

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

PARISH WEBSITE

<https://saintphilipct.com>

NEW PARISHIONERS

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

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

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

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

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

CONFESSION

Saturdays 3:30-4:00 pm

SACRAMENTS

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sundays in the Parish Center

St. Philip's is Handicap Accessible



February 5, 2023

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

† Mass Schedule and Intentions †

- Sat** Feb 4, 3:30-4:00 pm Confession
- Sat** Feb 4, 4:30 pm Mass: *Blessed Virgin Mary*
- † **Walter Pudelkiewicz, 100th Birthday Remembrance**
By Ann Phillips
- † **Eugene Sorel, 36th 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, 2nd Anniversary**
by Norb & Julie Saegaert

- Tues** Feb 7, 8:00 am Mass:
- † **Susan Martin, 19th Anniversary** *by Bob Martin*
- Wed** Feb 8, 8:00 am Mass: *St. Jerome Emiliani*
St. Josephine Bakhita

For the Sick of Our Parish

- Thu** Feb 9, 8:00 am Mass:
- Intentions of Bishop Cote**
- Fri** Feb 10, 8:00 am Mass: *St. Scholastica*
- For Our Parish**
- Adoration** following Mass; **Benediction 12:00 noon**

- Sat** Feb 11, 3:30-4:00 pm Confession
- Sat** Feb 11, 4:30 pm Mass: *Our Lady of Lourdes*
- Sun** Feb 12, 9:00 am Mass
- † **Dorothy Shea**
- † **James Peppin** *by St. Philip Choir*
- Sun** Feb 12, 11:00 am Mass
- † **John Doughty, Sr, 1st Anniversary**
by Caroline Doughty
- † **Ruth Yulo** *by Ralph Yulo*

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.



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.

PRAYER LIST: Cheryl Baxter & daughter, Seth Beebe, John Bergeron, Sr., Ed Borowski, Helen Donnelly & Family, Toni Doughty, 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, Maureen Smith, 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.

Sunday, Feb 5, 9:45 am in Parish Center. Class for All Students, Grades 1-6.

Please Note: the next CCD Class for grades 1-6 will be on March 12.

CONFIRMATION: Sunday, Feb 5, Attend and sign in at 11:00 am Sunday Mass, and Class is after Mass at 12:00 in the Parish Center.



CHOIR REHEARSAL Sunday, Feb 5, 6:30pm.

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Tues, Feb 7, 7pm.



ADULT EDUCATION WITH ED CONLAN

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

Wed Feb 8, 10 am Parish Ctr. Topic: Holy Orders.

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

BLESSED MOTHER’S STITCHERS: meet Feb 28, 10:00 am in the Parish Center.



St. Augustine Hymnal: **Year A ~ Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**, Scripture readings begin on page 895.



Start the New Year 2023 by bringing a spouse, family, or friend to a KofC sponsored **Pork Roast Dinner, Saturday, Feb 4th at 5:30 pm. Tickets on sale through Thursday, Feb 2nd 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 5th at 3 pm.**



Join us for the **Children's Rosary Prayer Group** Sunday, January 29th 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 Vertefeuille** 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@vertefeuille.org with any questions.

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 Thurs Feb 9th from 7pm – 7:45pm. If you are interested in fellowship and discipleship with other men devoted to Christ, please register by email Liza Roach at lroach@norwichdiocese.net or (860)848-2237 x305.

A Gift for the Lord

In receiving Jesus' gift of himself at Christmas, we have the opportunity to give something in return

By Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori



LAST CHRISTMAS, the seminarians of the Archdiocese of Baltimore gave me a gift I'll never forget. They pledged to put on an event for men discerning a possible call to the priesthood, and each seminarian committed himself to bringing at least one discerner to the event.

My heart was touched that the seminarians wanted to invite others to share in their journey of priestly formation.

True to their word, they organized an event during Lent. It began with Mass, followed by an informal dinner. Several of the invited guests entered seminary last August, and others are still considering the possibility of a priestly vocation.

As Christmas draws near, we're thinking, as we should, about what to give our loved ones. But what about the Lord? Should we not give him something for Christmas? After all, on that first Christmas night, the Lord gave us something more precious than all the world's treasures: He gave us himself. By the power of the Holy Spirit, the eternal Son of God assumed our humanity in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary and was born for us in a stable. How shall we respond to this gift from the Lord?

One way is going to Mass on Christmas. The Mass is the perfect act of adoration, praise and thanksgiving. Nothing is more pleasing in God's eyes than when we give him thanks and praise by sharing in his Son's gift of self for our salvation.

But is there anything else we might do for the Lord? What could we possibly give to the One who holds "the whole world in his hands"?

Permit me a modest suggestion. What if each Knights of Columbus family pledged to invite an inactive Catholic or an unchurched individual to come to Sunday Mass sometime during the new year? It might be a friend, a family member, a neighbor. What

if you invited a couple to attend Mass and then go out for coffee or brunch? How about a Saturday vigil Mass, followed by dinner at a favorite restaurant?

There are many such Catholics waiting for an invitation. When I talk to inactive Catholics, they sometimes say, "No one invited us back." Or "I'm not sure how to come back. What happens if I just show up?" Others began watching Mass online during the COVID-19 pandemic and never returned to church; they might need a little nudge.

A gift like this would please the Lord very much, I think, and for the same reasons my seminarians' gift brought me so much joy.

First, it is a way of bearing witness to your love for the Lord truly present in the Eucharist, a way of saying how much you value gathering with a community of faith to remember and celebrate the marvelous things God has done to save us.

Second, it requires a willingness to take a risk — a risk that the person we invite might say no. If it happened to Jesus and to his disciples, it might well happen to us too. That's OK! The harvest remains rich. We can't evangelize without putting ourselves out on a limb.

Third, extending this invitation is a wonderful way to live the principle of charity. Encouraging inactive Catholics to rediscover their faith, to encounter the person of Jesus Christ in the Mass, to tap into the very source of salvation — can there be any greater kindness, any greater expression of charity? After all, the love we are to show our neighbors is not mere sentiment. To truly love our neighbors is to desire for them what is highest and best. Nothing in the world compares to the gift Christ left us in the wondrous sacrament of the altar.

I hope you'll consider my gift suggestion. And I wish you a blessed and joyous Christmas! +

4 COLUMBIA + DECEMBER 2022

On Sunday, Feb 5th, 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.

REMINDER: If you do not currently use our church envelopes and would like an end-of-the-year statement, you must be registered 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.



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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VIRTUAL LENTEN MISSION

The Virtual Lenten Mission is an opportunity for us to deepen our faith, take time for reflection, and pray. We invite you to join us to enhance your Lenten Journey. The mission will begin on Thursday, March 2nd at 7:00 – 7:45 pm and continue weekly with the last session on Thursday, March 30th. To register, contact Marianne at (860) 848-2237 ex. 304 or email her at manicholas@norwichdiocese.net.

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.



VIRTUAL PROJECT RACHEL ROSARY

The third Thursday of each month at 3pm, pray the Project Rachel Rosary online with the Office of Faith Events. The Project Rachel Rosary focuses on putting an end to abortion and healing for those who have been involved in an abortion. Our next Rosary will be Feb. 21st, please join us:

Meeting link: <https://bit.ly/316zdeG>

Meeting number: 132 917 2663

Password: Rosary

Or Join by phone: 1-415-655-0001

Access code: 132 917 2663

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, is appointed to Diocesan Director of Vocations, and will continue as Pastor of Saint Patrick Church, Mystic. Effective: Dec. 20, 2022.

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Ads may be submitted each year in July and January to the Parish Office email:

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THE EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL- THE EUCHARIST, DID YOU KNOW?

Are these doctrines the basis of our faith (e.g. - Doctrine on belief in real presence)? No, the basis of our faith is the mystery itself. The doctrine help us to understand and talk about the mystery, but they are not the mystery. With regard to the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist, as Pope Pius XII wrote, "The faith of the Church is this: That one and identical is the Word of God and the Son of Mary who suffered on the Cross, who is present in the Eucharist, and who rules in heaven." This is what we believe. Doctrine about the real presence concerns how best to think and talk about this mystery. Used with permission from God's Real Presence, by Steve Mueller. Published by Living with Christ. All rights reserved.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER "You are the Salt of the earth. You are the light of the world." "A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden." "Your light must shine before others." Why not let your light shine by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. It can be the salt and light you need for your relationship. Experiences available are:

Mar 10-12, 2023 in Upton, MA

Jun 23-25, 2023 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/>.

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.

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.

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; 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.

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.

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.

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.

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@retrouvaille.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.

“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.



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 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

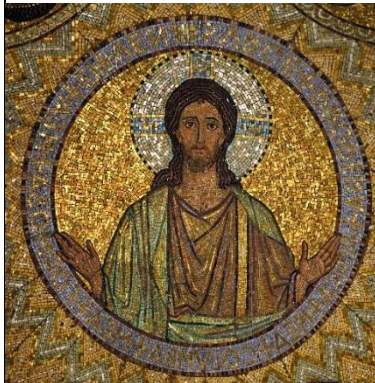
If you regularly worship with us, we invite you to register with St. Philip parish. This allows us to provide accurate census data to the diocese. Registration forms (green) are in the vestibule. Please return them to the office. Thank you.

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.

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.

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

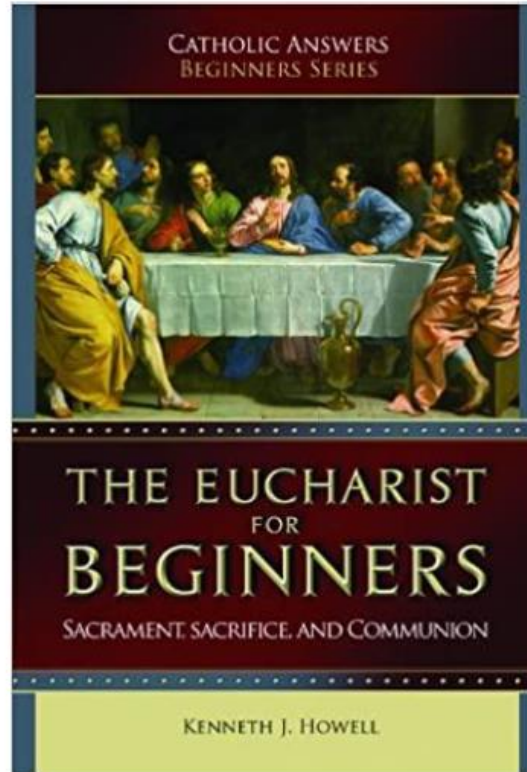


Each day we let either the world or God’s Word shape our lives.
**Who is influencing your life?
Whose voice are you allowing to shape who you are?**
The New England Catholic Biblical School offers accredited two-year and four-year certificates in Biblical Studies for adult learners and is now enrolling *virtual* classes for the 2023-24 academic year. Find out more at www.CatholicEdAOHCT.org, or contact us: catholic.biblical.school@aohct.org



Join us for the *Diocesan Virtual Book Club*
Meeting Virtually Wednesday nights,
January 25 to February 15, 2023, from 6:30- 7:30 PM

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 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

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.

Singers will unite with hundreds of their peers as one combined choir to sing beautiful music from the Church's rich historical repertoire.

More information will be available soon at
www.pcchoirs.org.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE INVITES YOU TO



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Keynote Speaker Julianne Stanz,
author of "Start With Jesus"

Join us for an evening out filled with faith, and fellowship as well as basket raffle and silent auction.



The Inn At Middletown, Middletown, CT

March 22, 2023 at 6pm



Tickets are \$75, to purchase go to <https://bit.ly/2Laol7Y> or contact Marianne Nicholas at manicholas@norwichdiocese.net

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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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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.

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.

*Trust in the mercy of
God's love*

If you are carrying the grief and sorrow of past abortions, call

Project Rachel,

a post-abortion healing ministry. All calls are confidential.

860-861-4439

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. 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

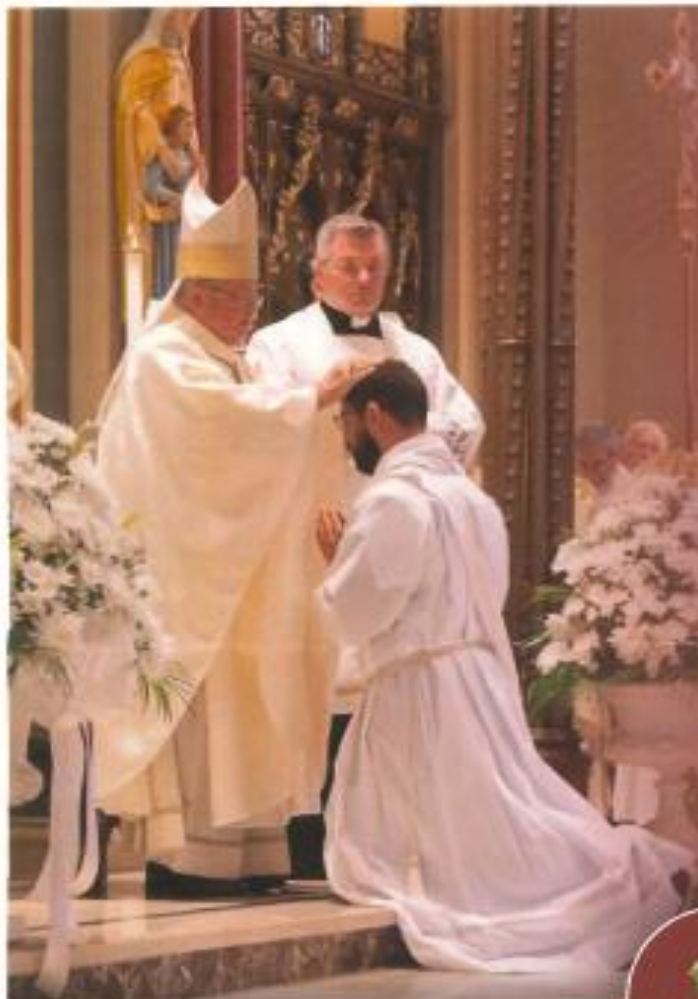
Brothers in Christ is both a virtual and in-person group of men who share faith, witness, Scripture, and discussions. Sessions meet the second Thursday of each month from 7-7:45 P.M. with the exception of three in-person church events. Upcoming virtual dates are January 12 and February 9. If you are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

Roach at

lroach@norwichdiocese.net 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 actively 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



— AS I HAVE DONE FOR YOU, SO YOU SHOULD ALSO DO —

JOHN 13:15

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF NORWICH • 2022-2023 SEMINARIANS



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