

# ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

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## **OFFICE HOURS**

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

## **PARISH EMAIL & Bulletin Announcements**

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

## **PARISH WEBSITE**

<https://saintphilipct.com>

## **NEW PARISHIONERS**

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

## **WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**

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

## **DAILY MASS SCHEDULE**

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

**CONFESSION:** Saturdays 3:30-4:00 pm

## **SACRAMENTS**

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

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Sundays in the Parish Center

## **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

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

*St. Philip's is Handicap Accessible*



**April 2, 2023**  
**Palm Sunday of The**  
**Passion of The Lord**

† **Mass Schedule and Intentions** †



Church open: Mon-Thurs, 9:30-2:30 & Fri Adoration.  
**Office closed Tues, April 4.**



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

**St. Augustine Hymnal readings page 850.**

**Sat** Apr 1, 3:30-4:00 pm Confession

**Sat** Apr 1, 4:30 pm Mass

† **Helen R Ference, 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Remembrance**  
*by James, Louise & Thomas Ference*

† **Laurette Drouin, 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
*by Victor & Lori Drouin*

**PALM SUNDAY** Apr 2, 9:00 am Mass

† **George Nagy, Birthday Remembrance**  
*by Peter & Jean Piecyk*

**Marcia Panciera in honor of her birthday**  
*by the Vertefeuille Family*

**PALM SUNDAY** Apr 2, 11:00 am Mass

† **Amalia Zaicek** *by Zaicek & Zabik Families*

† **Henry Krapf, Birthday Remembrance** *by Ethel Krapf*

**Tues** Apr 4, 8:00 am Mass

† **Helen Doughty** *by Caroline Doughty*

† **Kate Voller** *by The Udal Family*

**Wed** Apr 5, 8:00 am Mass

† **Liam P. Boyce** *by His Family*

**HOLY THURSDAY** April 6,

No morning Mass

7:00 pm Holy Thursday Mass

**GOOD FRIDAY** April 7

No Adoration

2:30 pm Passion Walk inside St. Philip's

3:00 pm Service

6:00 pm Stations of the Cross



**All are invited for soup, in the Parish Center after Stations.**

**HOLY SATURDAY** April 8

11:00 Food Blessing in Center.

**No Confessions Today**

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

8:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass.

**EASTER SUNDAY** April 9

9:00 am Mass

**Mass Intentions: For the Parish**

11:00 am Mass

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*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 this week:**

**Easter offering for sick & infirmed Priests.**

**Coffee and Donuts in Parish Center after 9:00 am & before 11:00 am Sunday 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, Mike Schwartz, Skyler Sherman, Maureen Smith, Patrick Stenglein, Mason Studley, Ruth T., Phil Tripoli, Mary Jane Tynan, J.W., Terri Warren, Sara Zeumer.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** Carla Harrington

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

**CCD Class for All Students on Apr 2, 9:45 am.**

**CHOIR REHEARSAL** Sunday, April 2 at 6:30 pm.



**ADULT EDUCATION WITH ED CONLAN**

"Catholic Beliefs and Practices." Masks and social distancing requested. All are welcome. **Wed Apr 5, 10am.** Topic: Stations of the Cross.

**BOY SCOUTS:** Tues Apr 11, 7pm Parish Ctr.

**LADIES BIBLE STUDY** Tues Apr 18, 10am.

**BLESSED MOTHER'S STITCHERS:** Apr 25, 10am.

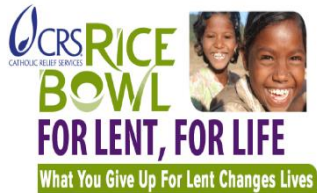
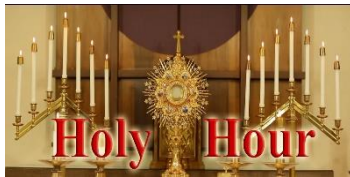
**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** April meeting is cancelled due to the celebration of Holy Week and Easter. Next Meeting May 2.



**LENTEN CROSS** Yellow crosses are for children, violet for adults. Each week read the back of a cross, then place it in the basket on the altar railing. 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.

## EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

at St. Philip the Apostle Church, Ashford, CT on Thursday, Apr 20, 2023, from 6-7 pm. Come pray for those who are called to priestly or consecrated religious life. Pray for our seminarians and those in the process of applying to the Diocese.



Please return your **RICE BOWLS** on Palm Sunday weekend, April 1 and 2, in the baskets in the vestibule of the church. *Thank you.*

NOTE: We are currently asking if you have children that are participating in the **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** program, please register your child now for 2023/2024.



Registration forms are in the vestibule of the church.



**NOTICE:** We are in need of volunteers to help with the planting, weeding and watering of flowers and plants throughout the growing season. If you are able to donate any time to help beautify our grounds, it will be greatly appreciated. Please call the Parish Office at 860-429-2860.

## GOOD FRIDAY PASSION WALK

Final rehearsal is Sunday, April 2 after the 11:00 am Mass. Please join us indoors at St. Philip's on Good Friday, April 7, at 2:30 pm for the Passion Walk.



## 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.

## 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.

## 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** 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. Bring your Rosary or use one provided. Text Donna @ 860-617-8567 for info.

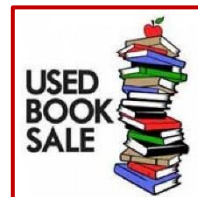


**CHRISM MASS:** All parishioners are invited to the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on Tues, Apr 4, 2023, at 10:30 am. The Sacred Chrism, oil mixed with sweet perfume, symbolizes the presence of the Holy Spirit. It will be used in the parishes of the Diocese of Norwich in the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. It is also used at the Ordination of Bishops and Priests and at the Dedication of a Church and altar. The Oil of the Sick is used to anoint those who are suffering from illness so that they may receive strength and healing, both physical and spiritual. The catechumens will be anointed with the Oil of Catechumens in preparation for their Baptism at the Easter Vigil. The Chrism Mass is a celebration of the entire local Church, and the subsequent use of the oils in the various parishes is a sign of unity among God's people.



**FREE:** Free children's winter coats from the Knights of Columbus. Please call the Parish Office if interested. Size 7: 2 coats in gray and black, size 10/12: 3 coats in green, pink, and gray.

St. Philip will hold its **ANNUAL BOOK SALE** May 6 through May 28, 2023. Sorting volunteers will start on April 3 in the afternoons. For more information please call Shirley Wright at 860-455-9829.





### You Can Make a Difference this Easter Season

Easter, a time for celebrating joy, new life, and hope. Many of us will spend Easter surrounded by friends and family. There will be love to fill our hearts and food to enjoy. However, for some this Easter, it is another day of hardship and longing for a positive change in life.

Every day, Catholic Charities, Diocese of Norwich makes a difference in the lives of people in need. Assisting individuals and families to raise themselves out of poverty, providing immediate relief with food and shelter in times of crisis; Catholic Charities always answers the call of the most vulnerable in our community.

Sacrifices that are made in love can change our community and the world. Over 2,000 years ago, a perfect Sacrifice made on a cross forever changed the future for all of us. Easter season, challenges us to follow Christ's example by making small acts of sacrificial love. By addressing these urgent needs, we serve as witnesses to the Gospel in the lives of those less fortunate.

Please consider making a Tax-Deductible Lenten gift to Catholic Charities, Diocese of Norwich.

By Mail: Catholic Charities Diocese of Norwich 331 Main Street, Norwich, CT 06360

Online: Visit <https://www.cfsn.org> and click on the donate button.

*You honor Christ by giving to those in need. Your support will make a difference in the lives of children, Veterans, families in need, senior citizens, homeless, people in recovery and those in crisis.*

Gratefully Yours in Christ,

Kathy Capon  
Interim Director  
Catholic Charities, Diocese of Norwich



### BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH INVITES YOU TO COME PRAY WITH US!

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY  
APRIL 16<sup>TH</sup> AT 3:00 PM  
ST. BERNARD CHURCH,  
ROCKVILLE  
& LIVE-STREAMED**

REFRESHMENTS AFTER IN THE HALL

*"The graces of My mercy are drawn by means of one vessel only, and that is trust." (St. Faustina Diary 1578)*

**On Divine Mercy Sunday, we will gather to recite the Divine Mercy Chaplet.**

Jesus said to St. Faustina that He wanted to make this Feast Day a special refuge and shelter for the consolation of souls. He would pour a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of His mercy on that day. This Feast Day is a continuation of the hope of Easter and the call to prayer.

**Please join us as we proclaim, "Jesus, I trust in you."**

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\$300 for a double-sized ad. Discount for an entire year is \$550 for a double ad. Funeral Homes will receive a triple-sized ad. Ads may be submitted each year in July and January to the Parish Office email: [stphilipstjude@gmail.com](mailto:stphilipstjude@gmail.com). If you or someone you know would like to advertise and support the Church bulletin, please let us know.



Please remove Christmas decorations at the cemetery before Easter (April 9<sup>th</sup>). Thank you.



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**APRIL**  
Is Child Abuse  
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*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  
Dancers East Lyme, CT

Refreshments & Fellowship Immediately  
Following the Concert in the Parish Hall

*\* Free Admission \**

**WOMEN'S RETREAT WEEKEND**

**JUNE 2-4, 2023. HOLY FAMILY PASSIONIST  
RETREAT CENTER, W. Hartford CT 860-760-**

**9705. Theme: A Missing Peace.** Peace is something we crave and seek, but rarely find for more than a short time. Through our prayer, presentations, and discussions, we can come closer to understanding how to achieve the peace that Jesus meant for us to have and to share in our families and in our world. The retreat begins with a buffet dinner 6-7:30 pm on Friday and concludes Sunday with the celebration of Mass at 10:45 am followed by brunch. Our retreat representative is Jeanne Monty. ***Two women from St. Philip will be attending, so far.***

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

Brothers in Christ is a gathering of men who share faith, personal experiences, and discussion. BIC fellowship meetings are held the second Thursday of the month either virtually or on-site. Thursday-April 13th, BIC will meet Virtually from 7pm – 7:45pm. If you are interested in developing fellowship and discipleship with other men devoted to Christ, please register by email Liza Roach at [lroach@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:lroach@norwichdiocese.net) or call (860)848-2237 ex. 305.

**VIRTUAL ROSARY FOR HEALING AND  
PREVENTION OF CHILD ABUSE**

On April 25th at 3pm online, the Office of Faith Events will be praying the Rosary for the healing and prevention of child abuse. Please join us:

Meeting link: <https://bit.ly/3FVpCJ2>

Meeting number: 2634 976 6938

Password: Mary

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

Access code: 2634 976 6938

**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 April 18th, please join us:

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

Meeting number: 132 917 2663

Password: Rosary

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

Access code: 132 917 2663

**VIRTUAL BINGO FOR ALL AGES**

The Office of Faith Events invites people of all ages to participate in Virtual Bingo! Bingo will take place on Sunday, April 30th from 3:30 – 5pm. You will receive your cards online, mark them and even remark them for the next game or you can print them and play. Through video conferencing, we will call the numbers and play different BINGO games from regular bingo, double bingo, picture frame, and finally black out! It will be great fun with lots of gift certificates for prizes! The cost is \$6 per card for the whole Bingo event! To register for your Bingo card, go to: <https://bit.ly/2Laol7Y> or call Marianne at 860-848-2237 ex. 304.



**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.

**NORWICH** – The Most Rev. Michael R. Cote, President of Catholic Charities Diocese of Norwich, Inc., has announced the appointment of Kathleen Capon, MSW, as Interim Director of Catholic Charities following the resignation of Susan Connelly on March 17, 2023, as Chief Operations Officer.

Ms. Connelly stated in her letter of resignation: "It has been a privilege to have had the opportunity to have helped so many people in our communities and wish only the best for Catholic Charities." Bishop Cote expressed his gratitude to Ms. Connelly for her faithful and outstanding service to Catholic Charities since 2016.

Kathleen Capon has been a member of Catholic Charities Board of Directors since September 2021. Bishop Cote stated, "I am thankful to Mrs. Capon for accepting my request to assume the interim leadership responsibilities dependent on the appointment of an Executive Director.

Catholic Charities responds to Christ's call to care for those of all faiths, who are in need, by providing compassionate social services for individuals and families living in the Diocese of Norwich (New London, Norwich, Middletown, Tolland Counties). For information on the position of Executive Director of Catholic Charities Diocese of Norwich, Inc., please contact: Search Committee, Catholic Charities Diocese of Norwich, Inc., 331 Main St., Norwich, CT 06360.

### **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.

**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!!

### **WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

Philippians 2:6-11- "Christ, though he was in the form of God did not regard equality with God. Rather he emptied himself...humbled himself." At times we need to empty ourselves of sin and be humble with our spouse." God will reward our relationship as we express our love and communicate better with our spouse. Isaiah 50 says, "The Lord God has given me a well-trained tongue." Check out a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience and learn the tools to enrich your relationship. You can find marriage encounter experiences online.

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://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>

### **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.

### **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).

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

Does the priest do the transubstantiation? Although the priest, who is the representative of Christ among the worshipping assembly, prays the words at Mass, the power to make the change in substance belongs to God alone. No human being can effect this mysterious transformation, but only the power of God's Holy Spirit working through the priest. This is clear in the Eucharistic prayer when, before the narrative of Jesus' actions at the Last Supper, the priest invokes the power of the Holy Spirit to "make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray, by sending down your Spirit upon them like dewfall, so that they may become the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ." St. John of Chrysostom explains that "It is not the priest who is responsible for the offerings as they become Christ's body and blood; it is Christ himself who was crucified for us. The priest speaks these words. The power and the grace belong to God. 'This is my body,' he says. And these words transform the offerings." Or as St. John Damascene asks "How can bread become Christ and wine his blood?" I answer: "The power of the Holy Spirit will be at work to give us a marvel which surpasses understanding." *Used with permission from God's Real Presence, by Steve Mueller. Published by Living with Christ. All rights reserved.*

### **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.

### **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.

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

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.



**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.

## **“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](http://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.

## **LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC CDs: We have lots**

**of CDs** you can trust to provide correct Catholic teaching. Thank you for all your donations that help to keep the program going. Contact Donna Vertefeuille: 860-429-4508 or email [donna@vertefeuille.org](mailto:donna@vertefeuille.org).



**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](http://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.

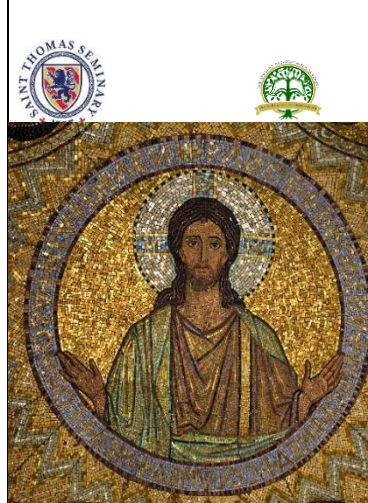
## **PARENTS DIVORCING AND/OR RESOLVING CHILD CUSTODY ISSUES**

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@aothct.org](mailto:catholic.biblical.school@aothct.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



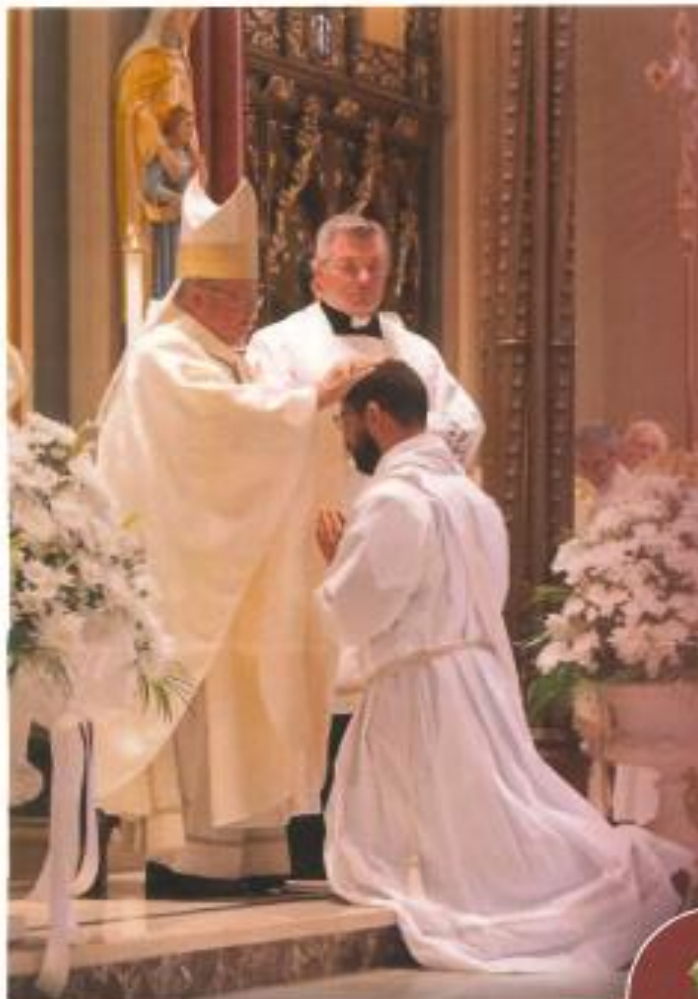
*Since 2002, the Catholic Church in the U.S.A. has followed a set of rules initiated by the bishops of the country and approved by the Vatican for dealing with sexual abuse of minors by priests or deacons: The Essential Norms for Diocesan/Eparchial Policies Dealing with Allegations of Sexual Abuse of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



## 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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