

# 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**

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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*



**November 12, 2023**  
**32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 † **Mass Schedule and Intentions** †

**Readings start on page 944 St. Augustine Hymnal**

- Sat** Nov 11, 3:30-4:00 pm Confession  
**Sat** Nov 11, 4:30 pm Mass  
 † **Lucille Picard, 36<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
*By Victor & Lori Drouin and Pauline Picard*  
 † **Edward J. Bora, 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
*By Ron & Mychelle Bora*  
**Sun** Nov 12, 9:00 am Mass  
 † **Dorothy Handfield, 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
*By Daughter, Lorraine Smith*  
**Sun** Nov 12, 11:00 am Mass  
 † **Thomas Henson, Sr. by Kathleen and John Rook**  
 † **Michael Ellsworth by Ralph Yulo**  
**Tues** Nov 14, 8:00 am Mass  
**For Our Parish**  
**Wed** Nov 15, 8:00 am Mass: *St. Albert the Great*  
**For the Sick of Our Parish**  
**Thurs** Nov 16, 8:00 am Mass: *St. Margaret of Scotland*  
**For the Intentions of Bishop Cote**  
**Fri** Nov 17, 8:00 am Mass: *St. Elizabeth of Hungary*  
 † **Ken Udal by The Family**  
**ADORATION** following Mass; **Benediction 12:00 noon**  
**Sat** Nov 18, 3:30-4:00 pm Confession  
**Sat** Nov 18, 4:30 pm Mass  
 † **Ann Pudelkiewicz, Birthday Remembrance**  
*by Ann Phillips*  
 † **Joseph Drouin, 17<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
*By Victor & Lori Drouin*  
**Sun** Nov 19, 9:00 am Mass  
 † **Jan Krynski, Birthday Remembrance by His Sister**  
**Ed Conlan's health & wellbeing by His Wed. Bible Study**  
**Sun** Nov 19, 11:00 am Mass  
 † **Ruth Yulo by Ralph Yulo**  
 † **Jimmy Clifford by Roger & Mary Bowen**

*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.  
**Office closed Nov 22 & 23 – Thanksgiving.**

**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.



**FLAG MEMORIAL FOR NOVEMBER**  
**Paul L. Ouellette, Sr.**



U.S. Army served in WW II with the 465<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Battalion in the Philippines, The Pacific Theater where he received the Bronze Star.  
 Father of Caroline Doughty

**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, Paula Bonin, Penny Boomer, Ed Borowski, Don Chapman, Jerry Chapman, 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, Joyce H., Kathy Hills, Mikey Harakaly, P.J., Marie James, Joshua, Tom Joyal, Melinda King, Patrice Lucas, Barry Madden, Matthew Madden, Noah Markowycz, Ray McCaughey, 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**  
**Nov 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M.**



**BOY SCOUTS** meet Tue, Nov 14, 6:30-8:30 pm.

**ST. PHILIP ADULT EDUCATION** every Wednesday at 10 AM in the Parish Center. Led by Ed Conlan, our topic is the *Parables of Jesus*. Nov 15<sup>th</sup> ~ **The Good Shepherd and the Lost Sheep**. All are welcome.

**LADIES BIBLE STUDY** meets Tues, Nov 21<sup>st</sup> at **9:30am**. Please join us.

**Blessed Mother's Stitchers:** Tue, Nov 28, 10am. Please join us as we create Baptismal blankets and hats, scarves, and gloves for needy people.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** will meet Tues, Dec 5 at 7pm in the Parish Center.



Congratulations to **Madelyn Kelly Filewicz** who was baptized on Sunday, November 5, 2023 at St. Philip by Rev. Edmund Nadolny.

Parents are: Kelly Filewicz and Gina Villella.  
 Godparents are: Keith Filewicz and Lyndsay Sears.

Blessed Mother Candle is lit for **Liam P. Boyce and Family**



## CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR and BAKE SALE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2023



**RAFFLE BASKETS** are due in the Parish Hall by **Tues, Nov 14<sup>th</sup>**.



Please drop-off baskets M-TH, 9 am–2:30 pm. All baskets need to be wrapped with cellophane and labeled 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.**

## THANKSGIVING FOOD NEEDED THIS WEEK



for families in Ashford. Please donate: non-perishable food: 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. There is a box on the altar rail for **Cash donations (no checks, please)** to be used to purchase fresh food. Also, volunteers are needed to sort and distribute the food. If you signed up to donate a turkey, please bring it by **Friday, Nov 17<sup>th</sup>** during office hours.

## 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. Mike Mongillo, a Holy Family Retreat team member, will speak briefly after both Masses on Sunday, Nov 19<sup>th</sup>. For info contact: Burtie: 617-939-4234 or Marsha: 860-429-4926 or <https://www.holyfamilyretreat.org/themed-retreats>.

## 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."* - Matthew 25:13. Many of us have put off doing something because we think we are too busy. We've all said, "I'll do it later when I have time." Unfortunately, too many of us apply this attitude to our Faith. Jesus' call is urgent, in the here and now, in your current circumstances. How is God calling you to use your gifts today? Don't delay. None of us is guaranteed tomorrow.

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



**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 the vestibule 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*

**2023 ACA update:** As of Oct 31, 2023, **St. Philip the Apostle Parish, Ashford** has donated **\$27,285.69** or **93.52%** of its goal, and **26.89%** of parishioners have donated. We are striving for as close to 100% participation as possible. **THERE IS STILL TIME TO DONATE!** Our campaign year ends 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 [www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org](http://www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org).

**Thank you to everyone for your support!**



My name is **Ashley Praskievicz** and I am a full-time missionary with FOCUS

(the Fellowship of Catholic University Students). I serve at the university of Connecticut, leading bible studies, 1:1 mentorship and more. With FOCUS, I seek to live out the great commission, go therefore and make disciples of all nations, and what better than beginning with college students! College students are our future teachers, nurses, lawyers, etc. As a missionary I seek to bring Jesus to those who don't know him, and train devout students how to do the same!

I would love to share more about my work with you and meet you after Mass November 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>!

Thank you,

**Ashley Praskievicz**

Campus Missionary - University of Connecticut

203-490-7111

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Our condolences to the family of **Mrs. Mary Frey Dempsey**, who died on Oct 30, 2023, mother of Reverend Edward Dempsey, retired priest of the Diocese of Norwich.

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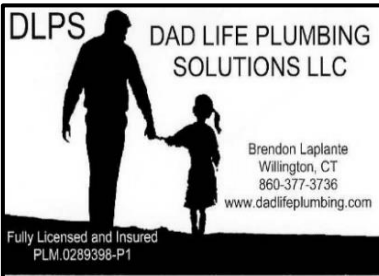
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**ADVERTISE IN OUR BULLETIN**  
\$200 for six months for a small ad. (See above).  
\$300 for a double-sized ad. Discount for an entire year is \$550 for a double ad. Funeral Homes will receive a triple-sized ad. Ads may be submitted each year in July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



# RCIA RETREAT THE HOLY SPIRIT Awaken

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24<sup>th</sup>  
At Our Lady of Perpetual Help  
in Quaker Hill, CT  
Retreat 9:30 - 5PM with Mass 5-6:00PM

Catechumens and Candidates are welcome to attend the day filled with prayer, witness, talks and more. To register, contact Marianne at [Manicholas@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:Manicholas@norwichdiocese.net) or call (860)848-2237 ex.305

**DEEPENING OUR FAITH THROUGH THE SACRAMENTS** Thurs, Nov 16<sup>th</sup>, 7-8PM virtually for a deepening of our faith through the **Sacraments of Initiation**. Our keynote is Sr. Elissa Rinere, C.P. former Diocesan Chancellor. Baptism, Confirmation & Eucharist are the 3 sacraments of Initiation of the Catholic Church. Let's explore the sacraments of Initiation today. Email Marianne: [manicholas@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:manicholas@norwichdiocese.net) or call 860-848-2237 ext. 304 **by Wed, Nov 15<sup>th</sup>**.

**RCIA Retreat** The Office of Faith Events and the Awakening team are gearing up to help Candidates and Catechumens prepare for receiving the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. We will spend the day discovering God's unconditional love for you, learn about the gifts of the Holy Spirit, develop a meaningful prayer life, and experience the joy of God's mercy and forgiveness. The Holy Spirit Awaken Retreat for RCIA will take place on **Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>** at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in **Quaker Hill**, 9:30am-5pm with Mass at 5pm. To register, please contact Marianne Nicholas at [manicholas@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:manicholas@norwichdiocese.net) or call 860-848-2237 ex.305.



Blessed are those who mourn,  
for they shall be comforted.  
Matthew 5:4

*If you are grieving the loss of a loved one, join us for a workshop and learn ways to grow through the experience of your loss*

## Praying Your Goodbyes

Saturday, December 2, 10 A.M. to 1 P.M.  
Cathedral of Saint Patrick Hall, 213 Broadway, Norwich, CT

*The workshop will include time for personal reflection, prayer, and journaling and tips on how to navigate the upcoming holiday season.*



*There is no fee for the workshop. Registration deadline is November 27, 2023. To register, contact: Mary-Jo McLaughlin at the Diocese of Norwich Catholic Family Services Office 860-848-2237, Ext 312 or [mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net)*

## YOUTH AND FAMILY EXPLOSION

**Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1 - 4pm at Mercy High School in Middletown with speaker, song writer, and musician Jesse Manibusan.**

Jesse builds instant rapport and creates life-giving memories that help deepen faith and cultivate the joy that inspires service, sacrifice and the celebration of life. All ages are invited to attend! Tickets are \$5 per Person, \$25 for a family or \$4 per person for a youth group. For more information or to buy tickets go to: <https://youthexplosionct.weebly.com/> Questions ? Email Liza at [lroach@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:lroach@norwichdiocese.net)

**Bereavement Day of Prayer** ~ The Diocesan Catholic Family Services Office is sponsoring a workshop for the bereaved entitled: Praying Your Goodbyes on **Saturday, December 2 from 10 A.M. to 1 P.M.** at the Cathedral of Saint Patrick Hall, 213 Broadway, **Norwich, CT.** It will include time for private reflection, prayer, and journaling and give participants suggestions on how to navigate the upcoming holiday season and discover ways to grow through the experience of their loss. There is no cost, but registration is required by November 27 by contacting Mary-Jo McLaughlin at Catholic Family Services, 860-848-2237, ext. 312 or by email at [mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net).

## PROJECT RACHEL ROSARY AT THE CATHEDRAL

The third Tuesday of each month at the Cathedral of St. Patrick following the noon Mass, join the Office of Faith Events as we pray the Project Rachel Rosary. The Project Rachel Rosary focuses on hope, healing, and forgiveness for those affected by an abortion and for an end to abortion. Please join us for an in-person Project Rachel Rosary on **Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>** following the noon mass at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich.

## A NOTE ABOUT PARISH REGISTRATION



If you regularly worship with us, please register with St. Philip parish to provide accurate census data to the diocese. Return registration forms (orange) from the vestibule to the office. **Thank you.**

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. We meet **Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> at noon.** Hope to see you there!

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

## ADULT VIRTUAL CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Have you not completed your sacraments? Did you make Baptism and First Communion but never completed your sacraments of initiation by making Confirmation? Have you ever thought about completing Confirmation in the Catholic Church? If you answered "Yes" to any of these questions, you should register for the Diocesan Adult Virtual Confirmation Classes. Beginning in January, The Office of Faith Events will be offering a 7-week online course taking place on Tuesday evenings that will prepare adults for Confirmation in their home parish. To join the class, please contact your pastor to register for this program.

**How to be an Evangelizer**... Pray for the People God Places in Your Life. There is no better place to begin than in prayer. Evangelism is first and foremost a work of God. God is already at work in the lives of others, and he wants to use us. God wants to work through us, not just around us. The reality is that we do not and cannot bring others to faith in Jesus Christ. God does that through His Holy Spirit. But He does want us to be part of the incredible journey someone goes on as they move toward Him.

## Go Green Parish

Stop drinking bottled water. 60 million plastic water bottles are thrown away each day in America. 35 billion empty water bottles are thrown away in the US each year, with only 12% being recycled. Fill reusable water bottles and drink tap water.



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.

### **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>.

### **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!

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.

**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.

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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)

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### **Marriage Preparation Classes to Meet Virtually**

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

### **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).

**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.



## NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

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

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time "Wisdom 6:12-16."** "Resplendent and unfading is wisdom, and she is readily perceived by those who love her, and found by those who seek her." Be wise! Love your spouse always. Make a decision to love. Give your spouse a gift by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. There are also Marriage Encounter Enrichments which are a one day event. You can find one by looking up WWME.org. Some of the dates to sign up are:

**January 21-23, 2024 in Huntington, NY**

**February 9-11, 2024 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/>.

**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).



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**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.

**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.



**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@retrovaille.org](mailto:3002r@retrovaille.org) or visit the national website at: <http://helpourmarriage.org>.

**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.

**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).

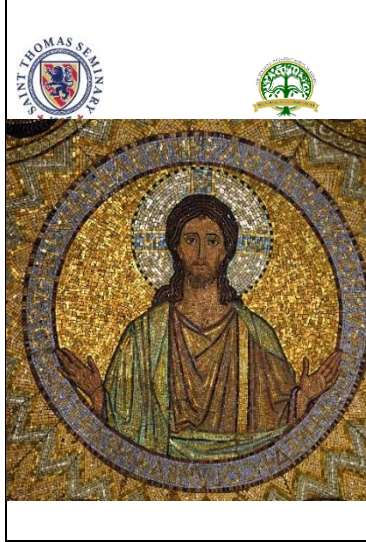
**"PROJECT RACHEL"** is our Diocesan ministry for anyone seeking healing and forgiveness from an abortion. Priests in the **Project Rachel** ministry are there for you with God's Grace and Mercy. Call 860-861-4439. All inquiries are confidential.

**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.

**"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)

*St Mary Church*  
22 Broad Street - Stonington Borough

# Christmas Bazaar

November 11th  
9am - 2pm

A festive illustration featuring a green Christmas tree on the left with gold and red ornaments and a candy cane. To the right are several gift boxes with red bows, each labeled with a category: 'Soups & Chili', 'Baked Goods', 'Sweet Bread', 'Jewelry', 'Floral Arrangements', and 'Local Crafters'.

**Basket Raffle**  
St. Michael School Carolers



Please join us for  
Session 2 of Deepening our  
Faith through the Sacraments:  
*Sacraments of Initiation*



Anointing | Baptism | Communion | Confirmation | Holy Orders | Marriage | Reconciliation

*Thursday- November 16, 2023*

*7:00PM – 8:00PM*

*Virtual Workshop*

Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist are the three sacraments of Initiation of the Catholic Church. In the first two hundred years of the life and practice of the Church, these sacraments were received by adults as three symbolic actions making up the one ritual of initiation.

Let's explore the sacraments of Initiation today.

Our keynote speaker is Sr. Elissa Rinere, C.P. former Diocesan Chancellor and Director of the Offices of Worship & Pastoral Planning

Session 1 of Faith through the Sacraments can be view at

<https://vimeo.com/866903752>

*RSVP to Marianne at [manicholas@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:manicholas@norwichdiocese.net)  
or call 860-848-2237 ext. 304 by Wed. November 15th*

*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



*Blessed are those who mourn,  
for they shall be comforted.  
Matthew 5:4*

*If you are grieving the loss of a loved one, join us for a  
workshop and learn ways to grow through the experience  
of your loss*

## **Praying Your Goodbyes**

**Saturday, December 2, 10 A.M. to 1 P.M.  
Cathedral of Saint Patrick Hall, 213 Broadway, Norwich, CT**

*The workshop will include time for personal reflection, prayer, and journaling  
and tips on how to navigate the upcoming holiday season.*



*There is no fee for the workshop. Registration deadline is November 27, 2023. To register, contact:  
Mary-Jo McLaughlin at the Diocese of Norwich Catholic Family Services Office  
860-848-2237, Ext 312 or [mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net)*

## 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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