

ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM
Closed Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and also
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PARISH EMAIL & Bulletin Announcements

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<https://saintphilipct.com>

NEW PARISHIONERS

We are delighted to welcome you and encourage you to register by filling out a registration form or emailing the office.

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

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| Saturday | 4:30 p.m. |
| Sunday | 9:00 a.m. |
| Sunday | 11:00 a.m. |

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

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| 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



March 24, 2024
Palm Sunday of the
Passion of the Lord



† **Mass Schedule and Intentions** †

Readings start on page 982 in St. Augustine Hymnal

Sat Mar 23, 3:30-4:00 pm Confession

Sat Mar 23, 4:30 pm Mass

† **Deceased Members of the Pliska & Pudelkiewicz Families** by Roger & Ann Phillips

Sun Mar 24, 9:00 am Mass

† **Sophia Krysinski, 27th Anniversary** by Her Daughters
Ed Conlan, 90th Birthday by Richard & Lois Mindek

Sun Mar 24, 11:00 am Mass

† **Amalia Zaicek** by Agnes Zabik

† **Marguerite & Gene Sgro** by Ralph Yulo

Tues Mar 26, 8:00 am Mass

† **Paulita Nespral** by Jim & Cecile Hurley

Wed Mar 27, 8:00 am Mass

For the Sick of Our Parish

HOLY THURSDAY March 28

No morning Mass

7:00 pm Holy Thursday Mass

GOOD FRIDAY March 29

No Adoration or morning Mass

3:00 pm Service

6:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Good Friday, March 29th John

Mozzicato will provide a Risotto dinner in the Parish Center after Stations of the Cross.



HOLY SATURDAY March 30

11:00 Food Blessing in Center.

No Confessions Today

There is no 4:30 pm Mass on Easter Saturday.

8:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass.

EASTER SUNDAY March 31

9:00 am Mass

Mass Intentions: For the Parish

11:00 am Mass

Mass Intentions: For the Parish

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 April 1 – Easter Monday.

PRAYER LIST: For current requests please call 860-429-2860 or email stphilipstjude@gmail.com.

PRAYER LIST: Kenneth Beaudoin, Seth Beebe, Jim Bentley, John Bergeron, Jr., John Bergeron, Sr., Brian Berry, Megan Berry, Robert Burgess, Elizabeth Clifford, Ed Conlan, Lisa DeJesse, Tanner DeJesse, Kerry DeJesus, Camille Delisle, Tony DeMonte, Debbie & Bob DePorter, Yvette & Maurice Dionne, Charles Dobrowolski, Alison Dodd, Helen Donnelly & Family, Caroline Doughty, Kyle Ernst, Agnes Flynn, Barry G., Myles Gratton, Joyce H., Henry Hansen, Mikey Harakaly, Kathy Hills, P.J., Marie James, Joshua, Tom Joyal, John K., Melinda King, James Knight, 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, Diane Peed, Pauline Picard, Diane Piccoli, Peter Piecyk, Emil Poirier, Heather Poulin, Jim Rook, Mike Schwartz, Skyler Sherman, Lorraine Smith, Maureen Smith, Patrick Stenglein, Al St. Louis, Mason Studley, The Studley Family, Joanne T., Mary Jane Tynan, Joseph Tyson, K.V., J.W., Chad W., Greg & Jocelyne Wakefield, Terri Warren.



CHOIR REHEARSAL: Sunday
 March 24 after the 11:00 A.M. Mass.

Blessed Mother's Stitches: Tue, Mar 26, 10 am. Please join us as we create Baptismal blankets and hats, scarves, and gloves for needy people.

BOY SCOUTS: Tues, Mar 26, 6:30-8:30 pm.

ST. PHILIP ADULT EDUCATION. Led by Ed Conlan, *The Parables of Jesus*. **Wed, Mar 27, 10:00 am.** All are welcome.

BOY SCOUTS: Mon, Apr 1, 7:00 pm.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY Tues, Apr 2nd, 9:30 am. Studying "Walking with Mary" by Edward Sri.

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

We pray the **CHILDREN'S ROSARY** Sundays, at 8:25am, BEFORE the 9am 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.



Divine Mercy Candle is lit for the
Intentions of
Father Michael Giannitelli
 requested by the Canavan Family.



All our parishioners are invited to the consecration of the Chrism and the blessing of the Oil of the Sick and the Oil of the Catechumens at the Chrism Mass, Tues, March 26, 2024, at 10:30 am. The Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich. Bishop Michael R. Cote will celebrate this liturgy. All are invited. The Sacred Chrism, oil mixed with sweet perfume, symbolizes the presence of the Holy Spirit. It will be used in the parishes of the Diocese of Norwich in the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. It is also used at the Ordination of Bishops and Priests and at the Dedication of a Church and altar. The Oil of the Sick is used to anoint those who are suffering from illness so that they may receive strength and healing, both physical and spiritual. The catechumens will be anointed with the Oil of Catechumens in preparation for their Baptism at the Easter Vigil. The Chrism Mass is a celebration of the entire local Church, and the subsequent use of the oils in the various parishes is a sign of unity among God's people.

**OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE PARISH
Haitian Ministry**



**WINE & FOOD PAIRING
to benefit HAITI**

Fun & Informative Night

Enjoy Sampling 6 Different Wines

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Silent Auction & Raffle

All Proceeds Benefit
Les Palmes, Haiti School Project

Where: St Mary's Church Hall 1600 Main Street Coventry

When: April 27th - 5:30pm

Tickets: \$45 per Person

TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE

(no tickets sold at door)

Call: Lou Friedrich - (860) 872-4189; Denise Pillion - (860) 617-3642

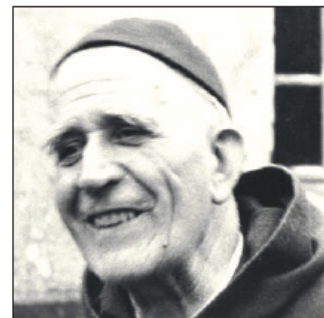
Come Have Fun, Enjoy A Taste of Wine
Other Beverages Also Available (Coffee, Tea, Soda)

We have supported a school in Haiti in a remote farming community for 25 years. As you know, Haiti is in dire need. Our school is still functioning and has 405 students attending secondary school. Our biggest fundraiser is our annual wine tasting/food pairing and silent auction to be held on April 27th 5:30 pm at St Mary's Church in Coventry.

Thank You, God Bless, Denise Pillion

Catholic Man of the Month

**Blessed Marie-Eugène
of the Child Jesus (1894-1967)**



AS A TEENAGER, Henri Grialou discovered a booklet about a nun named Thérèse, who had died just over a decade earlier. "I started reading it and was completely captivated," he wrote, recalling this encounter with the Little Flower. St. Thérèse's sister, Pauline, who became prioress of the Carmel of Lisieux, would later say of him, "I have never met anyone so much like my little sister."

The third of five children, Grialou was born into a poor family in the mining town of Le Gua, in south-central France. He entered seminary in 1908, but left in 1913 to serve in World War I. Decorated for bravery and discharged in 1919, he resumed his priestly formation for the Diocese of Rodez. Back in seminary, he displayed a bullet that had been stopped by a small book of Thérèse's writings that he carried during battle.

In 1920, Grialou had a profound experience while reading the works of the Carmelite mystic St. John of the Cross. Despite initial opposition from his mother and bishop, he entered the

Discalced Carmelite community in Avon just weeks after his priestly ordination in 1922. He took the religious name Marie-Eugène of the Child Jesus in honor of St. Thérèse.

Father Marie-Eugène became an esteemed preacher, spiritual writer and champion of the Carmelite spiritual masters and mystics. In 1932, he founded Notre-Dame de Vie, a secular institute for consecrated lay and priests. He traveled the world — including Canada, Mexico, the Philippines and the United States — expanding the institute and helping lay people integrate contemplative prayer into their lives.

Father Marie-Eugène of the Child Jesus died March 27, 1967, at age 72; he was beatified in 2016. ✚



NOTICE: Our groundskeeper will be doing a spring clean-up before Easter, and we ask you to remove all Christmas displays at St. Philip's Cemetery by March 24, 2024.



RICE BOWLS are due Palm Sunday, March 23/24.

Thank you

HOLY FAMILY RETREATS FOR MEN & WOMEN

There are two retreat dates for **WOMEN:** April 19-21, when St. Philip women are already registered for the retreat; and May 31-June 2. **Men's dates:** Apr 5-7, when St. Philip men are already registered for the retreat, please consider joining us; Apr 12-14; May 3-5; June 7-9. For info visit: Holyfamilyretreat.org.



**PALM SUNDAY BAKE SALE
9am-3pm, Sat, March 23, 2024.**

Any items remaining will be on sale after the 9 and 11 am Masses on Palm Sunday. Thank you for your generosity.



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OUTREACH
TO HAITI

Diocese of Norwich Outreach to Haiti
will host its 17th annual *For the Love of a Child Charity Gala*, **Sat, April 20, 2024 at A Villa Louisa, 60 Villa Louisa Rd., Bolton, CT.** The Most Reverend

Michael R. Cote, D.D., Bishop of the Diocese of Norwich, invites you to join him. A silent auction will feature tickets to a Goodspeed Show and to Red Sox & Yankee Games, Haitian Artwork, Baskets of Cheer and local Artists Craft Works. Cocktails at 6:30, followed by dinner. Price is \$100 per person. Please RSVP online www.outreachtohaiti.org or call Outreach office at 860 800 3601. For nearly 40 years, Diocese of Norwich has been twinned with the Archdiocese of Port-au-Prince and through its ministry Outreach has been helping our Haitian brothers and sisters at our center in the Christ Roi (Christ the King) neighborhood and 14 Haitian parishes twinned with US parishes. Your gift helps support many thousands of families, aiding the very poor with medical and health care services, food and nutrition, education scholarships, small business development, parish twinning program and many more services. Thank you!



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Diocesan Pro-Life Mass: Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich, **Sat, April 6 at 8:30 A.M.** Please join **Rev. Walter Nagle** at Mass as we pray to end abortion and for healing for those who have had an abortion. After Mass, the Rachel Rosary will be prayed at the Cathedral. A brunch will follow.

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**Tolland, CT
Bereavement
Support Group**

Coping with the loss
of a loved one

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT
GROUP
TUESDAYS
APRIL 2ND—MAY 28TH
6:15PM - 7:45PM
ST. MATTHEW CHAPEL**

DEADLINE TO REGISTER: MARCH 26TH

Living through grief is not easy but it does not have to be done alone. Blessed Sacrament Parish will offer a 9 week support program called, "New Day", for those who have suffered the loss of a loved one. The goal of this program is to provide a sense of community where support is given and received.

The program is led by trained facilitators and includes prayer, discussion, and journaling. Although "New Day" is a faith-based program, it is not restricted to Catholics and all are welcome. In order to accommodate individual needs, the group size is limited to a minimum of 6 and a maximum of 9 persons. It is recommended it has been at least 6 months since the death of your loved one before attending the sessions.

For further information or to register, please contact Sue Gilbertie at bereavement@cath-comm.org

Palm Sunday, "Pilate again said to them, 'Then what shall I do with the man whom you call the King of the Jews?' And they cried out again, 'Crucify him.'" – MARK 15:12-13. Jesus told us "Whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you do for me." Every day we are presented opportunities to help someone. Every day we have the opportunity to see the face of Jesus in others and be the face of Jesus to others. Every day we pass by someone in need. Pray for the strength and courage to be the answer to someone's prayer.

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.

REMEMBERING HIS MERCY Luke 1:54

CROSSROADS4CHRIST²⁰²⁴
young adult retreat

APRIL 5-7

Calling all young adults 18-39 years old!

Join **Crossroads 4 Christ** for a retreat to explore what it means to remember and dwell in God's mercy.

Whether it's your 1st or 50th retreat, we warmly invite you to join us for a weekend of rest and rejuvenation centered in Christ and His Mercy with other young adults from throughout Connecticut and beyond.

Registration opens **March 8th at 9:00 AM, EST**. For more details and to register, visit the **2024 Retreat page at crossroads4christ.org**.

Save the Date

CATHOLIC CHARITIES, DIOCESE OF NORWICH

18th Annual GOLF TOURNAMENT

MAY 6TH, 2024

Great Neck Country Club
Waterford, CT


For more information or to register early visit our golf website at www.golfccnorwich.com

Sponsorships Available

Bereavement Support for Mothers ~ The Diocesan Catholic Family Services Office is sponsoring a day of support, reflection, and loving remembrance of 'A Child Who Was to Be,' a time of prayer and support for mothers who have lost a child to an ectopic pregnancy, miscarriage, stillbirth, or infant death on Sat, May 4, 9 am to 2:30 pm at Sacred Heart Church Parish Hall, 52 West Town St, Norwichtown. There is no fee, but registration is required by April 26. A light lunch will be included. To register call Mary-Jo McLaughlin at Catholic Family Services, 860-848-2237, ext. 312 or email her at mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net.

CROSSROADS4CHRIST

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

CROSSROADS4CHRIST.ORG INFO@CROSSROADS4CHRIST.ORG



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.

Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center W. Hartford, CT.
Knitting Retreat Day Presenter: Christine M. Berté
Saturday, April 6, 2024, 9 am to 4 pm. During our time together, we will explore the history of the prayer shawl ministry, originating right here in Hartford, CT. While knitting and working on projects, participants will listen to spiritual writings. We will discuss ways in which our fiber work can be a message of spirituality and a way of bringing people together. Please visit hollyfamilyretreat.org/knitting for info.

A WALK TO REMEMBER
ST. 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 contact: Gayle Ethier, Pastoral Care at St. Joseph's 860-456-1107, ext. 128. Or gayle.ethier@sjlct.org.

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.*

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.



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:

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| 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.

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.

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>.

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



NATIONAL **Eucharistic Revival**

**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. www.eucharisticcongress.org/schedule.

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.

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.

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

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.

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.



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, X 312 or email: mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Palm Sunday

On this day commemorating Jesus's triumphant entry into Jerusalem, the people celebrated. Celebrate your marriage by giving your spouse the gift of a marriage encounter experience. Learn how to listen better, communicate more, and express your love for your spouse in many ways. You will be glad you did! You can find one by looking up WWME.org. Some of the dates to sign up are:

April 11-May 23, 2024 (virtual 3RE)

June 7-June 9, 2024 in Upton,, MA

June 21-June 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/>.

CEMETERY SPRING CLEANUP

St. Joseph Cemetery, Norwich

St. Mary Cemetery, Norwich

Sacred Heart Cemetery, Norwich

All Hallows Cemetery, Moosup

Sacred Heart Cemetery, Wauregan

St. Patrick Cemetery, Uncasville

St. Mary Cemetery, New London

Resurrection Cemetery, Westbrook

Beginning April 1, 2024 we will begin removing winter decorations in the cemeteries. Please be sure to collect your winter decorations prior to April 1st. Please note decorations for graves should be contained in a cemetery box no larger than 2' X 1'2". One decoration display per lot. Solar lights may be placed in the cemetery box. Decorations placed directly into the ground will be removed per our insurance regulations. For a complete list of rules and regulations on decorations contact the cemetery office at 860-887-1019.

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.



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.

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.

Go Green Corner SAVE WATER: Did you know only ~1.2 percent of water can be used as drinking water? The rest is locked up in glaciers, ice caps, and permafrost, or buried deep in the ground. That's why it's so important to conserve water where we can. According to the EPA, each American uses an average of 82 gallons of water a day at home. Here's how we can waste less water:

- Take shorter showers.
- Place a bucket in the shower to catch water as you wait for the water to warm up. Then use it for watering your garden, or houseplants!
- Turn the tap off when you brush your teeth.

Small changes will make a big difference!

Be An Evangelizer

Many believers feel it's their responsibility to "defend the Lord" when they're witnessing. But our job is simply to give out His Word and to allow the Word to do the work. Remember, His Word is His power. Going beyond that by arguing and debating is a distraction and a time waster, and it should be avoided. So, don't debate! Just share the truth in love.

REMEMBERING HIS MERCY

— Luke 1:54 —

Calling all young adults 18-39 years old!

Join Crossroads 4 Christ for a retreat (April 5th to 7th) to explore what it means to remember and dwell in God's mercy.

Whether it's your 1st or 50th retreat, we warmly invite you to join us for a weekend of rest and rejuvenation centered in Christ and His Mercy with other young adults from throughout Connecticut and beyond.

Registration opens March 8th at 9:00 AM, EST. For more details and to register, visit the 2024 Retreat page at crossroads4christ.org.

What is an Annulment?



If you are a divorced Catholic who would like to know more about annulments or is considering beginning the annulment process but aren't quite sure what it is or how to go about doing so, this informational workshop is for you. Join us:

Thursday, April 25, 2024, 7-8:30 P.M.

St. Bernard Parish Hall

25 St. Bernard's Terrace, Rockville, CT

Fr. Jeffrey Ellis of the Diocesan Marriage Tribunal will cover the numerous aspects of the annulment process including:

- ❖ Church teaching on marriage and divorce
- ❖ What an annulment is and isn't and why they exist
- ❖ Why a Catholic would need an annulment
- ❖ Grounds for annulment
- ❖ Steps in the process and how to begin it
- ❖ Questions and answers

The annulment process may be the pathway you are seeking to healing, forgiveness and new joy.

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

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invites you to join us
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with a different focus/lens
each week.

- ❖ Feb. 16: *Through the eyes of the suffering, ill and disabled*
- ❖ Feb. 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 P.M. Participation requires an internet connection. Registration is also required to receive a link. To register, call Mary-Jo McLaughlin, at 860-848-2237, Ext 312 or email her at mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net

*You can register for just one evening or all five.
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Saturday, April 13, 2024

5:00 p.m.



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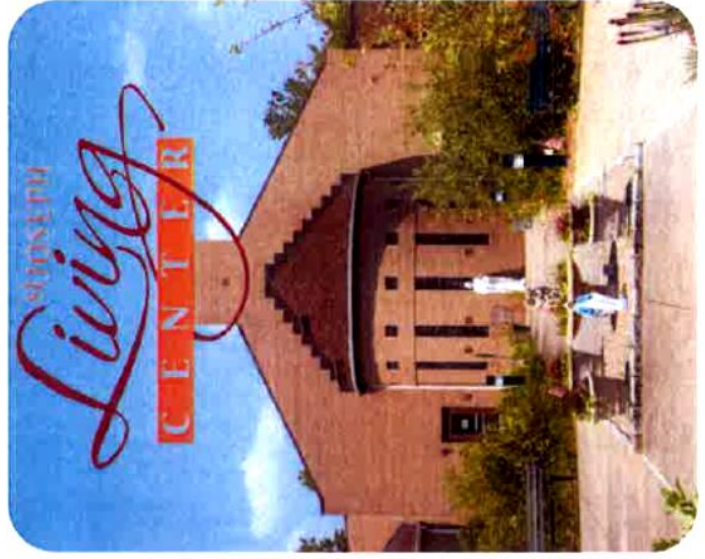
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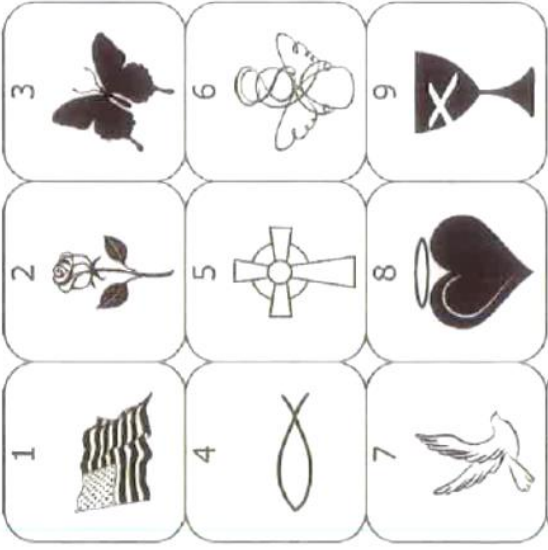
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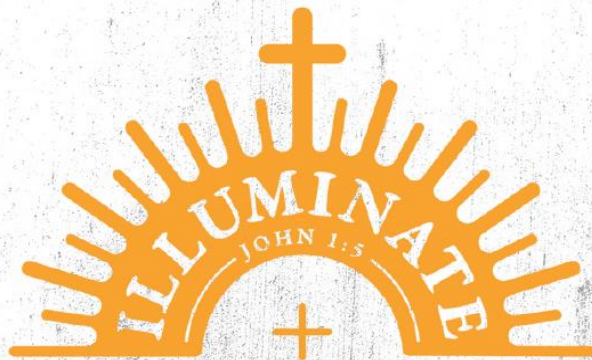
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