

ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

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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



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**MOST REVEREND
MICHAEL R. COTE, D.D.**

Easter Message 2024

My dear brothers & sisters in the Lord,

The peace of the risen Lord be with you and all whom you love. On this Easter Sunday, we rejoice in the Lord's victory over sin and death. Assembled with their companions, the Eleven apostles first heard the good news of Jesus' Resurrection. While they were discussing all this, Jesus stands among them. In their fright, in their guilt, and in their wonderment and awe, the Risen Lord greets them, "Peace be with you!" (cf. Luke 24:36-37)

While the mere sight of Jesus would easily recall their guilt, His presence and His greeting of peace changed all of that. They heard his greeting: "Peace be with you!" They did not need an explanation. They knew exactly what Jesus meant. All is forgiven! Why are you so upset? (cf. Luke 24:38) In that moment, His disciples passed from death to life; they went from the sin and despair of betrayal and denial to the joy and hope of the victory of new life that Jesus shared with them. Through the Church, Jesus continues to share that joy with us. In His Risen Presence, the Lord greets us with His peace, and we rejoice in His gift of new life.

At times we betray, deny, and turn away from the Lord but in the same way that Jesus greets His disciples on the day of His Resurrection, He reaches out to us. He embraces us with His love. He touches our hearts with His peace. Just as that short but powerful greeting of peace bestowed new life on His disciples, Christ's peace embraces us with mercy and forgiveness. His peace gives us a rebirth to new life. It shares with us the power of the Resurrection to begin living in a new way. The old way of living—of selfishness, indifference, pettiness, and sin—passes away and in its place, God's love fills our hearts.

On this Easter Sunday, Jesus stands before us, and He greets us with His Peace. The power of sin and death is destroyed. His greeting is as much a sign of His Resurrection and His desire to share His life with us today as it was when He first appeared to His disciples and spoke that greeting to them. How can we fail to rejoice and to celebrate His Resurrection? How can we not return to the Lord and share in His victory? In the light of faith, we celebrate the Eucharist on Easter, and we renew our belief that Jesus is Risen. Through the power of the Spirit, Jesus abides with us today and every day.

Easter celebrates the great truth that we are forever changed, forever made new through Jesus' Resurrection. With full heart, we renew our Baptismal commitment to serve God faithfully and live as faithful witnesses to Our Lord Jesus Christ. As we renew our commitment to the Lord, Jesus embraces us with His love and changes our hearts with His gift of peace.

Peace be with you! Happy Easter!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Norwich



March 31, 2024
Easter Sunday of the
Resurrection of the Lord
 † **Mass Schedule and Intentions** †

Readings start on page 1212/1218 Easter Vigil, page 1238 Sunday

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

Tues Apr 2, 8:00 am Mass

Wed Apr 3, 8:00 am Mass

† **Liam P. Boyce** by *His Family*

Thur Apr 4, 8:00 am Mass

For the Sick of Our Parish

Fri Apr 5, 8:00 am Mass

† **Helen Doughty, 42nd Anniversary** by *Caroline Doughty*

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

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

Sat Apr 6, 4:30 pm Mass

† **Laurette Drouin, 8th Anniversary**

by *Mr. & Mrs. Victor Drouin*

† **Adrien Bilodeau** by *Jeannette Karosi*

Sun Apr 7, 9:00 am Mass

† **Sonata Lazauskas, 10th Anniversary** by *Her Family*

For the Intentions of Fr. Michael Giannitelli

by *the Canavan Family*

Sun Apr 7, 11:00 am Mass

† **Sonata Lazauskas, 10th Anniversary** by *Her Family*

† **Rose Panaccione** by *Marie Lennerton*

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.

Please Note: On Easter Sunday, there will NOT be coffee and donuts in the Parish Center.

Church open: Mon-Thur, 9:30-2:30 & Fri Adoration
 Office closed April 1 – Easter Monday.



Our condolences to the family of **Lawrence “Larry” Becker** who died March 19, 2024.

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, Mark Flynn, Barry G., Avery Gratton, Joyce H., Henry Hansen, Mikey Harakaly, Kathy Hills, Allen Horila, 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, 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.

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.

ST. PHILIP ADULT EDUCATION. Led by Ed Conlan, *The Parables of Jesus.* **Wed, Apr 3, 10:00 am.** All are welcome.

BOY SCOUTS: Tues, Apr 9, 6:30-8:30 pm.

Blessed Mother’s Stitchers: Tue, Apr 30, 10 am.
 Please join us as we create Baptismal blankets and hats, scarves, and gloves for needy people.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the **CHILDREN’S ROSARY** this winter. There will be an announcement when we will start up again.



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

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.



Please note: our **Easter Flowers** are on a special water regimen. Please do not water the flowers.

Despite the inclement weather on Saturday, the **Palm Sunday Bake Sale** was successful. A special thanks to Linda Joyal, Rose Bergeron, Nancy Conlon, and Denise Pillion for volunteering for the



fundraising event and especially to all the parishioners who baked and supported the bake sale. Congratulations to the following raffle winners: Bernice King, Bill Bland, Barbara Zulick, Shirley Wright, Marcia Panciera, Laura Harakaly and Susan Day. The bake sale netted \$1,215.01. A parishioner gave an anonymous donation. Thank you for your generosity. Blessings, Linda Joyal

Easter Sunday

“Think of what is above, not of what is on earth.” - COLOSSIANS 3:2. On this day we thank God for His Son, Jesus, who died, rose and opened the gates of heaven for us. We celebrate and sing “Alleluia.” Let’s try to keep the joy of this Easter season in our hearts throughout the year! Pray daily and listen for how God is calling each of us to joyfully use our gifts to fulfill His salvation plan.

OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE PARISH Haitian Ministry

APRIL 27th  **APRIL 27th**

WINE & FOOD PAIRING to benefit HAITI

Fun & Informative Night

Enjoy Sampling 6 Different Wines

Paired With 6 Different Foods

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

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.

2023/2024 Retreat Theme:



Awakening: How is the Holy Spirit at work in your life? Join us for a one-day retreat designed to help deepen your faith! Saturday, April 20, 2024, 9 AM – 4 PM (lunch included), St. Mary Church Hall, Putnam. Rediscover God's Unconditional Love, Come to know the Holy Spirit intimately, Learn more about the Holy Spirit's Gifts, Develop a deep and meaningful prayer life. Registration *in advance* is necessary for this event. Register online by emailing manicholas@norwichdiocese.net or call Marianne at 860-848-2237, ext. 304. (Sponsored by the Office Faith Events)

On Thursday, April 18, 2024, come join in praying a **Eucharistic Holy Hour for Vocations**. This month the holy hour will be at St. Bernard, Rockville, from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Come pray for those who are called to priestly or consecrated religious life. Pray for our seminarians and those in the process of applying to the Diocese.

REMEMBERING HIS MERCY Luke 1:54

CROSSROADS4CHRIST 2024
young adult retreat 2024

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.

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 - 2:30 pm at Sacred Heart Church Hall, 52 W. Town St, Norwichtown. 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.

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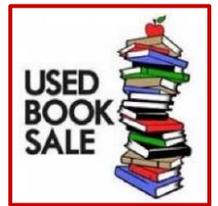


OUTREACH
TO HAITI

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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St. Philip's Annual Book Sale
will be May 4 – 26, 2024



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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 holyfamilyretreat.org/knitting for info.



Adorers are needed on Fridays for one-hour from 8:30 am to 12:00 noon as a regular adorer or as a substitute.

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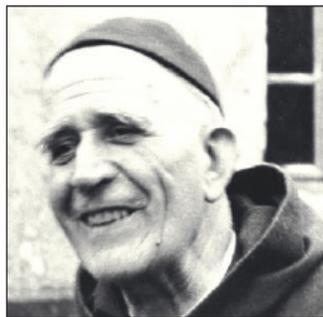
Catholic Man of the Month

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 laity 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. ✚

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@sjlcct.org.

WHEN PLANNING YOUR ESTATE: Please consider putting St. Philip in your will as a way to be remembered while supporting the ongoing needs of the parish.

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.

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.*



CATHOLIC CHARITIES, DIOCESE OF NORWICH

Save the Date

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

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

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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

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.



BROTHERS IN CHRIST WITH DEACON KIM THOMPSON *Brothers in Christ* would like you to join us on Thursday-April 11th from 7pm – 7:45pm for our virtual session with Deacon Kim Thompson speaking on the relevance and history of Psalms inside the Mass. Brothers in Christ is a gathering of men who share faith, personal experiences, and discussion. Fellowship meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of the month either virtually or in-person. If you are interested in developing fellowship and discipleship with other men devoted to Christ, please register for the group call Liza Roach (860)848-2237 ex. 305 or email lroach@norwichdiocese.net.

PROJECT RACHEL ROSARY AT THE

CATHEDRAL During May, the 3rd Tuesday of the 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 for an end to abortion. Please join us for this in-person Project Rachel Rosary on Tuesday, May 21st following the noon Mass at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Easter Sunday: The Resurrection of the Lord

Jesus is alive. He has risen. Colossians 3:1-3: "Brothers and Sisters: If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. ACTS 10:42-43: Jesus, "commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead. To him, all bear witness that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name." We can be transformed and become a new creation by believing in God and seek what is above. God can transform your relationship and teach you to forgive and to love your spouse. Take a leap of faith and trust God to nourish your relationship. Sign up for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience and you will learn the tools to transform your marriage. 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/>.

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.

VIRTUAL BINGO FOR ALL AGES

The Office of Faith Events invites people of all ages to participate in Virtual Bingo! **Sunday, April 21st from 3:30 – 5pm.** You will receive your cards online, mark them and even remark them for the next game or you can print them and play. Through video conferencing, we will call the numbers and play different BINGO games from regular bingo, double bingo, picture frame, and finally black out! It will be great fun with lots of gift certificates for prizes! The cost is \$6 per card for the whole Bingo event! To purchase your Bingo cards, go to: <https://bit.ly/2Laol7Y> or call Marianne at 860-848-2237 ex. 304.

An Evening with John Roberto

Called to Catechesis

Catechesis is the ministry of teaching and forming, which helps young people develop a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and the Christian community, and increase their knowledge of the core content of the Catholic faith.

Join the Office of Faith Events and John Roberto, founder of Lifelong Faith Associates and head of the National Community of Catechetical Leaders

virtually on

**Thursday, April 18th
from 7:00 - 8:00pm**

as we strength our call to the vocation of a catechists through the six tasks of catechesis.

To register for the event, please contact Marianne Nicholas at manicholas@norwichdiocese.net or call (860)848-2237 ex. 304



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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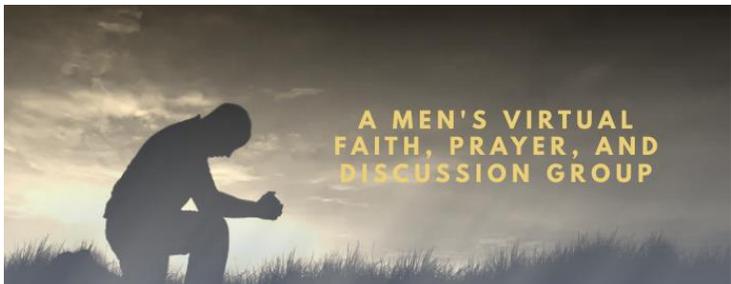
16 Stack St., Middletown: 860-346-0060

Spanish Speaking Case Workers available.

SCOUTING AWARDING CEREMONY

The Office of Faith Events invites you to join Bishop Michael Cote on Sunday, April 28th at St. Patrick's Cathedral beginning at 2pm to celebrate the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts from around the Diocese of Norwich who have been awarded a religious emblem. Come and celebrate with their pack, troop, church, family, and friends.

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>.



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

BROTHERS IN CHRIST

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

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

WITH DEACON KIM THOMPSON AS SPEAKER



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VIRTUAL BINGO

SUNDAY
April 21st
2024

3:30 - 5PM

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HOPE

AFTER ABORTION

THE RACHEL ROSARY

The third Tuesday of each month, come and pray the Project Rachel Rosary at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Norwich with the Office of Faith Events. The Project Rachel Rosary focuses on hope, healing, and forgiveness for those affected by abortion and for an end to abortion.

St. Patrick's Cathedral in Norwich
Tuesday - May 21, 2024
3rd Tuesday of
Every Month
After the Noon Mass
Materials to pray with us
will be provided.

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



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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.

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!

Knights of Columbus Supports Restoration of Baldacchino in St. Peter's Basilica

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will fund a yearlong restoration of Gian Lorenzo Bernini's iconic baldacchino above the high altar of St. Peter's Basilica, Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly announced Jan. 11 at a Vatican press conference with Cardinal Mauro Gambetti, president of the Fabbrica di San Pietro.

The nearly 10-story bronze, marble and gilded wood structure was commissioned by Pope Urban VIII and finished in 1633. Experts with the Fabbrica di San Pietro, the institution responsible for maintaining the basilica, plan to complete the comprehensive restoration — the first since 1758 — in time for the 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope.

Announcing the Order's financial support, Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly emphasized the spiritual significance of the baldacchino, which stands over the tomb of St. Peter the Apostle.

"On behalf of the Knights of Columbus and our more than 2 million members in 13 countries around the world, we are honored to lend our support to this project, which is more than caring for a magnificent piece of art," the supreme knight said. "It points to the reality of God's love for us and his coming down to earth to dwell with us and to build the Church upon St. Peter and his profession of faith."

Dr. Pietro Zander, head of the Necropolis and Artistic Heritage Section of the Fabbrica di San Pietro, will lead the project, which will employ state-of-the-art technology, including 3D modeling and drone videography.

"A prerequisite for planning the work is the knowledge that we are dealing with a giant," Zander said at the press conference. "A giant of art of all time, but even before that, a giant in form and size."

The baldacchino's 66-foot-tall spiral columns hold up a massive bronze canopy topped by four larger-than-life-size angels. At its apex, a cross stands on a



Cardinal Mauro Gambetti, archpriest of St. Peter's Basilica and president of the Fabbrica di San Pietro, welcomes Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly and Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori to St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City on Jan. 10. Cardinal Gambetti and Supreme Knight Kelly announced that the Knights of Columbus would underwrite the complete restoration of Bernini's baldacchino, the first such restoration since 1758.

globe, symbolizing the world's redemption by Christ.

The Order has a long history of supporting the work of the pope and the Vatican, beginning with Pope Benedict XV's request that the Knights open sports fields to serve the poor youth of Rome following World War I. Since 1980, the Knights has sponsored 17 Vatican restoration projects, including the cleaning of the façade of St. Peter's Basilica in anticipation of the Jubilee Year 2000, work in the

Vatican Grottoes, and the restoration of a 7-foot-tall 14th-century wooden crucifix that was present in the original St. Peter's Basilica.

"I'd like to thank our Holy Father, Pope Francis, as well as Cardinal Mauro Gambetti, for allowing us to partner in this project," the supreme knight said. "In addition to all the service we carry out for the poor, for our parishes and families, we Knights are very grateful for the privilege of serving the Church in this way." +

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.

Awakening:

How is the Holy Spirit at work in your life?



Join us for a one day retreat designed
to help deepen your faith!

Saturday, April 20, 2024

9-4 (lunch included)

St. Mary Church Hall, Putnam

- *Rediscover God's Unconditional Love
- *Come to know the Holy Spirit intimately
- *Learn more about the Holy Spirit's Gifts
- *Develop a deep and meaningful prayer life



Registration *in advance* is necessary for this event

Register online to manicholas@norwichdiocese.net or call

Marianne at 860-848-2237, ext. 304.

(Sponsored by the Office Faith Events)

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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**10:00-11:30 am
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Course Material Fee: \$20

**Sign Up: 860-848-2237 x 304 - Marianne Nicholas
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**Please mail material fee as a check payable to 'A.C.A.' to
Office of Faith Events, 331 Main St Floor 2, Norwich, CT 06360**

OR

Bring cash to the first class on April 4

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suffered the loss of a spouse due to death,
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St. Lawrence Retreat Center
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REGISTRATION REQUIRED: Call Phyllis at (914) 261-5812,
or Jim at (845) 220-7883

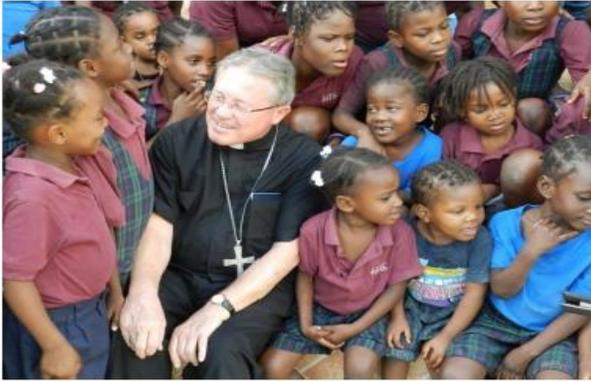
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Diocese of Norwich Outreach
Invites You to the 17th Annual
For the Love of a Child Charity Gala
Saturday, April 20, 2024

The Most Reverend Michael R. Cote, D.D., Bishop of the Diocese of Norwich,
invites you to join him in a benefit for the children of Haiti.



For nearly 40 years, Diocese of Norwich has been twinned with the Archdiocese of Port-au-Prince and through its ministry 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.

Silent Auction will feature:

- Goodspeed and other Shows' Tickets
- Red Sox & Yankee Games' Tickets
- Haitian Crafts & Artwork
- Baskets of Cheer!



A Villa Louisa
60 Villa Louisa Rd.,
Bolton, CT.

Cocktails at 6:30, follow by dinner
Tickets are \$100 per person
Visit www.outreachtohaiti.org
Call Outreach office at 860-800-3601
Please R.S.V.P. by April 6
Thank you for your support!

**SAINT EDWARD LADIES GUILD
POLISH DINNER NIGHT**

Saturday, April 13, 2024

5:00 p.m.



**St. Edward Hall
27 Church Street
Stafford Springs, CT 06076**

Donation: \$15.00 per person

Tickets are available, by calling the Parish Office at

860-684-2705 or Pat at 860-306-9419



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
Gayle Ethier at 860-456-1107 Ext. 128
or email gayle.ethier@sjlcc.org

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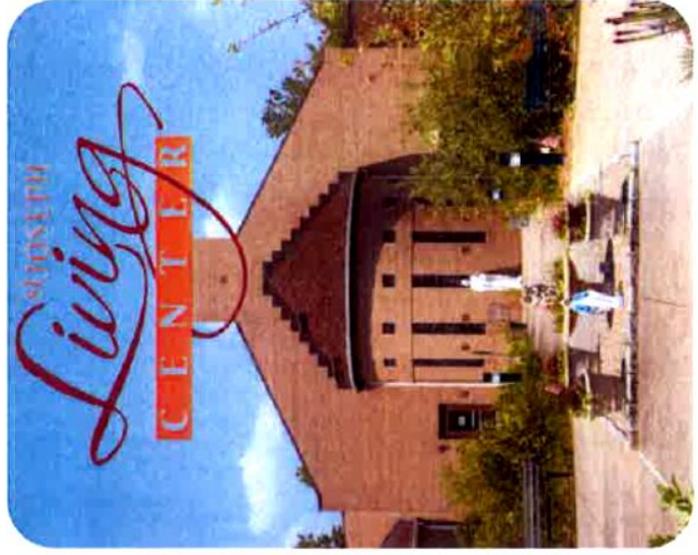
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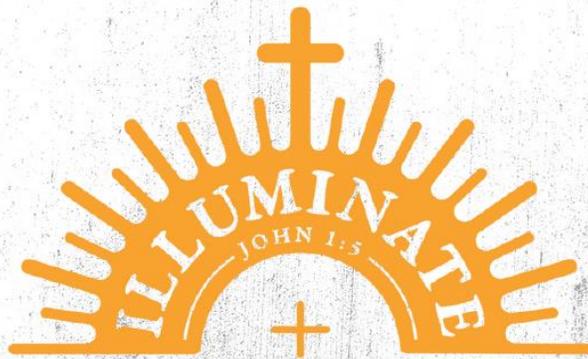
St. Joseph's Living Center





STEUBENVILLE EAST

July 26-28, 2024



More Info at lifeteen.com/events/steubenville-east

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*Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened,
and I will give you rest. -Matthew 11:28*

Come join us for a
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2:00-3:00 pm

3:00-4:00 pm

2 PM the third Sunday of every month
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All masses will be celebrated at the Church of the Holy Family
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July 21

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

Or 860-848-2237 ext. 203



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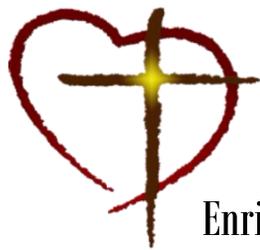
Are you a Veteran who has combat or service related disability and need assistance with filing for Veterans Administration Benefits? Are you interested in learning more? We are looking for you.

Contact:

Rocky Daigle 860 – 918-0532

Barry Bernier 860 – 830-5443

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