

ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

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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

St. Philip's is Handicap Accessible



MOST REVEREND
MICHAEL R. COTE, D.D.

Diocese of Norwich
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February 12, 2024

Reverend Giannitelli
St. Philip the Apostle Parish
64 Pompey Hollow Rd
Ashford, CT 06278

Dear Father Giannitelli and Parishioners:

I would like to personally thank the members of St. Philip the Apostle Parish for your generous gifts to our 2023 *One Faith, One Family* Annual Catholic Appeal. Despite your own personal challenges, you each stood resolute in your commitment to helping the many ACA supported ministries and programs to do the work of Christ; to care for the hungry, homeless, the sick and elderly, to educate the young and old alike, and to uplift those in need of spiritual guidance and renewal, just to name a few.

Thank you to St. Philip the Apostle Parish for your donation of \$30,001.44 dollars to the 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal. You have reached 102.83% of your goal, with 29.13% of your parishioners donating. I realize that giving is not always easy, and I am very appreciative of your sacrificial giving. I hope that this year even more of our parishioners will find a way to support our ACA.

As we approach March and the start of another ACA campaign, I pray that you will continue to follow Jesus's commandment to "love one another" and again rise to the challenge of helping one another and bringing those in our communities into a closer relationship with Christ. I will continue to keep you and your families in my prayers and ask you to do the same for me. May God continue to bestow His blessings on you and those you love.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Michael R. Cote, D. D.
Bishop of Norwich



February 18, 2024
First Sunday of Lent
 † **Mass Schedule and Intentions** †



Congratulations to **Jeremiah Richard Joseph Vertefeuille** who was baptized by Father Michael Giannitelli at St. Philip the Apostle Church on Sat, Feb 10, 2024.

Parents are: Paul Vertefeuille & Christine Stiglmayr
 Godparents are: Noah and Mary Vertefeuille

Readings start on page 967 St. Augustine Hymnal

- Sat** Feb 17, 3:30-4:00 pm Confession
- Sat** Feb 17, 4:30 pm Mass
- † **Rudolph Supina, 17th Anniversary** by Wife & Family
- Sun** Feb 18, 9:00 am Mass
- † **Anthony Antunes** by *The Parish*
- The Health & Well-being of the Studley Family**
by John Studley
- Sun** Feb 18, 11:00 am Mass
- † **George P. Nagy 3rd Anniversary** by *The Nagy Family*
- † **Jimmy Clifford** by *Roger & Mary Bowen*
- Tues** Feb 20, 8:00 am Mass
- † **Helen Hurley** by *Jim & Cecile Hurley*
- Wed** Feb 21 8:00 am Mass: *St. Peter Damian*
- For the Sick of Our Parish**
- Thurs** Feb 22, 8:00 am Mass: *The Chair of St. Peter*
- For Our Parish**
- Fri** Feb 23, 8:00 am Mass: *St. Polycarp*
- For the Intentions of Bishop Cote**
- ADORATION** following Mass; **Benediction 12:00 noon**
- Fri** Feb 23, 6:00 pm **Stations of the Cross** †
- Sat** Feb 24, 3:30-4:00 pm Confession
- Sat** Feb 24, 4:30 pm Mass
- † **Zbigniew Jakubowski, 4th Anniversary** by *His Niece*
- Sun** Feb 25, 9:00 am Mass
- † **Will Navratil, 3rd Anniversary**
by *Roxanne & Bill Navratil*

The Health & Well-being of the Robert Burgess
by John Studley

- Sun** Feb 25, 11:00 am Mass
- † **Marguerite & Gene Sgro** by *Ralph Yulo*
- † **Anthony Antunes** by *Andrew & Ann Brndiar, Jr.*

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-Thur, 9:30-2:30 & Fri Adoration.
 Office closed: Mon, Feb 19th, President's Day

Our condolences to the family of **Deacon Harry Grospitch**, a Permanent Deacon of the Diocese of Norwich, who died on Sunday, Feb 11, 2024.

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, Robert Burgess, 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, James Knight, B.L., Patrice Lucas, Barry Madden, Matthew Madden, Noah Markowycz, Ray McCaughey, Jackie Mozzicato, Jesse Narwicziziks, 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, The Studley Family, Mary Jane Tynan, Joseph Tyson, K.V., J.W., Chad W., Greg & Jocelyne Wakefield, Terri Warren, Caroline Williams.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY Feb 20th, 9:30am.
 Studying "Walking with Mary" by Edward Sri.

ST. PHILIP ADULT EDUCATION. Led by Ed Conlan, *The Parables of Jesus.* **Feb 21, 10:00 am**
 All are welcome.

Blessed Mother's Stitchers: Tue, Feb 27, 10 am.
 Please join us as we create Baptismal blankets and hats, scarves, and gloves for needy people.

BOY SCOUTS: Tues, Feb 27, at 7pm.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will meet **Tues, Mar 5 at 7pm** in the Parish Center.

GIFT CARDS ARE URGENTLY NEEDED Please consider donating a card from Walmart, Stop & Shop, Big Y, or Gas station Cards 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.

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 3-15 year-olds, but all are welcome. Bring your Rosary or use one provided. Text Donna @ 860-617-8567.



ST. PHILIP CHURCH STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Please join us each **Friday at 6pm** during Lent for Stations of the Cross in the Church followed by Soup and Fellowship in the Parish Center. Friday, February 23rd John Mozzicato will provide Tomato Bisque.

Religious Instruction at ST. PHILIP CHURCH

Because of the very small number of children in our parish, we can accommodate any family with the materials that would be grade appropriate or anticipating the sacrament of initiation. We can guide you and assist you and we also offer tutoring. Our present program is individual-based and very flexible. We would also encourage any family that would like to establish a formal class that would include their child to please call Father Michael. Traditional parish-held CCD classes were discontinued due to lack of participation. We will continue with individualized family programs, if and when our needs change.

Our primary means of communication to you remains our parish bulletin. Please don't hesitate to share information with family or neighbors who might benefit from any church program, i.e. religious instruction of the young. Unfortunately, there are a number of Catholic families that do not attend the weekly Mass, we must gently encourage them.

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.



51st Operation Rice Bowl: Our Lenten Program: **For Lent, For Life** Lent is a time of opportunity for us to strengthen our faith through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. These practices bring us closer to God and demonstrate our solidarity with those in need at home and around the world. This Lent make your sacrifices become opportunities to feed the hungry poor. Please participate in CRS Operation Rice Bowl and let the sacrifices you make for the hungry poor nourish them and may these sacrifices witness to the love that disciples of Christ have for all people, especially for the least of the Lord's sisters and brothers.



**March 16: Wine Tasting:
Ecole Agape**

HOLY FAMILY RETREATS FOR MEN & WOMEN



There are three retreat dates still open for **WOMEN**: March 1-3; **April 19-21**, when St. Philip women are already registered for the retreat/please consider joining us; and May 31-June 2. **Men's dates**: Feb 23-25; Mar 8-10; Mar 15-17; Mar 22-24; Apr 5-7; Apr 12-14; May 3-5; June 7-9. For info visit: Holyfamilyretreat.org.



Tickets for the **CORNERED BEEF DINNER** on March 9, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. will be on sale after all Masses starting on February 17/18th and for the next three weeks. Tickets will also be available for sale during Parish office hours which are Monday through Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Snow date will be Sunday, March 10, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. **Last date to buy tickets will be on Thursday, March 7, 2024.**

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DETAILS AT
CATHOLICYOUTHREVIVAL.ORG/LENT

1st Sunday of Lent "After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God" - - Mark 1:14. Have you ever thought about how difficult it must have been for Jesus to go to Galilee, knowing that John had just been arrested for teaching the same message that He was proclaiming. It took great love and trust for Jesus to do what the Father had sent Him here on earth to do. In the same way, living a stewardship lifestyle takes great love and trust from us. We must be willing to surrender completely to God, trusting that He will always give us all that we need to fulfill His plan for us.

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Young Adult Lenten Retreat with the Nashville Dominicans Young and Catholic, the young adult movement of the diocese of Springfield invites all young adults (ages 18-40) to join for their "Journey through Lent with the Holy Family" 2024 Lenten Retreat featuring talks by the Nashville Dominican Sister of St. Cecilia Congregation on February 24th from 9am to 3pm at UMass Newman Center in Amherst. The retreat costs \$25 regular and \$15 for college students and includes Mass, Adoration, Confession, talks, small group discussion time, a light breakfast, and lunch. Details or register at www.youngandCatholic.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.

Name: _____
Address: _____
Envelope # _____

YOUNG AND CATHOLIC PRESENTS



JOURNEY THROUGH LENT WITH THE HOLY FAMILY

Featuring Talks by the **Nashville Dominican Sisters** of St. Cecilia Congregation

9AM TO 3PM

FEBRUARY 24TH
UMASS NEWMAN CENTER
111 Thatcher Rd, Amherst, MA 01002



A LENTEN RETREAT OPEN TO YOUNG ADULTS AGES 18-40

REGISTER / MORE INFO:
WWW.YOUNGANDCATHOLIC.ORG



- ★ FREE food and drinks
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PANEL DISCUSSION ON

CHARITY & SERVICE

Tuesday, February 20, 2024 // 7pm - 9pm
St. Mary's Church, 5 Hillhouse Ave, New Haven

Includes an hour of professional networking PLUS opportunities for service and prayer this Lent



RSVP here!

Diocesan Catholic Schools Basketball Tournament Come out to St. Bernard's School on Friday March 2nd after 3pm, Saturday March 3rd all day, and Sunday March 4th to cheer on your favorite Catholic Elementary Teams as they compete to see who will be the Diocesan Champion. Admission is \$5 for a game or \$10 for a weekend pass.

Diocesan "Restored" Youth Lenten Retreat

The Diocesan Youth Leadership Team invites all middle to high school students in Western Mass to join for a special "Restored" Lenten Retreat taking place on March 10th from 3-8:30pm at St. Elizabeth's in Ludlow. The entire retreat will be led by the youth ambassadors, who will give the talks and witnesses, lead small groups and activities, MC, and even play music. It will also include Sunday Mass, Adoration, Confession, and dinner. The cost is \$10. More info, register, or group leader specific information at www.CatholicYouthRevival.org/lent.

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 to remember residents, family and friends who have been a part of St. Joseph's over the past 35 years. There is an application in the online bulletin or please contact: Gayle Ethier, Pastoral Care Dir at St. Joseph's 860-456-1107, ext. 128. Or gayle.ethier@sjlct.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.

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 manicholas@norwichdiocese.net.

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, DO ALL YOU CAN TO ENCOURAGE PRIESTLY AND RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS. YOUR PRAYERS AND SUPPORT MAKE A DIFFERENCE.



'God had fulfilled my dream.'

Growing up in northern California, I never saw any nuns or religious sisters except the Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration on EWTN. Even still, as a young girl, I felt God's call to become his bride.

As a teenager, though, I was drawn to marriage and motherhood and dreamed of designing wedding dresses as I raised my children. I pushed away the thought of a religious vocation — that is, until two Marian Sisters of Santa Rosa came to our diocese. I saw them at daily Mass and immediately wanted to get to know them, so I joined the Marian sodality they started for high school girls. They told me, "If you consecrate yourself to Mary, she will help you find your vocation."

Through discernment, Our Lady led me to join the Marian Sisters to proclaim and magnify her Son as she did. My earlier dream was forgotten, until one day, as I was sewing a white habit for one of our sisters, I realized that God had fulfilled my dream in a different way. I am now making wedding dresses — not for earthly brides but for brides of Christ!

Sister Margaret Mary Zieminski
Marian Sisters of Santa Rosa
Santa Rosa, California

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.

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 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 take place online at 7 pm. **No stations on Friday, March 8.** Registration is required. You can register for one evening or all five. To register call Mary-Jo McLaughlin, at 860-848-2237, x 312 or email: mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net.

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.

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/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.

This year the Women's Conference committee would like to offer a **discounted rate to parishes that would like to purchase a whole table of 8**. We are offering a savings of \$10 a ticket making the individual's cost \$65. This doesn't necessarily mean the parish has to sponsor and write the check for the whole amount, it could simply mean that someone from the parish takes the initiative to organize a group of 8 women and handle the money for them. These discounted tables can be purchased online at <http://bit.ly/2Laol7Y> or by sending a check for \$520.00 made out to the 'A.C.A.' to me at the address listed below. If you decide to pay online, please contact me afterwards in an email with the 8 names and dinner choices, if you pay by check please include that information with the check. ***The discounted rate of \$65 is only available when purchased as a table.** Individuals who register on their own will have to pay \$75*

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 last online meeting is Monday, 7-8:15 pm. Feb 19, 2024. The program is free, but registration is required. For info, contact the Catholic Family Services Office, 860-848-2237, x 312 email: mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net.



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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FIND THE MORE YOU'RE LOOKING FOR.



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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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

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. To be added to the list today email Marianne at manicholas@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
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PLEASE NOTE: The phone number previously listed in the bulletin for **Deacon Chris** has been assigned to another person.

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.

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

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

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>.

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.

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.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: First Sunday of

Lent ~ 1 Peter 3:18: "Beloved: Christ suffered for sins once, the righteous, that he might lead you to God. Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the spirit." Let your marriage be filled with life in the Holy Spirit. Learn the five tools for a more fulfilling marriage by signing up and 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:

March 15-17, 2024 in Upton, MA

April 26-28, 2024(non-residential weekend) in CT

June 21-23, 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/>.

VIRTUAL LENTEN MISSION The Virtual Lenten Mission is an opportunity for us to deepen our faith, take time for reflection, and pray. This Lent, speakers Fr. Brian Romanowski, Judy Kosteini-Director of the New England Biblical School, Fr. Michael Phillippino, and Mary Ellen Mahon- Retired Secretary for Catholic Formation in Manchester will reflect on the upcoming scriptures for our Mission. The mission will begin Thursday, February 22nd at 7:00 – 7:45pm and continue weekly with the last session on Thursday, March 14th. To register, contact Marianne at (860)848-2237 ex. 304 or email her at manicholas@norwichdiocese.net

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.

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, X 312 or email: mmclaughlin@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; 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, February 20th following the noon mass at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich.

Young Catholic Professionals - Executive Panel

Discussion

Want to make your Lent more fruitful this year? Come join Young Catholic Professionals Central CT for our 1st Executive Panel Discussion! Come enjoy light refreshments and networking along with a panel discussion on service and the virtue of charity. Looking to see how you can serve this Lent? There will also be groups from around the Archdiocese offering service opportunities for your Lenten Almsgiving. We look forward to seeing you there!

Where: St. Mary's Church, 5 Hillhouse Ave, New Haven

When: Tues, Feb 20th from 7 - 9PM

Who: All professionals from 18-39.

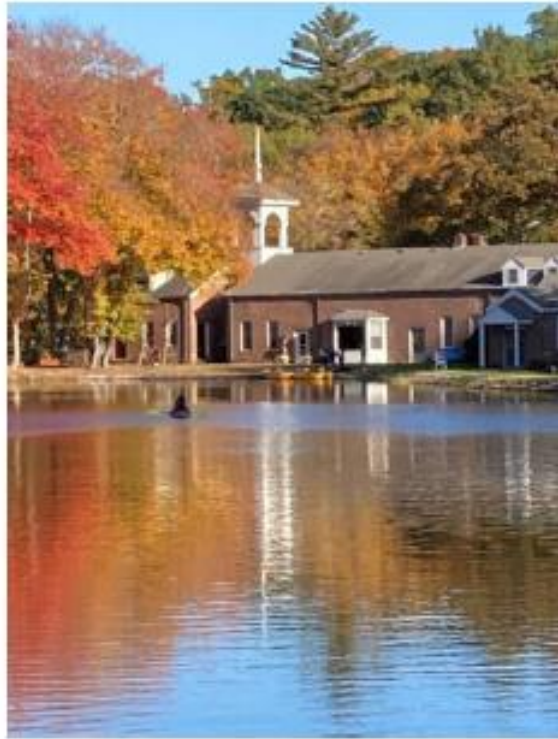
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E-mail info@ycpcentralconnecticut.org to learn more.

Go Green Parish

Use cloth instead of paper in your kitchen! Paper towels are the most common household waste. Instead of using paper towels and napkins, use dish towels and cloth napkins. This will significantly reduce the amount of waste in your household. And it's an easy switch everyone can make! **Evangelization Corner** Invite a friend, family member, neighbor or co-worker to attend Mass (or any event sponsored by your Church) with you. It's a great way for them to see you practicing your faith and that is usually a side of ourselves we do not share with others. Be the witness for others that someone was for you!



SACRED HEART ON THE LAKE RETREAT CENTER UP-COMING LENT RETREAT DAYS

THREE LENTEN RETREAT DAY CHOICES

Saturday, February 24th; Saturday, March 2nd; Tuesday, March 5th

How do we turn away from sin and live the Gospel through the three traditional disciplines of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving?

ALL OUR RETREAT DAYS are from 9:30am – 3:00pm

A complete write-up of all our retreat days and programs can be found on our WEBSITE www/sacredheartonthelake.org

SACRED HEART ON THE LAKE RETREAT CENTER
194 Candlewood Hill Rd. Higganum, CT. 06441

Retreat Presenter: Sr. Lany Jo Smith, ASCJ

Donation asked \$35- includes a Continental Breakfast & Full Lunch

Reservations are necessary- Sign-up online, call Sr. Lany Jo 203-606-9102 or email info@sacredheartonthelake.org

DIOCESAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

FRI MARCH 1ST - SUN MARCH 3RD
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TEAMS ARE INVITED TO
COMPETE AND SEE WHO IS THE
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pass to all
games for the
weekend is
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St. Joseph Living Center is offering family and friends who have or have had family members or friends who resided at our facility, a special way to remember their loved one through the purchase of an engraved brick to be placed in our courtyard walkway. We are calling this "St Joseph Living Center's 'A Walk to Remember'."

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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For questions, please contact
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or email gayle.ethier@sjlcc.org

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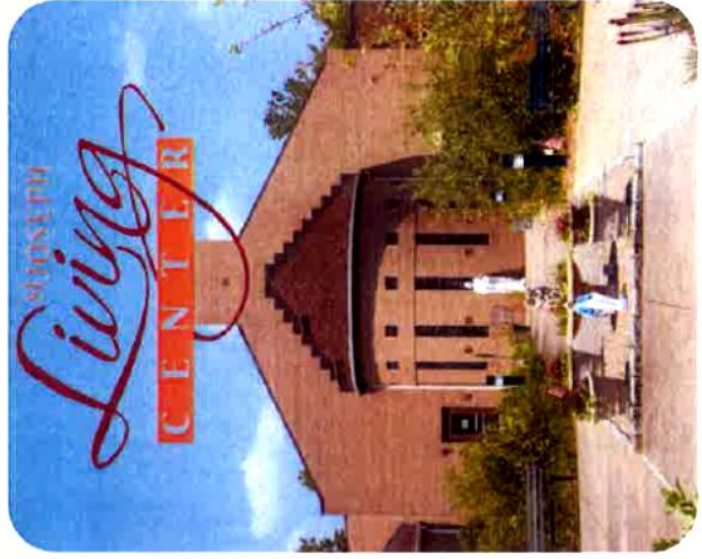
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Dear Pastors,

The third annual Connecticut March for Life, to be held in Hartford on Wednesday March 20th is fast approaching. To make this event a success we are asking parishes to take the actions listed below to help make this March a great success.

- 1) Make your parishioners aware of the event by placing the flyer contained in the link below into your bulletin and mentioning it in your weekly announcements.** We are asking you to place the attached information in your bulletin on all weekends preceding the March.

[Parish Flyer CT March for Life 2024](#)

- 2) If possible book a bus from your parish or join with several parishes in your area in reserving a bus. Bus information is below.**

I encourage you to visit CTMarchforlife.org for up-to-date information on the event. If you have any questions contact Deacon David Reynolds at dreynolds@ctcatholic.org.

Thank you for your assistance.

Christopher Healy, Executive Director
Connecticut Catholic Public Affairs Conference

CONNECTICUT MARCH FOR LIFE



Wednesday, March 20, 2024

Help us make this March even more successful than 2023.

BUS INFORMATION:

Option #1: The Knights of Columbus is once again sponsoring reduced fares for round-trip bus rides from locations throughout Connecticut for the 2024 Connecticut March for Life. If you are interested in **hosting** a bus, please **[fill out this form](#)** as soon as possible. For more information, please contact Drew Dillingham, 203-752-4078 or drew.dillingham@kofc.org You can also visit rally.co/ct-march-for-life for the location of already registered buses. The charge per rider will be \$15 (with KofC subsidy) for the round trip as long as funds are available. So register a bus now.



Option #2: A parish (or several parishes working together) can sponsor a bus in several ways. Of course, parishes can work together to control cost and fill their buses.

- The parish can arrange for a bus and charge each rider a fee to cover the full cost.
- The parish can cover the cost of the bus from parish funds.
- The parish can split the cost of the bus between the riders and parish funds.

**** If your parish sponsors a bus, please contact the March for Life so it can be listed on the CT March's website. Email the information to Catherine Olohan CatherineOlohan@marchforlife.org**

Option #3: Parishioners can go to the CTMarchforlife.org website to see if a parish in their area is sponsoring a bus.

*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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All masses will be celebrated at the Church of the Holy Family
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January 21

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February 18

August 18

March 17

September 15

April 21

October 20

May 19

November 17

June 16

December 15

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

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 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, where you can also catch her latest study series on *Cherished: How God Is Using Your Vocation to Heal You*.



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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*

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

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