

ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

64 Pompey Hollow Rd., Ashford, CT 06278



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OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM
Closed Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and also
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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

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October 31, 2023

Reverend Michael Giannitelli
St. Philip the Apostle Church
64 Pompey Hollow Road
Ashford, CT 06278

Dear Father Michael,

Thank you and the generous parish family at St. Philip the Apostle Church for the generous welcome afforded to us on the weekend of October 21 and 22.

The second collection and mailed donations totaled \$2,773.75, which is very generous and will aid the Haitian Health Foundation to bring life sustaining food and health services to these poorest of God's people. May He bless all of you.

Virginia and I enjoyed seeing you again and look forward to sharing lunch or dinner in the near future.

In His Holy Name,

Jeremiah J. Lowney, Jr., DDS, MS, MPH
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December 10, 2023
Second Sunday of Advent
 †**Mass Schedule and Intentions**†

Readings start on page 952 St. Augustine Hymnal

- 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 Svejek*
Sun Dec 10, 12:00 **Baptism: Stella Grace Marchand**
Tues Dec 12, 8:00 am Mass: *Our Lady of Guadalupe*
 † **David Lennerton, Birthday Remembrance**
 By *His Mother, Marie*
 † **Ken Udal** by *The Family*
Wed Dec 13, 8:00 am Mass: *St. Lucy*
For the sick of Our Parish
Thurs Dec 14, 8:00 am Mass: *St. John of the Cross*
For Our Parish
Fri Dec 15, 8:00 am Mass
 † **Paul Ouellette, Sr, 24th Anniversary**
 by *Caroline Doughty*
ADORATION following Mass; **Benediction 12:00 noon**
Sat Dec 16, 3:30-4:00 pm Confession
Sat Dec 16, 4:30 pm Mass
 † **William Carpenter** by *Dorothy Boisvert*
 † **Cecelia Pudelkewicz, 7th Anniversary** by *Ann Phillips*
Sun Dec 17, 9:00 am Mass
 † **Jimmy Clifford, 2nd Anniversary** by *Roger & Mary Bowen*
 † **Ken Udal** by *The Family*
Sun Dec 17, 11:00 am Mass
 † **Thomas Henson, Jr.** by *Kathleen and John Rook*
 † **Ruth Yulo** by *Ralph Yulo*

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.

FINAL CHRISTMAS CHOIR REHEARSAL Next Sunday, Dec 17th at 6:30 P.M.



BOY SCOUTS meet Tue, Dec 12, 6:30-8:30 pm.

ST. PHILIP ADULT EDUCATION. Led by Ed Conlan, *The Parables of Jesus*. Dec 13, 10:00 am **The narrow gate.** All are welcome.

PARISH COUNCIL Thurs, Dec 14th at 6 pm in the Rectory.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will meet Tues, Jan 2 at 7pm in the Parish Center.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY Next meeting **January 16th**. Studying "Walking with Mary" by Edward Sri.

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.



PORK ROAST DINNER Saturday, Jan 6, after the 4:30 Mass, with a snow date of Jan 7th, 3 pm. Tickets will go on sale

Dec 16th and will be available after all Masses and in the office, Mon-Thurs, 9:30am-2:30 pm.

Our Holy Family Women's Retreat theme this year is ***Only Say the Word***. During this women's retreat, Jan 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>.



2nd Sunday of Advent "Prepare the way of the Lord..." - MARK 1:3. We are all called to live a holy life. We are all called to invite others to live holy lives. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, puts us on the path to holiness and is an example for others to be holy, too. We are responsible not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. How are you helping others get to Heaven?

St. Philip Parishioners are the Best!
Thank you to all who participated this year. You helped raised \$4,347 in profit for our church!

A big thanks to my volunteers, especially to Bill Bland and Caroline Doughty, who worked with me from 10 til 5 on the day we filled the orders and ensured the right cards were distributed to the right people. You guys rock!

2023 ACA UPDATE: As of November 28, 2023, **St. Philip the Apostle Parish, Ashford** has donated **\$28,935.69** or **99.17%** of its goal, and **27.73%** of parishioners have donated. We are striving for as close to 100% participation as possible. **URGENT – PLEASE HELP US REACH GOAL - 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!**

The Giving Tree
The giving tree is in the lobby of the Church. On it you will find gift tags with items needed by Birthright, Ashford Services, Willington Services and for the Seminarian Gift Card Campaign.

If you are able to help a family in need or a seminarian this Christmas, please pick a tag of your choice. Then bring the items to Church by 12/17. Please secure the tag to the gift to ensure the right family receives the gift.

This year, when you bring in your gift, please take an angel ornament from the basket and place it on the tree. Let's see how many angels we have here at St Philip!

THE WINDHAM THEATRE GUILD
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"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
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ADULTS – \$13.00
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For tickets: online at windhamtheatreguild.org
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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

The December 17th Healing Mass at Church of the Holy Family in Hebron with Fr. Ray Introvigne and Fr. Michael Philippino is **CANCELLED**. Please join us again in the New Year on January 21st at Church of the Holy Family, 185 Church St., Hebron at 2 PM.

If you seek hope, strength and comfort from a loss, burden or sorrow, join us for **A Journey with Mary Through Her Seven Sorrows**, a virtual 7-week program that will explore each of the 7 sorrows of Mary's life and the message of strength and encouragement each one contains. The program will meet online Mondays, 7-8:15 pm. 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 info, contact the Catholic Family Services Office, 860-848-2237, Ext. 312, email mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net.

RCIA Retreat The Office of Faith Events and the Awaken team will assist Candidates and Catechumens prepare to receive 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, contact Marianne Nicholas call 860-848-2237 ex.305 or manicholas@norwichdiocese.net.

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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.** 860-429-2860.

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.

BROTHERS IN CHRIST WITH ALEX SOUCY
Thurs, Dec 14th, 7–7:45pm virtual session with Alex Soucy of Crossroads for Christ to discuss **St. Joseph**. Brothers in Christ is a gathering of men who share faith and personal experiences. Meetings are the 2nd Thurs of the month either virtually or in - person. Contact Liza Roach (860)848-2237 ex. 305. or lroach@norwichdiocese.net.

VIRTUAL DIOCESAN ADVENT MISSION, By The Office of Faith with speaker Fr. Jeffrey Ellis. It will take place the first 3 Tuesdays in December- the 5th, 12th, and 19th from 7:00 – 7:45pm. Fr. Ellis will focus the mission on the Holy Family- Mary, Joseph, and baby Jesus. Please register by emailing Marianne Nicholas at manicholas@norwichdiocese.net or at 860-848-2237, 304.

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>.



PROJECT RACHEL ROSARY AT THE CATHEDRAL

The third Tuesday of each month at the Cathedral of St. Patrick following the noon mass, join the Office of Faith Events as we pray the Project Rachel Rosary. The Project Rachel Rosary focuses on hope, healing, and forgiveness for those affected by an abortion and also for an end to abortion. Please join us for this in-person Project Rachel Rosary on Tuesday, December 19th following the noon mass at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich.

CHRISTMAS 2023 CATHOLIC CHARITIES ASKS YOU TO HELP OUR FAMILIES CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS

Catholic Charities will be providing "A Very Merry Christmas" to our families and we are asking the parishioners to join in this special celebration of gifts and prayers for our many families and individual in financial need. Your gift of an unwrapped children's toy, for a child up to the age of 12 or a gift card to Walmart or Target for a teenager will be greatly appreciated. Grocery store gift cards are also enjoyed by the families. Our Food Pantry is busy throughout the year as food assistance is the single largest service provided and it is often the entry point for people to receive additional necessary services, utility, rental assistance, Financial Empowerment classes for self-sufficiency to identify a few services. Please bring your unwrapped toy to Catholic Charities 331 Main St. Norwich CT, 06360 or send the gift cards or checks with Christmas 2023 written in the memo line to the same address. Our kids, parents and grandparents look forward to Christmas as much as your family and our staff, as we all prepare for the true meaning of Christmas, the Birth of our Lord and the Holy Family. Thank you from the staff at Catholic Charities and we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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.**

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Second Sunday of Advent: Prepare the Way of the Lord, make straight his paths.

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11: "Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God. A voice cries out in the desert prepare the way of the Lord! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God." Give your spouse a gift. Be transformed. Love your spouse always. Attend 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/>.

VIRTUAL BINGO FOR ALL AGES

The Office of Faith Events invites people of all ages to participate in Virtual Bingo! **Bingo will take place on Sunday, January 7th from 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 purchase your Bingo cards, go to: <https://bit.ly/2Laol7Y> or call Marianne at 860-848-2237 ex. 304.

6TH ANNUAL YOUNG ADULT MASS WITH BISHOP COTE

On Sunday- January 21st, St. Thomas Aquinas in Storrs is delighted to host Bishop Michael Cote for the 6th Annual Diocesan Young Adult Mass & Reception. All Young Adults (ages 18 - 39, single and married) are invited and encouraged to attend and are encouraged to invite friends to join us! Mass with Bishop Cote will begin at 7:00pm and following the liturgy there will be a small reception in the Catholic Center.

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!

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.

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.



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

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.

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.

DID YOU KNOW!?

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331 Main St., Norwich: 860-889-8346
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<https://www.eucharisticcongress.org/schedule>.

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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.

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 Vertefeulle: 860-429-4508 or email



donna@vertefeulle.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/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, encouragement for them to come back to church, and time for prayer and reflection.

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@retrovaille.org or visit the national website at: <http://helpourmarriage.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** 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.

*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, and Jayvee & Tina Mateo



2024 All masses will be celebrated at the
Church of the Holy Family
185 Church St, Hebron (Rte. 85)

December 17- CANCELLED

Join us in
the New Year!

January 21
February 18
March 17
April 21
May 19
June 16
July 21
August 18
September 15
October 20
November 17
December 15

For more information contact Andrea Hoisl at faithevents@norwichdiocese.net

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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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For more information, visit us at www.svdpp.org or [Facebook.com/svdppnorwich](https://www.facebook.com/svdppnorwich)



*Is someone on your list hard to shop for?
Give a gift to St Vincent de Paul Place in their name.*

We will send them a Christmas card acknowledging your gift in their name.
To have this done for Christmas we need a few days to get the card out.

-----Cut and send to us (Please Print)-----

Your name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone in case there is a question _____

Giver wishes to remain anonymous check here _____

The acknowledgement card should be sent to:

Recipient Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

**Mail the completed form to
St. Vincent de Paul Place
120 Cliff Street
Norwich, CT 06360**

May God's love fill your heart at this blessed season!

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Jillian Corbin, Executive Director



**Find hope, strength, and comfort from
a loss, burden, trouble, or sorrow**

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A Journey with Mary Through Her Seven Sorrows

Join us for a seven-week virtual 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 is based on the book *Your Sorrow Is My Sorrow* by Sr. Joyce Rupp.

**Monday evenings from 7-8:15 P.M.
January 8, 15, 22, 29; Feb. 5, 12, 19, 2024**

Each night will include a reflection on one of Mary's sorrows, guided prayer imagery and discussion. The program takes place online and requires participants to have an internet connection.



*"Everyone can find their struggles and sadness hidden
in the folds of Mary's robe of sorrows." ~ Sr. Joyce Rupp*

*For more information or to register, call Mary-Jo McLaughlin at the Catholic Family Services Office,
860-848-2237, Ext. 312 or email mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net*

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Contact:

Rocky Daigle 860 – 918-0532

Barry Bernier 860 – 830-5443

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