

# ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

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## **OFFICE HOURS**

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



# 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.**



February 25, 2024

Second Sunday of Lent

† Mass Schedule and Intentions †

Readings start on page 969 St. Augustine Hymnal

Enzo Abruzzese, who is a senior at UConn, will be speaking this weekend at all the Masses about the HUSKYTHON. All proceeds of this fundraiser will go to CT Children's Medical Center in Hartford. Please contribute if you can.

- Sat Feb 24, 3:30-4:00 pm Confession
Sat Feb 24, 4:30 pm Mass
† Zbigniew Jakubowski, 4th Anniversary by His Niece
Sun Feb 25, 9:00 am Mass
† Will Navratil, 3rd Anniversary by Roxanne & Bill Navratil

The Health & Well-being of Robert Burgess by John Studley

- Sun Feb 25, 11:00 am Mass
† Sonata Lazauskas, 10th Anniversary by The Family
† Anthony Antunes by Andrew & Ann Brndiar, Jr.

Mike Mongillo from Holy Family will speak at the 9 & 11am Sunday Masses about the Men's Retreat

Tues Feb 27, 8:00 am Mass: St. Gregory of Narek For the Intentions of Bishop Cote

Wed Feb 28, 8:00 am Mass For the Sick of Our Parish

Thurs Feb 29, 8:00 am Mass For Our Parish

Fri Mar 1, 8:00 am Mass: World Day of Prayer For the Intentions of Bishop Cote

ADORATION following Mass; Benediction 12:00 noon

Fri Mar 1, 6:00 pm Stations of the Cross †

Sat Mar 2, 3:30-4:00 pm Confession

Sat Mar 2, 4:30 pm Mass

Sun Mar 3, 9:00 am Mass

Sun Mar 3, 11:00 am Mass

† Roland Cloutier, 7th Anniversary by Lorraine Cloutier and Family

† Irene & Edward Giard by Shelly Bancroft.

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.

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.

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

PRAYER LIST: Seth Beebe, John Bergeron, Jr., John Bergeron, Sr., Brian Berry, Megan Berry, Paula Bonin, Penny Boomer, Robert Burgess, Elizabeth Clifford, Ed Conlan, K.D., 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, Mike Schwartz, Skyler Sherman, Maureen Smith, Patrick Stenglein, Mason Studley, The Studley Family, Mary Jane Tynan, Joseph Tyson, K.V., J.W., Chad W., Greg & Jocelyne Wakefield, Terri Warren, Caroline Williams.

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.

BOY SCOUTS: Tues, Feb 27, 6:30-8:00pm.

ST. PHILIP ADULT EDUCATION. Led by Ed Conlan, The Parables of Jesus. Feb 28, 10:00 am All are welcome.

BOY SCOUTS: Mon, Mar 4, at 7pm.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY Mar 5th, 9:30am. Studying "Walking with Mary" by Edward Sri.

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

GIFT CARDS ARE URGENTLY NEEDED Please consider donating a card from Walmart, Stop & Shop, Big Y, or Gas station Cards 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, March 1st John Mozzicato will provide Lentil Soup.



## 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, **Saturday, March 2, 2024**, 10 am to 3 pm. Sign up in the vestibule.



**March 16: Wine Tasting:  
Ecole Agape**

## HOLY FAMILY RETREATS FOR MEN & WOMEN

2023/2024 Retreat Theme: **Only Say the Word...**

There are three retreat dates still open for **WOMEN**: March 1-3; April 19-21, when St. Philip women are already registered for the retreat/please consider joining us; and May 31-June 2. **Men's dates**: Mar 8-10; Mar 15-17; Mar 22-24; Apr 5-7; Apr 12-14; May 3-5; June 7-9. For info visit: [Holyfamilyretreat.org](http://Holyfamilyretreat.org).



Tickets for the **CORNERED BEEF DINNER** on March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 5:30 pm will be on sale after all Masses. Tickets will also be available for sale during Parish office hours which are Monday through Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Snow date will be Sunday, March 10, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. **Last date to buy tickets will be on Thursday, March 7, 2024.**

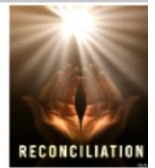
## PALM SUNDAY BAKE SALE

**Saturday, March 23**

Baked goods can be dropped off at the Parish Center on Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6-8 pm. Please list ingredients on all food items, especially PEANUTS and NUTS. Fudge, brownies, cookies, breads, cakes, and pies would be fantastic. Salt-free and gluten free items have always been requested. Any baked good remaining will be on sale after the 9 and 11 am Masses on Palm Sunday. Thank you for your generosity.



**CELEBRATE THE  
SACRAMENT OF  
RECONCILIATION**



## DEANERY DAY OF RECONCILIATION

**FRIDAY, MARCH 8<sup>TH</sup> FROM 7AM-7PM  
ST. BERNARD CHURCH-ROCKVILLE**

You are invited to come celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation on this special day. Priests from the Vernon Deanery will be available from 7am through 7pm to hear confessions (see schedule below). We hope you will be able to take advantage of this opportunity to encounter God and His mercy through reconciliation. This is a time of seeking God's forgiveness and a change of heart.

Time	Priest
7:00—8:00AM	Fr. Larry Barile
8:00—9:00AM	Fr. Larry Barile
9:00—10:00AM	Fr. Steve Gulino
10:00—11:00AM	Fr. Bill Olesik
11:00AM—12:00PM	Fr. George Villamthanam
12:00—1:00PM	Fr. Gerry Kirby
1:00—2:00PM	Fr. Gerry Kirby
2:00—3:00PM	Fr. Peter Liszewski
3:00—4:00PM	Fr. Bijoy Joseph
4:00—5:00PM	Fr. Tadeusz Zadorozny
5:00—6:00PM	Fr. Rick Ricard
6:00—7:00PM	Fr. Rick Ricard



Thank you for your past support of **The Annual Catholic Appeal** which provides funds for many of the pastoral, educational, and charitable ministries within the Diocese of Norwich. As we embark on our 2024 ACA, One Faith, One Family, we thank God for the strength and love we have received from him during this past year, when we, relying on our ONE FAITH, have uplifted our brothers and sisters in our ONE FAMILY. The ACA in-pew collection will take place in our parish on March 9/10, 2024. Please give prayerful consideration when contemplating your sacrificial gift to the appeal. The future of our ministries depends on it.

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## A WALK TO REMEMBER ST. 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 contact: Gayle Ethier, Pastoral Care at St. Joseph's 860-456-1107, ext. 128. Or [gayle.ethier@sjlccct.org](mailto:gayle.ethier@sjlccct.org).



**CATHOLIC CHARITIES,  
DIOCESE OF NORWICH**

18th Annual **GOLF**  
TOURNAMENT

**MAY 6TH, 2024**  
Great Neck Country Club  
Waterford, CT

Save the Date

For more information or to register early visit our golf website at [www.golfccnorwich.com](http://www.golfccnorwich.com)

Sponsorships Available

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent** "Here I am!" he answered." - GENESIS 22:11. It is easy to say, "Here I am, Lord," when we are kneeling in church. But how easy is it to say, "Here I am, Lord," when a neighbor needs our help, or when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Often, we are called when it's not convenient for us. Discipleship is not easy, most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.

### 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.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Envelope # \_\_\_\_\_

**The monthly Diocesan Pro-Life Mass** will take place at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on **Saturday, March 2 at 8:30 A.M.** Please join our celebrant **Rev. Walter Nagle** at Mass as we pray to end abortion and for healing for those who have had an abortion. Following the Mass, the Rachel Rosary will be prayed at the Cathedral. A brunch in the Cathedral Hall will follow the Rosary this month.

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

**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.



**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).



CATHOLIC YOUTH REVIVAL  
*presents*

# Restored

A Lenten Retreat with the  
Diocesan Youth  
Leadership Team


**SUNDAY MARCH 10TH**  
3PM TO 8:30PM  
ST. ELIZABETH PARISH  
LUDLOW  
Massachusetts

DETAILS AT  
[CATHOLICYOUTHREVIVAL.ORG/LENT](http://CATHOLICYOUTHREVIVAL.ORG/LENT)

**Diocesan "Restored" Youth Lenten Retreat**  
The Diocesan Youth Leadership Team invites all middle to high school students in Western Mass to join for a special "Restored" Lenten Retreat taking place on **March 10<sup>th</sup>** from 3-8:30pm at St. Elizabeth's in Ludlow, MA. The entire retreat will be led by the youth ambassadors, who will give the talks and witnesses, lead small groups and activities, MC, and even play music. It will also include Sunday Mass, Adoration, Confession, and dinner. The cost is \$10. More info, register, or group leader specific info at [CatholicYouthRevival.org/lent](http://CatholicYouthRevival.org/lent).

**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).

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  
Marian Sisters of Santa Rosa  
Santa Rosa, California


**THE WAY OF THE CROSS:** The Office of Faith Events invites you to join us **online virtually** Friday nights in Lent as we pray together the Stations of the Cross through a different focus each week.

**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).

**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).

**CROSSROADS4CHRIST**  
FIND THE MORE YOU'RE LOOKING FOR.



We're bringing young adults (18-39) together weekly in Chapters all across Connecticut to develop communities of young adult missionary disciples and encounter the Lord.

Join one of our Diocese of Norwich Chapters:

Middletown Chapter  
St. Sebastian Church (155 Washington Street, Middletown)  
Thursdays from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM in Church Basement

Mystic Chapter  
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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**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.

This year the Women's Conference committee would like to offer a **discounted rate to parishes that would like to purchase a whole table of 8**. We are offering a savings of \$10 a ticket making the individual's cost \$65. This doesn't necessarily mean the parish has to sponsor and write the check for the whole amount, it could simply mean that someone from the parish takes the initiative to organize a group of 8 women and handle the money for them. These discounted tables can be purchased online at <http://bit.ly/2Laol7Y> or by sending a check for \$520.00 made out to the 'A.C.A.' to me at the address listed below. If you decide to pay online, please contact me afterwards in an email with the 8 names and dinner choices, if you pay by check please include that information with the check. **\*The discounted rate of \$65 is only available when purchased as a table.** Individuals who register on their own will have to pay \$75\*

**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)

#### **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.**

#### **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  
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Spanish Speaking Case Workers available.



#### **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. [www.eucharisticcongress.org/schedule](http://www.eucharisticcongress.org/schedule).



**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.

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)

**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.

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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.

**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>.

**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).

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Second Sunday of Lent.** Romans 8:31b-34: "Brothers and sisters: If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him?" Ask Jesus and he will give you all you need for a fulfilling lifegiving marriage. Learn how to listen better, communicate more, and love each other. Sign up for 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 CT

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.

**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).





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

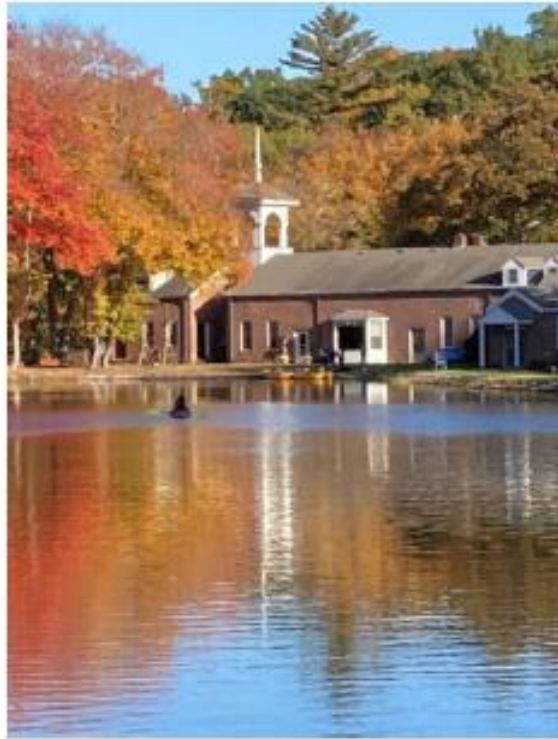
If you are silently grieving or suffering from an abortion, experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a **Rachel's Vineyard Retreat** which includes discussions, Living Scripture with meditations, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service and Mass of Entrustment.

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.

### **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!



## SACRED HEART ON THE LAKE RETREAT CENTER UP-COMING LENT RETREAT DAYS

### **THREE LENTEN RETREAT DAY CHOICES**

**Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>; Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>; Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>**

*How do we turn away from sin and live the Gospel through the three traditional disciplines of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving?*

**ALL OUR RETREAT DAYS** are from 9:30am – 3:00pm

A complete write-up of all our retreat days and programs can be found on our WEBSITE [www/sacredheartonthelake.org](http://www.sacredheartonthelake.org)

**SACRED HEART ON THE LAKE RETREAT CENTER**  
194 Candlewood Hill Rd. Higganum, CT. 06441

Retreat Presenter: Sr. Lany Jo Smith, ASCJ

Donation asked \$35- includes a Continental Breakfast & Full Lunch

Reservations are necessary- Sign-up online, call Sr. Lany Jo 203-606-9102 or email [info@sacredheartonthelake.org](mailto:info@sacredheartonthelake.org)

# DIOCESAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

FRI MARCH 1ST - SUN MARCH 3RD  
ST. BERNARD'S SCHOOL

ALL CATHOLIC SCHOOL BASKETBALL  
TEAMS ARE INVITED TO  
COMPETE AND SEE WHO IS THE  
DIOCESAN CHAMPION.



Admission for a  
game is \$5.  
A full admission  
pass to all  
games for the  
weekend is  
\$10.



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

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

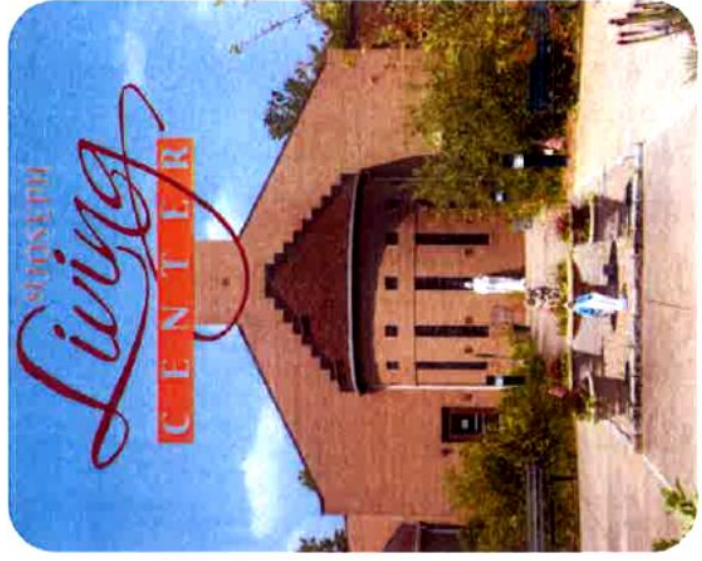
Scan the QR Code to Order Online or visit [www.fundraisingbrick.com/sjlc/](http://www.fundraisingbrick.com/sjlc/)

Pay by check, complete this order form and return with payment to St. Joseph Living Center

14 Club Road, Windham, CT 06280

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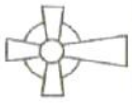



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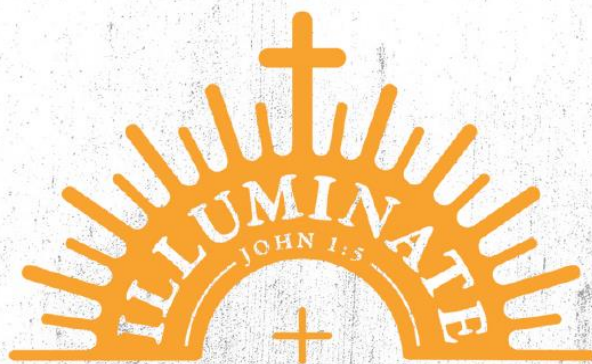
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**STEUBENVILLE EAST**

July 26-28, 2024



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 LIFE TEEN

*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

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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)

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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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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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