4239

### **Please share your e-mail address with The Office of Faith Events of the Diocese of Norwich!**

Be the first to know about all the faith enriching programs, virtual and live, that we offer throughout the year. This will also enable you to receive our bi-weekly Hope and Faith Video series. Email Marianne at [manicholas@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:manicholas@norwichdiocese.net) to be added to the list today!

**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.

We all know how important the ministries and programs of the **ACA** are, to provide spiritual, educational, physical, financial and emotional support to the people of our Diocese and Haiti. Unfortunately, less than 14% of us are making the commitment to donate and help do the work of Christ. Looking back at the last 5 years, an average of 21% of our parishioners donated! We know that together, we can do better! Our programs will be threatened without your help. We ask you to do what you can to bring us closer to our 2023 ACA goal. We are currently only months away from the end of the year and still close to \$500k shy of our goal. If you, who are members of the 86% who have not yet given, decide to contribute, we will be all set! You can make your gifts by calling Heather Harris, ACA Campaign Manager at 860-886-1928 ext. 111 or online at [www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org](http://www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org). Thank you very much for sharing your blessings.

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)

# H O P E

AFTER ABORTION

## THE RACHEL ROSARY

Returning the third Tuesday of each month, come and pray the Project Rachel Rosary at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Norwich with the Office of Faith Events. The Project Rachel Rosary focuses on hope, healing, and forgiveness for those affected by abortion and for an end to abortion.

St. Patrick's Cathedral in Norwich  
Tuesday, October 17th  
3rd Tuesday of  
Every Month  
After the Noon Mass  
Materials to pray with us  
will be provided.

### **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)

**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).



## **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).

## **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>.

## **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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**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.

## **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.

## **Pregnant? Need help? CATHOLIC CHARITIES**

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



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: Worldwide Marriage Encounter: 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary**

Time-"My God will supply whatever you need." Philippians 4:13 and 19 "I can do all things in Him who strengthens me. My God will fully supply whatever you need." Make your requests known to God and he will bless your marriage and your life. Check out a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. You can find one by looking up WWME.org. Some of the dates to sign up are:

October 20-22,2023 in Barre, Vermont (St. Monica/St. Michael)

November 10-12, 2023 in Huntington, NY (Immaculate Conception Seminary)

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/>.

## **28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*"My God will fully supply whatever you need..." - Philippians 4:19.* God really does provide for those who are grateful and generous. This is very difficult for people that don't live a stewardship lifestyle to believe. People are skeptical and say it's just coincidence. If you are skeptical, try living a stewardship lifestyle for just one month – be generous with your gifts of time in prayer, talent in charitable works, and treasure, then see how God provides for your needs.

## **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? 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, encouragement for them to come back to church, and time for prayer and reflection.

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.



**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>.

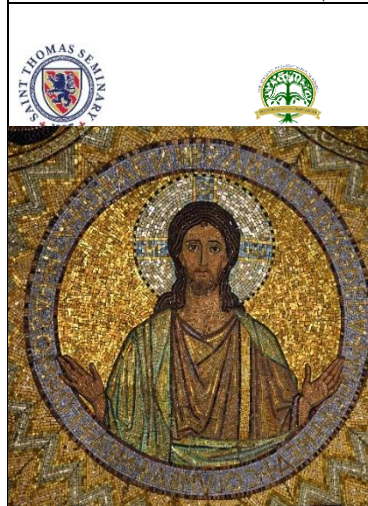
## **RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT WEEKEND**

If you are silently grieving or suffering from an abortion, experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a **Rachel's Vineyard Retreat** which 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, for both women and men. 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.

**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.

**“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@aohtc.org](mailto:catholic.biblical.school@aohtc.org)

## **Saint Sebastian Parish Presents**

### ***“Vatican International Exhibit of Eucharistic Miracles”***

Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> & Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>

The exhibit will be open on both days from 12 PM. to 5 PM.  
St. Sebastian Parish Hall

155 Washington Street, Middletown, CT 06457

- **October 21:**                   **5:00 PM Mass**, followed by a live presentation on Blessed Carlo Acutis.
- **October 22:** **11:00 AM Solemn Mass**  
**3:00 PM** live presentation on St. Manuel González García.  
**4:00-4:30 PM Confessions**  
**5:00 PM Solemn Mass**

If you have any questions, please contact Linda McCarty  
Cell #860-301-2965, email:

[stjohnsecretary@comcast.net](mailto:stjohnsecretary@comcast.net) or Maria Dambrose phone 860-347-5188, email: [dambrose@gmail.com](mailto:dambrose@gmail.com)

Carlo Acutis did not strive to become famous but rather to cooperate with God's graces as generously as possible. That journey brought him many experiences that were all united by a burning desire to serve God and others.

**This 15-year old teen is just one miracle away from becoming a Saint.**



# COLOR YOUR FALL WITH KINDNESS.

## Give blood.



### **Blood Drive** **St. Philip the Apostle Church**

Church Hall  
64 Pompey Hollow Road, Ashford

**Thursday, October 19, 2023**  
**1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: SPAC to schedule an appointment.



Scan to be directed to RapidPass®

Fall into giving blood Oct 1 thru 20 get \$15 Amazon.com Gift Card by email. See [rcblood.org/together](http://rcblood.org/together)



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## Fall Into Donating

When donors come to give blood Oct 1 thru 20, they'll get a \$15 Amazon.com Gift Card\*\* by email.\*





“Is something missing in your life, and you can’t seem to figure out what it is?”

# UNBOUND

**A Practical Guide to Deliverance!**



***Do you want to be FREE of...  
anxiety- fear- anger- unforgiveness- jealousy?***

**October 19, 2023**

**7- 8:30 PM**

**St. Agnes, Niantic**

***Presented by Father Ray Introvigne***

*“I know well the plans I have in mind for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare, not for woe, plans to give you a future full of hope. When you look for Me, when you go to pray to Me, I will listen to you. When you look for Me, you will find Me. Yes when you seek Me with all your heart, you will find Me with you, says the Lord and I will change your circumstances.”*

*Jeremiah 29: 11- 14b*



Any Questions or concerns contact the Office of Faith Events [Ahoisl@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:Ahoisl@norwichdiocese.net)

# Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish Haitian Ministry **Pasta Supper & Basket Raffle**



St. Mary Church Hall  
1600 Main St.  
Coventry, CT

October 21, 2023 - 5:30 pm

Adults \$10 – Child \$5  
(under 4 years free)

Take Outs Will Be Available

For tickets call Lou at 860-872-4189



All proceeds benefit our school in Les Palmes, Haiti

*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!*

*Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened,  
and I will give you rest. -Matthew 11:28*

**Come join us for a**  
**Healing Mass & Healing Service**

2:00-3:00 pm

3:00-4:00 pm

*2 PM the third Sunday of every month*  
with Fr. Ray Introvigne and Fr. Michael Philippino  
Music by Joe D'Ambrose



All will be celebrated at the  
Church of the Holy Family  
185 Church St, Hebron

August 20  
September 17  
October 15  
November 19  
December 17

For more information contact Andrea Hoisl at [faithevents@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:faithevents@norwichdiocese.net)  
Or 860-848-2237 ext. 203

## The Quiet Corner Chapter of the Disabled American Vets



Are you a Veteran who has combat or service related disability and need assistance with filing for Veterans Administration Benefits? Are you interested in learning more? We are looking for you.

Contact:

**Rocky Daigle 860 – 918-0532**

**Barry Bernier 860 – 830-5443**

The Disabled American Veterans are dedicated to a single purpose: empowering Veterans to lead high quality lives with respect and dignity. We accomplish this by making sure Veterans and their families can access the full range of benefits available to them; fighting for the interest of America's injured heroes on Capitol Hill and educating the public about the great sacrifices and needs of Veterans returning to civilian life.



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