

ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

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Monday through Thursday 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM
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PARISH EMAIL & Bulletin Announcements

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<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 31, 2023

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

† Mass Schedule and Intentions †

Readings start on page 958 St. Augustine Hymnal

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

Sat Dec 30, 4:30 pm Mass

† Brenda Picard, 26th Anniversary by Victor & Lori Drouin and Pauline Picard

† Edward J. Bora, Birthday Remembrance by Ron & Mychelle Bora

Sun Dec 31, 9:00 am Mass

For Our Parish

Sun Dec 31, 11:00 am Mass

† Kate Single by Ralph Yulo

Solemnity of Mary, Jan 1, not a Holy Day of Obligation

Readings start on page 827 St. Augustine Hymnal

Mon Jan 1, 10:00 am Mass

† Murland & Jeannette Bradley by the Family

Tues Jan 2, 8:00 am Mass: St. Basil the Great St. Gregory Nazianzen

For the Intentions of Bishop Cote

Wed Jan 3, 8:00 am Mass: Most Holy Name of Jesus

† Liam Patrick Boyce by His Family

Thurs Jan 4, 8:00 am Mass: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

For the Sick of Our Parish

Fri Jan 5, 8:00 am Mass: St. John Neumann

For Our Parish

ADORATION following Mass; Benediction 12:00 noon

Sat Jan 6, 3:30-4:00 pm Confession

Sat Jan 6, 4:30 pm Mass

† John Marcisin, 8th Anniversary by His Family

Sun Jan 7, 9:00 am Mass

Sun Jan 7, 11:00 am Mass

† Deceased Members of the Krysinski Family by The Family

† Veronica Tremko † by Marion Varga and Family

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. Office closed Mon, Jan 1, 2024.

Blessed Mother Candle is lit for Liam P. Boyce and Family.



FLAG MEMORIAL FOR JANUARY

Dr. Stanley R. Pliska,

Ann Phillip's Uncle, served with the Air Corps in the Southwest Pacific in WW II and after the war with the Air Force, retiring with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

He served from 1942-1946.



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 Narwicziks, Bob Ogden, Laura P., M.P., Dan Panciera, 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, K.V., J.W., Greg & Jocelyne Wakefield, Terri Warren, Caroline Williams.

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

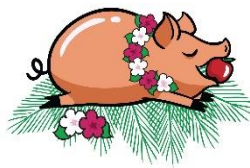
ST. PHILIP ADULT EDUCATION. Led by Ed Conlan, The Parables of Jesus. Next class: Jan 3, 10:00 am All are welcome.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY Next meeting Jan 16th, 9:30am. Studying "Walking with Mary" by Edward Sri.

Blessed Mother's Stitchers: 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 available after all Masses and in the office, Mon-Thurs, 9:30am-2:30 pm.



Calling all Children of the Parish! We will resume the CHILDREN'S ROSARY for the New Year, beginning on Sunday, January 7th at 8:25 am, BEFORE the 9 am Mass. Hope to see you there! 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.





PLEASE NOTE: The phone number previously listed in the bulletin for **Deacon Chris** has been assigned to another person.

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

“as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive.”

- *Colossians 3:13.* Forgiving is hard. We need to receive God’s mercy and forgiveness before we can give it to others. Go to the sacrament of Reconciliation and receive God’s mercy and forgiveness. Then, share the gift of forgiveness with someone – a family member, friend, or co-worker. Pick up the phone or text someone right now.

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>.

GIFT CARDS ARE NEEDED Please consider

donating a card from Walmart, Stop & Shop or Big Y for requests that come from the needy in our community. Put them in an envelope marked "office" and place them in the collection basket. *Thank you.*



Please join us for

Session 3 of Deepening our Faith through the Sacraments:

Sacraments of Vocations

Anointing | Baptism | Communion | Confirmation | Holy Orders | Marriage | Reconciliation

Tuesday- January 9, 2024
7:00PM – 8:15PM

Virtual Workshop – Marriage

Marriage is one of the two vocation sacraments in the Catholic Church. When the Catholic Church teaches that marriage is a Christian vocation, it is saying that the couple’s relationship is more than simply their choice to enter a union which is a social and legal institution. In addition to these things, marriage involves a call from God and a response from two people who promise to build, with the help of divine grace, a lifelong, intimate and sacramental partnership of love and life.

Our keynote speaker is Sr. Elissa Rinere, C.P. former Diocesan Chancellor and Director of the Offices of Worship & Pastoral Planning

Session 2 of *Faith through the Sacraments* can be view at <https://vimeo.com/886571396>

RSVP to Marianne at manicholas@norwichdiocese.net or call 860-848-2237 ext. 304 by Mon. January 8th

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

The Catholic Family Service Office is sponsoring

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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<p><small>Middletown Chapter</small> St. Sebastian Church (155 Washington Street, Middletown) Thursdays from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM in Church Basement</p>	<p><small>Mystic Chapter</small> St. Edmund’s Retreat Center (1 Enders Island, Mystic) Monday from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM in St. Michael Hall</p>
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YOUNG ADULT MASS WITH BISHOP COTE

**JANUARY 21, 2024
7:00PM**
**St. Thomas Aquinas
In Storrs**

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!
Young Adults are welcome 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.

*For more information, please contact Liza
Roach at lroach@norwichdiocese.net or call
(860)848-2237 ex.305*

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.

BROTHERS IN CHRIST WITH DEACON TOM CASEY Thurs-Jan 11th, 7pm – 7:45pm virtual session with Deacon Tom Casey speaking on evangelism. Brothers in Christ is a gathering of men who share faith, personal experiences, and discussion. Brothers in Christ fellowship meetings are held the 2nd Thurs of the month virtually or in - person. If you are interested in developing fellowship and discipleship with other men devoted to Christ, please register for the group by email Liza Roach at lroach@norwichdiocese.net or call (860)848-2237 ex. 305.



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



Norwich Diocesan Our Lady, Queen of Hope Award

To honor a woman in the Diocese for
Vision and Leadership in the Catholic Church

This award will be given out by Bishop Michael Cote to a woman of faith in the Norwich Diocese. The award is named after Mary, our mother, who is our role model and in whom we place our hope.

The winner will be presented with an award and a check for \$200 made out to the Catholic charity, parish or diocesan ministry of her choice.

Nominees should...

- *Display strong faith
- *Be committed to living out Catholic values
- *Display spiritual leadership at the local or diocesan level(s)
- *Display a spirit of love and service to the Catholic Church
- *Have been part of successful initiatives that benefit the Church
- *Have moved the parish community forward through her vision

The award winner will be determined by the Women's Conference Committee. The nomination form must be completed in full by **JANUARY 12, 2024**. Contact the Office of Faith Events with any questions or concerns 860-848-2237, ext. 304 or manicholas@norwichdiocese.net.

To access application go to the Office of Faith Events Website

Calling All Young Adults! Ages 18-39, Are you a young adult seeking authentic community? Are you looking for a place to deepen your relationship with Jesus and increase your understanding of the Catholic faith? Join one of Crossroads for Christ 7 chapters today! Meeting in the greater Hartford area, Stamford, Middletown, Mystic, New Haven, Waterbury, and Watertown. For info email info@crossroads4christ.org go to www.crossroads4christ.org or

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.**

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, x 312 email: mmclaughlin@norwichdio7thcese.net.

A MEN'S VIRTUAL FAITH, PRAYER, AND DISCUSSION GROUP

BROTHERS IN CHRIST

EVERY SECOND THURSDAY OF THE MONTH, NEXT ONE JANUARY 11, 2024

THE MEN'S GROUP IS A VIRTUAL EVENT ON WEBEX FROM 7:00PM - 7:45PM

WITH DEACON TOM CASEY AS SPEAKER

To Register email Liza Roach at lroach@norwichdiocese.net or call (860)848-2237 ex. 305

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Diocese of Norwich Catholic Family Services

Celebrate Marriage – It's not too early to begin thinking of Valentine's Day. Give your Valentine something special this year – the gift of your time. Come celebrate your marriage at a day-long enrichment that will renew your dreams, increase your passion and refresh and celebrate your marriage. This marriage enrichment aptly entitled, **"Celebrate Marriage,"** will take place on **Saturday, February 17, 2024**, from 9 A.M to 3 P.M. at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish Hall, 1600 Main St., Coventry, CT. The cost is \$35 per couple, which includes workbooks and lunch. Registration is required. To register, call Mary-Jo McLaughlin at the Catholic Family Services Office at 860-848-2237, Ext. 312 or email her at mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Let the Lord transform your marriage. Give your spouse a gift. Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. 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/>.

Catholic Charities is Providing Help, Creating Hope as we are sharing the Promise of Christmas with you during this Holy Season. Your donations are transforming Christmas into a time of joy, hope and peace for those in our Diocese who daily live with the hardships of hunger, rental and utilities insecurities, loneliness and an uncertain future. Thank you for your continuing support for our clients, staff and Board of Directors and we wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year.

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.**

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!

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!

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.

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.

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.



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.

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.

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

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.

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.



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!?
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.

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.



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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>.

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.

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.

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, January 16th following the noon mass at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich.

DEEPENING OUR FAITH THROUGH THE SACRAMENTS Join us on Tuesday, January 9th from 7 – 8:15PM virtually for a deepening of our faith through the Sacrament of Vocation-Marriage. Our keynote is Sr. Elissa Rinere, C.P. the former Diocesan Chancellor. When the Catholic Church teaches that marriage is a Christian vocation, it is saying that the couple's relationship is more than simply their choice to enter a union which is a social and legal institution. In addition to these things, marriage involves a call from God and a response from two people who promise to build, with the help of divine grace, a lifelong, intimate and sacramental partnership of love and life. Let's explore Marriage together. To register, please contact Marianne at manicholas@norwichdiocese.net or call 860-848-2237 ext. 304.

DEEPENING OUR FAITH THROUGH THE SACRAMENTS Join us on Tuesday, January 25th from 7 – 8:15PM virtually for a deepening of our faith through the Sacrament of Vocation-Holy Orders. Our keynote is Sr. Elissa Rinere, C.P. the former Diocesan Chancellor. The Catholic Church's sacrament of Holy Orders is a sacrament of apostolic ministry. It continues the mission that Christ entrusted to his apostles until the end of time. It includes three degrees: episcopate (*bishop*), presbyterate (*priest*), and diaconate (*deacon*). "Holy orders" means "set apart for a sacred purpose"; let's explore this purpose together. To register, please contact Marianne at manicholas@norwichdiocese.net or call 860-848-2237 ext. 304.

YOUNG ADULT MASS WITH BISHOP COTE

JANUARY 21, 2024

7:00PM

**St. Thomas Aquinas
In Storrs**

**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!**

**Young Adults are welcome 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.**

*For more information, please contact Liza
Roach at lroach@norwichdiocese.net or call
(860)848-2237 ex.305*





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Norwich Diocesan Our Lady, Queen of Hope Award

To honor a woman in the Diocese for
Vision and Leadership in the Catholic Church

This award will be given out by Bishop Michael Cote to a woman of faith in the Norwich Diocese. The award is named after Mary, our mother, who is our role model and in whom we place our hope.

The winner will be presented with an award and a check for \$200 made out to the Catholic charity, parish or diocesan ministry of her choice.

Nominees should...

- *Display strong faith
- *Be committed to living out Catholic values
- *Display spiritual leadership at the local or diocesan level(s)
- *Display a spirit of love and service to the Catholic Church
- *Have been part of successful initiatives that benefit the Church
- *Have moved the parish community forward through her vision

The award winner will be determined by the Women's Conference Committee. The nomination form must be completed in full by **JANUARY 12, 2024**. Contact the Office of Faith Events with any questions or concerns 860-848-2237, ext. 304 or manicholas@norwichdiocese.net.

To access application go to the Office of Faith Events Website



Our Lady, Queen of Hope Award Application

Name of Nominee: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Parish and town: _____

Pastor's Signature: _____

(Or pastor can email ahoisl@norwichdiocese.net stating confirmation of this nominee)

In 500 words or less and using specific examples please describe why you believe this individual displays the following:

A strong faith, a commitment to living out Catholic values, spiritual leadership, and a spirit of love and service to the Catholic Church. Explain her involvement in successful initiatives that have benefited the Church and how she has helped move the parish/diocesan community forward through her vision.

Submit with this application via email to faithevents@norwichdiocese.net or via US mail to:

Bishop Flanagan Ministry Center
199 Broadway
Norwich, CT 06360

Nominated by (print name): _____

Signature: _____

Phone number: _____ Email: _____

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION SUBMISSION IS JANUARY 12, 2024.

*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

Or 860-848-2237 ext. 203



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

The Catholic Family Service Office is sponsoring

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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SUNDAY
January 7th
2024

3:30 - 5PM

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Contact:

Rocky Daigle 860 – 918-0532

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