

ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

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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



March 5, 2023

Second Sunday of Lent

† Mass Schedule and Intentions †

Sat Mar 4, 3:30-4:00 pm Confession
Sat Mar 4, 4:30 pm Mass: Saint Casimir

For Our Parish

Sun Mar 5, 9:00 am Mass
† John Mattie by Wesley and Paula Vincent
Sun Mar 5, 11:00 am Mass
† Roland Cloutier, 6th Anniversary
by Lorraine Cloutier and Family
† Walter Zeh by St. Philip Choir

Tues Mar 7, 8:00 am Mass Saints Perpetua & Felicity

† Rev. Izydor Sadowski

Wed Mar 8, 8:00 am Mass: Saint John of God

† Rev. Izydor Sadowski

Thu Mar 9, 8:00 am Mass: Saint Frances of Rome

† Glenn Lagasse, Birthday Remembrance
by The Family

Fri Mar 10, 8:00 am Mass

† Rev. Izydor Sadowski

ADORATION following Mass; Benediction 12:00 noon

Fri Mar 10, 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 11, 3:30-4:00 pm Confession

Sat Mar 11, 4:30 pm Mass

† Triska Family by Ethel Krapf

Sun Mar 12, 9:00 am Mass

† Audrey Gratton Giorgi, Birthday Remembrance
By Her Family

Sun Mar 12, 11:00 am Mass

† Vincent & Rita Yulo by Ralph Yulo

† John Koontz, 59th Heavenly Anniversary
By Emma & Richard Muth and Ginnyann Campbell

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.



SECOND COLLECTION TODAY

Mar 5: Easter Flowers

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: 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, March 5, 12, and 19 at 6:30 pm.



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

No class March 5. Please Note: the next CCD Class for grades 1-6 will be on March 12.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY Tues Mar 7, 10am.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Tues, Mar 7, 7 pm.

ADULT EDUCATION WITH ED CONLAN

"Catholic Beliefs and Practices." Masks and social distancing requested. All are welcome. Wed Mar 8, 10am. Topic: Preserving the New Testament.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be a combined Parish Council and Finance Committee Meeting after the 11 a.m. Mass on Sunday, March 12, 2023 in the Parish Center.

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

BLESSED MOTHER'S STITCHERS: Mar 28, 10am.



LENTE 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.



Our prayers are with Rachel Vertefeulle and the FOCUS students who are travelling to Guyana March 10-19.

**Daylight Savings Time
begins March 12th.**



St. Augustine Hymnal: **Year A ~ Second Sunday of Lent**, Scripture readings begin on **page 839**.



PALM SUNDAY BAKE SALE

The annual St. Philip the Apostle Church Palm Sunday Bake Sale will take place on Saturday, April 1st from 9am to 6pm. Baked goods can be dropped off at the Parish Center on Friday, March 31st from 6 to 8 pm. Please list ingredients on all food items, especially peanuts and nuts. Salt-free and gluten-free items have been requested. Any baked goods left over will be on sale after the 9 and 11 am Masses on Palm Sunday. Thank you.

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.



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. 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 Rafaelle 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>

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CORNED BEEF DINNER

March 11, 2023 at 5:30 pm.

at the St. Philip Parish Center

\$16 - adults age 16+

\$10 - ages 9-15

free - age 9 and under

Take out is available. Sponsored by St. Philip the Apostle Church. Proceeds to benefit St. Philip the Apostle Church. 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 **Reverend Izydor Sadowski, SDB**, the resident Chaplain at Matulaitis Nursing Home who died Feb 28, 2023, at Matulaitis Home in Putnam.

The Sisters of Charity will be having a Share-A-Day for girls in grades 2, 3, and 4 at Holy Family Motherhouse, 54 W. Main St, Baltic, CT 06330 on Sat, Mar 18th, 10:30am to 4:30pm. The Theme is St. Patrick and St. Joseph. No charge and meals are included. This special day includes recreation, talks, activities and prayers with the Sisters. Telephone (860) 822-8241 or email smaryjacinta@gmail.com.

DISPENSATION FOR ST. PATRICK'S DAY, MARCH 17, 2023 "I hereby grant to all Catholics of the Diocese of Norwich, as well as all present here that day, a dispensation from abstinence from meat." ***Bishop Michael Cote (complete letter online).***

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.



The Office of Faith Events is sponsoring **The Make a Memory Easter Basket Project**. We invite every family to make an Easter basket that will be delivered to a soup kitchen/shelter in the Norwich Diocese for children and families who would not otherwise receive one. Please fill with Easter treats (small toys, candy, etc.) and wrap it in a cellophane bag. Homemade cards are encouraged. Some safety details...**make sure all candy is packaged-big or small- no loose candy please**, *no candy with nuts or peanut butter for allergy reasons*. Please deliver to the Bishop Flanagan Ministry Center, 199 Broadway, Norwich. by March 27th to ensure delivery to the soup kitchen/shelter before Easter. Questions, call Andrea at 860-848-2237 ext. 203

Thank you for your past support of the **Annual Catholic Appeal** which provides funds for many of the pastoral, educational, and charitable ministries within the Diocese of Norwich. As we embark on our 2023 ACA, **One Faith, One Family**, we thank God for the strength and love we have received from him during this past year, when we, relying on our ONE FAITH, have uplifted our brothers and sisters in our ONE FAMILY. The ACA in-pew collection will take place in our parish on March 18/19, 2023. Please give prayerful consideration when contemplating your sacrificial gift to the appeal. The future of our ministries depends on it.

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Funeral Homes will receive a triple-sized ad.

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

stphilipstjude@gmail.com. If you or someone you know would like to advertise and support the Church bulletin, please let us know.

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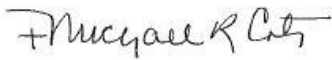
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**DISPENSATION FOR ST. PATRICK'S DAY,
MARCH 17, 2023**

Whereas, the disciplinary practice of abstaining from meat on the Fridays in Lent is an important dimension of the penitential nature of the season and applies to all Catholics who have reached the age of fourteen (canons 1251 and 1252); Whereas, this year the Feast of St. Patrick, March 17, falls on a Friday in Lent; Now therefore, in accord with canon 87 §1 of the Code of Canon Law, given the many celebrations that occur on this day in commemoration of St. Patrick, Principal Patron of the Diocese of Norwich and titular of the Cathedral, I hereby grant to all Catholics of the Diocese of Norwich, as well as all present here that day, a dispensation from abstinence from meat. All who make use of this dispensation are obliged in conscience to undertake another work of charity, exercise of piety, or an act of comparable penance that day. Given at the Diocesan Chancery, Norwich, Connecticut, on this 28th Day of February in the year of Our Lord 2023.



Most Reverend Michael R. Cote
Bishop of Norwich

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.

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/>.

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.

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.

ATTENTION ALL KNIGHTS



There will be a Patriotic (4th degree) Exemplification that will be conducted in St. Mary's Church 5 Hillhouse Ave New Haven, CT on

SUNDAY APRIL 23

Following the 10:30 Mass.

Any Brother Knight who has not attained the rank of Sir Knight (4th Degree) please contact your Grand Knight **OR** contact Sir Knight Joseph Sean Aparicio at ADMINISTRATIVEAIDE@ASSEMBLY2459.ORG or Sir Knight Frank Quadrino at scribe@assembly2459.org for further details.



DIOCESE OF NORWICH **CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICES**

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 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 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 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 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.

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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>

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.

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.

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 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.



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.

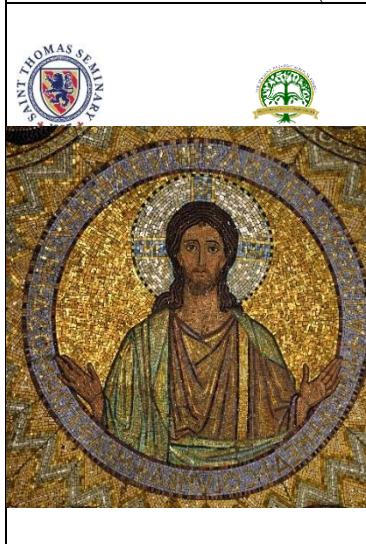
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(Is 55:3 NABRE)



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Share-A-Day Registration Form

March 18th, 2023 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

For Second, Third, and Fourth Grade Girls

Theme: Great Saint Joseph and Saint Patrick

Contact Sister Mary Jacinta, SCMC (860) 822-8241 or write:

Holy Family Motherhouse
54 West Main Street
Baltic, CT 06330-0691

Registration—Please return by March 14th, 2022. Thank you.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

School: _____

Email: _____

I give my daughter(s) named above permission to attend the Share-A-Day on Saturday, March 18th, 2023 from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Holy Family Motherhouse, Baltic, CT.

Parent/legal guardian signature below:

Signature _____ **Date** _____

Please print name of parent or guardian: _____

Holy Family Motherhouse is off exit 18 on I-395. Follow signs to Baltic. Turn left on route 97. The Motherhouse is on the left; parking in the back.



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.

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- 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
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- 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
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December 15	Christ the King, Old Lyme

2023

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February 16	St. John, Montville
March 16	Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Quaker Hill
April 20	St. Philip, Ashford
May 11	St. Andrew, Colchester
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