

ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

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OFFICE HOURS

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PARISH EMAIL & Bulletin Announcements

stphilipstjude@gmail.com

PARISH WEBSITE

<https://saintphilipct.com>

NEW PARISHIONERS

We are delighted to welcome you and encourage you to register by filling out a registration form or emailing the office.

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	4:30 p.m.
Sunday	9:00 a.m.
Sunday	11:00 a.m.

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday	8:00 a.m.
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.
Thursday	8:00 a.m.
Friday	8:00 a.m.

CONFESSION: Saturdays 3:30-4:00 pm

SACRAMENTS

Please call the office for information on Baptism, Marriage, and Pastoral Visits.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sundays in the Parish Center

St. Philip's is Handicap Accessible



March 17, 2024 ~ 5th Sunday of Lent

† Mass Schedule and Intentions †

Readings start on page 975 in St. Augustine Hymnal

Sat Mar 16, 3:30-4:00 pm Confession

Sat Mar 16, 4:30 pm Mass

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

Sun Mar 17, 9:00 am Mass

† **Liam P. Boyce** by His Family

† **Josephine Mozzicato, 39th Anniversary**

by John & Jackie Mozzicato

Sun Mar 17, 11:00 am Mass

† **Vincent & Rita Yulo** by Ralph Yulo

† **Darrel Lovley, 4th Anniversary**

by Lorraine Cloutier & Family

Tues Mar 19, 8:00 am Mass: St. Joseph

† **Liam P. Boyce** by His Family

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

Wed Mar 20, 8:00 am Mass

For the Sick of Our Parish

Wed Mar 20, 10:00 Funeral Mass **Peter L. Plourde**

Thurs Mar 21, 8:00 am Mass

For Our Parish

Fri Mar 22, 8:00 am Mass

Donald Ouellette for His Wellbeing

by Caroline Doughty

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

Fri Mar 22, 6:00 pm **Stations of the Cross** †

Sat Mar 23, 3:30-4:00 pm Confession

Sat Mar 23, 4:30 pm Mass

Sun Mar 24, 9:00 am Mass

† **Sophia Krynski, 27th Anniversary** by Her Daughters

Ed Conlan, 90th Birthday by Richard & Lois Mindek

Sun Mar 24, 11:00 am Mass

† **Amalia Zaicek** by Agnes Zabik

† **Marguerite & Gene Sgro** by Ralph Yulo

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

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

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

Coffee and Donuts in Parish Center after 9:00 am & before 11:00 am Sunday Mass!

Church open: Mon-Thur, 9:30-2:30 & Fri Adoration.

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(orange) from the vestibule to the office.

ST. PHILIP CHURCH STATIONS OF THE CROSS Please

join us **Fridays at 6pm** during Lent for Stations of the Cross in the Church followed by Soup and Fellowship in the Parish Center. Friday, March 22nd John Mozzicato will provide Lentil Soup.



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

PRAYER LIST: Seth Beebe, Jim Bentley, John Bergeron, Jr., John Bergeron, Sr., Brian Berry, Megan Berry, Robert Burgess, Elizabeth Clifford, Ed Conlan, Lisa DeJesse, Tanner DeJesse, Kerry DeJesus, Camille Delisle, Tony DeMonte, Debbie & Bob DePorter, Yvette & Maurice Dionne, Charles Dobrowolski, Alison Dodd, Helen Donnelly & Family, Caroline Doughty, Kyle Ernst, Agnes Flynn, Barry G., Myles Gratton, Joyce H., Henry Hansen, Mikey Harakaly, Kathy Hills, Carol Hurley, 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, Diane Peed, Pauline Picard, Diane Piccoli, Peter Piecyk, Emil Poirier, Heather Poulin, Jim Rook, Mike Schwartz, Skyler Sherman, Lorraine Smith, Maureen Smith, Patrick Stenglein, Al St. Louis, Mason Studley, The Studley Family, Mary Jane Tynan, Joseph Tyson, K.V., J.W., Chad W., Greg & Jocelyne Wakefield, Terri Warren.



CHOIR REHEARSALS: Sundays
March 17, and 24 after the 11:00 A.M. Mass.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY **Tues, Mar 19th, 9:30 am.** Studying "Walking with Mary" by Edward Sri.

ST. PHILIP ADULT EDUCATION. Led by Ed Conlan, *The Parables of Jesus.* **Wed, Mar 20, 10:00 am.** All are welcome.

Blessed Mother's Stitchers: Tue, Mar 26, 10 am. Please join us as we create Baptismal blankets and hats, scarves, and gloves for needy people.

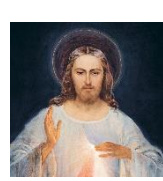
BOY SCOUTS: Tues, Mar 26, 6:30-8:30 pm.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will meet **Tues, Apr 2 at 7pm** in the Parish Center.

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.





Blessed Mother Candle Is Lit for Mary Edgerly, 12th Anniversary, from the Family.



Divine Mercy Candle is lit for David Siegal and Edwin Wilcox, Birthday Wishes by Caroline Doughty.

ST. JOSEPH'S DAY
HAPPY HOUR
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**Young Catholic Professionals
 Networking Happy Hour**

Young Catholic Professionals Central CT will be hosting a Networking Happy Hour on the Solemnity of St. Joseph, the Patron Saint of workers and of YCP. Come network and connect with young adult Catholic professionals from all over Central CT. We look forward to meeting you there!

Where: The Playwright Irish Pub, 1232 Whitney Ave, Hamden, CT. **Who:** All professionals 18-39 yr.

When: Tues, March 19th 6:50 - 8:50M

RSVP via QR code or

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E-mail info@ycpcentralconnecticut.org.



This year, Bishop Michael R. Cote, D.D., invites you to the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of

St. Patrick in Norwich on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, at 10:30 am. The Chrism Mass is the Liturgy during which the sacred Chrism is consecrated and the Oil of the Sick and the Oil of the Catechumens are blessed. These oils are sanctified for use at the Cathedral and in all parishes in the Diocese of Norwich for Baptism, Confirmation, the Anointing of The Sick and for the Ordination of Priests. Together the three oils symbolize the sacramental life of the Church. **Since the Chrism Mass is truly a Diocesan event ALL parishioners are invited.**



NOTICE: Our groundskeeper will be doing a spring clean-up before Easter, and we ask you to remove all Christmas displays at **St. Philip's Cemetery** by March 24, 2024.



RICE BOWLS are due Palm Sunday, March 23/24. *Thank you*

HOLY FAMILY RETREATS FOR MEN & WOMEN

There are two retreat dates still open for **WOMEN:** 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 22-24; Apr 5-7; Apr 12-14; May 3-5; June 7-9. For info visit: Holyfamilyretreat.org.

2023/2024 Retreat Theme:



PALM SUNDAY BAKE SALE

9am-3pm, Sat, March 23, 2024.

Baked goods can be dropped off at the Parish Center on Friday, March 22nd 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.



As the **2024 Annual Catholic Appeal**

"One Faith, One Family" continues, we are grateful to the parish families that have already made their gift or pledge. For us to achieve our overall goal, it will require the personal sacrifice of all members of our faith community. If you have not yet responded to the Appeal, please know your gift, no matter how big or small, will help enable our ministries to provide essential pastoral, educational, and humanitarian needs to many. Pledge envelopes are in the vestibule, or call (860) 886-1928 or you may visit www.norwichdiocesedevelopment for alternate ways to give.



Thank you for your prayers and generosity.

REMEMBERING HIS MERCY Luke 1:54

CROSSROADS4CHRIST²⁰²⁴
 young adult retreat

APRIL 5-7

Calling all young adults 18-39 years old!

Join Crossroads 4 Christ for a retreat to explore what it means to remember and dwell in God's mercy.

Whether it's your 1st or 50th retreat, we warmly invite you to join us for a weekend of rest and rejuvenation centered in Christ and His Mercy with other young adults from throughout Connecticut and beyond.

Registration opens March 8th at 9:00 AM, EST. For more details and to register, visit the 2024 Retreat page at crossroads4christ.org.

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5th Sunday of Lent: "I will be their God and they shall be my people." - Jeremiah 31:33

What does it mean to be God's people? It means we recognize that everything we have and everything we are belongs to God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given us. It means we are willing to use our gifts and our lives to care for our family, our neighbors and for people we don't know, just as God cares for each of us.



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.

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Bereavement Support Group

Coping with the loss
of a loved one

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

TUESDAYS

APRIL 2ND—MAY 28TH

6:15PM - 7:45PM

ST. MATTHEW CHAPEL

DEADLINE TO REGISTER: MARCH 26TH

Living through grief is not easy but it does not have to be done alone. Blessed Sacrament Parish will offer a 9 week support program called, "New Day", for those who have suffered the loss of a loved one. The goal of this program is to provide a sense of community where support is given and received.

The program is led by trained facilitators and includes prayer, discussion, and journaling. Although "New Day" is a faith-based program, it is not restricted to Catholics and all are welcome. In order to accommodate individual needs, the group size is limited to a minimum of 6 and a maximum of 9 persons. It is recommended it has been at least 6 months since the death of your loved one before attending the sessions.

For further information or to register, please contact Sue Gilbertie at bereavement@cath-comm.org

Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center W. Hartford, CT.

Knitting Retreat Day Presenter: Christine M. Berté
Saturday, April 6, 2024, 9 am to 4 pm. During our time together, we will explore the history of the prayer shawl ministry, originating right here in Hartford, CT. While knitting and working on projects, participants will listen to spiritual writings. We will discuss ways in which our fiber work can be a message of spirituality and a way of bringing people together. Please visit holyfamillyretreat.org/knitting for info.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES, DIOCESE OF NORWICH

Save the Date

18th Annual **GOLF TOURNAMENT**

MAY 6TH, 2024

Great Neck Country Club
Waterford, CT

For more information or to register early visit our golf website at www.golfccnorwich.com

Sponsorships Available

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.

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.

GIFT CARD
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.

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.



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.

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 22: Through the eyes of Jesus The stations take place online at 7 pm. 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.

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 or visit the national website at: <http://helpourmarriage.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

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

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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
Spanish Speaking Case Workers available.



'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



NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

July 17-21, 2024, Lucas Oil Stadium,
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\$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. 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

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.



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.

CEMETERY SPRING CLEANUP

- St. Joseph Cemetery, Norwich
- St. Mary Cemetery, Norwich
- Sacred Heart Cemetery, Norwich
- All Hallows Cemetery, Moosup
- Sacred Heart Cemetery, Wauregan
- St. Patrick Cemetery, Uncasville
- St. Mary Cemetery, New London
- Resurrection Cemetery, Westbrook

Beginning April 1, 2024 we will begin removing winter decorations in the cemeteries. Please be sure to collect your winter decorations prior to April 1st. Please note decorations for graves should be contained in a cemetery box no larger than 2' X 1'2". One decoration display per lot. Solar lights may be placed in the cemetery box. Decorations placed directly into the ground will be removed per our insurance regulations. For a complete list of rules and regulations on decorations contact the cemetery office at 860-887-1019.

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.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: 5th Sunday of Lent.

Jeremiah 31:31-34: "The days are coming says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts. I will be their God, and they shall be my people." We have made a covenant in our marriage with God and with our spouse to love one another and to fulfill our vows. To nourish your sacrament, sign up for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. Learn how to listen better, communicate more, and be a better couple. You will be glad you did! You can find one by looking up WWME.org. Some of the dates to sign up are:

April 11-May 23, 2024 (virtual 3RE)

June 21-June 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/>.

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.



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; or visit the national website at 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 Corner

SAVE WATER: Did you know only ~1.2 percent of water can be used as drinking water? The rest is locked up in glaciers, ice caps, and permafrost, or buried deep in the ground. That's why it's so important to conserve water where we can. According to the EPA, each American uses an average of 82 gallons of water a day at home. Here's how we can waste less water:

- Take shorter showers. If you struggle with this, play 1 or two of your favorite songs – and when it ends, be sure you're out!
- Place a bucket in the shower to catch water as you wait for the water to warm up. Then use it for watering your garden, or houseplants! You can also use this water for chores, like washing the dishes or mopping the floor.
- Turn the tap off when you brush your teeth. Only turn it back on when you're ready to rinse.

Small changes that will make a big difference for our world!

Be An Evangelizer

Many believers feel it's their responsibility to "defend the Lord" when they're witnessing. But our job is simply to give out His Word and to allow the Word to do the work. Remember, His Word is His power. Going beyond that by arguing and debating is a distraction and a time waster, and it should be avoided. So, don't debate! Just share the truth in love.

REMEMBERING HIS MERCY

—Luke 1:54—

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CONNECTICUT MARCH FOR LIFE

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

Rally – 12:00pm

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St. Lawrence Retreat Center
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**REGISTRATION REQUIRED: Call Phyllis at (914) 261-5812,
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The Way of the Cross

The Diocesan Office of
Faith Events



invites you to join us
virtually Friday nights during
Lent as we pray together the
Stations of the Cross
with a different focus/lens
each week.

- ❖ Feb. 16: *Through the eyes of the suffering, ill and disabled*
- ❖ Feb. 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 will begin at 7 P.M. Participation requires an internet connection. Registration is also required to receive a link. To register, call Mary-Jo McLaughlin, at 860-848-2237, Ext 312 or email her at mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net

*You can register for just one evening or all five.
(Note – there will not be any stations on March 8.)*

**SAINT EDWARD LADIES GUILD
POLISH DINNER NIGHT**

Saturday, April 13, 2024

5:00 p.m.



**St. Edward Hall
27 Church Street
Stafford Springs, CT 06076**

Donation: \$15.00 per person

Tickets are available, by calling the Parish Office at

860-684-2705 or Pat at 860-306-9419



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	
Address	
Phone	
Email	

For questions, please contact Gayle Ethier at 860-456-1107 Ext. 128 or email gayle.ethier@sjlcc.org

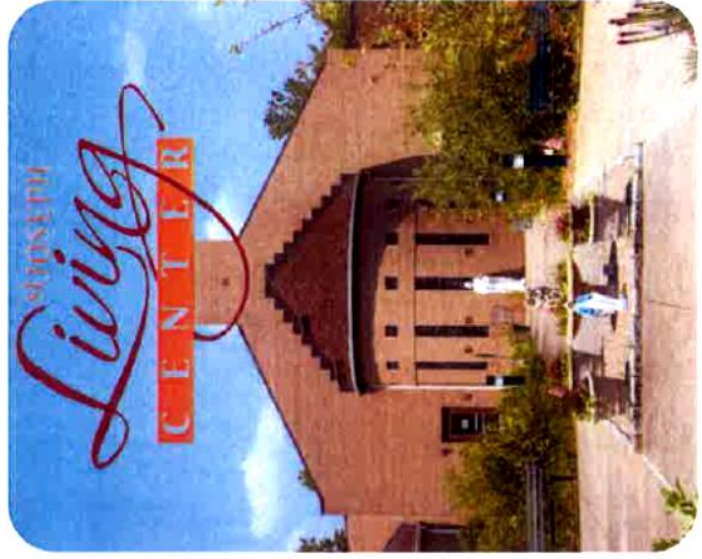
Scan the QR Code to Order Online or visit www.fundraisingbrick.com/sjlc/

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

14 Club Road, Windham, CT 06280

Make Checks Payable To:

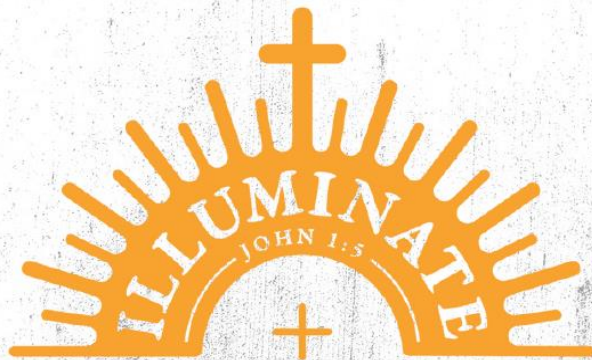
St. Joseph's Living Center





STEUBENVILLE EAST

July 26-28, 2024



More Info at lifeteen.com/events/steubenville-east

 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

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

Or 860-848-2237 ext. 203



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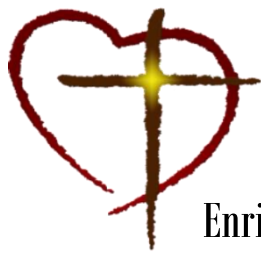
Are you a Veteran who has combat or service related disability and need assistance with filing for Veterans Administration Benefits? Are you interested in learning more? We are looking for you.

Contact:

Rocky Daigle 860 – 918-0532

Barry Bernier 860 – 830-5443

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