

# ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

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## **OFFICE HOURS**

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

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## **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

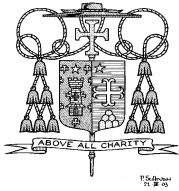
## **SACRAMENTS**

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*



**Diocese of Norwich  
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**MOST REVEREND  
MICHAEL R. COTE, D.D.**

January 4, 2024

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

January 22, 2024, is the 51<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the Roe v. Wade supreme court decision legalizing abortion. Although the Roe decision was overturned by Dobbs, the Fight for Life continues. This year, on January 19<sup>th</sup>, the 51<sup>st</sup> annual March for Life will be held in Washington D.C. The theme of this year's event is: "With every woman, for every child".

Now, more than ever, we need to reaffirm our "radical solidarity" with mothers in need. "Love them both" is a popular and fitting slogan that reaffirms the core of our Pro-Life beliefs. In a press conference revealing the theme of this year's event, Jeanne Mancini, Executive Director of the March for Life, acknowledges that saying "yes" to life isn't easy. She noted: "We aren't saying that it is easy, but we are saying that it is right to choose life and we hold that choosing life is empowering and that love saves lives".

Mancini notes that "there is a false narrative around abortion" that suggests abortion is "empowering and necessary". She said this "fear-based messaging tries to convince women who are facing unexpected pregnancies that they're alone, that they're incapable, that they are ill-equipped to handle motherhood".

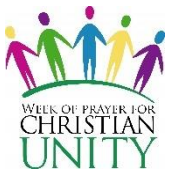
The church embraces mother and unborn child and affirms "life is beautiful". Pope Francis, in particular, has spoken strongly against the "throwaway culture". "Life", the Holy Father said, "is a gift from God for which we cannot take sole credit". He continues, in an address to Italy's Pro-Life movement: "When life itself is violated at its emergence, what remains is no longer the grateful and enchanted welcome of a gift, but a cold calculation of what we have, and what we can use. Then even life is reduced to a one-time use consumer good". Pope Francis concluded his remarks by noting: "where there is life, there is hope".

There are so many wonderful resources available to mothers in need. It is up to you and I to shine light into what Saint John Paul II said is the "culture of death". Thank you for your courageous witness to life here in the Diocese of Norwich. Together, let's stand in "radical solidarity" "with every woman", and "for every child". "Where there is life, there is hope".

With every best wish, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Norwich



**January 21, 2024**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Ecumenical Sunday**  
 † **Mass Schedule and Intentions** †

Readings start on page 1014 St. Augustine Hymnal

**Sat** Jan 20, 3:30-4:00 pm Confession  
**Sat** Jan 20, 4:30 pm Mass  
 † **Wildor Picard, 41<sup>st</sup> Anniversary**  
*by Mr. & Mrs. Victor Drouin and Pauline Picard*  
**Sun** Jan 21, 9:00 am Mass

**For our Parish**

**Sun** Jan 21, 11:00 am Mass  
 † **Ralph J. Yulo, Sr.** *by Ralph J. Yulo, Jr.*  
**Tues** Jan 23, 8:00 am Mass: *St. Vincent,*  
**Intentions of Bishop Cote** *St. Marianne Cope*  
**Wed** Jan 24, 8:00 am Mass: *St. Francis de Sales*  
**For the Sick of Our Parish**  
**Thurs** Jan 25, 8:00 am Mass: *Conversion of St. Paul*  
 † **Eugene Alassi, 9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
*by Phil & Jeanne Monty*

**Fri** Jan 26, 8:00 am Mass: *St. Timothy, St. Titus*  
 † **John Doughty, Jr., Birthday Remembrance**  
*By Caroline Doughty*

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

**Sat** Jan 27, 3:30-4:00 pm Confession  
**Sat** Jan 27, 4:30 pm Mass  
**Sun** Jan 28, 9:00 am Mass  
 † **Charles A. Allen** *by Jack Manning*  
**Sun** Jan 28, 11:00 am Mass  
 † **Richard Conway** *by Ralph Yulo*  
 † **Kate Single** *by St. Philip Parishioners*

*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.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time** *"Follow me and I will make you fishers of men."* - Mark 1:17.

Jesus' call to "follow me" is a call to all Christians! The call is in the here and now, in our present circumstances, not when we think we are "ready" or have everything in order. Good stewardship of our God-given gifts means that things aren't always going to go according to our schedule, but that God has a much better plan in store for each of us.



**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](mailto:stphilipstjude@gmail.com).

**PRAYER LIST:** Seth Beebe, John Bergeron, Jr., John Bergeron, Sr., Brian Berry, Megan Berry, Paula Bonin, Penny Boomer, Elizabeth Clifford, Ed Conlan, Tanner DeJesse, Tony DeMonte, Camille Delisle, Yvette & Maurice Dionne, Charles Dobrowolski, Alison Dodd, Helen Donnelly & Family, Caroline Doughty, 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, B.L., Patrice Lucas, Barry Madden, Matthew Madden, Noah Markowycz, Ray McCaughey, Jackie Mozzicato, Jesse Narwicziks, Bob Ogden, Laura P., M.P., Dan Panciera, Jane Pease, Pauline Picard, Diane Piccoli, Emil Poirier, Heather Poulin, Jim Rook, Wim S., Mike Schwartz, Skyler Sherman, Maureen Smith, Patrick Stenglein, Mason Studley, Mary Jane Tynan, Joseph Tyson, K.V., J.W., Chad W., Greg & Jocelyne Wakefield, Terri Warren, Caroline Williams.

**ST. PHILIP ADULT EDUCATION.** Led by Ed Conlan, *The Parables of Jesus.* **Jan 24, 10:00 am**  
 All are welcome.

**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.

**LADIES BIBLE STUDY** Next meeting **Feb 6<sup>th</sup>**, 9:30am. Studying "Walking with Mary" by Edward Sri.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** will meet **Tues, Feb 6 at 7pm** in the Parish Center.

Calling all Children of the Parish! We will resume the **CHILDREN'S ROSARY** for the New Year, on Sundays, 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.



Divine Mercy Candle is lit for **Paul Ouellette, Sr**, Birthday Remembrance requested by Caroline Doughty

## HOLY FAMILY RETREATS FOR MEN & WOMEN

2023/2024 Retreat Theme:



This year's theme is **Only Say the Word**, exploring how God can heal our lives. Women, please join us for our retreat Jan. 26-28. Men, there are many retreat weekends available: Feb 2-4; Feb 23-25; March 8-10; March 15-17; March 22-24; April 5-7; April 12-14; May 3-5; & June 7-9. For information contact Burtie: 617-939-4234 or Marsha: 860-429-4926 or visit: [www.holyfamilyretreat.org](http://www.holyfamilyretreat.org).



## 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](mailto:mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net).

## ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH TAG SALE

"One person's junk is another person's treasure". Spring clean and make some cash by participating in our tag sale, March 2, 2024, from 10:00 to 3:00. Sign up in the back of the Church.



**THE 2024 NORWICH DIOCESAN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE** will once again be themed "Dinner with Jesus", at the Georgina's Restaurant, Bolton, CT, March 13, 5:30 – 9 PM. Bring your sisters, daughters, friends, and fellow parishioners to be inspired and fed in a deep and meaningful way with women from around the diocese for this very special event. Our keynote speaker will be the 'Catholic Evangelista', Sonja Corbitt. As always, the year's recipient of the *Our Lady Queen of Hope Award* will be announced, and a silent auction and basket raffle will add to the fun! Tickets are \$75 and must be bought in advance. Main course dinner options are chicken Francaise, baked scrod, or eggplant parmigiana. To register go to <https://bit.ly/2Laol7Y>. Seating is limited so don't delay in reserving your space! Questions? Call Marianne at the Office of Faith Events, 860-848-2237, ext. 304.



Flowers in the vestibule of the Church are available to take home.

**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.*



## CROSSROADS4CHRIST

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We're bringing young adults (18-39) together weekly in Chapters all across Connecticut to **develop communities of young adult missionary disciples and encounter the Lord.**

Join one of our Diocese of Norwich Chapters:

**Middletown Chapter**  
St. Sebastian Church (155 Washington Street, Middletown)  
Thursdays from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM in Church Basement

**Mystic Chapter**  
St. Edmund's Retreat Center (1 Enders Island, Mystic)  
Monday from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM in St. Michael Hall

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[INFO@CROSSROADS4CHRIST.ORG](mailto:INFO@CROSSROADS4CHRIST.ORG)

**DIOCESAN PRO-LIFE MASS** at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on Sat, Feb 3 at 8:30 A.M. Please join our celebrant Rev. Walter Nagle at Mass as we pray to end abortion and for healing for those who have had an abortion. Following the Mass, the Rachel Rosary will be prayed at the Cathedral. A brunch in the Cathedral Hall will follow the Rosary.

## A WALK TO REMEMBER SAINT JOSEPH'S LIVING CENTER, INC

14 Club Rd., Windham, CT 06280, is creating a walkway with Memorial Bricks in the courtyard. It is a way to remember residents, family and friends who have been a part of St. Joseph's over the past 35 years. This will be an ongoing campaign. There is an application in the online bulletin or for more info, please contact: Gayle Ethier, Pastoral Care Director at St. Joseph's Living Center. 860-456-1107, ext. 128. Or [gayle.ethier@sjlccct.org](mailto:gayle.ethier@sjlccct.org).



## YEAR-END TAX REPORTING

If you would like a printout of your financial contribution to St. Philip Church for the year 2023, please fill out this coupon and place it in the collection basket.

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**RCIA Retreat** The Office of Faith Events and the Awaken team will assist Candidates & 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 Retreat for RCIA is **Sat, Feb 24<sup>th</sup> at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Quaker Hill from 9:30am – 5pm** with Mass at 5pm. To register, contact Marianne Nicholas call 860-848-2237 ex.305 or [manicholas@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:manicholas@norwichdiocese.net)


**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.



**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.

Please join us for

### Session 4 of Deepening our Faith through the Sacraments: *Sacraments of Vocations*



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

**Tuesday- January 25, 2024**  
**7:00PM – 8:15PM**  
*Virtual Workshop*

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](mailto:manicholas@norwichdiocese.net) or call 860-848-2237 ext. 304 by Mon. January 24<sup>th</sup>**

**DEEPENING OUR FAITH THROUGH THE SACRAMENTS** Join us on **Tues, Jan 25<sup>th</sup> 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. 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. Contact Marianne at 860-848-2237 ext. 304 or [manicholas@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:manicholas@norwichdiocese.net).

**BEGINNING EXPERIENCE HEALING WEEKEND** Beginning Experience of Hudson Valley, invites men and women of all ages who grieve the end of a marriage or spousal relationship due to death, divorce, or separation to an in-person weekend retreat at St. Lawrence Retreat Center in Beacon NY. Upcoming dates are April 19-21, 2024, and October 18-20, 2024. For information or to register, please call Phyllis at 914 261 5812 or Jim at 845 220 7883. Or [www.beginningexperiencehv.org](http://www.beginningexperiencehv.org).

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 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](mailto:mmclaughlin@norwichdio7thcese.net). **PLEASE**

**RCIA  
RETREAT**  
**THE HOLY  
SPIRIT**  
*Awaken*

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

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

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](mailto:mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net)

**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](mailto:manicholas@norwichdiocese.net) to be added to the list today!



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



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**July 17-21, 2024, Lucas Oil Stadium,  
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Join your Catholic brothers and sisters at the 10<sup>th</sup> 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>.

**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](mailto:stphilipstjude@gmail.com). If you or someone you know would like to advertise and support the Church bulletin, please let us know.

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## **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.**

**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.



**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.

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](mailto:manicholas@norwichdiocese.net)

## **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](mailto:mlaffin@prolifeministry.org); or visit the national website at [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://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.

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

## **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](mailto:mmclaughlin@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.

## **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@retrovaille.org](mailto:3002r@retrovaille.org) or visit the national website at: <http://helpourmarriage.org>.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time!** Mark 1:14-20: Jesus proclaimed, "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and Believe in the gospel." Jesus said to Simon and Andrew, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Let us all become fishers of men. Let us decide to follow God. Also, for the New Year, give your spouse a gift. 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

Feb 8-March 21, Virtual (evenings twice a week)

February 9-11, 2024 in Huntington, NY

Worldwide Marriage Encounter sponsors a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences, some on weekends and some on seven weekdays.

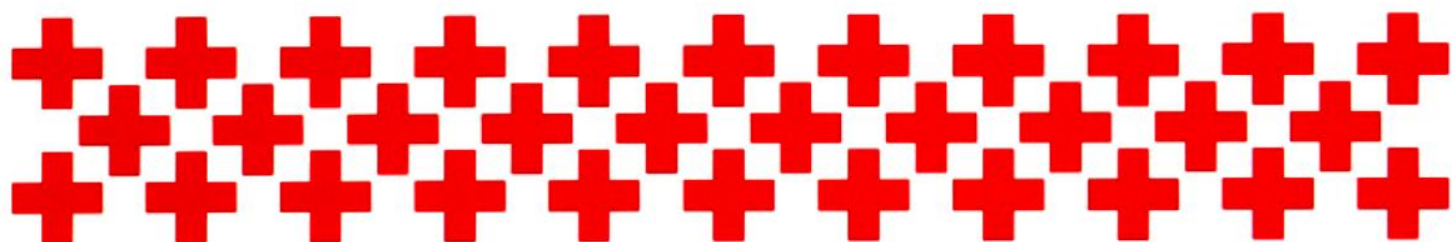
Couples explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church. Registration is limited; there is a \$100 application fee. For more information or to apply, call Frank & Margie Pearson at 860-337-2447 or <https://wwmectw.org/>.

**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.



# American Red Cross

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## **Blood Drive** **St. Philip the Apostle Church**

Church Hall  
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**Thursday, February 1, 2024**  
**10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

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The proceeds of this fundraising effort will go toward the ongoing needs of our center and provide a lasting memorial of those whom we have had the privilege and honor to serve over the past 35 years.

# "A Walk to Remember" Brick Campaign

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Last Name	
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Email	

For questions, please contact Gayle Ethier at 860-456-1107 Ext. 128 or email [gayle.ethier@sjlcc.org](mailto:gayle.ethier@sjlcc.org)

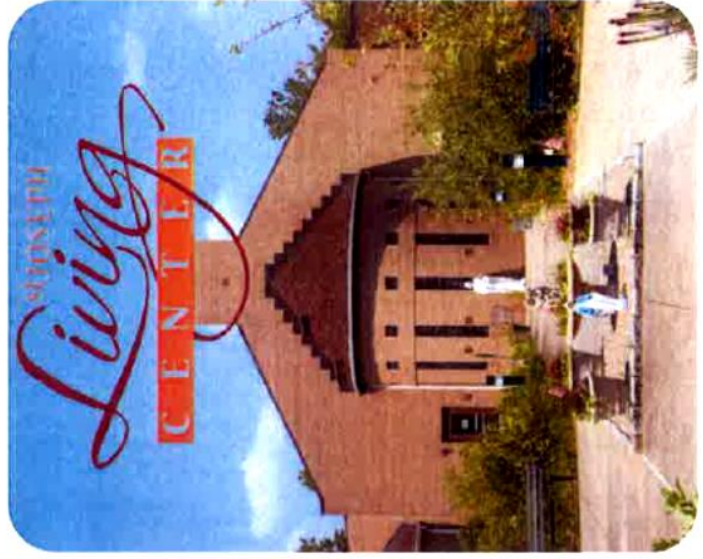
Scan the QR Code to Order Online or visit [www.fundraisingbrick.com/sjlc/](http://www.fundraisingbrick.com/sjlc/)

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Please join us for  
Session 4 of Deepening our  
Faith through the Sacraments:  
*Sacraments of Vocations*



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

*Tuesday- January 25, 2024*

*7:00PM – 8:15PM*

*Virtual Workshop*

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  
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*RSVP to Marianne at [manicholas@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:manicholas@norwichdiocese.net)  
or call 860-848-2237 ext. 304 by Mon. January 24<sup>th</sup>*

*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



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October 20

May 19

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June 16

December 15

For more information contact Andrea Hoisl at [faithevents@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:faithevents@norwichdiocese.net)

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# *Dinner with Jesus*

*Keynote Speaker,  
'the Catholic Evangelista'*

**Sonja Corbitt**

March 13, 2024

5:30– 9 PM

Georgina's, 275 Boston Turnpike, Bolton

Tickets are \$75, to purchase go to  
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Sonja Corbitt is the Catholic Evangelista and creator of "the best modernization of lectio," the LOVE the Word® Bible study method and journal. A best-selling author and Telly Award winning broadcaster, her weekly radio and television shows and variety of other unique approaches to Scripture create space for busy Christians to hear and experience God through the scriptures. Sonja writes for Magnificat magazine and the Ascension Press blog, and widely among other internet outlets. A lively and frequent guest on a variety of national television and radio shows, Sonja studies with Holy Apostles College and Seminary, home schools, and lives with her husband and boys in Tennessee. What's an "evangelista"? Find out at [biblestudyevangelista.com](http://biblestudyevangelista.com), where you can also catch her latest study series on *Cherished: How God Is Using Your Vocation to Heal You*.



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**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](mailto:mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net)*



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Contact:

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