

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays At 6pm During Lent, followed by Soup in the Parish Center

St. Philip's is Handicap Accessible



February 26, 2023 First Sunday of Lent

† Mass Schedule and Intentions †

Sat Feb 25, 3:30-4:00 pm Confession
Sat Feb 25, 4:30 pm Mass
 † **Marguerite & Gene Sgro** by *Ralph Yulo*
Sun Feb 26, 9:00 am Mass
 † **Will Navratil** by *Bill and Roxanne Navratil*
Sun Feb 26, 11:00 am Mass
 † **George P. Nagy, 2nd Anniversary** by *The Nagy Family*

Tues Feb 28, 8:00 am Mass
Zachary Wilcox for his well-being by *Caroline Doughty*

Wed Mar 1, 8:00 am Mass
 † **Thomas Piecyk** by *Peter & Jean Piecyk*

Thu Mar 2, 8:00 am Mass
 † **Frank Pittella** by *Mary Newman*

Fri Mar 3, 8:00 am Mass: *Saint Katharine Drexel*
 † **Liam P. Boyce** by *His Family*

Emma Wellings for her well-being by *Caroline Doughty*
ADORATION following Mass; **Benediction 12:00 noon**

Fri Mar 3, 6:00 pm Stations of the Cross
STATIONS OF THE CROSS at St. Philip

will be on Fridays during Lent at 6pm.



All are invited for soup, bread and crackers in the Parish Center after Stations.

Sat Mar 4, 3:30-4:00 pm Confession
Sat Mar 4, 4:30 pm Mass: *St. Casimir*
Sun Mar 5, 9:00 am Mass
Sun Mar 5, 11:00 am Mass
 † **Roland Cloutier, 6th Anniversary**
 by *Lorraine Cloutier and Family*
 † **Walter Zeh** by *St. Philip Choir*

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

Please note: If during Mass 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.



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



The American flag flies during March for **John Rauert, Sr.** DOB: 12/9/1919
 World War II Gunner's Mate
 on a Landing Ship Tank in the Philippines
 By His Daughter, Carol Olsen



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, Bruce Ceramicole, Helen Donnelly & Family, Toni Doughty, Kyle Ernst, Myles Gratton, P.J., Marie James, Joyce H., Melinda & Brandon King, Patrice Lucas, Ray McCaughey, Jackie Mozzicato, Jesse Narwicziks, Laura P., M.P., Bob Ogden, Terry Perkins, Pauline Picard, Emil Poirier, Heather Poulin, Dawn Pringle, Patrick Pringle, Karen Ravenelle, Skyler Sherman, Maureen Smith, Patrick Stenglein, Mason Studley, Ruth T., Phil Tripoli, Mary Jane Tynan, J.W., Terri Warren, Sara Zeumer.

CHOIR REHEARSAL Sundays, Feb 26 & March 5, at 6:30 pm.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION Carla Harrington
 Email: carlaharrington8@gmail.com.

First Communion students have class Feb 26.
Please Note: the next CCD Class for grades 1-6 will be on March 12.

CONFIRMATION STUDENTS: Sunday, Feb 26, Attend and sign in at 11:00 am Sunday Mass. Class is after Mass at 12:00 in the Parish Center.

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

BOY SCOUTS: Tues Feb 28, 7pm Parish Ctr.



ADULT EDUCATION WITH ED CONLAN

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

Wed Mar 1, 10am Parish Ctr. Topic: Preserving the Old Testament.

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Tues, Mar 7, 7pm.



LENTEN CROSS Yellow crosses are for children, violet for adults. Each week you are encouraged to remove a cross in a spirit of reparation. Once you read the Lenten practice, place the cross in the basket on the altar railing and carry out the practice. The next week, when you have done the practice, place a paper flower, on the large Lenten cross. By the end of Lent our Cross will have "blossomed" into a beautiful cross of flowers, a visual sign of our Lenten sacrifices, prayers and practices, offered in reparation for our sins and the sins of the world.



St. Augustine Hymnal: **Year A ~ First Sunday of Lent**, Scripture readings begin on **page 837**.

Join us Sunday mornings for the **Children's Rosary Prayer Group**. Doors open at 8:20 am and Rosary begins at 8:30 am. 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.



Operation Rice Bowl: Our Lenten Program: For Lent For Life



Lent is a time of opportunity for us to strengthen our faith through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. These practices bring us closer to God and demonstrate our solidarity with those in need at home and around the world. This Lent make your sacrifices become opportunities to feed the hungry poor. Please participate in CRS Operation Rice Bowl and let the sacrifices you make for the hungry poor nourish them and may these sacrifices witness to the love that disciples of Christ have for all people, especially for the least of the Lord's sisters and brothers.



ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH CONFIRMATION STUDENTS 2023

Please pray for the confirmation students who will be confirmed March 4th at St. Luke Church, Ellington.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Confirmation Name</u>
Jotham Burrello:	<i>Luke</i>
Kylie Margaret Doyle:	<i>Veronica</i>
Meaghan Elizabeth Doyle:	<i>Valerie</i>
Ava Ann Draczynski:	<i>Laura</i>
Taylor Ella Draczynski:	<i>Rose</i>
Riley Marie Fusco:	<i>Elizabeth of Hungary</i>
Sofia Giulia Girardi:	<i>Theresa</i>
Vincenzo Raffaele Girardi:	<i>Jude</i>
Logan Joseph Greenwood:	<i>Patrick</i>
Landon Shea Laughlin:	<i>Michael the Archangel</i>
William Joseph Petrella:	<i>Anthony</i>
Kyle Sepe:	<i>Michael</i>
Lauren Trotta:	<i>Gemma Galgani</i>
Phillip Trotta:	<i>Michael the Archangel</i>
Alexander Joseph Vertefeuille:	<i>Peter</i>
Ellie Mae Vertefeuille:	<i>Colette</i>
Pola Wysocki:	<i>Faustina</i>
John Bernard Zulick:	<i>George</i>

CONFIRMATION NEWS:

Any adult that desires to receive Confirmation in the Spring, has the following options 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.

There is an opportunity for people who are interested in receiving baptism for themselves or their child. If interested, please call the Parish Office at 860-429-2860.



24 Hours for the Lord offers the Sacrament of Reconciliation to those who seek the welcoming forgiveness of God.

In the **Vernon Deanery**, 24 Hours for the Lord, will be held at **Blessed Sacrament Parish-St. Bernard Church, 25 St. Bernard's Terrace, Rockville, on Friday, March 17, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

In the **Willimantic Deanery**, 24 Hours for the Lord, will be held on **Friday – March 17 from 7:30--8:00 a.m. – St. Columba, Columbia; 9:00 – 9:30 a.m. – St. Columba, Columbia; 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. – St. Andrew, Colchester; 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. – St. Mary, Coventry; 3:00 – 3:45 p.m. – St. Columba, Columbia; 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. – St. Thomas Aquinas, Storrs; 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. – St. Joseph, Willimantic; 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. – St. Andrew, Colchester; 7:30 – 8:00 p.m. – Holy Family, Hebron; and on Saturday – March 18 from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. – St. Andrew, Colchester; 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – St. Thomas Aquinas, Storrs; 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Church of the Holy Family, Hebron; 12:00 – 3:30 p.m. – St. Joseph, Willimantic; 2:00 – 3:45 p.m. – St. Andrew, Colchester; 2:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. – St. Mary, Coventry; 4:00 – 4:45 p.m. – Holy Family, Hebron and 6:00 – 6:30 p.m. – Holy Family, Hebron**

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CORNED BEEF DINNER
March 11, 2023 at 5:30 pm.

at the St. Philip Parish Center
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Take out is available.



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Tickets will be sold after all Masses and in the Parish Office Mon-Thurs, 9:30 am to 2:30 pm.
Please make checks payable to:
St. Philip the Apostle Church.
Snow date is Sunday, March 12, 2023 at 3 pm.



Our condolences to the family of **Deacon Bernard A. Phaneuf**, a retired Permanent Deacon of the Diocese of Norwich, who died on February 20, 2023. Funeral Mass will be at in St. Therese of Lisieux Parish-Saint Mary Church, 218 Providence St, Putnam, CT, on March 2, at 10 am.

Diocesan Pro-Life Mass will take place at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on Saturday, March 4 at 8:30 A.M. Please join our celebrant Rev. Walter Nagle at Mass as we pray to end abortion and for healing for those who have had an abortion. Following the Mass, the Rachel Rosary will be prayed at the Cathedral. A brunch in the Cathedral Hall will follow the Rosary this month.

CHARLES IRVIN WRITING SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST

The Diocesan Office of Communication/ Four County Catholic is inviting Catholic high school seniors to participate in the FAITH Catholic Fr. Charles Irvin Writing Scholarship contest. The winner receives a check for \$1,500. The link to the writing prompt, important submission information, tips for writing a winning essay, and promotional materials can be found below. Students may contact a Catholic school teacher, parish youth minister, or director of religious formation to submit their essays. Students may not submit essays directly. The deadline to submit essays is March 17th, the feast of St. Patrick. Essays submitted after 3/17 cannot be considered. Please send submissions to Communications@NorwichDiocese.net by March 17th. The Office of Communications will choose top three to send to FAITH Catholic. You will find necessary details here: <https://faithsyndicated.org/father-charles-irvin-writing-scholarship-2023>
We hope this is an opportunity for your high-school seniors to shine.

Couples' Happy Hour – The next virtual Couples' Happy Hour will be Friday, March 10 from 7-8 P.M. Make your relationship a priority by joining other couples for an evening that will include a presentation on a topic relevant to today's couples. Couples will have time to share privately on questions pertinent to the night's topic. To register, call Mary-Jo McLaughlin at 860-848-2237, Ext. 312, or email her at mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net. If you have registered for past Happy Hours, you will automatically receive a link for the March hour.

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Prodigal Son Retreat ~ Take time away from the busyness of the world this Lenten season and spend quality time with Jesus by attending a retreat on the Parable of the Prodigal Son Saturday, March 25, 2023, at St. Mary Church, 45 Freestone Ave, Portland, CT. Join us as we take a deeper look at this well-known parable from the perspective of each of the three main characters: the prodigal son, the elder brother, and the father. How are each of us like these characters? What is the lesson this parable has for all of us in living our call to be in relationship with Jesus and His Father? How do we cultivate and deepen these relationships? The retreat, which will run from 8:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M., will include time for guided imagery prayer and personal reflection. For more information, or to register, please call Mary-Jo McLaughlin at Catholic Family Services, 860-848-2237, Ext. 312 or email her at mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net The retreat is free and open to all participants. Registration is required.

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, 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 for this for this very special event. 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> Seating is limited and we are almost at capacity, don't delay in reserving your space! Questions? Call Marianne at the Office of Faith Events, 860-848-2237, ext. 304

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.

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

The Norwich Diocesan Women's Conference **VIRTUAL BASKET RAFFLE** will culminate on Sunday, April 2 at midnight. Go to <https://go.rallyup.com/2023baskets> today to view 17 lovely baskets, chances are only \$1 each! Winners will be notified April 3. Questions? Call the Office of Faith Events @ 860-848-2237, Thank you!!

The Norwich Office of Faith Events invites you to join them (*virtually*) Friday nights in Lent to pray the **Stations of the Cross** through a different focus each week.

- ❖ March 3: Through the eyes of the bereaved
 - ❖ March 17: Through the eyes of seniors
 - ❖ March 24: Through the eyes of the family
 - ❖ March 31: Through the eyes of social justice
- The stations will begin at 7 pm. The stations take place online and requires participants to have an internet connection. Registration is required. You can register for just one evening or all six. To register Call Mary-Jo McLaughlin, at 860-848-2237, Ext 312 or email her at mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net. **Note, we will not be holding the stations on Friday, March 10.**

THE EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL- THE EUCHARIST, DID YOU KNOW?

Why do we call this Eucharistic presence "real"? The word real comes from a Latin word, res, realis which means thing. So to identify this presence as real, "thing-like", is meant to convey the sense that it is the presence of one "thing" to another, not just a fleeting change by an enduring reality, like the thing rather than its changing features.

Pope Paul VI explained the Church's use of term this way. "This presence is called 'real'- by which is not intended to exclude the other types of presence as if they could not be 'real' too, but because it is presence in the fullest sense: that is to say it is a substantial presence by which Christ, divine and human, makes himself wholly and entirely present" (Mystery of Faith, 1995). Used with permission from God's Real Presence, by Steve Mueller. Published by Living with Christ. All rights reserved.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER Lent has begun. Psalm 51: "Create a clean heart in me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me." Renew and transform your relationship. How? Apply for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience:

- 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/>.

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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.

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.

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

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

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.

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.

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.

LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC CDs: We have lots of CDs

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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.

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.

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.

PARENTS DIVORCING AND/OR RESOLVING CHILD CUSTODY ISSUES

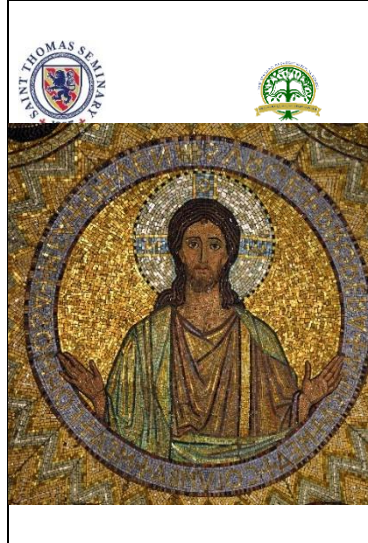
Are you concerned about the effects of divorce, separation or family disruption on your children? **Catholic Charities offers ongoing, monthly one day Parenting Classes in Norwich, Rockville and Middletown. A monthly 2- part Spanish/bilingual parenting education class is held in Willimantic.**

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.

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.

“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



Since 2002, the Catholic Church in the U.S.A. has followed a set of rules initiated by the bishops of the country and approved by the Vatican for dealing with sexual abuse of minors by priests or deacons: The Essential Norms for Diocesan/Eparchial Policies Dealing with Allegations of Sexual Abuse of Minors by Priests or Deacons.

Every U.S. diocese/eparchy is required...

- To have a **written policy** for dealing with sexual abuse of minors by priests, deacons and other Church personnel
- To appoint a **victim assistance coordinator**, who is available for the immediate pastoral care of persons who report having been sexually abused as a minor by a priest or deacon
- To **report** allegations concerning child sexual abuse to **civil authorities** and to cooperate with the civil investigations
- To establish a **review board** of at least five persons, mostly members of the **laity**, who counsel the bishop on allegations and review local policies dealing with sexual abuse of minors
- To investigate **promptly** and **objectively** any allegation of sexual abuse of minors by a priest or deacon
- To **remove** offending priests or deacons **permanently** from Church ministry
- To **prohibit the transfer** of offending priests or deacons for ministerial assignment in another diocese or eparchy
- To receive necessary **background information** before permitting a priest or deacon to exercise ministry in a diocese or eparchy
- To **protect** the rights of accusers and of the accused

For more information and to read the full text of the norms, visit:

<http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/child-and-youth-protection/charter.cfm>

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March 1, 2023

7- 8:30 PM

Christ the King, Old Lyme

Presented by Father Ray Introvigne

“I know well the plans I have in mind for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare, not for woe, plans to give you a future full of hope. When you look for Me, when you go to pray to Me, I will listen to you. When you look for Me, you will find Me. Yes when you seek Me with all your heart, you will find Me with you, says the Lord and I will change your circumstances.”

Jeremiah 29: 11- 14b



Any Questions or concerns contact the Office of Faith Events Ahoisl@norwichdiocese.net

2023 New England Youth Choral Festival & Mass



Saturday,
March 4, 2023

Cathedral of
the Holy Cross

1400 Washington St., Boston, MA 02118

Cardinal Seán P. O'Malley,
Celebrant

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



Dinner with Jesus

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

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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.

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

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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. 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

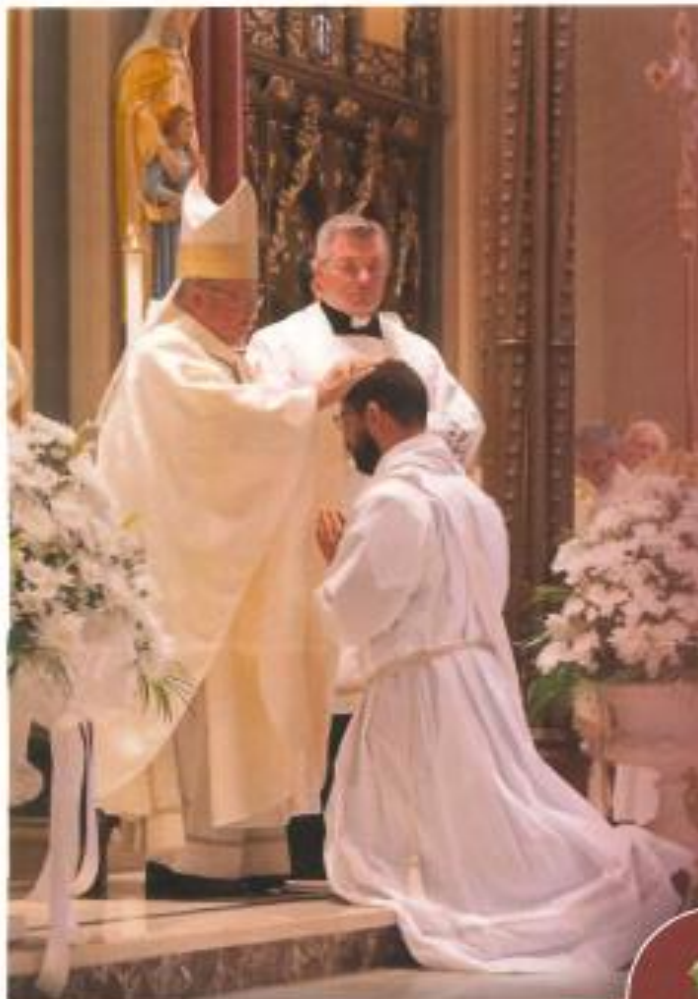
Brothers in Christ is both a virtual and in-person group of men who share faith, witness, Scripture, and discussions. Sessions meet the second Thursday of each month from 7-7:45 P.M. with the exception of three in-person church events. Upcoming virtual dates are January 12 and February 9. If you are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

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