

# ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

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## **OFFICE HOURS**

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<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 19, 2023

## Fourth Sunday of Lent

### †Mass Schedule and Intentions†

St. Augustine Hymnal readings **page 844.**

**Sat** Mar 18, 3:30-4:00 pm Confession

**Sat** Mar 18, 4:30 pm Mass: *St. Cyril of Jerusalem*

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

† **Krapf Family** by *Ethel Krapf*

**Sun** Mar 19, 9:00 am Mass

† **Josephine Mozzicato** by *John & Jackie Mozzicato*

† **Alice Stemmler** by *Dick & Lois Mindek*

**Sun** Mar 19, 11:00 am Mass

† **Ruth Yulo** by *Ralph Yulo*

† **Darrel Lovley, 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary**

by *Lorraine Cloutier and Family*

**Tues** Mar 21, 8:00 am Mass

**For the intentions of Bishop Cote**

**Wed** Mar 22, 8:00 am Mass

**For the Connecticut March for Life in Hartford**

**Thu** Mar 23, 8:00 am Mass: *St. Turibius of Mogrovejo*

**For the Sick of our Parish**

**Fri** Mar 24, 8:00 am Mass

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

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

**Fri** Mar 24, 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, in the Parish Center after Stations.**

**Sat** Mar 25, 3:30-4:00 pm Confession

**Sat** Mar 25, 4:30 pm Mass: *Annunciation of the Lord*

† **Margaret Pudelkewicz, 19<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** by *Ann Phillips*

**Sun** Mar 26, 9:00 am Mass

**Sun** Mar 26, 11:00 am Mass

**Brandon King for his well-being by a Friend**

*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 COLLECTIONS THIS WEEK

**Mar 19: Maintenance and Fuel Offering**

**Mar 19: ACA Collection**

**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](mailto:stphilipstjude@gmail.com).

**PRAYER LIST:** Seth Beebe, John Bergeron, Sr., Ed Borowski, Bruce Ceramicole, Helen Donnelly & Family, 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 19 and 26 at 6:30 pm.



**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** Carla Harrington

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

**CCD Class for First Communion students only** March 19, 9:45 am.

**PLEASE NOTE:** There will be a combined **Parish Council and Finance Committee** Meeting after the 11 am Mass on Sunday, March 26, 2023 in the Parish Center.

**LADIES BIBLE STUDY** Tues Mar 21, 10am.

**BOY SCOUTS:** Tues Mar 21, 7pm Parish Ctr.

**ADULT EDUCATION WITH ED CONLAN**

"Catholic Beliefs and Practices." Masks and social distancing requested. All are welcome. **Wed Mar 22, 10am.** Topic: Rosary.

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

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** April meeting is cancelled due to the celebration of Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter. Next Meeting May 2.



**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.





Our condolences to the family of  
**Cheryl Baxter**  
who passed away on 02/22/2023.

Our condolences to Caroline Doughty on the  
passing on 03/10/2023 of her sister-in-law,  
**Toni Doughty.**

Please pray for **Rachel Vertefeuille** and the  
FOCUS students who are travelling to  
Guyana March 10-19. Thank you for your support.



**NOTICE:** We are in great need of a  
person to help with the planting, weeding  
and watering of flowers around the  
Church. Please contact the Parish Office  
if interested at 860-429-2860.

### GOOD FRIDAY PASSION WALK

Participants of all ages are needed. There  
is a sign-up sheet in the back of the  
church. Rehearsals will be Sunday March  
19<sup>th</sup> and Sunday March 26<sup>th</sup> after the  
11:00 Mass. **We need someone to portray Jesus.**



### ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BEING BAPTIZED?



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.

Today our parish will be conducting the in-pew  
collection for the **2023 ANNUAL CATHOLIC  
APPEAL**, "**One Faith, One Family**". From ministry  
to the sick, food and shelter programs, to our youth,  
clergy and religious, your donations are vital to meet  
the needs of our community and parishes. Uncertain  
and difficult times have increased the demands  
placed on our ministries. We ask that you please  
show your support by placing your completed  
pledge card or envelope in the second collection  
after Communion. Or you may visit  
[www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org](http://www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org) or call (860)  
886- 1928 to donate. Thank you and God Bless.

### ST. PHILIP PALM SUNDAY BAKE SALE



The annual Bake Sale will take place  
on Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> from 9am to  
6pm. Baked goods can be dropped  
off at the Parish Center on Friday,  
March 31<sup>st</sup> from 6 to 8 pm. Please list

ingredients on all food items, **highlight 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.



**WEDNESDAYS STARTING  
MARCH 29<sup>TH</sup>  
10:15AM - 11:45AM  
ST. MATTHEW CHAPEL  
TOLLAND, CT**

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

The program is led by trained facilitators and includes  
prayer, discussion, and journaling. Although New Day  
is a faith-based program, it is not restricted to Catholics  
and all are welcome.

In order to accommodate individual needs, the group  
size is limited to a minimum of 6 persons and a  
maximum of 9. It is recommended that it has been at  
least 6 months since the loss and that family members  
not attend together. Masks are recommended but not  
required.

**Registration is required.**

**The deadline to register is: March 22<sup>nd</sup>**

For further information or to register for the program,  
please call:

Sue Gilbertie at (860) 371-1111 or

Carol Freedman at (860) 268-0966

If there is no answer, please leave a message.

### The 1st Diocesan Vigil Mass for the Connecticut March for Life

will take place at Sacred Heart  
Church in Norwichtown on Tuesday, March 21,  
2023, at 6:30 pm. Most Reverend Michael R. Cote,  
Bishop of Norwich, will be the Celebrant and Rev.  
Walter Nagle, Pro-Life Director for the Diocese of  
Norwich, will be the Homilist.

### CT MARCH FOR LIFE BUSES:

January 22, 2023 marked the 50th anniversary of the  
Supreme Court's infamous abortion-on-demand ruling.  
Thankfully that decision was overturned, but now we  
must prepare for a bitter fight to protect babies in the  
state of Connecticut. Connecticut allows abortion on  
demand through all nine months of pregnancy with no  
restriction for minors. At 10 am on Wednesday, March  
22, 2023, buses sponsored by Connecticut Right to Life  
will leave from scheduled areas in Eastern CT to attend  
the CT March for Life in Hartford. Bus fare is \$20 per  
person. If you are unable to attend the CT March for Life,  
please consider sponsoring a seat on a bus. For further  
information and/or to reserve a seat or to sponsor a seat,  
please call Margaret Becotte at 860-822-1362.

<https://rally.co/ct-march-for-life>



**MARCH 22, 2023**  
Hartford, CT  
Register Today!

**Schedule**  
12:00 pm - Rally at Capital  
1:00 pm - March for Life around Bushnell Park

**The teen ProLife Club at Holy Family Academy in Baltic, CT** at 54 W Main St, Baltic is hosting their annual Top Life Cafe on Sat., March 25 from 5-8pm. Please come and support these young prolife teens and enjoy an evening of food and entertainment. Admission is free (donations are accepted) and an RSVP is requested. See flier in the online bulletin.

### **HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE APRIL 2-9, 2023**

**Palm Sunday Apr 2:** Mass at 9:00 and 11:00 am.

**Masses: Tues & Wed** at 8:00 am.

**Holy Thursday Apr 6:** Mass 7:00 pm.

**Good Friday Apr 7:** 3 pm Passion Walk, Good Friday Service

6:00 pm Stations of the Cross

**Holy Saturday Apr 8:** 11:00 Blessing of the food in Center.

8:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass.

Note: There is no 4:30 pm Mass on Easter Saturday.

**Easter Sunday Apr 9:** Mass at 9:00am and 11:00am.

### **HOLY SATURDAY "BLESSING OF THE FOOD"**

The Blessing of the Easter Basket is an Eastern European tradition. Various countries and villages have slightly different traditions. **The basket typically contains a sampling of the foods to be eaten on Easter.** The foods are placed in a wicker basket lined with a white linen or embroidered cloth. It is often decorated with colorful ribbons and sprigs of greenery. Typical foods included are Easter bread (babka), butter, horseradish, colored eggs, kielbasa, ham, bacon, sweet cheese, salt. The basket is brought to be blessed on **Holy Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am at the St. Philip Parish Center** and the foods are to be eaten on Easter Sunday.



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.



### **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.

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

[stphilipstjude@gmail.com](mailto:stphilipstjude@gmail.com). If you or someone you know would like to advertise and support the Church bulletin, please let us know.



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**APRIL**  
Is Child Abuse  
Prevention Month





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 27<sup>th</sup> to ensure delivery to the soup kitchen/shelter before Easter. Questions, call Andrea at 860-848-2237 ext. 203

**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 28<sup>th</sup> Day of February in the year of Our Lord 2023.

*Michael R. Cote*

Most Reverend Michael R. Cote  
Bishop of Norwich

**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](mailto:mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net).

*A Festival of Scripture, Music and Dance for Lent and Easter*

**Sunday, April 2, 2023**

**2:00 pm**

**St. Andrew Church**

**128 Norwich Ave,**

**Colchester, CT**

Featuring St. Andrew Choir,  
Soloists and Lectors from the Parish  
Community.

Special Guest Performers: Studio 22

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**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!!

**ATTENTION ALL KNIGHTS**



There will be a Patriotic (4<sup>th</sup> 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 (4<sup>th</sup> Degree) please contact your Grand Knight **OR** contact Sir Knight Joseph Sean Aparicio at [ADMINISTRATIVEAIDE@ASSEMBLY2459.ORG](mailto:ADMINISTRATIVEAIDE@ASSEMBLY2459.ORG) or Sir Knight Frank Quadrino at [scribe@assembly2459.org](mailto:scribe@assembly2459.org) for further details.

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

## **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 **Sat, 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 info, or to register, please call Mary-Jo McLaughlin at Catholic Family Services, 860-848-2237, Ext. 312 or email [mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net) The retreat is free and registration is required.

## **WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

Ephesians 5:8-14- "Live as children of light, for light produces all kinds of goodness and righteousness and truth." Try to live and learn what is pleasing to the Lord. God will shed light into your relationship. Have faith and Allow the Holy Spirit to transform your relationship. Apply for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience:

Jun 23-25, 2023 in Huntington, NY

Others are found on web site.

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://www.mectw.org/>.

**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>

## **Marriage Preparation Classes to Meet Virtually**

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

## **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

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

What are substance and accidents? The idea of a thing being made up of substance and accidents rests on our everyday experience. Substance (Latin, "standing under") talks about the basic underlying reality. Accidents (Latin, "clinging or hanging on to") describe the changeable features noticed by our senses. As the term implies, the substance is what "stands under" all of the accidents. The substance identifies what we call the thing- the dog, cat, house, person, car. The accidents refer to characteristics of the thing such as color, weight, shape, etc. So even though many accidental characteristics might change- I put on or lose weight, lose a tooth, dye my hair, get a tattoo, replace a hip joint- my substance continues and I remain myself. *Used with permission from God's Real Presence, by Steve Mueller. Published by Living with Christ. All rights reserved.*

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**RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT WEEKEND** ~ If you are silently grieving or suffering from an abortion, experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a **Rachel's Vineyard Retreat**. The weekend healing process includes discussions, Living Scripture with meditations, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service and Mass of Entrustment. Participation is confidential and offers an opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion. Both women and men have participated in past retreats. For info, call Marie at 203-631-9030 or e-mail her at [mlaffin@prolifeministry.org](mailto:mlaffin@prolifeministry.org); or visit the national website at [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org).

**"PROJECT RACHEL"** is our Diocesan ministry for anyone seeking healing and forgiveness from an abortion. Priests in the **Project Rachel** ministry are there for you with God's Grace and Mercy. Call 860-861-4439. All inquiries are confidential.

**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.

#### **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.

**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.

**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](mailto:3002r@retrouvaille.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.

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#### **VIRTUAL PROJECT RACHEL ROSARY**

The third Thursday of each month at 3pm, come and 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 **March 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  
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### **DID YOU KNOW!?**

Catholic Charities is a SNAP Outreach agency. We help with SNAP applications and redetermination of benefits in all four offices. For assistance, please contact a Catholic Charities office near you:

331 Main St., Norwich: 860-889-8346

28 Huntington St., New London: 860-443-5328

88 Jackson St., Willimantic: 860-423-7065

16 Stack St., Middletown: 860-346-0060

Spanish Speaking Case Workers available.

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

### **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 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 – 7:45pm and continue weekly with the last session on Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup>.** To register, contact Marianne at (860)848-2237 ex. 304 or email her at [manicholas@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:manicholas@norwichdiocese.net)

**Natural Family Planning** is scientific, safe, and is 99 % effective for conceiving or responsibly postponing a baby. For information, call Craig and Liz Schantz at 860-464-1184. [www.ccli.org](http://www.ccli.org).

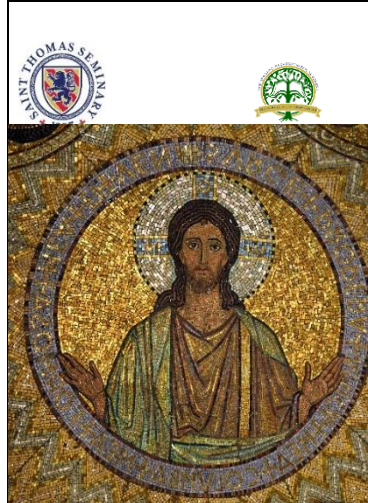
### **PARENTS DIVORCING AND/OR RESOLVING CHILD CUSTODY ISSUES**

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.

**“Pay attention and come to me; listen, that you may have life.”**

(Is 55:3 NABRE)



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

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

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



*Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.*  
-Matthew 11:28

## **Come join us for a** **Healing Mass & Healing Service**

2:00-3:00 pm

3:00-4:00 pm

**2 PM the third Sunday of every month**  
**with Fr. Ray Introvigne and Fr. Michael Philippino**  
**Music by Joe D'Ambrose**



**All will be celebrated at the Church of the Holy Family**  
**185 Church St, Hebron**

**January- no healing mass/ service**  
**February- no healing mass/ service**  
**March 19**

**April- Divine Mercy Sunday, no healing mass/ service**  
**May 21**  
**June 18**  
**July 16**

**For more information contact Andrea Hoisl at [faithevents@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:faithevents@norwichdiocese.net)**  
**Or 860-848-2237 ext. 203**

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 an Easter Basket.

You can make a large family basket, small individual baskets or small individual buckets. You fill up the basket or bucket with Easter treats (small toys, candy, etc.) and wrap it in a cellophane bag (available 2 for \$1- at the Dollar Tree) and drop it off at a designated place in your parish or at the Bishop Flanagan Ministry Center, 199 Broadway, Norwich

**It would be nice to include a homemade Easter card from your family to theirs if you are comfortable with that.**

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 have all completed baskets delivered by March 27th so we can get them to the soup kitchen/shelter, and they will be given to the families/children before Easter.



Any questions or concerns contact Andrea at OFE , 860-848-2237, ext.203



Please join us at the  
Academy of the Holy Family for our annual



FREE ADMISSION - DONATIONS ACCEPTED  
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Saturday, March 25 | 5pm - 8pm  
54 W Main St, Baltic, CT.

**RSVP** to [admissions@ahfbaltic.org](mailto:admissions@ahfbaltic.org) or [860-383-5427](tel:860-383-5427) by March 15  
Parking available across the street in St. Mary's Church parking lot.



*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>



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](mailto:manicholas@norwichdiocese.net)

Join us for a retreat on the

## *Parable of the Prodigal Son*

Saturday, March 25, 2023, from 8:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.

at St. Mary Church, 45 Freestone Ave, Portland, CT



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**. 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 will include time for guided imagery prayer and personal reflection.

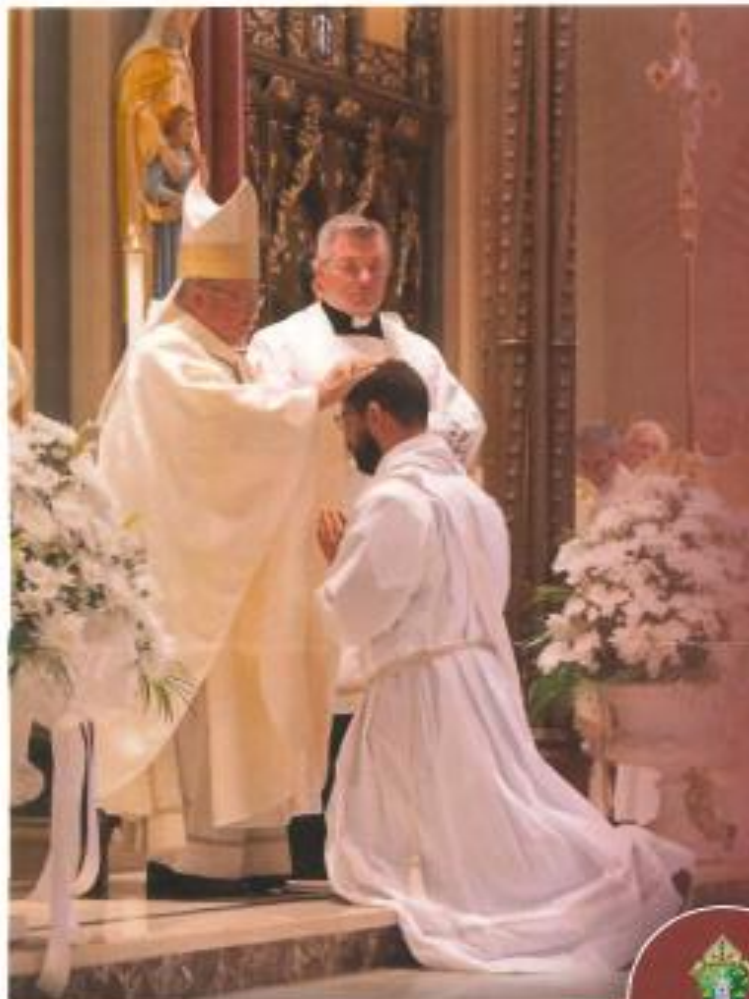
For more information, or to register, please call  
Mary-Jo McLaughlin at Catholic Family Services,  
860-848-2237, Ext. 312 or email her at

[mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net)

The retreat is free and open to all participants.

Registration is required





## 2022-2023 VOCATIONS HOLY HOURS

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

\*Holy Hours begin at 6 p.m.

### 2022

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

### 2023

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



— 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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Seminary



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## The Quiet Corner Chapter of the Disabled American Vets



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

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