

# 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

*St. Philip's is Handicap Accessible*



**April 16, 2023**  
**Divine Mercy Sunday**  
 † **Mass Schedule and Intentions** †

**Sat** April 15, 3:30-4:00 pm Confession

**Sat** April 15, 4:30 pm Mass

**For our Parish**

**Sun** April 16, 9:00 am Mass

**For the continued growth of the Children's Rosary Prayer Group by the Parish**

**Sun** April 16, 11:00 am Mass

† **Ruth Yulo** by *Ralph Yulo*

† **Edward Borowski, Sr., Birthday Remembrance**  
 by *His Daughter*

**Tues** April 18, 8:00 am Mass

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

**Wed** April 19, 8:00 am Mass

† **Charles Lennerton, Birthday Remembrance**  
 by *His Wife Marie*

**Thurs** April 20, 8:00 am Mass

**Raymond McCaughey for His Health and Wellbeing**

**Thurs** April 20, 6:00 pm **HOLY HOUR for Vocations**

**Fri** April 21, 8:00 am Mass *St. Anselm*

**For the Sick of Our Parish**

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

**Sat** April 22, 3:30-4:00 pm Confession

**Sat** April 22, 4:30 pm Mass

**Sun** April 23, 9:00 am Mass

**Sun** April 23, 11:00 am Mass

† **Edward Mas** by *Ralph Yulo*

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



**Please note:** If during Mass you need the Eucharist brought to you, please raise your hand after Communion so the Eucharistic Minister can bring Communion to you at your seat.

**Coffee and Donuts in Parish Center after 9:00 am & before 11:00 am Sunday Mass!**



Church open: Mon-Thurs, 9:30-2:30 & Fri Adoration.  
**Office will close at 2:15 pm, on Thurs, Apr 20<sup>th</sup>.**

The intention for 04/12/2023 for Susan Boyce should have read "belated birthday gift."  
 Sorry for the error.



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



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



**FLAG MEMORIAL FOR APRIL**  
**Edward Borowski, Sr.**  
 4/9/1920 – 11/5/2010  
 Army Veteran  
 Served honorably in WWII  
 Father of Marsha Peters

**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, Bob Ogden, Laura P., M.P., Terry Perkins, Pauline Picard, Emil Poirier, Heather Poulin, Dawn Pringle, Patrick Pringle, Karen Ravenelle, Mike Schwartz, Skyler Sherman, Maureen Smith, Patrick Stenglein, Mason Studley, Mary Jane Tynan, J.W., Terri Warren, Sara Zeumer.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** Carla Harrington

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

**1<sup>st</sup> Communion Students only, Apr 16, 9:45 am.**



**CHOIR REHEARSAL: Sundays, April 23 & 30 at 6:30 pm**

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

**BOY SCOUTS:** Tues Apr 18, 7pm Parish Ctr.

**ADULT EDUCATION WITH ED CONLAN**

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

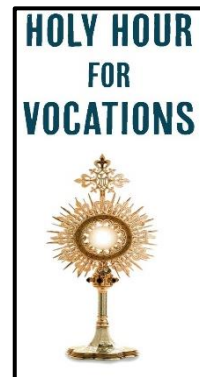
**Wed Apr 19, 10am.** Topic: Benediction.

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

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** Next Meeting May 2.

**Please join us for a EUCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS**

at St. Philip the Apostle Church, Ashford, CT on **Thursday, April 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.



Congratulations to **Bob & Marion Ogden** on their 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on April 20<sup>th</sup>, by the Family.

We would like to congratulate **Randall Owen** who received the Sacrament of Baptism at St. Philip the Apostle Church at the Easter Vigil on April 8, 2023.





## A MOTHER'S DAY REMEMBRANCE

There are Mother's Day Offering envelopes available to remember your Mother (living or deceased) this Mother's Day. Please return the envelopes before Mass begins on the weekend of **May 13/14<sup>th</sup>**. The envelopes will be placed on the Altar on Mother's Day weekend as a special way to honor them at those Masses. You may include an offering, but it is not necessary.



NOTE: 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.

## 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.

## 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 with our families and 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.**

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.



**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.



Please remove Christmas decorations at the cemetery before spring clean-up. Thank you.

OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE PARISH  
Haitian Ministry

APRIL 22<sup>nd</sup> APRIL 22<sup>nd</sup>



## WINE & FOOD PAIRING to benefit HAITI

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Tickets: \$40 per Person

**TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE**  
(no tickets sold at door)

Call: Lou Friedrich - (860) 872-4189; Denise Pillion - (860) 617-3642

Come Have Fun, Enjoy A Taste of Wine

Other Beverages Also Available (Coffee, Tea, Soda)

## ST. PHILIP WILL HOLD ITS ANNUAL BOOK SALE

May 6 – May 28, 2023.

Sorting volunteers are needed in the afternoons. For more info, please call Shirley Wright: 860-455-9829.

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## YOU CAN HELP YOUR MARRIAGE


If communication in your marriage is a struggle, or things have become troubled, unloving, or uncaring, the Retrouvaille program can help. Retrouvaille provides tools to help you communicate better, resolve conflicts and rediscover why you fell in love. The next local weekend is May 5-7, 2023. For information, call confidentially 1-800-470-2230, email [helds4marriage@gmail.com](mailto:helds4marriage@gmail.com) or go to our website [www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.org).

## VIRTUAL ROSARY FOR HEALING AND PREVENTION OF CHILD ABUSE

On April 25<sup>th</sup> 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

APRIL  
Is Child Abuse  
Prevention Month





**'GETTING TO KNOW YOU'**  
APRIL 28 & 29, 2023  
7:30 PM

**Windham Theatre Guild**, 779 Main St, Willimantic, CT 06226, (860) 423-2245, will present a concert called "**Getting to Know You**" held on Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>,

both days at 7:30 P.M. We will be singing songs from "Fiddler on the Roof", "Mary Poppins", "The King and I" and "Hamilton". Performers include St. Philip parishioners. [info@windhamtheatreguild.org](mailto:info@windhamtheatreguild.org)



**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."**

**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 18<sup>th</sup>, 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

**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.

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## St. Philip Easter Flowers 2023



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Eleanor Kuhar	Intention Unspecified
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Eileen Nye	Richard, Grace & Thomas Murphy
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Judith Ouellette	Carl Ouellette, Jean Daniel
Mr. & Mrs. Randall Owen	Intention Unspecified
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Mr. John Patton	Intention Unspecified
M. Rocco Petrella	Intention Unspecified
Mrs. Ann M. Phillips	In Memory of Pudelkiewicz, Pliska, Kelly & Phillips Families
Mrs. Pauline A. Picard	Rene Picard, Brenda Picard, Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Sorel, Mr. & Mrs. Wildor Picard
Mr. & Mrs. V.P. Piecyk	Bradley, Piecyk Families, Brecka, Tardiff Families
Mr. & Mrs. Chris Reiser	Barbara Morowski, The Reiser Family, Donald Prussia
Mr. & Mrs. Roger Roberge	Intention Unspecified
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Ms. Libby Single	Intention Unspecified
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Sheila Taylor	Renee Delisle, Odette Delisle, Georgette Delisle, Henry Delisle
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Thompson	Intention Unspecified
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John & Elaine Whipple, III	Intention Unspecified
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Barbara Zulick	John Zulick, Miriam and Hazel Yauch, Andrew & Irene Zulick

If you notice misspellings or omissions, please notify the office so that our list can be corrected.



**VIRTUAL BINGO FOR ALL AGES** The Office of Faith Events invites people of all ages to participate in Virtual Bingo on Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 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.

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.

**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.

**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 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>

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

But what about the accidents of the bread and wine? The change in the substance does not affect the accidents at all. After the consecration, the shape, color, taste- everything except the substance- remains exactly the same. There is no way by analyzing the bread and wine for example though chemistry or atomic analysis, to discover any difference. So we cannot just "take a good look" at the consecrated bread and wine and conclude that they have undergone a change of substance. Only our "eyes of faith" can perceive the change. As St. Francis of Assisi reminds us, "Just as Christ appeared before the holy apostles in true flesh, so now he has us see him in the sacred bread. Looking at him with the eyes of their flesh, they saw only his flesh, but regarding him with the eyes of the spirit, they believed that he was God. In like manner, as we see bread and wine with our bodily eyes, let us see and believe firmly that it is his most holy body and blood, true and living." St. Cyril of Jerusalem also teaches us that "Since Christ himself said in reference to the bread: 'This is my body,' who will dare remain hesitant? And since with equal clarity he asserted: 'This is my blood,' who will dare entertain any doubt and say that this is not his blood? You have been taught these truths. Imbued with the certainty of faith, you know that what seems to be bread is not bread but the body of Christ, although it seems to be bread when tasted. You also know that what seems to be wine is not wine but the blood of Christ although it does taste like wine." Used with permission from God's Real Presence, by Steve Mueller. Published by Living with Christ. All rights reserved.

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## **Worldwide Marriage Encounter - Happy Easter!**

**Divine Mercy Sunday!** ACTS 2:42-47: "They DEVOTED themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, the breaking of the bread... Many wonders and signs were done ..." As you devote your life to God and to your SPOUSE, you will see many miracles, wonders, and a renewal in your relationship. One way to devote your life to God and your spouse is to sign up and attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. You will learn new ways/tools to renew and revitalize your relationship.

June 2-4, 2023 in Upton, MA

Jun 23-25, and Sept 22-24, 2023 in Huntington, NY

August 11-13, 2023 in CT

October 20-22, 2023 in VT

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 information or to apply, call Frank & Margie Pearson at 860-337-2447 or <https://wwmectw.org/>.

## **Pregnant? Need help? CATHOLIC CHARITIES**

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

**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.

**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>.

## **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.

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.



## **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.

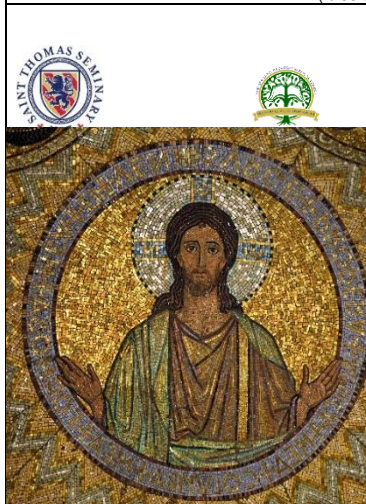
## **PARENTS DIVORCING AND/OR RESOLVING CHILD CUSTODY ISSUES**

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@aohct.org](mailto:catholic.biblical.school@aohct.org)

# St. Vincent de Paul Place May Raffle

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The pandemic-era SNAP benefits (food stamps) that have helped so many vulnerable families cope have recently been cut, on average \$90 per month. For seniors and the underemployed, these cuts are even more drastic, resulting in a new groundswell of food insecurity. **We're bracing for a 10% increase in requests for food, hygiene, and other services.**

Your ticket purchase means you'll make a difference in the lives of countless people experiencing these difficult financial times.



Stop by SVdPP or

*Scan to get tickets!*

**A prize winner will be chosen 2pm daily in May!**

Raffle sponsored by St. Vincent de Paul Place  
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All entrants are eligible for each daily drawing. Ticket holder does not need to be present to win. Gift cards may not be redeemed for alcoholic beverages.

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ANNOUNCING AN UPCOMING RETROUVAILLE  
**MARRIAGE HELP PROGRAM**



**MARRIAGE HELP PROGRAM**  
**WEEKEND DATE: May 5<sup>th</sup>- 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
Location: Hotel near Bradley International Airport

**NO LONGER FEELING HAPPY IN YOUR MARRIAGE?  
MANY COUPLES CONTINUE TO STRUGGLE IN THEIR MARRIAGE  
BUT ARE NOT WILLING TO GIVE UP ON EACH OTHER.  
THERE IS HOPE!**

If you are reading this, it is time to make a change. Ask your spouse to consider attending a Retrouvaille program. Retrouvaille is a communication-focused program designed to help struggling marriages. After the initial weekend, there are a series of weekly sessions that continue to help a husband and a wife rediscover the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is an international peer-based Christian ministry and is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT REGISTRATION TEAM: CHERYL & STEVE AT

1-800-470-2230 OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE: **HELPOURMARRIAGE.ORG**

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*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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Contact:

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