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**MOST REVEREND  
MICHAEL R. COTE, D.D.**

April 20, 2023

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we prepare to support our annual diocesan Seminary Education Fund Collection, I would like to thank you for your constant generosity to the formation of those young men discerning and preparing to serve our Diocese of Norwich for years to come. I hear from so many of you that you are praying for vocations daily at home and in your parish churches in the presence of Our Lord. These prayers are the foundation of the work that we do in creating a culture of discerning vocation for all young people in our Diocese.

As you are no doubt, well-aware, the cost of seminary education requires the support of our entire diocesan family in order to prepare those who are called by Our Lord for this sacred ministry. **This year we will take the Annual Seminary Education Fund Appeal in your local parish the weekend of May 6-7.** I thank you in advance for your generosity.

We currently have four men studying at Mount Saint Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, MD. They will be returning home to the diocese next month to serve in parishes for the summer. Please remember Julian Cuervo-Lozado, Eric Hosmer and Alex Pandolfe in your prayers as they prepare for their ordination to the Order of Deacons in our Cathedral of St. Patrick on Saturday, June 3, 2023. You are most welcome to attend this joyful Mass of Ordination.

We have several other men who are discerning and applying to the Diocese of Norwich for consideration as candidates for priestly formation. Please support them with your prayers during this essential time in their lives.

Once again I thank you for your generosity in prayer and financial support of those who have been called by Our Lord for this sacred service. These young men are most appreciative of your support and assure me of their prayers for you and for our Diocese of Norwich. May Our Lady, Queen of Heaven carry our prayers to her beloved son and may he richly reward our efforts in service to His Church.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Norwich

# ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

64 Pompey Hollow Rd., Ashford, CT 06278



**Father Michael Giannitelli, Pastor**  
Cell: 860-334-5306 (for emergencies only)

## **TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

Main Office	860-429-2860
Parish FAX	860-429-2860
Deacon Chris Deskus (Cell)	860-490-1539
Ann Phillips	Secretary
Patricia LaBonte	Bookkeeper
Paula Vincent	Bulletin Editor

## **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 30, 2023

Fourth Sunday of Easter

†Mass Schedule and Intentions†

Readings start on page 866 in St. Augustine Hymnal

Sat April 29, 3:30-4:00 pm Confession
Sat April 29, 4:30 pm Mass: St. Catherine of Siena

In gratitude for those who have made Easter beautiful at St. Philip. For their intentions

Sun April 30, 9:00 am Mass
For those who labor so lovingly here at St. Philip

Sun April 30, 11:00 am Mass
For the well-being and in recognition of the generosity of our parishioners

Tues May 2, 8:00 am Mass: St. Athanasius
† Mary L. Chamberlain by The Udal Family

Wed May 3, 8:00 am Mass: Saints Philip and James
For the Sick of Our Parish

Thurs May 4, 8:00 am Mass
† Liam P. Boyce by His Family

Thurs, May 4, 5-6 pm, National Day of Prayer
at Ashford Veteran's Memorial on Tremko lane



Fri May 5, 8:00 am Mass
Caroline Wilcox for Her Well-being
by Caroline Doughty

ADORATION following Mass; Benediction 12:00 noon

Sat May 6, 3:30-4:00 pm Confession
Sat May 6, 4:30 pm Mass

† Ida Jaskulka by David & Deren Dagon

Sun May 7, 9:00 am Mass
Sun May 7, 11:00 am Mass

1st Communion at 11:00 am Mass
If you have a Mass Intention for a loved one, please bring up the gifts during that Mass.

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



Coffee and Donuts in Parish Center after 9:00 am & before 11:00 am Sunday Mass!
Church open: Mon-Thurs, 9:30-2:30 & Fri Adoration.



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



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.



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.



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.

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.

1st Communion Students only, Apr 30, 9:45 am. First Holy Communion will be on Sunday, May 7th at the 11:00 am Mass.

NO CHOIR REHEARSAL ON SUNDAY, APRIL 30.



The CHOIR WILL REHEARSE on MONDAY, MAY 1 at 6:00 P.M. downstairs in the ASHFORD TOWN HALL, Followed by Ashford Choraliers rehearsal at 6:30.

ADULT EDUCATION WITH ED CONLAN

Ed Conlan's Wednesday morning adult Bible study class has ended for this year and will reconvene in September. We will be studying Our Lord's Parables. All are welcome.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY Tues May 2, 10am.

Ladies Bible study will be starting, "The Holy Spirit" by Fr Mitch Pacwa @ our May 2nd meeting.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Tues May 2, 7 pm.

BOY SCOUTS Tues May 9, 7pm Parish Ctr.

BLESSED MOTHER'S STITCHERS May 30, 10am.

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 13/14th. 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.



## 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.**

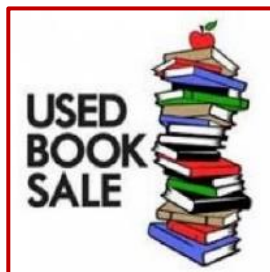
Join us Sunday mornings for the **Children's Rosary Prayer Group** at 8:30 am. Led by

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.



## 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.



## 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)



## 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).

### Holy Family Summer Day Camp 2023

Theme: Catch the Fire

A five-day summer day camp for girls, ages 9-15

Dates: Monday, July 24, to Friday, July 28

Times: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Place: Holy Family Motherhouse

Sisters of Charity of Our Lady Mother of the Church

54 West Main Street, Baltic, CT 06330

Cost: \$275.00 per camper/Family discounts for more than one camper!

Come join us for a wonderful spiritual experience and lots of fun!

Contact: Sister Mary Kathleen, SCMC 860- 887-4363 or

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

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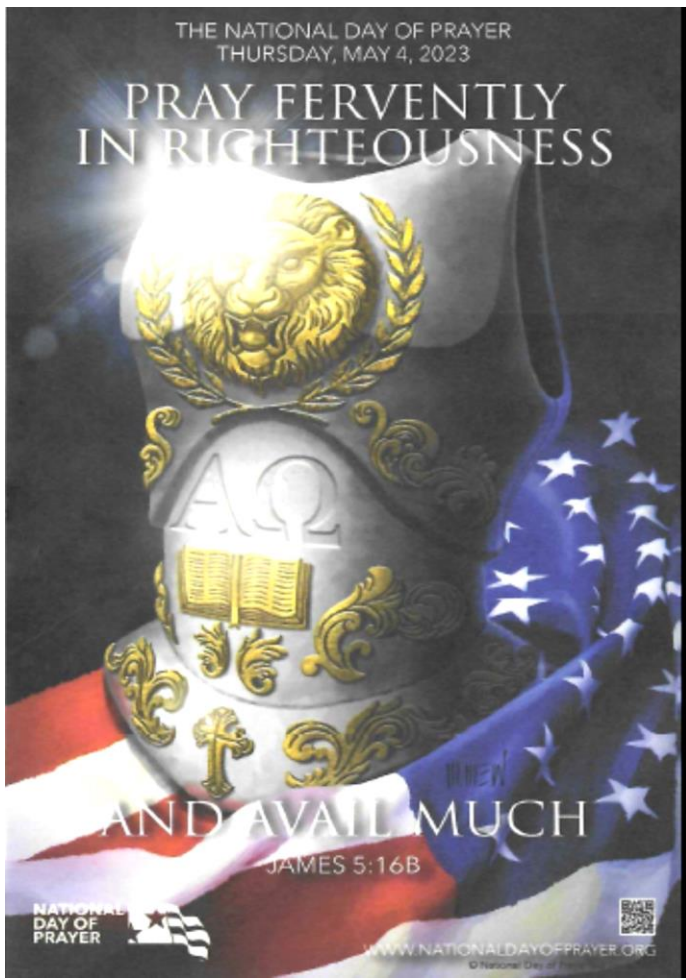
860-822-8241

All forms will be available on our website:

[www.sistersofcharity.com](http://www.sistersofcharity.com)

**ANNULMENT WORKSHOP** ~ If you are a divorced Catholic who would like to know more about annulments or is considering beginning the annulment process but aren't quite sure what it is or how to go about doing so, consider attending this informational workshop **Wednesday, May 24 from 7-8:30 P.M. at St. Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Church Hall, Groton, 69 Long Point Rd., Groton.** Rev. Jeffrey Ellis from the Diocesan Marriage Tribunal will be there to answer questions and explain the numerous aspects of the annulment process. For more information, contact the Catholic Family Services Office at 860-848-2237, Ext 312.

**Diocesan Pro-Life Mass** at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on Saturday, May 6 at 8:30 A.M. Please join our celebrant Rev. Martin Noe at Mass as we pray to end abortion and for healing for those who have had an abortion. Following the Mass, the Rachel Rosary will be prayed at the Cathedral. Refreshments in the Cathedral Hall will follow the Rosary this month.



God's People Praying  
Together  
National Day  
Of  
Prayer

Thursday, May 5, 2023  
5:00-6:00 pm  
Ashford Veterans Memorial  
Tremko Lane, Ashford  
Across route 44 from Town Hall

In everything by prayer and supplication, with  
thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to  
God  
Philippians 4: 6

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**Banns of Ordination**

The following seminarians will be ordained to the  
Order of Deacon on Saturday, June 3, 2023:

- Mr. Julian Cuervo
- Mr. Eric Hosmer
- Mr. Alexander Pandolfe

Should you know of any reason why these men  
should not be ordained a deacon,  
please write to:

**The Most Reverend Michael R. Cote**  
**Bishop of Norwich**  
**201 Broadway**  
**Norwich, CT 06360**



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## ADVERTISE IN OUR BULLETIN

\$200 for six months for a small ad. (See above).  
\$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.

**COUPLES' HAPPY HOUR** – The next virtual Couples' Happy Hour will be Friday, May 12 from 7-8 P.M. Make your couple relationship a priority by joining other couples for an evening that will include a presentation on a topic relevant to today's couples. Couples will have time to share privately on questions pertinent to the night's topic. To register, call Mary-Jo McLaughlin at 860-848-2237, Ext. 312, or email her at [mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net). If you have registered for past Happy Hours, you will automatically receive a link for the May hour.

**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.

## **SAINT EDWARD LADIES GUILD POLISH DINNER**

**Saturday, May 20, 2023**



**St. Edward Hall  
27 Church Street**

**Stafford Springs, CT 06076**

**Dinner served at 5:15**

**Donation: \$15.00 per person**

**For Tickets call Pat at 860-306-9419  
or at the parish office, 860-684-2705**

## **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.

## **PENTECOST VIGIL MASS & YOUNG ADULT SOCIAL**

Calling all young adults 18-39 years old! Join Frassati New Haven and Crossroads 4 Christ as they gather for the annual Pentecost Vigil Mass and Young Adult Social on Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup>! Pray together for the coming of the Holy Spirit and meet new friends from across the state. The evening will take place at St. Joseph Church (129 Edwards Street, New Haven) and will include a Holy Hour at 6:30pm, the Pentecost Vigil Mass at 7:30pm, and a young adult social to follow with bonfires and s'mores. Mass will be celebrated by The Most Reverend Archbishop Leonard P. Blair. All are welcome to join!



**PENTECOST**  
HOLY HOUR 6:30 PM  
VIGIL MASS 7:30 PM  
with Archbishop Leonard P. Blair  
followed by  
YOUNG ADULT SOCIAL + BONFIRE + S'MORES  
**SATURDAY MAY 27TH**  
St. Joseph's Church | 129 Edwards Street | New Haven

FRASSATI NEW HAVEN CROSSROADS4CHRIST

## **Worldwide Marriage Encounter - I Am The GATE.**

John 10: 7-10: "I am the gate for the sheep. Whoever enters through me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. I have come in order that you might have life-life in all its fullness." Enter that Gate by bringing your spouse on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. There you will find the green pasture, and Jesus will give your relationship new life-life in all its fullness.

June 2-4, 2023 in Upton, MA

Jun 23-25 and Sep 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 more information or to apply, call Frank & Margie Pearson at 860-337-2447 or <https://wwmectw.org/>.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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).



**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.

### **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.

### **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-May 11<sup>th</sup>, BIC will meet Virtually from 7pm – 7:45pm. In May, Fr. Jacob Ramos will be the speaker. 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 Project Rachel Rosary**

The third Tuesday 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 May 16th, 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

## **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.

**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).

**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.

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.



**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>.

**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!?**

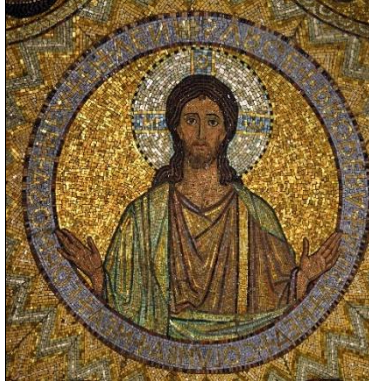
Catholic Charities is a SNAP Outreach agency. We help with SNAP applications and redetermination of benefits in all four offices. For assistance, please contact a Catholic Charities office near you:

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)

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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](https://www.helpourmarriage.org)

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# Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia-Related Illness & Aging: Healthy Brain and Healthy Body

*Sponsored by the Caregiver Spirituality Ministry-Office of Faith Events*



**Please join us for a morning of  
information and sharing- 9am-12pm!**

**\*Refreshments provided\***

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER: The Alzheimer Association's  
Eastern Region Director of Education and Outreach**

**May 10<sup>th</sup>- St. Sebastian Church, 155 Washington St, Middletown**

**May 24<sup>th</sup>- St. Mary Church, 218 Providence St, Putnam**

**June 6<sup>th</sup>- St. Mary of the Visitation Church, 54 Grove St, Clinton**

**June 13<sup>th</sup>- St. Mary Mother of the Redeemer Church, Groton Long Point Rd, Groton**

**Please call to register at 860-848-2237, ext. 304 or register  
online at [manicholas@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:manicholas@norwichdiocese.net)**



# Couples Happy Hour

Make your Couple relationship a priority this year and join other couples for an uplifting 'Couples Happy Hour'

May 12, 2023, from 7- 8 PM

*We will meet the second Friday, every other month afterward*



*Be inspired by different perspectives about romance, relationships, and family life.  
Each evening will present topics relevant to today's couples with time for  
each couple to share privately among themselves.*

The Couples Happy Hour is a free virtual program sponsored by the Norwich Diocese Catholic Family Services Office

To register, call Mary-Jo McLaughlin at 860-848-2237. EXT. 312  
or email her at [mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net)

*(If you have registered for past Happy Hours, you will automatically receive a link for the May hour.)*

# St. Vincent de Paul Place May Raffle

## 31 CHANCES FOR 31 PRIZES!

### PRIZES INCLUDE

#### Gift Cards:

Mystic Soup Co.  
These Guys Brewing  
Queen Bee's Oil  
Ideal Skate Shop  
Epicure Brewing  
Harp & Dragon  
Billy Wilson's Ageing Still  
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Dexter's Smoothie Coffee Vault  
Big Y World Class Market  
Brick & Basil  
The Royal Punjabi  
Dick's Sporting Goods  
Hyde's Home & Farm  
McKenna's Flower Shop  
Michael Jordan's Steakhouse  
Via Emilia Ristorante  
Le Creuset  
S&P Oyster Restaurant and Bar

#### Other Great Prizes:

A Painting by Linda Casey  
Ties from the  
Dan Topalls Fashion Collection  
A Painting by  
Green Apple Artist, Christen Brewer  
2 Rounds of Golf at  
the Mohegan Sun Golf Club  
An Overnight Stay for 2  
at the Norwich Inn & Spa

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  
120 Cliff St. Norwich, CT 860-889-7374

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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## Meet the Starting Line Up

*Franciscan Sports Banquet and Silent Auction*

**Benefiting *Franciscan Life Center and Franciscan Home Care and hospice Care***

*Aqua Turf Club*

*June 6, 2023*

**Honoring**

**Mike “Coach K” and Mickie Krzyzewski**

*Saint Francis and Saint Clare Honorees*



**Bill Ghio**

*President, WMG & Sons  
Franchisee of Dunkin' Donuts  
Jim Calhoun Community Service Award*

**Tim Tolokan**

*Retired Associate Director  
of Athletics UCONN  
Dean of Sports Award*

**Gretchen Rossi**

*Public Relations Director  
Franciscan Life Center and Franciscan  
Home Care and Hospice Care  
Mother Shaun Appreciation Award*

**Athletes, Special Olympics Connecticut**

***Join us for a Great Evening!***

**Reservations required. Cost \$75.00/person. Call 203-237-8084 or visit [franciscansportsbanquet.org](http://franciscansportsbanquet.org) to register.**

*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.*

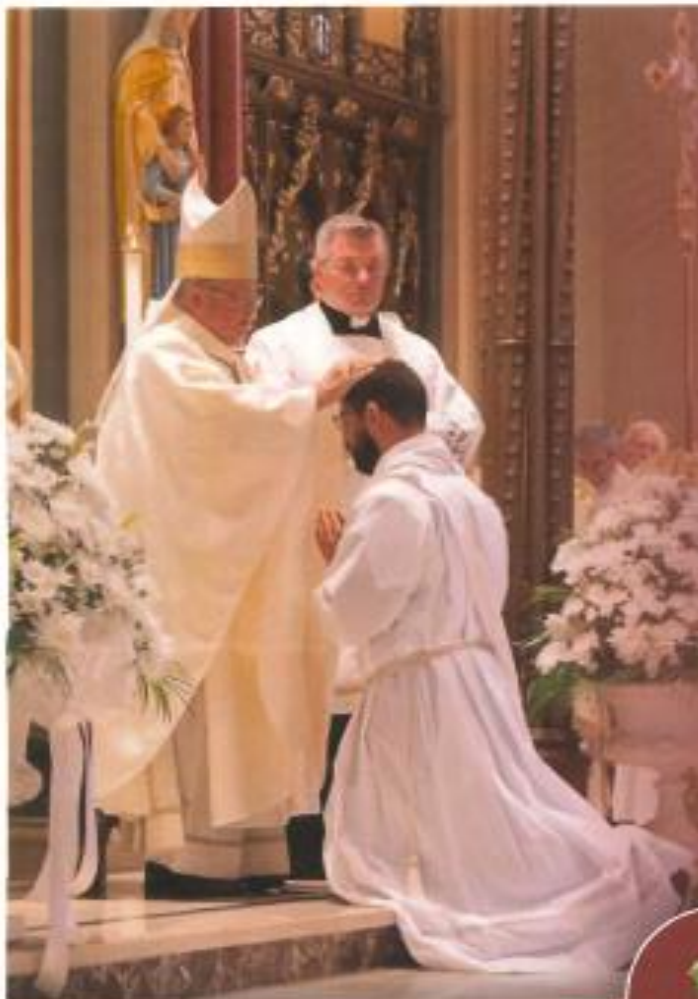
## Every U.S. diocese/eparchy is required...

- 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



Mr. Julian Cuervo  
3rd Theology  
Mount Saint Mary  
Seminary



Mr. Eric Hosmer  
3rd Theology  
Mount Saint Mary  
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