

# ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

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## **OFFICE HOURS**

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

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## **PARISH WEBSITE**

<https://saintphilipct.com>

## **NEW PARISHIONERS**

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

## **WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**

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

## **DAILY MASS SCHEDULE**

Tuesday	8:00 a.m.
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.
Thursday	8:00 a.m.
Friday	8:00 a.m.

**CONFESSION:** Saturdays 3:30-4:00 pm

## **SACRAMENTS**

Please call the office for information on Baptism, Marriage, and Pastoral Visits.

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Sundays in the Parish Center

*St. Philip's is Handicap Accessible*



**April 7, 2024**  
**Divine Mercy Sunday**  
 † **Mass Schedule and Intentions** †  
 Readings start on page 989

- Sat** Apr 6, 3:30-4:00 pm Confession
- Sat** Apr 6, 4:30 pm Quiet Mass
- † **Laurette Drouin, 8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
by Mr. & Mrs. Victor Drouin
- † **Adrien Bilodeau by Jeannette Karosi**
- Sun** Apr 7, 9:00 am Mass
- † **Sonata Lazauskas, 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary by Her Family**  
**For the Intentions of Fr. Michael Giannitelli**  
by the Canavan Family
- Sun** Apr 7, 11:00 am Mass
- † **Sonata Lazauskas, 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary by Her Family**
- † **Rose Panaccione by Marie Lennerton**
- Tues** Apr 9, 8:00 am Mass  
**For the intentions of Bishop Cote**
- Wed** Apr 10, 8:00 am Mass  
**For Our Parish**
- Thur** Apr 11, 8:00 am Mass: St. Stanislaus  
**For the Sick of Our Parish**
- Fri** Apr 12, 8:00 am Mass  
**For Our Parish**
- ADORATION** following Mass; **Benediction 12:00 noon**
- Fri** Apr 12, 2:00 pm Funeral Mass **Marie Guiles**
- Fri** Apr 12, 3:00 pm St. Philip Burial **Marie Guiles**
- Sat** Apr 13, 3:30-4:00 pm Confession
- Sat** Apr 13, 4:30 pm Mass
- † **Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus Council 6934 by Knights of Columbus Council 6934**
- † **Randall MacDonald by Jack Manning**
- Sun** Apr 14, 9:00 am Mass
- † **Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus Council 6934 by Knights of Columbus Council 6934**
- Sun** Apr 14, 11:00 am Mass
- † **John Krysinski, 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary by His Sisters**
- † **Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus Council 6934 by Knights of Columbus Council 6934**

*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



**Happy Birthday**  
**Marion Varga**  
**April 8<sup>th</sup>**



Our condolences to the family of **Marie D. Guiles** who died on March 30, 2024. Services at Introvigne and St. Philip's on Fri, April 12, 2024. Details:

[introvignefuneralhome.com/m/obituaries/Marie-Guiles/Memories](http://introvignefuneralhome.com/m/obituaries/Marie-Guiles/Memories)

**PRAYER LIST:** For current requests please call 860-429-2860 or email [stphilipstjude@gmail.com](mailto: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, 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, 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: Tues, Apr 9, 6:30-8:30 pm.**

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

**LADIES BIBLE STUDY Tues, Apr 16<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 am.** Studying "Walking with Mary" by Edward Sri.

**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.

**BOY SCOUTS: Mon, May 6, 7:00 pm.**

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



Our parish is very grateful for the devotion of Lydia Manifold, Jason Cooney, and Bill, Kathy and Owen Bland who once again hit it out of the park decorating the church for Easter.  
*Thank you.*

**Divine Mercy Sunday**, "The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own..." Acts 4:32. All that we are and all that we have is a gift from God! Think of your family, your friends, your life, your talents and your money – these are all gifts from God! We are "stewards" of the gifts God has blessed us with. We are called to be grateful and generous with all of our gifts for the benefit of others.



Thank you to John Mozzicato and his team consisting of Mike Vertefeuille, Dave Mindek, Steve and Colleen Swart, Bob and Leslie Letendre and Charlie and Bernice King for contributing to the spirit of Lent in our parish with your hard work in our parish kitchen.

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.

**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](mailto:manicholas@norwichdiocese.net) or call Marianne at 860-848-2237, ext. 304. (*Sponsored by the Office Faith Events*)

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

**THE PARISH FLAGPOLE** is available through the kindness of some of our parishioners. Any parishioner is invited to fly our flag in honor and memory of a deceased military family member or friend, for one month. To participate, please call Ann at 860-429-2860, during office hours. Thank you to all our veterans who have served, both living and deceased.



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

**APRIL 27<sup>th</sup>      APRIL 27<sup>th</sup>**

**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 27<sup>th</sup> 5:30 pm at St Mary's Church in Coventry.

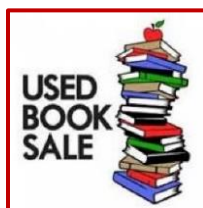
*Thank You, God Bless, Denise Pillion*

**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 12-14; May 3-5; June 7-9. For info visit: [Holyfamilyretreat.org](http://Holyfamilyretreat.org).



**Knights of Columbus** has a **Free Retreat Scholarship** for a male participant at the Holy Family Retreat Center in W. Hartford, CT. There are some open dates (Fri, Sat, Sun, 3-day event) available in April and May. If interested, call Clay at 860-455-9829 or Ann at the office 860-729-2860.



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

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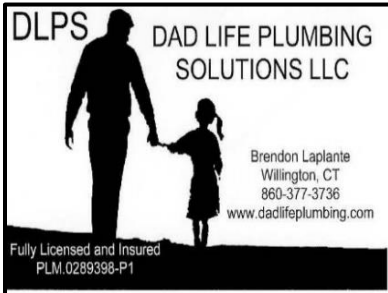


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The St. Vincent de Paul Place May Raffle is back and this year the prizes are even BIGGER prizes! The funds we raise with this event allow us to continue to do what we love and provide our patrons and surrounding communities the kindness, hope, and support they need. Tickets are on sale now through the end of April. A winner will be chosen daily during the Month of May.

### St Vincent de Paul Place May Raffle

**31 Chances for 31 Prizes**

Each daily prize has a \$100 minimum value  
Gift cards to shops, restaurants, activities  
Go to [svdpp.org/Raffle](http://svdpp.org/Raffle) for more information  
or scan the QR code below

**TICKETS  
\$20**



[Svdpp.org/raffle](http://Svdpp.org/raffle)

Scan to get tickets!

All entrants are eligible for each daily drawing.  
Ticket holders do not need to be present to win.

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**CATHOLIC CHARITIES,  
DIOCESE OF NORWICH**

18th Annual **GOLF**  
TOURNAMENT

MAY 6TH, 2024  
Great Neck Country Club  
Waterford, CT

Save the Date

For more information or to register early visit our golf website at [www.golfccnorwich.com](http://www.golfccnorwich.com)

Sponsorships Available

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



### 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.*

# 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

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OUTREACH  
TO HAITI

**Diocese of Norwich Outreach to Haiti** will host its 17<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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!



EXECUTIVE SPEAKER  
SERIES

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THURSDAY, APRIL 11 | 7PM  
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**The Office of Faith Events** is looking for baskets for the Women's Conference event. If you have any medium to large size empty baskets that you would like to donate, they can be dropped off either at the Chancery, 201 Broadway, Norwich, or to the Catholic Charities building, 331 Main Street, Norwich from 8:30 am- 4:00 pm Monday-Thursday, and 8:30 am- 12:30 pm on Fridays.

## **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@sjlcc.org](mailto:gayle.ethier@sjlcc.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](mailto: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](mailto:donna@vertefeuille.org).

## **BROTHERS IN CHRIST WITH DEACON KIM**

**THOMPSON** *Brothers in Christ* would like you to join us on Thursday-April 11<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:lroach@norwichdiocese.net).

## **BEGINNING EXPERIENCE HEALING WEEKEND**

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

**BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH**  
2024 PARISH MISSION

**Three Nights  
with Jesus**

Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>  
Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>

7:00pm-8:00pm  
St. Bernard Church

**WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE  
AND COME CLOSER TO JESUS THROUGH THE  
MASS, HIS LOVE, AND HIS HEALING.**



**SUNDAY, APRIL 21<sup>ST</sup> - SHARING A MEAL WITH JESUS**  
Presented by: Fr. Larry, Fr. Steve, Dcn. Mike, & Dcn. Ron

**MONDAY, APRIL 22<sup>ND</sup> - CELEBRATING THE LOVE OF JESUS**  
Presented by Allison Gingras

**TUESDAY, APRIL 23<sup>RD</sup> - HEALED BY JESUS**  
Presented by: Fr. Rick

**IF YOUR SCHEDULE ALLOWS, WE INVITE YOU TO ALSO  
JOIN US EACH NIGHT FOR:**  
Adoration & Benediction starting at 6:00pm  
Fellowship & Follow up starting at 8:00pm-9:00pm

For more information, scan the QR code  
or go to [blessedsacramentct.org](https://blessedsacramentct.org)

**VIRTUAL BINGO FOR ALL AGES**

The Office of Faith Events invites people of all ages to participate in Virtual Bingo! **Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

**PROJECT RACHEL ROSARY AT THE  
CATHEDRAL**

During May, the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> following the noon Mass at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Second Sunday  
of EASTER: Divine Mercy**

1 John 5:1-6: "In this way we know that we love the children of God when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. And the victory that conquers the world is our faith." Let us all have faith in God and faith in one another. Jesus tells us to love one another and to obey his commandments. 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/>.


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 [manicholasenorwichdiocese.net](mailto:manicholasenorwichdiocese.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:

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.

## **SCOUTING AWARDING CEREMONY**

The Office of Faith Events invites you to join Bishop Michael Cote on Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:3002r@retrouvaille.org) or visit the national website at: <http://helpourmarriage.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](mailto:stphilipstjude@gmail.com). If you or someone you know would like to advertise and support the Church bulletin, please let us know.

**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**

To Register email Liza Roach at [lroach@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:lroach@norwichdiocese.net) or call (860)848-2237 ex. 305

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# **VIRTUAL BINGO**

**SUNDAY April 21st 2024**

**3:30 - 5PM**

**GREAT PRIZES AND FUN FOR ALL AGES!**

**Cards are \$6 each and will be emailed, Bingo played through internet! Only 200 cards so act fast! To register go to <https://bit.ly/2Laol7Y> or call Marianne at (860)848-2237 ex. 304**

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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.

**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](http://www.ccli.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](mailto:manicholas@norwichdiocese.net)



### NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

July 17-21, 2024, Lucas Oil Stadium,  
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Join your Catholic brothers and sisters at the 10<sup>th</sup> National Eucharistic Congress. For the first time in a generation, the Church will gather to ask Jesus to breathe his life into our dry bones and then send us back to our community to share his love. This historic 5-day gathering of missionary disciples will be a new Pentecost, a powerful anointing and personal commission to invite others to know Christ. Your life and our Church will never be the same. [www.eucharisticcongress.org/schedule](http://www.eucharisticcongress.org/schedule).

From September to June the **Office of Faith Events: Hope and Faith video series** will ask the question, "What is your favorite part of mass and why?" If you would like to share your answer to this question in a short 2 minute video that would be shared with the whole diocese, please contact Marianne at 860-848-2237 x 304 or email: [manicholas@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:manicholas@norwichdiocese.net)

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

**"PROJECT RACHEL"** is our Diocesan ministry for anyone seeking healing and forgiveness from an abortion. Priests in the **Project Rachel** ministry are there for you with God's Grace and Mercy. Call 860-861-4439. All inquiries are confidential.

**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.



*An Angel in the book of life  
wrote down my baby's birth.  
And whispered as she closed the book,  
'too beautiful for earth.'* ~ Anonymous

A day of support, reflection,  
and loving remembrance of

## **"A Child Who Was to Be"**

A time of prayer and support for all mothers  
who have lost a child to an  
ectopic pregnancy, miscarriage, stillbirth, or infant death

**Saturday, May 4 from 9 A.M. to 2:30 P.M.**

Sacred Heart Church Parish Hall  
52 West Town St., Norwichtown, CT

There is no fee, but registration is required by April 26.

To register, call Mary-Jo McLaughlin  
Catholic Family Services at 860-848-2237, X312  
or email [mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net)

(A light lunch will be included)

*You created my inmost being. You knit me together in my mother's womb.  
I praise you for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Psalm 139*



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

**New England Catholic Biblical School  
Presents**



**One Book  
will change your life  
forever**



**10:00-11:30 am  
April 4, 11, 18, 25, May 2, 9**

**A six-week Introduction to the Bible**

**St Mary Church  
45 Freestone Avenue  
Portland, Connecticut**

**Course Material Fee: \$20**

**Sign Up: 860-848-2237 x 304 - Marianne Nicholas  
manicholas@norwichdiocese.net**

**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**

**Please Forward, Share, and Evangelize**



**Beginning Experience of the Hudson Valley**  
invites men and women of all ages who have  
suffered the loss of a spouse due to death,  
divorce or separation to a

## **HEALING WEEKEND**

a program designed to help you along the road to recovery  
from one of life's most traumatic experiences.



**Dates: April 19-21, 2024 or October 18-20, 2024**  
**St. Lawrence Retreat Center**  
**Beacon, New York**

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED: Call Phyllis at (914) 261-5812,**  
**or Jim at (845) 220-7883**

**Email: [beginningexperienceofhv@gmail.com](mailto:beginningexperienceofhv@gmail.com)**

**Website: [www.beginningexperiencehv.org](http://www.beginningexperiencehv.org)**



**Diocese of Norwich Outreach**  
Invites You to the 17<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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

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

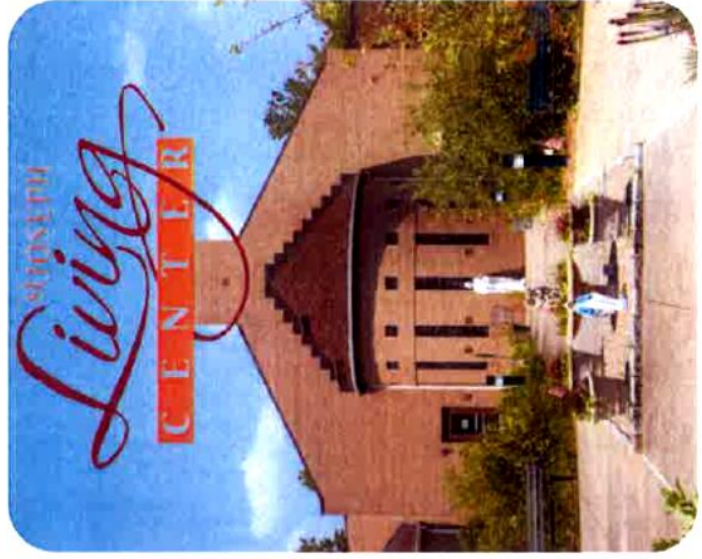
Scan the QR Code to Order Online or visit [www.fundraisingbrick.com/sjlc/](http://www.fundraisingbrick.com/sjlc/)

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St. Joseph Living Center

14 Club Road, Windham, CT 06280

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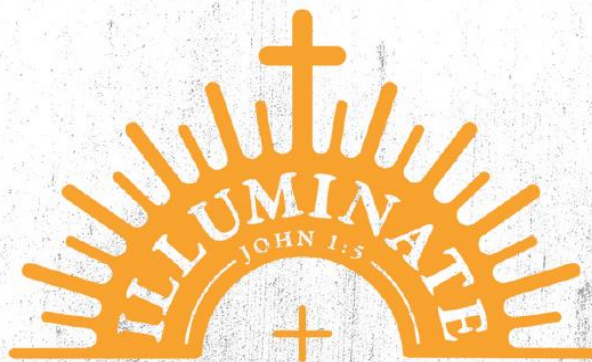






**STEUBENVILLE EAST**

July 26-28, 2024



More Info at [lifeteen.com/events/steubenville-east](https://lifeteen.com/events/steubenville-east)

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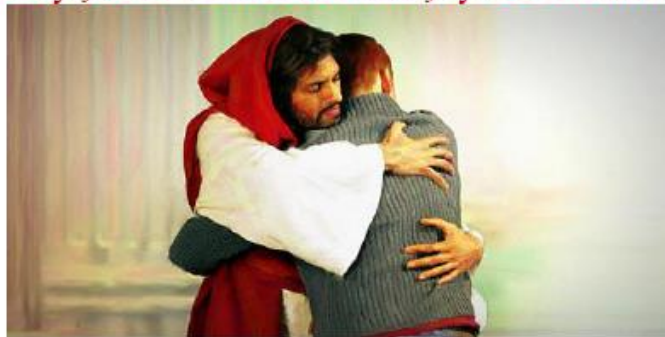
*Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened,  
and I will give you rest. -Matthew 11:28*

**Come join us for a**  
**Healing Mass & Healing Service**

2:00-3:00 pm

3:00-4:00 pm

*2 PM the third Sunday of every month*  
**with Fr. Ray Introvigne and Fr. Michael Philippino**  
**Music by Joe D'Ambrose, and Jayvee & Tina Mateo**



***"Remember- Jesus is the Healer!"***

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

January 21

July 21

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](mailto:faithevents@norwichdiocese.net)

Or 860-848-2237 ext. 203



## CALLING ALL YOUNG ADULTS • AGES 18-39

Are you a young adult seeking authentic community?  
Are you looking for a place to deepen your relationship with  
Jesus and increase your understanding of the Catholic faith?

**JOIN ONE OF OUR 7 CHAPTERS TODAY!**

**GREATER HARTFORD  
MIDDLETOWN  
MYSTIC  
NEW HAVEN**

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WATERBURY  
WATERTOWN**



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[info@crossroads4christ.org](mailto:info@crossroads4christ.org)

**CROSSROADS4CHRIST**

## The Quiet Corner Chapter of the Disabled American Vets



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

Contact:

**Rocky Daigle 860 – 918-0532**

**Barry Bernier 860 – 830-5443**

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



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