

ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

64 Pompey Hollow Rd., Ashford, CT 06278



Father Michael Giannitelli, Pastor

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TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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| 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

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

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

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

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| 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

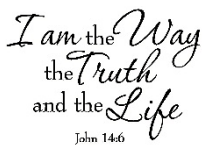
SACRAMENTS

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



May 7, 2023
Fifth Sunday of Easter
Mass Schedule and Intentions

Readings start on page 868 in St. Augustine Hymnal

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
† Irene Z. Bergen by the Zulick family
Sun May 7, 11:00 am Mass FIRST COMMUNION
For those receiving First Communion today

Tues May 9, 8:00 am Mass
For the Intentions of Pope Francis
Wed May 10, 8:00 am Mass: St. John of Avila and St. Damien de Veuster

For Our Parish
Thurs May 11, 8:00 am Mass
For the Sick of Our Parish

Fri May 12, 8:00 am Mass: St. Nereus & St. Achilleus, St. Pancras
† James Hurley, Jr. by Jim & Cecile Hurley
John Siegal for His Well-being by Caroline Doughty
ADORATION following Mass; Benediction 12:00 noon

Sat May 13, 3:30-4:00 pm Confession
Sat May 13, 4:30 pm Mass
Sun May 14, 9:00 am Mass
† Raymond Delorme by the Family
Sun May 14, 11:00 am Mass
† Liam P. Boyce by Dad & Mom
† Stanislawa Markiewicz by Daughter, Anna

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 12:30pm on Wed, May 10.



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



2nd collection today: Seminary Education Fund.



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.

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.

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



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Carla Harrington
Email: carlaharrington8@gmail.com
First Holy Communion will be on Sunday, May 7th at the 11:00 am Mass.

Please pray for our communicants:
Adaleia Rose Rovozzo Anthony Michael Tilley
Brian Patrick Fulco, II Patrick Jozef Tilley
Emanuele Nicolas Camilli
Charlotte Grace McCutcheon
Carmen Joanna Owen-Escobar



Ashford Choraliers Rehearsals:
Mondays May 8, 15, & 22 at 6:30 P.M. downstairs in the Ashford Town Hall.

ADULT EDUCATION WITH ED CONLAN
Ed Conlan's Wednesday morning adult Bible study class will reconvene in September.

BOY SCOUTS Tues May 9, 7pm Parish Ctr.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY Tues May 16, 10am. Ladies Bible study will be starting, 'The Holy Spirit' by Fr. Mitch Pacwa @ our May 2nd meeting.

BLESSED MOTHER'S STITCHERS May 30, 10am.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Tues June 6, 7 pm.

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.



We would like to thank **Mark Sheldon** for volunteering his time to add railings and a deck to the Grotto to make it safer. The Knights of Columbus and proceeds from the Book Sale have been offered to cover the cost of materials.

2023 ACA update: As of May 1, 2023, St. Philip the Apostle Parish, Ashford has donated \$17,114.94, or 58.66% of its goal, and 19.55% of our parishioners have donated. We are striving for as close to 100% participation as possible. **THERE IS STILL TIME TO DONATE!** Our campaign year ends December 31, 2023. With your donation, our ACA supported ministries do the work of Christ every day. If you have not made your contribution to the 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal, "**One Faith, One Family**," or would like to make an additional gift, donation envelopes are still available within the church or you can contact the Development Office at (860) 886-1928 or go online to www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org. Thank you to everyone for your support!

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.

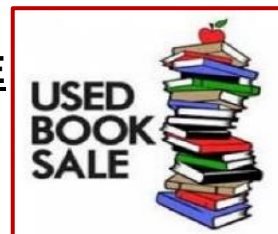


Join us Sunday mornings for the **Children's Rosary Prayer Group** at 8:30 am. Led by children, the Rosary is a powerful prayer, second only to the Mass. Our Lady wants our children and parishioners to know how to pray and experience the powerful strength and graces of the Rosary. The group is geared 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 THE APOSTLE ANNUAL BOOK SALE

May 6 – May 28, 2023.
Weekdays: 2-7pm.
Weekends: 8am-7pm.



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 srmmarykathleen@gmail.com
or Sister Rafael, SCMC 860-822-8241
All forms will be available on our website: www.sistersofcharity.com

THE PARISH FLAGPOLE is available through the



kindness of some of our parishioners. Any parishioner is invited to fly a flag in honor and memory of their family member, for one month. To participate, please call Ann at 860-429-2860, Mon-Thur. You will be asked to present a summary of your loved one's service to our country to be posted in the box to the right of the flagpole during the month their flag is being flown. Please present this to the office one week prior to the flag being raised for the month. The family will then receive a certificate noting the date of the flag being flown with month, year, and the Church seal. Thank you to all our veterans who have served, living, and deceased.

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\$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. If you or someone you know would like to advertise and support the Church bulletin, please let us know.

WOMEN'S RETREAT WEEKEND JUNE 2-4, 2023.
HOLY FAMILY PASSIONIST RETREAT CENTER, W. Hartford CT 860-760-9705. Theme: A Missing Peace. 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.**

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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DIocese of Norwich Virtual Summer Mission.

The Virtual Summer Mission will begin on Wednesday, May 31st and continues weekly through June 14th from 7:00 – 7:45pm. Our speaker is Lori Dalhoff, EdD. Lori has served in Catholic parish, school, and diocesan ministries for more than 25 years. She is passionate about forming people as Christian disciples in the Catholic way of life. Lori currently serves as the Director of Lifelong Faith Formation for the Diocese of Portland, Maine. The topic for the mission is “The Spirituality of Saints in the Making” where Lori will draw each of us into our own call to holiness and becoming a saint. To register, please contact Marianne Nicholas at manicholas@norwichdiocese.net or call (860)848-2237 ex. 304.

MASSES IN THE DIOCESAN CEMETERIES ON MEMORIAL DAY, MONDAY, MAY 29, 2023.

THE NORWICH DEANERY

In Saint Joseph Cemetery, Boswell Avenue, **Norwich**, Msgr. Leszek Janik will celebrate this Mass on Memorial Day, Monday, May 29, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. In case of inclement weather this Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral of St. Patrick, 213 Broadway, Norwich.

In Sacred Heart Cemetery, Harland Road, **Taftville**, Reverend Christopher Zmuda will celebrate this Mass at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, May 29, 2023. In case of inclement weather, the Mass will be celebrated in Sacred Heart Church, Taftville.

In Saint Patrick Cemetery, Depot Road, **Montville**, Reverend Frank Gilbert will celebrate this Mass at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, May 29, 2023. In case of inclement weather the Mass will be celebrated in Saint John Church, Uncasville.

THE NEW LONDON DEANERY

In Saint Mary Cemetery, Jefferson Avenue, **New London**, Bishop Cote will celebrate Mass on Memorial Day, Monday, May 29, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. In case of inclement weather this Mass will be celebrated in St. Mary Church, New London.

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. 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.

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.

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.

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 Sat, May 27th! 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 St., 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 CROSSROADS 4 CHRIST

Worldwide Marriage Encounter - Beloved, Come to Him

1 Peter 2:4-5: "Beloved: Come to him, a living stone, rejected by human beings but chosen and precious in the sight of God, and, like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house..." God has chosen you and your spouse to be living stones. You are precious. Come build a spiritual house within your marriage by signing up for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. There, you and your spouse will come together to learn how to build the best relationship and strengthen your marriage. The experiences are listed below.

June 2-4, 2023 in Upton, MA

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

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT WEEKEND ~

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

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

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.



Coats for Kids

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.

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

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 11th, 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 or call (860)848-2237 ex. 305.

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.

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.

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.

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 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 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.

LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC CDs: We have lots of CDs you can trust to provide correct Catholic teaching. Thank you for all your donations that help to keep the program going. Contact Donna Vertefeuille: 860-429-4508 or email donna@vertefeuille.org.



NORWICH DIOCESE Newsletter will keep you updated with news, upcoming events and spiritual reflection. Discover the good work being done in our two dozen ministries as well as learn about employment and volunteer opportunities. It's informative, it's weekly and it's free! Visit norwichdiocese.org/newsletter.

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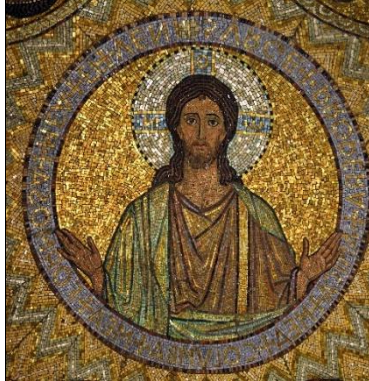
Catholic Charities is a SNAP Outreach agency. We help with SNAP applications and redetermination of benefits in all four offices. For assistance, please contact a Catholic Charities office near you:

- 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, or contact us: catholic.biblical.school@aohct.org

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

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**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 10th- St. Sebastian Church, 155 Washington St, Middletown

May 24th- St. Mary Church, 218 Providence St, Putnam

June 6th- St. Mary of the Visitation Church, 54 Grove St, Clinton

June 13th- 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**



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

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

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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.



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

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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 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

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 actively serving our diocese.

*Holy Hours begin at 6 p.m.

2022

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| 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

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| 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
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