

# ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

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## **OFFICE HOURS**

Monday through Thursday 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM  
Closed Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and also Monday  
Holidays.

## **PARISH EMAIL & Bulletin Announcements**

[stphilipstjude@gmail.com](mailto: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*



**January 29, 2023**  
**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

† **Mass Schedule and Intentions** †

**Sat** Jan 28, 3:30-4:00 pm Confession  
**Sat** Jan 28, 4:30 pm Mass: *St. Thomas Aquinas*

† **Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI**

**Sun** Jan 29, 9:00 am Mass

**For Our Parish**

**Sun** Jan 29, 11:00 am Mass

† **Ruth Yulo** by *Ralph Yulo*

† **John & Barbara Bland**

*In Loving Memory of Bill and Kathy Bland and Family*

**Tues** Jan 31, 8:00 am Mass: *St. John Bosco*

† **Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI**

**Wed** Feb 1, 8:00 am Mass

**For the Sick of Our Parish**

**Thu** Feb 2, 8:00 am Mass: *The Presentation of the Lord*

† **Charles Lennerton** by *His Wife Marie*

† **Susan Martin, 19<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary**

*by Robert C. Martin*

**Fri** Feb 3, 8:00 am Mass: *St. Blaise St. Ansgar*

† **Liam P. Boyce** by *His Family*

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

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

**Sat** Feb 4, 4:30 pm Mass: *Blessed Virgin Mary*

† **Walter Pudelkiewicz, 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Remembrance**

*By Ann Phillips*

† **Eugene Sorel, 36<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

*By Victor & Lori Drouin and Pauline Picard*

**Sun** Feb 5, 9:00 am Mass

† **Mary Jaskulka** by *David & Deren Dagon*

**Sun** Feb 5, 11:00 am Mass

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

† **Mary Anne Burns, 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary**

*by Norb & Julie Saegaert*

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

**Please note:** During Mass, if you need the Eucharist brought to you, please raise your hand after Communion so the Eucharistic Minister can bring Communion to you at your seat.



Our condolences to the family of  
**James Peppin**

who died on January, 26, 2023.

Funeral Tue, Jan 31, 11 am at St. Philip's.



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

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

Office will be closed Wed, Feb 8, 2023.



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



Our American flag is flying during February in memory of

**Walter J. Pudelkiewicz,**

**WWII Merchant Marines, Radio Officer.**



**PRAYER LIST:** For current requests please call 860-429-2860 or email [stphilipstjude@gmail.com](mailto:stphilipstjude@gmail.com).

**PRAYER LIST:** Cheryl Baxter & daughter, Seth Beebe, John Bergeron, Sr., Ed Borowski, Helen Donnelly & Family, Kyle Ernst, P.J., Marie James, Joyce H., Patrice Lucas, Ray McCaughey, Jackie Mozzicato, Jesse Narwicziks, M.P., Bob Ogden, Terry Perkins, Marsha Peters, Pauline Picard, Emil Poirier, Heather Poulin, Dawn Pringle, Patrick Pringle, Skyler Sherman, Patrick Stenglein, Mason Studley, Ruth T., Phil Tripoli, Mary Jane Tynan, J.W., Terri Warren, Sara Zeumer.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** Carla Harrington is our Religious Education Coordinator.

Email: [carlaharrington8@gmail.com](mailto:carlaharrington8@gmail.com).

**Sunday, Jan 29, 9:45 am in Parish Center. Class for First Communion Students, only.**

**CONFIRMATION:** Sunday, Jan 29, Attend and sign in at 11:00 am Sunday Mass, and Class is after Mass at 12:00 in the Parish Center.

**BLESSED MOTHER'S STITCHERS:** meet Jan 31.

**ADULT EDUCATION WITH ED CONLAN**

"Catholic Beliefs and Practices." Masks and social distancing requested. All are welcome.

**Wed Feb 1, 10 am** Parish Center. Topic: Marriage.

**LADIES BIBLE STUDY** Tues Feb 7, 10 am Parish Center.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** Tues, Feb 7, 7 pm.



**BOY SCOUTS:** Tues Feb 14, 7pm Parish Ctr.



St. Augustine Hymnal: Year A ~ Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Scripture readings begin on page 893.



Start the New Year 2023 by bringing a spouse, family, or friend to a KofC sponsored **Pork Roast Dinner, Saturday, Feb 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm. Tickets on sale through Thursday, Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> after all weekend Masses and during Center business hours (Mon-Thurs 9:30 am – 2:30 pm).** Adults: \$15. Ages 9-15: \$10. Under 9 free. February is Valentine's month so 6 bottles of wine will be given to ticket winners during the 50/50 raffle. Chef John Mozzicato is cooking. A portion of the proceeds will support the Ashford Boy Scouts. Take outs available. Thank you, Council 06934. Note: **Rain/Snow date: Sunday, Feb 5<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm.**

**Monthly Diocesan Pro-Life Mass,** Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on Sat, Feb 4 at 8:30 A.M. Please join our celebrant Rev. Ray Introvigne 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.





Join us for the **Children's Rosary Prayer Group** Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> in our church. Doors open at 8:20 am and Rosary begins promptly at 8:30 am. The children's Rosary Prayer Group is composed of and led by children. The Rosary is a powerful prayer, second only to the Mass. 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 those 3 -15 years old, but all are welcome to join us in praying. Bring your Rosary or use those provided. Text Donna @ 860-617-8567 with any questions.

Dear parishioners of St. Philip's: My name is **Rachel Vertefeulle** and I've been a parishioner of St. Philip my whole life and have enjoyed being a lector, being a Eucharistic minister, being a choir member, and assisting at parish dinners. I'm a student at UConn and have been invited to participate in a Mission Trip to Guyana by FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students) to work with the sisters of the *Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matará* to help teach the Catholic Catechism to people and children there. The area we are going to doesn't have priests, so a priest from St. Thomas Aquinas at UConn will also be coming with us to celebrate daily Mass. In order to go on this Mission Trip, I need sufficient funds. I want to ask if you, my parish community, would assist me in this journey the Lord has me on. I require fundraising \$2,500 to go on these experiences and would like to ask you to join this mission by supporting me. If you are interested in supporting me financially on this journey, you can go to my FOCUS fundraising site by typing in the URL: <https://tinyurl.com/255ftcjs>. I will be speaking at all three Masses (4:30pm, 9am, and 11am) on Saturday February 4 and Sunday February 5, so you can donate in person and ask me any questions you may have. Feel free to reach out to me at my email: [rachel@vertefeulle.org](mailto:rachel@vertefeulle.org) with any questions.



On Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, the annual Mass to observe the **World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life** will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. in the Cathedral of Saint Patrick in Norwich. All are invited to this Mass of Thanksgiving for the gift of consecrated life and for the sisters, brothers and religious priests who enrich the Church and build up God's Kingdom through the witness of their religious commitment.

## Catholic Man of the Month

### Gabriel Rosset (1904-1974)

**WHEN A TEACHER** in Lyon, France, learned of the alarmingly high number of homeless men dying under the city's bridges after World War II, he felt called to act. The apostolate he co-founded — Notre-Dame des Sans-Abri (Our Lady of the Homeless) — continues to serve thousands of people in need today.

Gabriel Rosset was born in Champier, a commune in southeastern France. An exceptional student, he became a literature teacher at age 24. Most of his 40-year teaching career was spent at the Lycée Alexandre Lacassagne in Lyon, where he later received the Legion of Honor award for education in 1965.

As a young man, Rosset often joined other Catholic teachers and university students for fellowship and prayer. This led him and two friends to consecrate themselves to the Lord on July 24, 1937, with the goal of "serving the university and bringing our students back to Christ." They would later take private vows of poverty, chastity and obedience.

In the late 1940s, Lyon suffered an acute housing crisis, and many displaced men died from exposure.



Moved by their misery, Rosset began to distribute blankets to men on the street and even welcome some into his home. On Christmas Eve 1950, he and a team of volunteers established the first Our Lady of the Homeless shelter in an abandoned bistro. Three years later, Rosset moved in with the destitute men he served. "I felt linked to them by a necessity, a bond," he said. "I believe that the mystics, like St. Paul, called that charity."

With the help of students and other volunteers, Rosset established more houses to serve the homeless, including families in need. By his death on Dec. 30, 1974, he had built 1,500 housing units for more than 10,000 people. His cause for canonization was opened in 2006. +

### American Red Cross

*Give blood.* Help save lives.



### Blood Drive St. Philip the Apostle Church

Church Hall  
64 Pompey Hollow Road, Ashford

**Thursday, February 2, 2023**  
**10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

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



Warm hearts. Warm thoughts. Give in February for a \$10 Gift Card by email, thanks to Amazon. And, automatically be entered for a chance to win a trip for 2 to Clearwater Beach, FL. Includes travel, hotel, gift card and more! Terms: [redblood.org/heart](http://redblood.org/heart).



## YEAR-END TAX REPORTING

If you would like a printout of your financial contribution to St. Philip Church for the year 2022, please fill out this coupon and place it in the collection basket.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Envelope # \_\_\_\_\_

**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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**CONFIRMATION NEWS:**

Any adult that desires to receive Confirmation in the Spring, will have the following options available for preparation:

1. Attend six classes at the Parish Center following the 11 a.m. Mass on Sunday.
2. Complete a self-directed homeschooling program. The Parish provides a workbook.

Any further questions, please call the Parish Office at 860-429-2860.



**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.

  
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**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER** is sponsoring a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences, some on weekends and some on seven weekdays. Couples will explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call Frank & Margie Pearson at 860-337-2447 or visit them at <https://wwmectw.org/>.

In the Beatitudes it says, "Blessed are they who hunger and thirst." Do you hunger and thirst for a better relationship with your spouse? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience can help you along this journey. You and your spouse can sign up to attend. Experiences available are:

Feb 3-5, 2023 in Huntington, NY

Mar 10-12, 2023 in Upton, MA

Jun 23-25, 2023 in Huntington, NY

### **MEN'S VIRTUAL FAITH GROUP- BROTHERS IN CHRIST**

Brothers in Christ is a Virtual Gathering of men who share faith, personal experiences, and discussion. The next virtual meeting of Brothers in Christ will feature Pat McLaughlin speaking about being a Faith filled Husband on Thursday February 9th from 7pm – 7:45pm. If you are interested in developing fellowship and discipleship with other men devoted to Christ, please register by email Liza Roach at [lroach@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:lroach@norwichdiocese.net) or call (860)848-2237 ex. 305.

### **CLERGY APPOINTMENTS**

**Reverend Stephen S. Gulino**, from Leave of Absence, To Parochial Vicar, Blessed Sacrament Parish-St. Bernard, Rockville, and St. Matthew, Tolland. Effective: February 2, 2023.

**Reverend Kevin Reilly**, Diocesan Director of Vocations, while continuing as Pastor of Saint Patrick Church, Mystic. Effective: Dec. 20, 2022.

### **The 2023 Norwich Diocesan Women's Conference**

will take on a new look this year as a 'Ladies Night Out' themed "Dinner with Jesus", at the Inn at Middletown, CT, March 22, 6 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. Our beloved and returning keynote speaker will be Julianne Stanz. Additionally, this year's recipient of the Our Lady Queen of Hope Award will be announced, and a silent auction and online basket raffle will add to the fun! Tickets are \$75 and must be bought in advance, main course dinner options are broiled salmon or seared pork loin. To register go to <https://bit.ly/2Laol7Y>. Don't delay in reserving your space, seating is limited. For info call Marianne at the Office of Faith Events, 860-848-2237, ext. 304.

Every year at the Norwich Diocesan Women's Conference, Bishop Michael Cote announces the **OUR LADY, QUEEN OF HOPE AWARD** to honor a woman in the diocese for her vision and leadership in the Catholic Church. The award is named after Mary our mother, who is our role model and in whom we place our trust. The winner will be presented with a plaque and a check for \$200 made out to the charity or ministry of her choice. The recipient will also have her name on a plaque hanging in the Diocesan offices. Nominees should: display strong faith, be committed to living out Catholic/Christian values, display spiritual leadership at the local or diocesan level(s), display a spirit of love and service to the Catholic Church, been part of successful initiatives that benefit the Church, and has moved the parish community forward through her vision. The award winner will be determined by the Women's Conference Committee. The nomination form must be completed in full and submitted by **January 30, 2023**. Contact the Office of Faith Events with any questions or concerns 860-848-2237, ext. 304 or [manicholas@norwichdiocese.net](mailto: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.

**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**. The weekend healing process 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. Both women and men have participated in past retreats. For info, 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.

**Please share your e-mail with The Office of Faith Events of the Diocese of Norwich.** Learn about the virtual programs we offer throughout the year, and also receive Advent and Lenten reflections! Email: [manicholas@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:manicholas@norwichdiocese.net).

**MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT** – For Valentine’s Day this year, give your spouse the gift of your time and re-energize your marriage by attending a marriage enrichment entitled The Joy of Love on Saturday, **Feb. 11, 2023**, from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. The enrichment will take place live at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall, Gales Ferry. Based on Chapter 4 of Pope Francis’ Amoris Laetitia: the Joy of Love, the enrichment will feature four talks on Daily Love, Conjugal Love, Passionate Love and Transformation of Love. Each talk will include practical insights from Pope Francis’ wisdom on marriage and family life. This enrichment is for married couples of all ages and years married. The cost is \$30 per couple which covers lunch and workbooks for each couple. Registration and payment are **due by Feb. 3**. To register, send your names, address, telephone number, email address and check made payable to the Annual Catholic Appeal to Mary-Jo McLaughlin, Catholic Family Services, 199 Broadway, Norwich, CT 06260 or call her at 860-848-2237, Ext. 312, or email her at [mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net).

**The Four County Catholic** is now a bi-monthly magazine. So, you might miss some timely, weekly news and events going on across the Diocese. Get the latest news and announcements from around the diocese emailed right to your inbox. It’s informative, it’s weekly and it’s free! ***Connecting area Catholics to church, faith and the common good with news, upcoming events and spiritual reflection, the new digital newsletter will keep you updated. Discover the good work being done in our two dozen ministries as well as learning about employment and volunteer opportunities. Sign up today!*** Your email address is safe with us. <https://www.norwichdiocese.org/newsletter>

**YOU CAN HELP YOUR MARRIAGE** – If your marriage has become troubled or stressed, unloving or uncaring, even if you are divorced or separated but want to try again, the Retrouvaille program can help. Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness and simply shut down. Others experience conflict and arguments in their relationship. Most don’t know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. This program has helped thousands of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. For info, call confidentially 1-800-470-2230, email [3002r@retrovaille.org](mailto:3002r@retrovaille.org) or visit the national website at: <http://helpourmarriage.org>.

**Marriage Preparation Classes to Meet Virtually** With the uncertainty surrounding Covid-19, the Catholic Family Services Office will be offering virtual or one-on-one marriage preparation classes for engaged couples. Couples getting married should contact Mary-Jo McLaughlin at the Catholic Family Services Office to establish class dates. She can be reached Mon – Wed at 860-848-2237, Ext 312 or email: [mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net).

**“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? Don’t worry, 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, options that may help you encourage them to come back to church, and time for prayer and reflection.

**PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS/POSTULANTS** Take a Post Card from the vestibule for any or all of our seminarians/postulants. Pray, write a brief note if you choose and drop it in the mail. Let your future priests/sisters know you are supporting them and ask them to pray for you. May God continue to send us shepherds after his own heart.

**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).



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

**NORWICH DIOCESE Newsletter** will keep you updated with news, upcoming events and spiritual reflection. Discover the good work being done in our two dozen ministries as well as learn about employment and volunteer opportunities. It’s informative, it’s weekly and it’s free! Visit [norwichdiocese.org/newsletter](https://www.norwichdiocese.org/newsletter).

**Caregiver resources and prayers** are available through the Office of Faith Events. To receive **caregiver information** monthly, send your email address to [manicholas@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:manicholas@norwichdiocese.net) and we will add you to the distribution list. If you know someone who could use support please add them to our distribution list.

**A NOTE ABOUT PARISH REGISTRATION**

If you regularly worship with us, we invite you to register with St. Philip parish. This allows us to provide accurate census data to the diocese. Registration forms (green) are in the vestibule. Please return them to the office. Thank you.

**PARENTS DIVORCING AND/OR RESOLVING CHILD CUSTODY ISSUES** Are you concerned about the effects of divorce, separation or family disruption on your children? **Catholic Charities offers ongoing, monthly one day Parenting Classes in Norwich, Rockville and Middletown.**

**A monthly 2- part Spanish/bilingual parenting education class is held in Willimantic.** Attendance at both sessions is required for the certificate of completion. Fees are determined by the State of CT. Call 1-860-889-8346 x 260 info.

**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).

**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.

**NEW ADDRESS OR PHONE NUMBER?** If you are moving out of the area or to a nursing home and do or do not need envelopes, please let us know your new address or phone number. This will allow us to keep our records accurate and up to date.

**THE EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL- THE EUCHARIST, DID YOU KNOW?**

How do doctrines help with understanding our faith? Doctrinal definitions arise when it becomes hard to explain our faith to those who challenge it. So whenever the Church settles on a particular way to “define” what our Christian belief is (this is called a dogma of the faith), then other ways to teach and talk about that article of faith are considered inadequate

For example, the first time that the Church defined a doctrine and determined that other explanations were inadequate was at the first Ecumenical Council at Nicaea near Constantinople in 325 AD. The teacher Arius had tried to explain the divinity of Jesus in a way that challenged the bishops to reexamine how it was expressed.

Arius said that all reality could be divided into two categories: the Creator (that which is not made) and creatures (everything that is made). Form the Bible he concluded that God the Father alone is Creator. Then since all realities had to fit into one of these two categories, he had to put Jesus into the category of creature (although he did note that Jesus was a perfect creature).

But the bishops realized this was not exactly what we believed, and so they defined our true belief (orthodoxy) in the words of the Nicene Creed that we recite each Sunday. Their solution was to recognize that Jesus was neither Creator nor creature but rather a unique reality, “begotten, not made, one in being with the Father.” Once they defined our Christian belief this way, the teaching of Arius and anyone who did not accept this dogma was in error. Used with permission from God’s Real Presence, by Steve Mueller. Published by Living with Christ. All rights reserved.

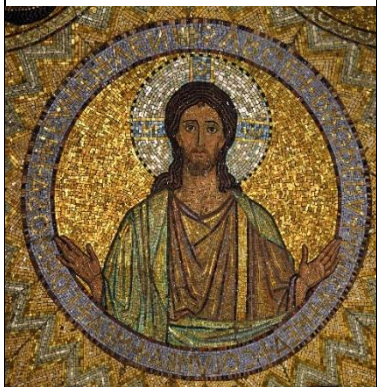
“Pay attention and come to me; listen, that you may have life.”  
(Is 55:3 NABRE)

Each day we let either the world or God’s Word shape our lives.

Who is influencing your life? Whose voice are you allowing to shape who you are?

The New England Catholic Biblical School offers accredited two-year and four-year certificates in Biblical Studies for adult learners and is now enrolling *virtual* classes for the 2023-24 academic year. Find out more at [www.CatholicEdAOHCT.org](http://www.CatholicEdAOHCT.org), or contact us:

[catholic.biblical.school@aohct.org](mailto:catholic.biblical.school@aohct.org)





# American Red Cross

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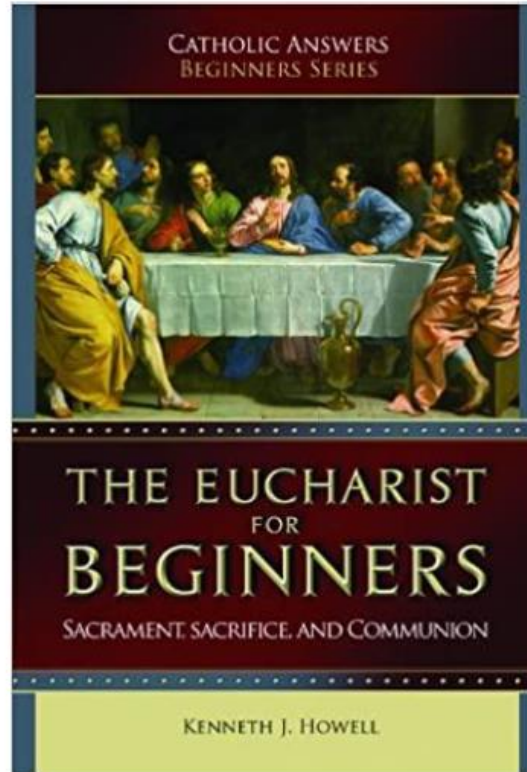
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Join us for the *Diocesan Virtual Book Club*  
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We will be reading and discussing  
***The Eucharist For Beginners: Sacrament,  
Sacrifice and Communion***  
by Kenneth J. Howell



*Our book club moderator will be Andrea Hoisl, Director of the Office of Faith Events*

Space is limited, for details and to register Please contact Marianne at  
[manicholas@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:manicholas@norwichdiocese.net) or 860-848-2237 ext. 304

The Office of Faith Events would like you to tell us your amazing, unbelievable, life changing Eucharistic Adoration stories so we can record and share them as part of our Hope and Faith series for Lent.

Deadline for submissions: February 14, 2023



If you have a story to share  
please email Andrea at  
[ahois1@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:ahois1@norwichdiocese.net)



# 2023 New England Youth Choral Festival & Mass



Saturday,  
March 4, 2023

Cathedral of  
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1400 Washington St., Boston, MA 02118

Cardinal Seán P. O'Malley,  
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Pueri Cantores, the national student choral organization of the Catholic Church, invites all parish and school treble and mixed voice choirs (grades 4-12) in the region to participate in a Festival & Mass.

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March 22, 2023 at 6pm



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UPCOMING  
2022 -2023  
EVENTS:

- Dec. 1, 6, 8, Awakening Program, Middletown.
- Dec. 6, 13, 20, Virtual Advent Mission, 7 P.M.
- Dec. 4, Unbound Program, St. Mary, New London, 3-4:30 P.M.
- Dec. 11, Healing Mass, Church of the Holy Family, Hebron, 2-4 P.M.
- Dec. 20, Virtual Project Rachel Rosary, 3 P.M.
- Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, Feb. 7, Virtual Adult Confirmation Program, 7 P.M.
- Jan. 12, Brothers in Christ virtual meeting, 7 P.M.
- Jan. 13, Virtual Couples Happy Hour, 7-8:30 P.M.
- Jan. 15, Virtual Bingo, 3:30-5 P.M.
- Jan. 17, Virtual Project Rachel Rosary, 3 P.M.
- Jan. 21, Cantor Training Workshop, St. Patrick Cathedral, 10 A.M.– noon

# Office of Faith Events



Enriching the Faith of Youth, Young Adults, Adults, and Families

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DECEMBER 2022 JANUARY, FEBRUARY 2023



## Eucharistic Revival Is a Blessing for All



The three-year Eucharistic Revival initiated by the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops is a great blessing for all of us. It is a period of time set aside to help us focus on the greatest gift given to us by Jesus himself at the Last Supper – the holy Eucharist. The Eucharist is the gift of His body and blood that we can all receive daily to give us strength, hope, peace, and joy.

How are you enriching your spiritual life – coming to know Christ on a different level? What are you doing to educate yourself on the Eucharist and its significance in your life? How are you personally celebrating this gift? Our office is offering many opportunities both virtual and in person that center on the Eucharist as the real presence of Christ in our lives. We encourage everyone to take advantage of these programs between now and June so that you can experience Christ in new and meaningful ways.

In June the first of the three-year “rollout” will be completed. At that time, parishes will then continue the Eucharistic revival with a year of offerings at the parish level.

Know that you, your families, and your ministry are in our continued prayers.

~Andrea Hoisl, director, Office of Faith Events

## Marriage Preparation Classes Dates, Locations Set for 2023

The Catholic Family Services Office is offering Marriage Preparation Classes for engaged couples preparing to receive the Sacrament of Marriage. Each class gives engaged couples an understanding of the Church’s vision of marriage and sexuality and provides a forum for couples to share and discuss challenging questions about their relationship.

Classes meet on Saturdays and generally run from 8:30 to 4 P.M. Upcoming 2023 dates at various locations throughout the diocese are: January 7, (with a snow date of Jan. 21) at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Gales Ferry; March 4, (with a March 28,



snow date), at Our Lady Queen of Peace, Coventry, May 6, at St. Mary, Portland; June, 24 at Our Lady Queen of Peace, Coventry, August 26 at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Gales Ferry;

and November 11 at the Cathedral of Saint Patrick, Norwich.

The cost for each class is \$75 per couple. Registration is required and space is limited in each class so register early to secure your spot. To register, call Mary-Jo McLaughlin at 860-848-2237, Ext. 312 or email her at [mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net).

UPCOMING  
2023 EVENTS:

- Jan. 25– Feb. 15, Virtual Book Club, 6:30– 7:30 P.M.
- Jan. 22, Young Adult Mass, St. Thomas Aquinas, Storrs, 7 P.M.
- Feb. 9, Brothers in Christ, online, 7 P.M.
- Feb. 21, Virtual Project Rachel Rosary, 3 P.M.
- Feb 26, Rite of Election, Cathedral of Saint Patrick, Norwich.

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## Office Sponsoring Virtual Adult Confirmation Program

The Office of Faith Events (OFE) is sponsoring a virtual Adult Confirmation Program for practicing adult Catholics (18+) seeking the sacrament of Confirmation, who have been baptized, have received their first Holy Communion and have been educated in the Catholic faith through Catholic Schools or Catholic religious education programs.

The program presents an overview of the essentials of the Catholic Faith, focusing on immediate catechesis for the reception of the sacrament of Confirmation. It is a program of adult faith formation that combines presentations, group discussion, reflection, and prayer. The sessions will cover Sacred Scripture and Tradition, the Creed, prayer and spirituality, the Church, morality, Catholic social teaching, and the Sacraments of Initiation.

It will take place in six virtual sessions on Tuesday nights at 7 P.M. January 3, 10 17, 24, 31 and

February 7.

Participants should be active Catholics who belong to a parish in the Norwich Diocese and attend Mass regularly. It is not for adults who are unbaptized, or are baptized but are not practicing Catholics. People in those instances would better benefit from participation in their parish's RCIA process. Registrants should have received the first two sacraments of initiation – Baptism and First Communion – and be free to receive the sacrament of Confirmation.

A pastor's permission is required to participate in this program. Registration forms are available from your pastor or parish Catechetical leader. Other documentation required include copies of your Baptismal and First Communion Certificates and, if married, a copy of your Catholic Marriage Certificate. Forms and documentation should be given to your pastor who will forward the materials to the OFE.



## Upcoming Faith Event Programs Offer Enriching Experiences for All Ages



### Couples Happy Hour

The next virtual Couples' Happy Hour is Friday, January 13. The evening will include a presentation on topics relevant to today's couples, their relationship, and families. Couples will have time to share privately on questions pertinent to the evening's topics. There is no cost to participate but registration is required. To register, call Mary-Jo McLaughlin at 860-848-2237, Ext. 312 or email her at [mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net). A link to the program will be sent a few days prior to the event. If you have previ-

ously registered, you will automatically receive the link.

### Brothers in Christ, Men's Faith Group

Brothers in Christ is both a virtual and in-person group of men who share faith, witness, Scripture, and discussions. Sessions meet the second Thursday of each month from 7-7:45 P.M. with the exception of three in-person church events. Upcoming virtual dates are January 12 and February 9. If you are interested in developing fellowship and discipleship with other men devoted to Christ, register by emailing Liza

Roach at

[lroach@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:lroach@norwichdiocese.net) or call 860-848-2237 Ext. 305.

### Young Adult Mass

St. Thomas Aquinas, Storrs, is hosting the Annual Diocesan Young Adult Mass and Reception on Sunday, January 22 at 7 P.M. The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Michael Cote. All Young Adults (ages 18-39, single and married) are invited and encouraged to attend and invite friends to join us. Following Mass, there will be a small reception in the Parish Hall.





## 2022-2023 VOCATIONS HOLY HOURS

Join us each month to pray a Eucharistic Holy Hour for vocations led by Bishop Cate. These hours of adoration are a wonderful opportunity to pray for vocations to priesthood and religious life, to pray for our seminarians, and for our priests and religious already serving our diocese.

\*Holy Hours begin at 6 p.m.

### 2022

August 11	St. John, Old Saybrook
September 15	St. Catherine of Siena, Preston
October 20	Our Lady of Lourdes, Gales Ferry
November 30	St. Joseph, Rockville
December 15	Christ the King, Old Lyme

### 2023

January 19	SS. Peter & Paul, Norwich
February 16	St. John, Montville
March 16	Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Quaker Hill
April 20	St. Philip, Ashford
May 11	St. Andrew, Colchester
June 22	Cathedral of St. Patrick, Norwich
July 20	St. Mark, Westbrook



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JOHN 13:15

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