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

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

4:30 p.m. Saturday 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



November 26, 2023 **Our Lord Jesus Christ**, King of the Universe +Mass Schedule and Intentions+

Readings start on page 948 St. Augustine Hymnal

Sat Nov 25, 3:30-4:00 pm Confession Nov 25, 4:30 pm Mass Sat † Martin & Anna Pliska by Ann Phillips † Larry Boisvert, 9th Anniversary by Dot Boisvert Nov 26, 9:00 am Mass Sun * William Karosi, 8th Anniversary by Jeanette & Family Nov 26, 11:00 am Mass Sun *†* Alexander Varga, Jr. by His Family *†* Ethel Krapf by Jeanette Karosi & Family Nov 27, 11:00am Funeral Ethel Krapf Mon

Tues Nov 28, 8:00 am Mass For the Intentions of Pope Francis Nov 29, 8:00 am Mass Wed For the Sick of Our Parish Thurs Nov 30, 8:00 am Mass: St. Andrew For the Intentions of Bishop Cote 8:00 am Mass Dec 1, Fri For Our Parish ADORATION following Mass; Benediction 12:00 noon

3:30-4:00 pm Confession Sat Dec 2, Dec 2. 4:30 pm Mass Sat Dec 3. 9:00 am Mass Sun Sun Dec 3, 11:00 am Mass

† Eleanor and William Rook by John & Kathleen Rook *†* Kate Single by St. Philip Choir

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

If you need the Eucharist brought to you at Mass,

please raise your hand after Communion, the Eucharistic Minister will bring it to you.

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

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.

Our condolences to the family of Ethel Krapf Who died on November 7, 2023 Funeral, Mon, Nov 27, 2023 at 11 am. Burial is private.

ALTAR SERVERS: Fr. Michael would like parents to consider having their daughter or son volunteer for the privilege of serving at the altar



during Mass. If interested, please leave a message with the Canavan family at 860-429-4116.



FLAG MEMORIAL FOR NOVEMBER Paul L. Ouellette, Sr.

U.S. Army served in WW II with the 465th Field Artillery Battalion in the Philippines, The Pacific Theater where he received the Bronze Star. Father of Caroline Doughty

PRAYER LIST: For current requests please call 860-429-2860 or email stphilipstjude@gmail.com. PRAYER LIST: Seth Beebe, John Bergeron, Jr., John Bergeron, Sr., Brian Berry, Megan Berry, Paula Bonin, Penny Boomer, Ed Borowski, Elizabeth Clifford, Ed Conlan, Tanner DeJesse, Tony DeMonte, Camille Delisle, Yvette & Maurice Dionne, Charles Dobrowolski, Alison Dodd, Helen Donnelly & Family, Kyle Ernst, Agnes Flynn, Barry G., Myles Gratton, Joyce H., Henry Hansen, Kathy Hills, Mikey Harakaly, P.J., Marie James, Joshua, Tom Joyal, Melinda King, Patrice Lucas, Barry Madden, Matthew Madden, Noah Markowycz, Ray McCaughey, Jackie Mozzicato, Jesse Narwiciziks, Bob Ogden, Laura P., M.P., Pauline Picard, Diane Piccoli, Emil Poirier, Heather Poulin, Chad Pramuka, Jim Rook, Mike Schwartz, Skyler Sherman, Maureen Smith, Patrick Stenglein, Mason Studley, Mary Jane Tynan, Joseph Tyson, J.W., Greg & Jocelyne Wakefield, Terri Warren, Caroline Williams.

CHOIR REHEARSALS on Sundays Nov 26, Dec 3, & Dec 17 at 6:30 P.M.



Blessed Mother's Stitchers: Tue, Nov 28, 10am. Please join us as we create Baptismal blankets and hats, scarves, and gloves for needy people.

BOY SCOUTS meet Tue, Nov 28, 6:30-8:30 pm.

ST. PHILIP ADULT EDUCATION. Led by Ed Conlan, our topic is the Parables of Jesus. Next class Nov 29th ~ The Leaven, Lilies of the Field. All are welcome.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY Next Meeting Tues, Dec 5th at 9:30am. Studying "Walking with Mary" by Edward Sri. Please join us.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will meet Tues, Dec 5 at 7pm in the Parish Center.

The Sisters of Charity will be having a Share-A-

Day for girls in grades 2, 3, and 4 at Holy Family Motherhouse, 54 West Main Street, Baltic, CT 06330 on Saturday, December 2nd from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Theme is "Advent is preparing for Christmas". No charge and meals are included. This special day includes recreation, talks, activities and prayers with the Sisters. Telephone (860) 822-8241 or email srmaryjacinta@gmail.com.

YOUTH AND FAMILY EXPLOSION Dec 3rd, 1 – 4 pm at Mercy High School in Middletown with speaker, song writer, and musician Jesse Manibusan. Jesse builds instant rapport and creates life-giving memories that help deepen faith and cultivate the joy that inspires service, sacrifice and the celebration of life. All ages are invited to attend! Tickets are \$5 per Person, \$25 for a family or \$4 per person for a youth group. For more information or to buy tickets go to: https://youthexplosionct.weebly.com/ Questions? Email Liza at Iroach@norwichdiocese.net.

Divine Mercy Candle is lit for a special intention, requested by Roger & Ann Phillips.



Bereavement Day of Prayer ~ The Diocesan Catholic Family Services Office is sponsoring a workshop for the bereaved entitled: Praying Your Goodbyes on Saturday, December 2 from 10 A.M. to 1 P.M at the Cathedral of Saint Patrick Hall, 213 Broadway, Norwich, CT. It will include time for private reflection, prayer, and journaling and give participants suggestions on how to navigate the upcoming holiday season and discover ways to grow through the experience of their loss. There is no cost, but registration is required by November 27 by contacting Mary-Jo McLaughlin at Catholic Family Services, 860-848-2237, ext. 312 or by email at mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net.



PLEASE SUPPORT OUR CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR and **BAKE SALE SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2023**

Baked goods can be dropped off at the Parish Center on Fri, Nov 24th from 6–8 pm. Please list ingredients on all food items, especially peanuts

and nuts. Fudge, brownies, cookies, cakes, and pies would be awesome. Salt-free and gluten free items have always been in demand. Any baked goods remaining will be on sale after the Masses on Sunday. Thank you.



Our Holy Family Women's Retreat



theme this year is Only Say the Word. During this women's retreat, January 26-28, 2024, we will explore where healing is needed in us and in the world. Contact: Burtie:

617-939-4234 or Marsha: 860-429-4926 or https://www.holyfamilyretreat.org/themed-retreats.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

"...whatever you did for one of the least of my brothers, you did for me." – MATTHEW 25:40 Most of us are generous when it's convenient for us. We are generous when we have the time or the money. But real generosity is the opposite of that. It means giving of one's time, money, compassion, forgiveness, or mercy when it's not convenient to us, when it's not on our schedule, but on the other person's timeline.

Diocesan Pro-Life Mass at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on Saturday, Dec 2 at 8:30 A.M. Please join our celebrant Rev. Ray Introvigne at Mass as we pray to end abortion and for healing for those who have had an abortion. Following Mass, the Rachel Rosary will be prayed at the Cathedral.

Join us for the CHILDREN'S ROSARY **PRAYER GROUP** the first Saturday each month at noon in our church. This group is composed of children and led



by children. The group is geared for 3-15-year-olds, but all are welcome to join us. Bring your Rosary or use those provided. No experience necessary! Our Lady wants our children and parishioners to know how to pray and experience the powerful strength and graces of the Rosary. The Rosary is a powerful prayer second only to the holy Mass. After we pray, children are invited for a snack and fellowship outside. We meet Dec 2nd at noon. Hope to see you there!

"When one million children pray the Rosary, the world will change." - Saint Padre Pio





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Holy Family Home & Shelter in Willimantic is hiring! Join our team as Executive Director, Case Manager (we provide training) or part-time third shift personnel. Please send your resume to Sister Mary Jude aposthispano@gmail.com, indicating the position you are interested in.

RCIA Retreat The Office of Faith Events and the Awaken team are gearing up to assist Candidates and Catechumens prepare for receiving the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. Discover God's unconditional love for you, learn about the gifts of the Holy Spirit, develop a meaningful prayer life, and experience God's mercy in reconciliation. The Holy Spirit Awaken Retreat for RCIA is **Sat, Feb 24**th **at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Quaker Hill from 9:30am – 5pm** with Mass from 5pm to 6pm. To register, please contact Marianne Nicholas call 860-848-2237 ex.305 or manicholas@norwichdiocese.net.

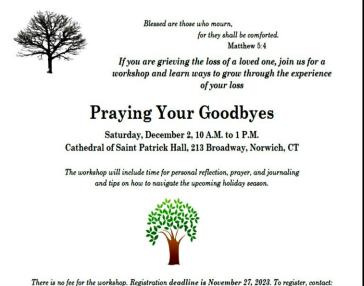


ADVERTISE IN OUR BULLETIN

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

2023 ACA update: As of Oct 31, 2023, St. Philip the Apostle Parish, Ashford has donated \$27,285.69 or 93.52% of its goal, and 26.89% of 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 www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org.

Thank you to everyone for your support!



Mary-Jo McLaughlin at the Diocese of Norwich Catholic Family Services Office 860-848-2237, Ext 312 or mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net

Four County Catholic Weekly Newsletter

Get the latest news and announcements from around the diocese emailed right to your inbox. 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. It's informative, it's weekly and it's free! Sign up today! Your email address is safe with us. https://www.norwichdiocese.org/newsletter.

A NOTE ABOUT PARISH REGISTRATION



If you regularly worship with us, please register with St. Philip parish to provide accurate census data to the diocese. Return registration forms (orange) from the vestibule to the office. Thank you.

ADULT VIRTUAL CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Have you not completed your sacraments? Did you make Baptism and First Communion but never completed your sacraments of initiation by making Confirmation? Have you ever thought about completing Confirmation in the Catholic Church? If you answered "Yes" to any of these questions, you should register for the Diocesan Adult Virtual Confirmation Classes, Beginning in January, The Office of Faith Events will be offering a 7-week online course taking place on Tuesday evenings that will prepare adults for Confirmation in their home parish. To join the class, please contact your pastor to register for this program.

Please share your e-mail address with The Office of Faith Events of the Diocese of Norwich! Be the first to know about all the faith enriching programs, virtual and live, that we offer throughout the year. This will also enable you to receive our biweekly Hope and Faith Video series. Email Marianne at manicholas@norwichdiocese.net to be added to the list today!

How to be an Evangelizer... Pray for the People God Places in Your Life. There is no better place to begin than in prayer. Evangelism is first and foremost a work of God. God is already at work in the lives of others, and he wants to use us. God wants to work through us, not just around us. The reality is that we do not and cannot bring others to faith in Jesus Christ. God does that through His Holy Spirit. But He does want us to be part of the incredible journey someone goes on as they move toward Him.

Go Green Parish

Stop drinking bottled water. 60 million plastic water bottles are thrown away each day in America. 35 billion empty water bottles are thrown away in the US each year, with only 12% being recycled. Fill reusable water bottles and drink tap water.

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We all know how important the ministries and programs of the ACA are, to provide spiritual, educational, physical, financial and emotional support to the people of our Diocese and Haiti. Unfortunately, less than 14% of us are making the commitment to donate and help do the work of Christ. Looking back at the last 5 years, an average of 21% of our parishioners donated! We know that together, we can do better! Our programs will be threatened without your help. We ask you to do what you can to bring us closer to our 2023 ACA goal. We are currently only months away from the end of the year and still close to \$500k shy of our goal. If you, who are members of the 86% who have not yet given, decide to contribute, we will be all set! You can make your gifts by calling Heather Harris, ACA Campaign Manager at 860-886-1928 ext. 111 or online at www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org. Thank you very much for sharing your blessings.

From September to June the Office of Faith

Events: Hope and Faith video series will ask the question, "What is your favorite part of mass and why?" If you would like to share your answer to this question in a short 2 minute video that would be shared with the whole diocese, please contact Marianne at 860-848-2237 x 304 or email: manicholas@norwichdiocese.net

YOUTH AND FAMILY EXPLOSION

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DID YOU KNOW!?

Catholic Charities is a SNAP Outreach agency. We help with SNAP applications and redetermination of benefits in all four offices. For assistance, please contact a Catholic Charities office near you: 331 Main St., Norwich: 860-889-8346 28 Huntington St., New London: 860-443-5328 88 Jackson St., Willimantic: 860-423-7065 16 Stack St., Middletown: 860-346-0060 Spanish Speaking Case Workers available.

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.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Ezekiel 34:11, 15-16: "Thus says the Lord God: I myself will look after and tend my sheep. I myself will pasture my sheep; I myself will give them rest. The lost I will seek out, the strayed I will bring back." Come back to God! Give your heart to your spouse. Love your spouse always. Give your spouse a gift by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. You can find one by looking up WWME.org. Some of the dates to sign up are:

January 26-28, 2024 in Derby Line, VT February 9-11, 2024 in Huntington, NY March 15-17, 2024 in Upton, MA

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/.

Marriage Preparation Classes to Meet Virtually

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.



INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA A Catholic Experience Unlike Any Other

Join your Catholic brothers and sisters at the 10th National Eucharistic Congress. For the first time in a generation, the Church will gather to ask Jesus to breathe his life into our dry bones and then send us back to our community to share his love. This historic 5-day gathering of missionary disciples will be a new Pentecost, a powerful anointing and personal commission to invite others to know Christ. Your life—and our Church—will never be the same. https://www.eucharisticcongress.org/schedule. <u>Pregnant? Need help?</u> CATHOLIC CHARITIES Pregnancy and Adoption Programs provide concrete help & answers. Call 1-800- BABYDUE, even if you simply want to talk.

<u>Caregiver resources and prayers</u> are available through the Office of Faith Events. To receive **caregiver info** monthly, send your email address to <u>manicholas@norwichdiocese.net</u> and we will add you to the distribution list.

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. <u>www.ccli.org</u>.

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.



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.

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? You can watch it again at your leisure from the comfort of your home by adding the link <u>https://bit.ly/3SR2slk</u> 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, encouragement for them to come back to church, and time for prayer and reflection.

PARENTS DIVORCING AND/OR RESOLVING

<u>CHILD CUSTODY ISSUES</u> 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. 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.

THE PARISH FLAGPOLE is available through the



kindness of some of our parishioners. Any parishioner is invited to fly our flag in honor and memory of a deceased military family member or friend, for one month. To

participate, please call Ann at 860-429-2860, during office hours. Thank you to all our veterans who have served, both living and deceased.

<u>REMINDER</u>: 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.

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** which 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, for both women and men. Call Marie at 203-631-9030 or email her at <u>mlaffin@prolifeministry.org</u>; or visit the national website at <u>www.rachelsvineyard.org</u>.

"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.

SAINT EDWARD'S LADIES GUILD CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

DECEMBER 2, 2023 8:30AM TO 1:00PM

LIGHT BREAKFAST AND LUNCH AVAILABLE COOKIE PLATES, BAKED GOODS, FROZEN PIEROGI AND GOLABKI HANDMADE, CHRISTMAS CRAFTS, AND TAG SALE ITEMS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE



The Office of Faith Events is sponsoring... <u>The Make a Memory</u> <u>Christmas Stocking Project</u>

We invite every family to make a Christmas Stocking that will be delivered to a soup kitchen/shelter in the Norwich Diocese for children who would not otherwise receive a stocking.

Include items like candy, socks, books, games, puzzles, and small toys. A homemade Christmas card from your family to theirs would be a nice touch!

Some safety details...*make sure all candy is packaged- big or small- no loose candy please, *no candy with nuts or peanut butter for allergy reasons.*

Please put all goodies in NEW individual stockings, marked "Boy" or "Girl" and drop it off at a designated place in your parish or during office hours at the Norwich Diocesan Chancery, 201 Broadway, Norwich, CT

Please have all completed stockings delivered by December 6th so we can get them to the soup kitchen/shelter, and given to the children in time for Christmas.



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

Celebrate with usI The Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Tuesday 12 December 2023 Cathedral of St. Patrick 213 Broadway, Norwich, CT

6:30pm Bilingual Rosary 7:00pm Eucharistic Celebration (Bilingual) The Most Rev. Michael R. Cote Bishop of Norwich Principal Celebrant





Please join us as together we honor Our Lady and ask her intercession for those who cannot speak for themselves: the unborn, the poor, the marginalized, those overwhelmed by despair.

Fiesta following the liturgical celebration. A free-will offering will be asked to cover the cost of the buffet.

For more information, please contact the Office for Hispanic Ministry: 860~456~3349 / e-mail: <u>aposthispano@gmail.com</u>

The Quiet Corner Chapter of the Disabled American Vets

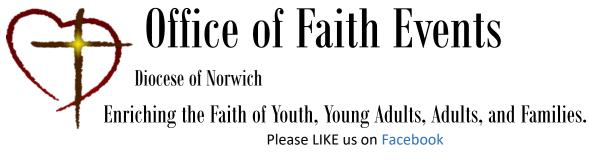


Are you a Veteran who has combat or service related disability and need assistance with filing for Veterans Administration Benefits? Are you interested in learning more? We are looking for you.

> Contact: Rocky Daigle 860 – 918-0532 Barry Bernier 860 – 830-5443

The Disabled American Veterans are dedicated to a single purpose: empowering Veterans to lead high quality lives with respect and dignity. We accomplish this by making sure Veterans and their families can access the full range of benefits available to them; fighting for the interest of America's injured heroes on Capitol Hill and educating the public about the great sacrifices and needs of Veterans returning to civilian life.





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