ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

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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

4:30 p.m.
9:00 a.m.
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



January 28, 2024 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time National Catholic Schools Week †#lass Schedule and Intentions†

Readings start on page 1015 St. Augustine Hymnal

SatJan 27, 3:30-4:00 pm ConfessionSatJan 27, 4:30 pm MassFor the Sick of Our ParishSunJan 28, 9:00 am Mass† Charles A. Allen by Jack ManningSunJan 28, 11:00 am Mass† Richard Conway by Ralph Yulo† Kate Single by St. Philip Parishioners

Tues Jan 30, 8:00 am Mass **† Thomas Piecyk** by Peter & Jean Piecyk Wed Jan 31, 8:00 am Mass: St. John Bosco For the Sick of Our Parish Thurs Feb 1, 8:00 am Mass For Our Parish 8:00 am Mass: Presentation of the Lord Fri Feb 2, * Liam P. Boyce by His Family **†** Charles Lennerton, 7 Year Anniversary by Marie Lennerton ADORATION following Mass; Benediction 12:00 noon Sat Feb 3. 3:30-4:00 pm Confession Feb 3. 4:30 pm Mass Sat *†* Walter Pudelkiewicz, Birthday Remembrance By Ann Phillips † Eugene Sorel, 37th Anniversary

- By Mr. & Mrs. Victor Drouin & Pauline PicardSunFeb 4, 9:00 am MassSunFeb 4, 11:00 am Mass
- Sun Feb 4, 12:00 Noon Baptism: Quinn E. Cronin

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.

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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.

<u>4th Sunday in Ordinary Time</u> "Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of

anxieties."- 1 Corinthians 7:32. How much anxiety do we bring upon ourselves by constantly worrying? God won't give you everything you want, but He will provide everything you need. Try this – use the word "pray" instead of the word "worry" in the future. Then spend your time praying instead of worrying.

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, 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 Narwiciziks, 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.

Choir Luncheon: Sunday, Jan 28th, 12-3.

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

ST. PHILIP ADULT EDUCATION. Led by Ed Conlan, *The Parables of Jesus*. **Jan 31, 10:00 am** All are welcome.

BOY SCOUTS: Mon, Feb 5, at 7pm.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY Feb 6^{th,} 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 pray the **CHILDREN'S ROSARY** 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.



Happy Birthday John Mozzicato January 29th



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

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.

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, 10 am to 3 pm. Sign up in the vestibule.



THE 2024 NORWICH DIOCESAN WOMEN'S

CONFERENCE will once again be themed "Dinner with Jesus", at 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/2LaoI7Y. 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.

It is with deepest sympathy that we announce the passing of **Anthony Antunes**, a beloved member of our parish for many years. Our sincerest condolences to his wife of 39 years, Rosie Antunes, (of Front Royal, VA) and their 8 children and their families.



The office of Faith Events is looking for silent auction items for this year's Women's Conference on March 13th. We are looking for donations like major league baseball, basketball, or football tickets; a weeks' vacation at a rental property, artwork, or fine jewelry. If you have an item you would like to donate please contact Marianne at 860-848-2237 ext. 304 or manicholas@norwichdiocese.net.



Please give blood this Thursday, February 1st at St. Philip Parish Center, 10 am to 3 pm.

THE SISTERS OF CHARITY will be having a Share-A-Day for girls in grades 5, 6, 7, and 8 at Holy Family Motherhouse, 54 W. Main St., Baltic, CT 06330 on Saturday, Feb. 17th, 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. The theme is "*Lent is preparing for Easter*." No charge and meals are included. This special day includes recreation, talks, activities and prayers with the Sisters. Telephone (860) 822-8241 or e-mail srmaryjacinta@gmail.com.



Please pray for the women of St. Philip's who are on retreat this weekend at The Holy

Family Passionist Retreat Center in West Hartford.

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@silcct.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 24th 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 <u>manicholas@norwichdiocese.net</u>

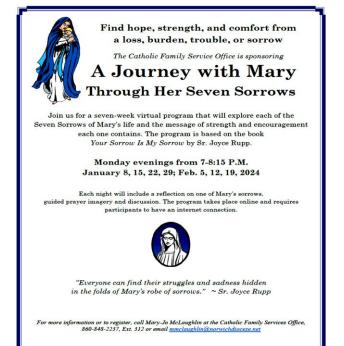


THE PARISH FLAGPOLE is available through the kindness of some of our parishioners. Any parishioner is invited to fly our flag in honor and memory of a ed military family member or friend, for one

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. THE WAY OF THE CROSS: The Office of Faith Events invites you to join us virtually Friday nights in Lent as we pray together the Stations of the Cross through a different focus each week. February 16: Through the eyes of the suffering, ill and disabled February 23: Through the eyes of the bereaved March 1: Through the eyes of marriage March 15: Through the eyes of Mary March 22: Through the eyes of Jesus The stations will begin at 7 pm. The stations take place online and require participants to have an internet connection. Registration is required. You can register for just one evening or all five. To register call Mary-Jo McLaughlin, at 860-848-2237, x 312 or email: mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net. Note, there are no stations on Friday, March 8.



March 9: Corned Beef Dinner March 16: Wine Tasting: Ecole Agape 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 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.



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 share your e-mail address with The Office of Faith Events of the Diocese of Norwich!

Be the first to know about all the faith enriching programs, virtual and live, that we offer throughout the year. This will also enable you to receive our biweekly Hope and Faith Video series. Email Marianne at manicholas@norwichdiocese.net to be added to the list today!

LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC CDs:



We have lots of CDs you can trust to provide correct Catholic teaching. Thank you for all your donations that help to keep the program going.

Contact Donna Vertefeuille: 860-429-4508 or email donna@vertefeuille.org.



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



July 17-21, 2024, Lucas Oil Stadium, **INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA**

A Catholic Experience Unlike Any Other

Join your Catholic brothers and sisters at the 10th National Eucharistic Congress. For the first time in a generation, the Church will gather to ask Jesus to breathe his life into our dry bones and then send us back to our community to share his love. This historic 5-day gathering of missionary disciples will be a new Pentecost, a powerful anointing and personal commission to invite others to know Christ. Your life—and our Church—will never be the same. https://www.eucharisticcongress.org/schedule



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.

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.

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.

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.

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DID YOU KNOW!?

Catholic Charities is a SNAP Outreach agency. We help with SNAP applications and redetermination of benefits in all four offices. For assistance, please contact a Catholic Charities office near you: 860-889-8346 331 Main St., Norwich: 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.

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

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT WEEKEND

If you are silently grieving or suffering from an abortion, experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat which includes discussions, Living Scripture with meditations, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service and Mass of Entrustment. Participation is confidential and offers an opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness, and compassion, for both women and men. Call Marie at 203-631-9030 or email her at 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.

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.

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.

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.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Fourth Sunday

in Ordinary Time! Deuteronomy 18:15-20: "Moses spoke to all the people, saying, a prophet like me will the Lord, your God, raise up for you from among your own kin, to him you shall listen." Let us listen to God and to one another. You can be a better listener with your spouse. Learn how to listen well and learn other tools by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. You will be glad you did! You can find one by looking up WWME.org. Some of the dates to sign up are:

Febr 8-March 21 Virtual (evenings twice a week) 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/. **<u>REMINDER</u>**: If you do not currently use our church envelopes and would like an end-of-the-year statement, please register in our parish and include your check or cash in an envelope with your name and address on it. We need this information for our software program. Thank you.

American Red Cross

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Church Hall 64 Pompey Hollow Road, Ashford

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

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Friends,

Last Sunday we will celebrated a recent addition to the Liturgical Year: Sunday of the Word of God. In 2019 Pope Francis designated the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time as Sunday of the Word of God in order to draw the faithful more deeply into the riches of the Bible. One way of doing this is through the ancient practice of *lectio divina*.

In his apostolic letter instituting Sunday of the Word of God, Francis encourages us to realize "the importance of learning how to read, appreciate and pray daily with sacred Scripture, especially through the practice of *lectio divina*."



<u>Register</u>

Join us on Saturday, February 3rd from 8:30am to 12:30pm for an introductory workshop on *lectio divina* here at Holy Family. In this workshop we will learn how our relationship with God is nourished and deepened through reading, reflecting, responding, and resting in the Word of God. Both individual and group experiences will be offered.

This program will be presented both in-person and online via Zoom.

Register today!

Sincerely, The Holy Family Retreat Team



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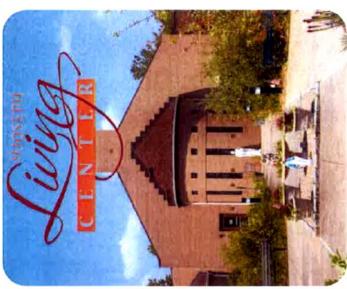
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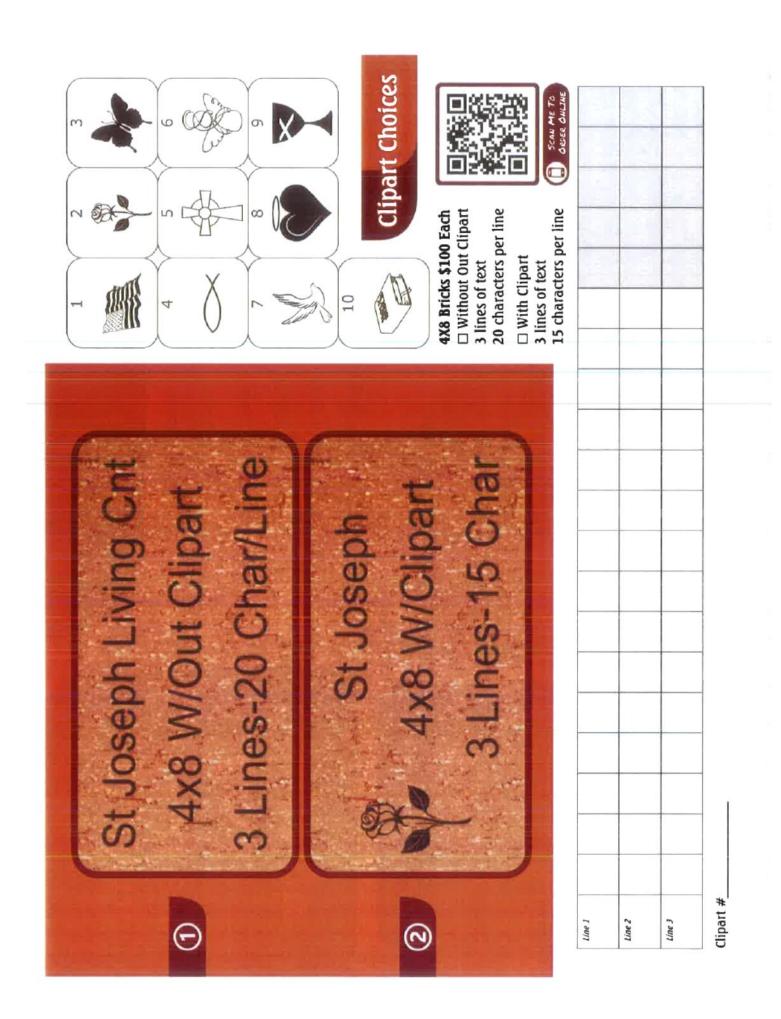
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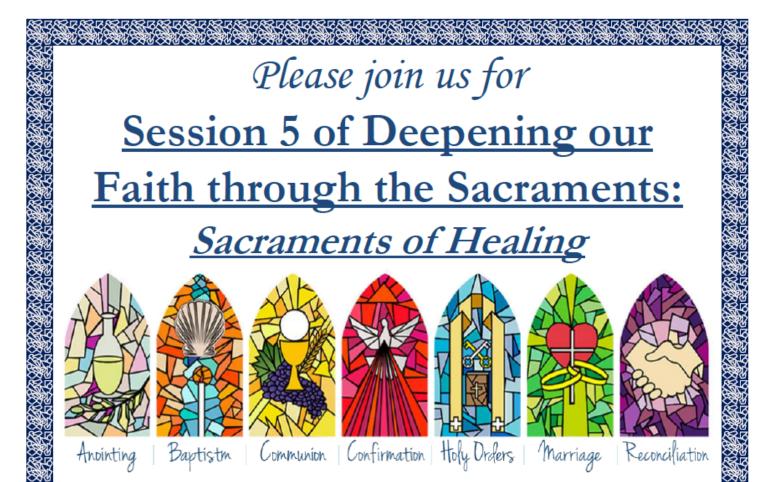
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Wednesday- February 7, 2024 7:00PM – 8:15PM Virtual Workshop

The Lord Jesus Christ, physician of our souls and bodies, who forgave the sins of the paralytic and restored him to bodily health, has willed that his Church continue, in the power of the Holy Spirit, his work of healing salvation, even among her own members. This is the purpose of the two sacraments of healing: the sacrament of Penance and the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.

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

RSVP to Marianne at <u>manicholas@norwichdiocese.net</u> or call 860-848-2237 ext. 304 by Mon. February 5th The 3rd session on the Sacrament of Marriage can be viewed at: <u>https://vimeo.com/902009614</u> 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



"Remember- Jesus is the Healer!"

All masses will be celebrated at the <u>Church of the Holy Family</u> 185 Church St, Hebron, CT, 06248 (RT 85)

> 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 <u>faithevents@norwichdiocese.net</u> Or 860-848-2237 ext. 203

The Norwich Diocesan Women's Conference invites you to

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 https://bit.ly/2Laol7Y or call 860-848-2237





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 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 though 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, where you can also catch her latest study series on Cherished: How God Is Using Varies Varies Varies (Mark) Your Vocation to Heal You.



Visit our Website Upcoming Events

The legislative session starts in early February - please join one of these upcoming events from our partner organizations to learn how you can take action!

Clean Cars and Clean Trucks for CT with Sierra Club

· Thursday, January 18

· 12:00 - 1:00 pm

· Virtual

· Register here

CT League of Conservation Voters Environmental Summit

• Tuesday, January 23

· 9:30 am - 3:30 pm

· CT Science Center, Hartford

Register here

Keeping CT's Climate Promise March

· Friday, February 2

· 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

· Old State House, 800 Main Street, Hartford

<u>RSVP here on Facebook</u>

GREAT NEWS! Thanks to your generous donations, IREJN has raised \$44,376 of the \$50,000 goal in honor of the amazing Anne Rowthorn. Can you help us raise the remaining \$5,624? Your donation today will be doubled!

You can make an online donation here or you can mail a donation to IREJN, Attn: Terri Eickel, 8 Doolittle Road, Preston, CT 06365. Thank you!

The Many Problems of Microplastics

If you missed IREJN's great webinar, *The Many Problems of Microplastics,* you can watch it on our Youtube channel or by clicking the video on the left.

Many thanks to Joe Barnes and Elisa Davey for giving such a great presentation!

<u>Please Donate</u>

For more information about our upcoming events, please visit <u>www.irejn.org</u>

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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 <u>mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net</u>

The Quiet Corner Chapter of the Disabled American Vets



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

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

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



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