

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

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



December 3, 2023
First Sunday of Advent
 † **Mass Schedule and Intentions** †

Readings start on page 950 St. Augustine Hymnal

Sat Dec 2, 3:30-4:00 pm Confession
Sat Dec 2, 4:30 pm Mass
 † **Richard Millard, Birthday Remembrance** by Midge Farr
 † **Max Pudelkewicz, 12 Anniversary** by Ann Phillips

Sun Dec 3, 9:00 am Mass

For the Sick of Our Parish

Sun Dec 3, 11:00 am Mass
 † **Eleanor and William Rook** by John & Kathleen Rook
 † **Kate Single** by St. Philip Choir

Tues Dec 5, 8:00 am Mass
 † **John Doughty, Sr., Birthday Remembrance**
 By Caroline Doughty

† **Jose Nespral** by Jim & Cecile Hurley

Wed Dec 6, 8:00 am Mass: St. Nicholas

† **Liam P. Boyce** by His Family

† **Caroline Martin** by Peter & Jean Piecyk

Thurs Dec 7, 8:00 am Mass: St. Ambrose

For the Intentions of Bishop Cote

The Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary ~ Holy Day of Obligation

Fri Dec 8, 8:00 am Mass

For Our Parish

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

Fri Dec 8, 6:00 pm Mass

Sat Dec 9, 3:30-4:00 pm Confession

Sat Dec 9, 4:30 pm Mass

† **Thomas Hansen** by David and Deren Dagon

† **Nelson Vose, 6th Anniversary**
 By Victor & Lori Drouin & Pauline Picard

Sun Dec 10, 9:00 am Mass

† **John Flynn, 3rd Anniversary** by Mom & Dad

† **Francis Flynn** by St. Philip Choir

Sun Dec 10, 11:00 am Mass

† **Br. Kenneth Molchen** by Ralph Yulo

† **Kate Single** by Jim & Jane Svejk

Sun Dec 10, 12:00 noon **Baptism**

Stella Grace Marchand

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.

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.

FLAG MEMORIAL FOR DECEMBER

Eugene J. Alassi

U.S. Navy served in WW II

May 1943 to February 1946

Australia, Milne Bay, New Guinea and

Sonic Bay, Philippines. He received

Philippine Independence Award, Asiatic Pacific Campaign Award, and a Presidential Unit Citation.

Father of Jeanne Alassi Monty

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, Don Chapman, 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 Narwicziks, 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
Dec 3, & Dec 17 at 6:30 P.M.



BOY SCOUTS meet Mon, Dec 4, 7:00 pm.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY 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.

ST. PHILIP ADULT EDUCATION. Led by Ed Conlan, *The Parables of Jesus*. **Dec 6, 10:00 am** *The woman and the lost coin*. All are welcome.

Blessed Mother's Stitches: Tue, Jan 30, 10 am. Please join us as we create Baptismal blankets and hats, scarves, and gloves for needy people.



Flowers in Mary's Chapel are in memory of **Jules & Colleen Giradet.**

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



Our Holy Family Women's Retreat



January 26-28, 2024. Terry Flynn was the recipient of the gift basket donated by Holy Family. We thank everyone who supported our table at the craft fair.

Burtie: 617-939-4234 + Marsha: 860-429-4926.
<https://www.holyfamilyretreat.org/themed-retreats>.

First Sunday of Advent

"Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come." - Mark 13:33. We all take things for granted. In particular, we take time for granted. We make our lives too busy. We plan our days, weeks, months, even years in advance. Remember, our time on earth is a gift. None of us knows how long we will be here. Start today and begin thanking God for each and every day. Take time in silence, every day, and listen to how God is calling you right now to help build His kingdom on earth.

PLEASE NOTE: OUR ANNUAL GIVING TREE



in the back of the Church. On it you will find gift tags with items needed by Birthright, and Ashford and Willington Social Services. If

you can help a family in need this Christmas, pick a tag of your choice and bring the requested item to Church by 12/17. Please securely attach the gift tag to the gift so the right gift gets to the right family.

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 call the Office to register for this program.**

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe! All are invited to join Bishop Cote and the Latino people of the diocese in our annual bilingual celebration of the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Tues, Dec 12, 2023. The celebration begins with the Rosary at 6:30pm, followed by Holy Mass at 7:00pm. Fiesta following. We look forward to honoring Our Lady with you. For info, please contact the Office for Hispanic Ministry, Tel: 860-456-3349 / email: aposthispano@gmail.com

If you are seeking to find hope, strength and comfort from a loss, burden or sorrow, join us for **A Journey with Mary Through Her Seven Sorrows**, a virtual seven-week program that will explore each of the seven sorrows of Mary's life and the message of strength and encouragement each one contains. The program will meet online Monday nights from 7-8:15 P.M. Jan 8, 15, 22, 29 and Feb 5, 12, and 19, 2024. Each week will include a reflection on one of Mary's sorrows, guided prayer imagery and discussion. The program is free, but registration is required. For more info, contact the Catholic Family Services Office, 860-848-2237, Ext. 312, or email mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net.

THE WINDHAM THEATRE GUILD
HOLIDAY CHORUS
Presents...

"LET THERE BE PEACE"

Holiday Choral Concert with Santa

FRIDAY, December 8 – 7:30 p.m.
SUNDAY, December 10 – 2:00 p.m.

Windham Theatre Guild
Burton Leavitt Theatre
779 Main Street
Willimantic, CT
(parking in rear of building)

ADULTS – \$13.00
Seniors/students - \$11.00
Children under 12 - \$8.00
For tickets: online at windhamtheatreguild.org
OR call 860-423-2245

Knights of Columbus

Second "Coats for Kids" & Adults

Free, Warm Winter Coats for Local Children & Adults

Thursday, December 14, 12:00 p. m. until 6:00 p. m.

**Knights of Columbus Hall
68 Providence Street
Putnam, Connecticut**

ALL LOCAL PEOPLE ARE INVITED, TO BE FITTED FOR A FREE, NEW OR USED WARM WINTER COAT THEY CAN WEAR HOME RIGHT AWAY.

No charge, no obligation...for all local people, children & adults

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For information, please call Former District Deputy John D. Ryan, at (860) 928-7241.

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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!

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.



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**SAINT EDWARD'S LADIES GUILD
IN STAFFORD SPRINGS
CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
DECEMBER 2, 2023, 8:30AM TO 1:00PM**

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 24th 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.

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 HOLY
SPIRIT
Awaken**

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24th
At Our Lady of Perpetual Help
in Quaker Hill, CT
Retreat 9:30 - 5PM with Mass 5-6:00PM

Catechumens and Candidates are welcome to attend the day filled with prayer, witness, talks and more. To register, contact Marianne at Manicholas@norwichdiocese.net or call (860)848-2237 ex.305

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>.

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.

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 bi-weekly 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.

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.



Awakening: How is the Holy Spirit at work in your life?

Join us for a 4-part Mission designed to help deepen your faith! Rediscover God's Unconditional Love. Learn more about the Holy Spirit's Gifts. Develop a deep and meaningful prayer life. Experience the mercy of God through a deeper understanding of reconciliation. For two weeks, Nov 28th, 30th and Dec 5th and 7th from 7:00-8:30 pm, **St. Mary Parish, Coventry**. To register email: manicholas@norwichdiocese.net or call Marianne at 860-848-2237, ext. 304. Sponsored by the Office of Faith Events.

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

The Family and Youth Explosion will take place on **December 3rd** from 1-4pm at Mercy High School in Middletown with speaker, song writer, and musician Jesse Manibusan. Jesse has that knack to build instant rapport, connect to his audience, and create life-giving memories that help deepen faith and cultivate the joy that inspires service, sacrifice and the celebration of life. He works with any and every age group, so everyone is invited to attend! Tickets will be \$5 per Person, \$25 for a family or \$4 per person for a youth group. For more info or to buy tickets go to: <https://youthexplosionct.weebly.com/> Questions? Email Liza lroach@norwichdiocese.net

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: First Sunday of Advent: We are the clay and you are the potter.

Be watchful! Be alert!

Issiah 64:2-7: "Oh Lord, you are our Father: We are the clay and you are the potter: we are all work of your hands." Let God mold you and make you, so you can give glory to Him and you can follow His will. Love your spouse always. From scripture: "What God has joined together (man & wife), let no one divide." 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: nmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net.

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.



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Revival**

**July 17-21, 2024, Lucas Oil Stadium,
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A Catholic Experience Unlike Any Other

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<https://www.eucharisticcongress.org/schedule>.

Pregnant? Need help? CATHOLIC CHARITIES Pregnancy and Adoption Programs provide concrete help & answers. Call 1-800- BABYDUE, even if you simply want to talk.

Caregiver resources and prayers are available through the Office of Faith Events. To receive **caregiver info** monthly, send your email address to manicholas@norwichdiocese.net 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. www.ccli.org.

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.



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 <https://bit.ly/3SR2sIk> 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 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.

REMINDER: If you do not currently use our church envelopes and would like an end-of-the-year statement, please register in our parish and include your check or cash in an envelope with your name and address on it. We need this information for our software program. Thank you.

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

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 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 Office of Faith Events is sponsoring...

The Make a Memory Christmas Stocking Project

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



Knights of Columbus



Second "Coats for Kids" & Adults

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For information, please call Former District Deputy John D. Ryan, at (860) 928-7241.

Celebrate with us! 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: aposthispano@gmail.com



Christmas Miracle Bags 2023

Miracle Bags are gift bags that contain warm hats, gloves and personal hygiene items. We estimate we will distribute **600 Miracle Bags** this year to our guests along with a hot Christmas meal on December 25th. Donate one or more of the following:

Warm hats and gloves*
Shampoo/Conditioner
Toothpaste/Toothbrushes
Shaving cream
Razors
Deodorant
\$5 or \$10 gift cards to Walmart,
Dunkin Donuts, McDonalds, etc.

*Men's gloves (L, XL)
are most needed.

We make Miracle
Bags from donations.
Any donations are
appreciated.

You can donate small or large amounts. You may also compose a card with uplifting quotes or drawings to include with the bags. Donating the items in bulk or in separate bags is appreciated. Some of our guests spend time alone during the holidays and they value handwritten notes.

Please bring donations on or before **December 18** to:

St. Vincent de Paul Place
120 Cliff St.
Norwich, CT 06360

For more information contact:
Celia Siefert
Cgs99@aol.com
860.889.7374

Our website svdpp.org accepts all major credit cards for donations.

You saw me hungry and fed me. Thank You.

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