

# ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

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**Father Michael Giannitelli, Pastor**

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## **OFFICE HOURS**

Monday through Thursday 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM  
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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*



**February 11, 2024**  
**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**† Mass Schedule and Intentions †**

**Readings start on page 1018 St. Augustine Hymnal**

**Sat** Feb 10, 1:00 pm Baptism: **Jeremiah Richard Joseph Vertefeuille**

**Sat** Feb 10, 3:30-4:00 pm Confession

**Sat** Feb 10, 4:30 pm Mass

**For the Sick of Our Parish**

**Sun** Feb 11, 9:00 am Mass

† **Caroline Bilodeau** by *Jeanette Karosi*

**Sun** Feb 11, 11:00 am Mass

† **John Doughty, Sr., 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary**  
by *Caroline Doughty*

† **Gerard Cloutier** by *Lorraine Cloutier & Family*

**Tues** Feb 13, 8:00 am Mass

† **Peter Nespral** by *Jim & Cecile Hurley*

**Ash Wednesday** February 14

8:00 am **Mass w/Ashes**

† **John Doughty, Sr.** by *Caroline Doughty*

† **Liam P. Boyce** by *His Family*

12:00 Noon **Ashes only**

6:00 pm **Mass w/Ashes**

**Thurs** Feb 15, 8:00 am Mass

**For Our Parish**

**Fri** Feb 16, 8:00 am Mass

† **Raye L. Mandirola** by *Wesley Vincent*

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

**Fri** Feb 16, 6:00 pm **Stations of the Cross** †

**Sat** Feb 17, 3:30-4:00 pm Confession

**Sat** Feb 17, 4:30 pm Mass

† **Rudolph Supina, 17<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** by *Wife & Family*

**Sun** Feb 18, 9:00 am Mass

† **Anthony Antunes** by *The Parish*

**Sun** Feb 18, 11:00 am Mass

† **George P. Nagy 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary** by *The Nagy Family*

† **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-Thur, 9:30-2:30 & Fri Adoration.

Office closed: Mon, Feb 19<sup>th</sup>, President's Day

Our condolences to the family of **Deacon Nicholas J. Cannata** of the Diocese of Norwich who died Feb 4, 2024.



Congratulations to **Quinn Elizabeth Cronin** who was baptized by Father Michael Giannitelli on Sunday,

February 4, 2024, at St. Philip the Apostle Church. Parents: Thomas Cronin and Mary Santos. Godparents: Reagan Cronin and Kate Santos.

**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, Elizabeth Clifford, Ed Conlan, Tanner DeJesse, Tony DeMonte, Camille Delisle, Yvette & Maurice Dionne, Charles Dobrowolski, Alison Dodd, Helen Donnelly & Family, Caroline Doughty, Kyle Ernst, Agnes Flynn, Barry G., Myles Gratton, Joyce H., Henry Hansen, Kathy Hills, Mikey Harakaly, P.J., Marie James, Joshua, Tom Joyal, Melinda King, James Knight, B.L., Patrice Lucas, Barry Madden, Matthew Madden, Noah Markowycz, Ray McCaughey, Jackie Mozzicato, Jesse Narwicziks, Bob Ogden, Laura P., M.P., Dan Panciera, Jane Pease, Pauline Picard, Diane Piccoli, Emil Poirier, Heather Poulin, Jim Rook, Wim S., Mike Schwartz, Skyler Sherman, Maureen Smith, Patrick Stenglein, Mason Studley, Mary Jane Tynan, Joseph Tyson, K.V., J.W., Chad W., Greg & Jocelyne Wakefield, Terri Warren, Caroline Williams.

**BOY SCOUTS: Tues, Feb 13, at 7pm.**

**ST. PHILIP ADULT EDUCATION.** Led by Ed Conlan, *The Parables of Jesus*. **Feb 14, 10:00 am** All are welcome.

**LADIES BIBLE STUDY Feb 20<sup>th</sup>, 9:30am.** Studying "*Walking with Mary*" by Edward Sri.

**Blessed Mother's Stitchers: Tue, Feb 27, 10 am.** Please join us as we create Baptismal blankets and hats, scarves, and gloves for needy people.

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

**GIFT CARDS ARE NEEDED** Please consider donating a card from Walmart, Stop & Shop or Big Y for requests that come from the needy in our community. Put them in an envelope marked "office" and place them in the collection basket. *Thank you.*

We will pray the **CHILDREN'S ROSARY** on Sundays, at 8:25 am, BEFORE the 9 am Mass. Hope to see you there! Our Lady wants our children and parishioners to know how to pray and experience the powerful strength and graces of the Rosary. The group is geared for 3-15 year-olds, but all are welcome. Bring your Rosary or use one provided. Text Donna @ 860-617-8567.



## ST. PHILIP CHURCH STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Please join us each **Friday at 6pm** during Lent for Stations of the Cross in the Church followed by Soup and Fellowship in the Parish Center. Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup> John Mozzicato will provide clam chowder.

### Religious Instruction at ST. PHILIP CHURCH

Because of the very small number of children in our parish, we can accommodate any family with the materials that would be grade appropriate or anticipating the sacrament of initiation. We can guide you and assist you and we also offer tutoring. Our present program is individual-based and very flexible. We would also encourage any family that would like to establish a formal class that would include their child to please call Father Michael. Traditional parish-held CCD classes were discontinued due to lack of participation. We will continue with individualized family programs, if and when our needs change.

Our primary means of communication to you remains our parish bulletin. Please don't hesitate to share information with family or neighbors who might benefit from any church program, i.e. religious instruction of the young. Unfortunately, there are a number of Catholic families that do not attend the weekly Mass, we must gently encourage them.

### ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH TAG SALE

"One person's junk is another person's treasure." Spring clean and make some cash by participating in our tag sale, March 2, 2024, 10 am to 3 pm. Sign up in the vestibule.



### 51<sup>st</sup> Operation Rice Bowl: Our Lenten Program: **For Lent, For Life**

On Ash Wednesday, Feb 14, our parish with parishes across the Diocese of Norwich is beginning a program of prayer and sacrifice called Operation Rice Bowl (ORB). By participating in this program, we bring hope and healing to another person or family living halfway across the globe. Money saved during Lent is then brought to the parish family Rice Bowl on Palm Sunday, March 24, 2024, 75% of Operation Rice Bowl funds will feed the hungry poor overseas, the remaining 25% will be used in the diocese to feed the needy. This Lent, gather in prayer and sacrifice as a family to pray and to care for the hungry poor.

**THE SISTERS OF CHARITY** will be having a Share-A-Day for girls in grades 5, 6, 7, and 8 at Holy Family Motherhouse, 54 W. Main St., Baltic, CT 06330 on Saturday, Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. The theme is "*Lent is preparing for Easter.*" No charge, and meals are included. This special day includes recreation, talks, activities and prayers with the Sisters. Telephone (860) 822-8241 or e-mail [smaryjacinta@gmail.com](mailto:smaryjacinta@gmail.com).



### March 16: Wine Tasting: Ecole Agape

### HOLY FAMILY RETREATS FOR MEN & WOMEN



The women who went on retreat last weekend experienced so much together & grew in faith & healing. We thank you for your prayers. Three retreat dates are still open **for Women:** March 1-3; April 19-21; May 31-June

2. **Men's dates:** Feb 23-25; Mar 8-10; Mar 15-17; Mar 22-24; Apr 5-7; Apr 12-14; May 3-5; June 7-9. For information visit: [www.holyfamilyretreat.org](http://www.holyfamilyretreat.org).



St. Philip the Apostle Church  
Saturday, March 9, 2024

**Corned Beef and Cabbage** dinner.

Proceeds will be used for the Maintenance of the Church.

PLEASE, DO ALL YOU CAN TO ENCOURAGE PRIESTLY AND RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS. YOUR PRAYERS AND SUPPORT MAKE A DIFFERENCE.



**'God had fulfilled my dream.'**

Growing up in northern California, I never saw any nuns or religious sisters except the Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration on EWTN. Even still, as a young girl, I felt God's call to become his bride.

As a teenager, though, I was drawn to marriage and motherhood and dreamed of designing wedding dresses as I raised my children. I pushed away the thought of a religious vocation — that is, until two Marian Sisters of Santa Rosa came to our diocese. I saw them at daily Mass and immediately wanted to get to know them, so I joined the Marian sodality they started for high school girls. They told me, "If you consecrate yourself to Mary, she will help you find your vocation."

Through discernment, Our Lady led me to join the Marian Sisters to proclaim and magnify her Son as she did. My earlier dream was forgotten, until one day, as I was sewing a white habit for one of our sisters, I realized that God had fulfilled my dream in a different way. I am now making wedding dresses — not for earthly brides but for brides of Christ!

Sister Margaret Mary Zieminski  
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**6th Sunday in Ordinary Time** “Brothers and sisters, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.” - 1 Corinthians 10:31. Do a quick check of your priorities. Where does God rank in that list? If He’s not first, you have some work to do. Putting God first in everything helps us from putting other “gods” (like our pride, ego, money and possessions) before God. Before making a decision, ask yourself, “I’m I going this for the glory of God or for the glory of me?”

**TAX** **YEAR-END TAX REPORTING**

If you would like a printout of your financial contribution to St. Philip Church for the year 2023, please fill out this coupon and place it in the collection basket.

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**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Envelope #** \_\_\_\_\_



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PANEL DISCUSSION ON

# CHARITY & SERVICE

Tuesday, February 20, 2024 // 7pm - 9pm  
St. Mary's Church, 5 Hillhouse Ave, New Haven



**RSVP here!**

Includes an hour of professional networking PLUS opportunities for service and prayer this Lent

**Xavier High School, Middletown, CT** open house February 13<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm for all middle school boys and students interested in transferring to Xavier. Register at [xavierhighschool.org](http://xavierhighschool.org). We look forward to showcasing all that Xavier offers and explaining how Xavier transforms the lives of boys in CT! If you cannot make it, you are invited to schedule a personal tour with Nick Grasso, Interim Director of Admissions call/text 860-346-7735 or e-mail [nmgrasso@xavierhighschool.org](mailto:nmgrasso@xavierhighschool.org). **Xavier High School** will host an entrance exam for all 8<sup>th</sup> graders who have yet to apply to Xavier on February 27<sup>th</sup>. Please encourage any 8<sup>th</sup> grade boy to take this test and start his application to Xavier. Sign up at [www.xavierhighschool.org](http://www.xavierhighschool.org).

**A WALK TO REMEMBER  
SAINT JOSEPH'S LIVING CENTER, INC.**

14 Club Rd., Windham, CT 06280, is creating a walkway with Memorial Bricks in the courtyard to remember residents, family and friends who have been a part of St. Joseph's over the past 35 years. There is an application in the online bulletin or please contact: Gayle Ethier, Pastoral Care Dir at St. Joseph's 860-456-1107, ext. 128. Or [gayle.ethier@sjlct.org](mailto:gayle.ethier@sjlct.org).



**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.

**RCIA Retreat** The Office of Faith Events and the Awaken team will assist Candidates & Catechumens prepare to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. Discover God's unconditional love for you, learn about the gifts of the Holy Spirit, develop a meaningful prayer life, and experience God's mercy in reconciliation. The Retreat for RCIA is **Sat, Feb 24<sup>th</sup> at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Quaker Hill from 9:30am – 5pm** with Mass at 5pm. To register, contact Marianne Nicholas call 860-848-2237 ex.305 or [manicholas@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:manicholas@norwichdiocese.net).

**BEGINNING EXPERIENCE HEALING WEEKEND** Beginning Experience of Hudson Valley, invites men and women of all ages who grieve the end of a marriage or spousal relationship due to death, divorce, or separation to an in-person weekend retreat at St. Lawrence Retreat Center in Beacon NY. Upcoming dates are April 19-21, 2024, and October 18-20, 2024. For information or to register, please call Phyllis at 914-261-5812 or Jim at 845-220-7883. Or [www.beginningexperiencehv.org](http://www.beginningexperiencehv.org).

**THE WAY OF THE CROSS:** The Office of Faith Events invites you to join us **virtually** Friday nights in Lent as we pray together the Stations of the Cross through a different focus each week.  
**February 16:** Through the eyes of the suffering  
**February 23:** Through the eyes of the bereaved  
**March 1:** Through the eyes of marriage  
**March 15:** Through the eyes of Mary  
**March 22:** Through the eyes of Jesus  
 The stations take place online at 7 pm. **No stations on Friday, March 8.** Registration is required. You can register for one evening or all five. To register call Mary-Jo McLaughlin, at 860-848-2237, x 312 or email: [mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net).

**The Office of Faith Events** is looking for silent auction items for this year's Women's Conference on March 13<sup>th</sup>. We are looking for donations like major league baseball, basketball, or football tickets; a weeks' vacation at a rental property, artwork, or fine jewelry. If you have an item you would like to donate please contact Marianne at 860-848-2237 ext. 304 or [manicholas@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:manicholas@norwichdiocese.net).

**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).



**Diocese of Norwich  
Catholic Family Services**


**Celebrate Marriage** – It's not too early to begin thinking of Valentine's Day. Give your Valentine something special this

year – the gift of your time. Come celebrate your marriage at a day-long enrichment that will renew your dreams, increase your passion and refresh and celebrate your marriage. This marriage enrichment aptly entitled,

**“Celebrate Marriage,”** will take place on **Saturday, February 17, 2024,** from 9 A.M to 3 P.M. at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish Hall, 1600 Main St., Coventry, CT. The cost is \$35 per couple, which includes workbooks and lunch. Registration is required. To register, call Mary-Jo McLaughlin at the Catholic Family Services Office at 860-848-2237, Ext. 312 or email her at [mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net).

**THE 2024 NORWICH DIOCESAN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE** will once again be themed “Dinner with Jesus”, at Georgina's Restaurant, Bolton, CT, March 13, 5:30 – 9 PM. Bring your sisters, daughters, friends, and fellow parishioners to be inspired and fed in a deep and meaningful way with women from around the diocese for this very special event. Our keynote speaker will be the ‘Catholic Evangelista’, Sonja Corbitt. As always, the year's recipient of the *Our Lady Queen of Hope Award* will be announced, and a silent auction and basket raffle will add to the fun! Tickets are \$75 and must be bought in advance. Main course dinner options are chicken Francaise, baked scrod, or eggplant parmigiana. To register go to <https://bit.ly/2Laol7Y>. Seating is limited so don't delay in reserving your space! Questions? Call Marianne at the Office of Faith Events, 860-848-2237, ext. 304.

If you seek hope, strength and comfort from a loss, burden, or sorrow, join us for ***A Journey with Mary Through Her Seven Sorrows***, a virtual 7-week program that will explore each of the 7 sorrows of Mary's life and the message of strength and encouragement each one contains. The program will meet online Mondays, 7-8:15 pm. Feb 12, and 19, 2024. Each week will include a reflection on one of Mary's sorrows, guided prayer imagery and discussion. The program is free, but registration is required. For info, contact the Catholic Family Services Office, 860-848-2237, x 312 email: [mmclaughlin@norwichdio7thcese.net](mailto:mmclaughlin@norwichdio7thcese.net).



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## A Journey with Mary Through Her Seven Sorrows

Join us for a seven-week virtual program that will explore each of the Seven Sorrows of Mary's life and the message of strength and encouragement each one contains. The program is based on the book *Your Sorrow Is My Sorrow* by Sr. Joyce Rupp.

**Monday evenings from 7-8:15 P.M.  
January 8, 15, 22, 29; Feb. 5, 12, 19, 2024**

Each night will include a reflection on one of Mary's sorrows, guided prayer imagery and discussion. The program takes place online and requires participants to have an internet connection.




*"Everyone can find their struggles and sadness hidden in the folds of Mary's robe of sorrows." ~ Sr. Joyce Rupp*

For more information or to register, call Mary-Jo McLaughlin at the Catholic Family Services Office, 860-848-2237, Ext. 312 or email [mjclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:mjclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net)

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<b>Middletown Chapter</b> St. Sebastian Church (155 Washington Street, Middletown) Thursdays from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM in Church Basement	<b>Mystic Chapter</b> St. Edmund's Retreat Center (1 Enders Island, Mystic) Monday from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM in St. Michael Hall
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**CROSSROADS4CHRIST.ORG**      **INFO@CROSSROADS4CHRIST.ORG**

**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. To be added to the list today email Marianne at [manicholas@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:manicholas@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  
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<https://www.eucharisticcongress.org/schedule>.

# RCIA RETREAT

## THE HOLY SPIRIT

### Awaken

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

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



**PLEASE NOTE:** The phone number previously listed in the bulletin for **Deacon Chris** has been assigned to another person.

**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.

**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.

## **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.**

**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.



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.



**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.

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)

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

**WHY DON'T OUR ADULT CHILDREN ATTEND MASS?" REPLAY** – Did you miss the virtual presentation of "Why Don't our Adult Children attend Mass?" with Deacon Dennis Dolan and Mary-Jo McLaughlin, Catholic Family Services Coordinator?

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.

**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).

**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>.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time!** 1 Corinthians 10:31-33: "Whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. Do not cause anyone to stumble, whether Jews, Greeks or the church of God-even as I try to please everyone in every way. For I am not seeking my own good but the good of many, so that they may be saved." As St. Paul says, Do it all for the glory of God. God also wants us to seek the good of our spouse. Learn the five tools for a better marriage by signing up and attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. You will be glad you did! You can find one by looking up WWME.org. Some of the dates to sign up are:

March 15-17, 2024 in Upton, MA

April 26-28, 2024 (non-residential weekend) in Connecticut

June 21-23, 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/>.

**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.

## **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, X 312 or email: [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 also for an end to abortion. Please join us for this in-person Project Rachel Rosary on Tue, Feb 20<sup>th</sup> following the noon mass at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich.

## **CALLING ALL SINGERS; COME SING AT CARNEGIE HALL**

Calling all choirs, youth or adults who want to sing! You are invited to sing at Carnegie Hall in NYC with top Catholic Composers/Musicians/Singers- Janet Whitaker, Curtis Stephan, Stephen Petrunak, and Jesse Manibusan on Feb 14 – 17, 2025! If you want to join the experience and actually be part of the overall concert choir as well as make an amazing chunk of memories, join the pilgrimage experience with "Corporate Travel". The sooner you register the lower the cost! To find out more, check out the brochure attached and sign up today at <https://bit.ly/3SP63t4>. Questions or wish to see brochure, please contact Liza Roach at [lroach@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:lroach@norwichdiocese.net) or 860-848-2237x 305.

## **VIRTUAL LENTEN MISSION**

The Virtual Lenten Mission is an opportunity for us to deepen our faith, take time for reflection, and pray. This Lent, speakers Fr. Brian Romanowski, Judy Kosteini- Director of the New England Biblical School, Fr. Michael Phillippino, and Mary Ellen Mahon- Retired Secretary for Catholic Formation in Manchester will reflect on the upcoming scriptures for our Mission. The mission will begin on Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 – 7:45pm and continue weekly with the last session on Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. To register, contact Marianne at (860)848-2237 ex. 304 or email her at [manicholas@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:manicholas@norwichdiocese.net)

## **Young Catholic Professionals - Executive Panel Discussion**

Want to make your Lent more fruitful this year? Come join Young Catholic Professionals Central CT for our 1<sup>st</sup> Executive Panel Discussion! Come enjoy light refreshments and networking along with a panel discussion on service and the virtue of charity. Looking to see how you can serve this Lent? There will also be groups from around the Archdiocese offering service opportunities for your Lenten Almsgiving. We hope to see you!

**At:** St. Mary's Church, 5 Hillhouse Ave, New Haven

**When:** Tues, Feb 20<sup>th</sup> from 7 - 9PM

**Who:** All professionals from 18-39.

**RSVP** via QR code or

[https://ycp.glueup.com/event/executive-speaker-series-93127/?pk\\_campaign=widget-event-list](https://ycp.glueup.com/event/executive-speaker-series-93127/?pk_campaign=widget-event-list)

E-mail [info@ycpcentralconnecticut.org](mailto:info@ycpcentralconnecticut.org)

## **Diocesan Catholic Schools Basketball**

**Tournament** Come out to St. Bernard's School on Friday March 2<sup>nd</sup> after 3pm, Saturday March 3<sup>rd</sup> all day, and Sunday March 4<sup>th</sup> to cheer on your favorite Catholic Elementary Teams as they compete to see who will be the Diocesan Champion. Admission is \$5 for a game or \$10 for a weekend pass.

## **Go Green Parish**

Use cloth instead of paper in your kitchen! Paper towels are the most common household waste. Instead of using paper towels and napkins, use dish towels and cloth napkins. This will significantly reduce the amount of waste in your household. And it's an easy switch everyone can make! **Evangelization Corner** Invite a friend, family member, neighbor or co-worker to attend Mass (or any event sponsored by your Church) with you. It's a great way for them to see you practicing your faith and that is usually a side of ourselves we do not share with others. Be the witness for others that someone was for you.





# XAVIER HIGH SCHOOL

## OPEN HOUSE



6:00 PM

**Feb. 13**



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# CONNECTICUT **MARCH FOR LIFE**

**Wednesday, March 20, 2024**

**Rally – 12:00pm**

**March – 1:00pm**

Connecticut State Capitol  
210 Capitol Ave.  
Hartford, CT 06106



## Join a local bus trip



The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring reduced fares for round-trip bus rides from locations throughout Connecticut. Use the QR code or visit [rally.co/ct-march-for-life](https://rally.co/ct-march-for-life) to sign up.



**Visit [marchforlife.org/Connecticut](https://marchforlife.org/Connecticut)  
for more information.**



St. Joseph Living Center is offering family and friends who have or have had family members or friends who resided at our facility, a special way to remember their loved one through the purchase of an engraved brick to be placed in our courtyard walkway. We are calling this "St Joseph Living Center's 'A Walk to Remember'."

The proceeds of this fundraising effort will go toward the ongoing needs of our center and provide a lasting memorial of those whom we have had the privilege and honor to serve over the past 35 years.

# "A Walk to Remember" Brick Campaign

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Last Name	
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Phone	
Email	

For questions, please contact Gayle Ethier at 860-456-1107 Ext. 128 or email [gayle.ethier@sjlcc.org](mailto:gayle.ethier@sjlcc.org)

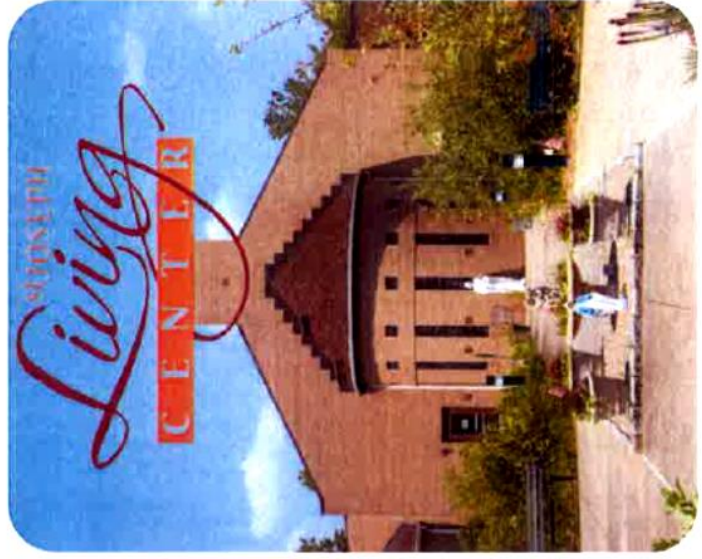
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*Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened,  
and I will give you rest. -Matthew 11:28*

**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, and Jayvee & Tina Mateo**



***"Remember- Jesus is the Healer!"***

All masses will be celebrated at the Church of the Holy Family  
185 Church St, Hebron, CT, 06248 (RT 85)

January 21

July 21

February 18

August 18

March 17

September 15

April 21

October 20

May 19

November 17

June 16

December 15

For more information contact Andrea Hoisl at [faithevents@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:faithevents@norwichdiocese.net)

Or 860-848-2237 ext. 203

The Norwich Diocesan Women's Conference invites you to

# *Dinner with Jesus*

*Keynote Speaker,  
'the Catholic Evangelista'*

**Sonja Corbitt**

March 13, 2024

5:30– 9 PM

Georgina's, 275 Boston Turnpike, Bolton

Tickets are \$75, to purchase go to  
<https://bit.ly/2Laol7Y>  
or call 860-848-2237



Sonja Corbitt is the Catholic Evangelista and creator of "the best modernization of lectio," the LOVE the Word® Bible study method and journal. A best-selling author and Telly Award winning broadcaster, her weekly radio and television shows and variety of other unique approaches to Scripture create space for busy Christians to hear and experience God through the scriptures. Sonja writes for Magnificat magazine and the Ascension Press blog, and widely among other internet outlets. A lively and frequent guest on a variety of national television and radio shows, Sonja studies with Holy Apostles College and Seminary, home schools, and lives with her husband and boys in Tennessee. What's an "evangelista"? Find out at [biblestudyevangelista.com](http://biblestudyevangelista.com), where you can also catch her latest study series on *Cherished: How God Is Using Your Vocation to Heal You*.



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# **A Journey with Mary Through Her Seven Sorrows**

Join us for a seven-week virtual program that will explore each of the Seven Sorrows of Mary's life and the message of strength and encouragement each one contains. The program is based on the book *Your Sorrow Is My Sorrow* by Sr. Joyce Rupp.

**Monday evenings from 7-8:15 P.M.  
January 8, 15, 22, 29; Feb. 5, 12, 19, 2024**

Each night will include a reflection on one of Mary's sorrows, guided prayer imagery and discussion. The program takes place online and requires participants to have an internet connection.



*"Everyone can find their struggles and sadness hidden  
in the folds of Mary's robe of sorrows." ~ Sr. Joyce Rupp*

*For more information or to register, call Mary-Jo McLaughlin at the Catholic Family Services Office,  
860-848-2237, Ext. 312 or email [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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