

ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

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

stphilipstjude@gmail.com

PARISH WEBSITE

<https://saintphilipct.com>

NEW PARISHIONERS

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

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

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

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

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

CONFESSION: Saturdays 3:30-4:00 pm

SACRAMENTS

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sundays in the Parish Center

St. Philip's is Handicap Accessible



April 21, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Easter

†Mass Schedule and Intentions†

Readings start on page 992

Sat Apr 20, 3:30-4:00 pm Confession

Sat Apr 20, 4:30 pm Mass

† Marie Guiles by Joe & Aldona Allevo

Sun Apr 21, 9:00 am Mass

† Marie Guiles by St. Philip Choir

† Tony Antunes by The Gauthier Family

Sun Apr 21, 11:00 am Mass

† Ruth S. Yulo by Ralph Yulo

† Jimmy Clifford by Roger & Mary Bowen

Tues Apr 23, 8:00 am Mass: St. George, St. Adalbert

For the intentions of Bishop Cote

Wed Apr 24, 8:00 am Mass: St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen

For Our Parish

Thur Apr 25, 8:00 am Mass: St. Mark, Evangelist

For the Sick of Our Parish

Fri Apr 26, 8:00 am Mass

For Our Parish

ADORATION following Mass; Benediction 12:00 noon

Sat Apr 27, 3:30-4:00 pm Confession

Sat Apr 27, 4:30 pm Mass

Sun Apr 28, 9:00 am Mass

† Marie Guiles by Dick & Lois Mindek

Sun Apr 28, 11:00 am Mass

† John Doughty & Herman Fersenheim

by a Fellow CCD Teacher

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-Thurs, 9:30-2:30 & Fri Adoration

Parish Office will close at 1:30 pm on Thurs, Apr 25th and at 1:15 pm on Mon, Apr 29th.

4th Sunday of Easter "I am the good shepherd ...and I lay down my life for the sheep...and they will heed my voice." John 10:14-16. When you pray, do you only ask Jesus for the things that you want? Do you ever ask Jesus what He wants from you? How do you listen for His response? Many times, Jesus responds in "quiet whispers" that are not so obvious. So, take time every day, in silence, to actively listen for His voice.

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

PRAYER LIST: Aldona Allevo, Kenneth Beaudoin, Seth Beebe, Jim Bentley, John Bergeron, Jr., John Bergeron, Sr., Brian Berry, Megan Berry, Robert Burgess, Elizabeth Clifford, Ed Conlan, 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., 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, Jack Potter, 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.

CHOIR REHEARSAL: Sun, April 28 at 6:30 P.M.

BOY SCOUTS: Tues, Apr 23, 6:30-8:30 pm.

ST. PHILIP ADULT EDUCATION: Led by Ed Conlan, The Parables of Jesus. Wed, Apr 24, 10:00 am. All are welcome.

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.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY: Tues, May 7th, 9:30 am. Studying "Walking with Mary" by Edward Sri.

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



Divine Mercy Candle is lit for Jason Wellings, Jr., Birthday Wishes requested by Caroline Doughty

Blessed Mother Candle is lit for Mikayla Wilcox, Birthday Wishes requested by Caroline Doughty.



A MOTHER'S DAY REMEMBRANCE There are Mother's Day Offering envelopes available to remember your Mother (living or deceased) this Mother's Day. Please return the envelopes before Mass begins on the weekend of May 11/12th. The envelopes will be placed on the Altar on Mother's Day weekend as a special way to honor them at those Masses. You may include an offering, but it is not necessary.





My heartfelt thanks to the parishioners of St. Philip for all the prayers, well wishes and concerns in response to my recent diagnosis and surgery. I appreciate it all so much as it has helped me to get through these past few weeks and the weeks to come as I fight this cancer. Thank you, thank you.

Gratefully, Peter Pienyk

2024 ACA UPDATE: As of April 11, 2024, **Saint Philip the Apostle Parish, Ashford** has donated **\$14,081.63** or **45.42%** of its goal, and **16.53%** of your parishioners have donated. We are striving for as close to 100% participation as possible. **THERE IS STILL TIME TO DONATE!** Our campaign year ends December 31, 2024. With your donation, our ACA supported ministries do the work of Christ every day. If you have not made your contribution to the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal, "One Faith, One Family", or would like to make an additional gift, donation envelopes are still available within the church or you can contact the Development Office at (860) 886-1928 or go online to www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org. Thank you to everyone for your support!

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

Women: May 31-June 2.

Men: May 3-5; June 7-9. For info visit: 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 May and June. If interested, call Clay at 860-455-9829 or Ann at the office 860-729-2860.

AMERICAN FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY

In the vestibule of the church, a labeled box has been placed for the containment of American flags for the retirement ceremony. This special ceremony will take place on Flag Day, June 14th. The Knights of Columbus, Assembly 114 will conduct the ceremony.

R. Bruce Beaudoin, Council 6934, Assembly 114




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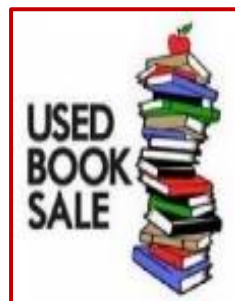


Friday, April 26 – 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 27 – 7:30 p.m.

Windham Theatre Guild
Burton Leavitt Theatre
779 Main Street
Willimantic, CT
(free parking in rear of theatre)

ADULTS – \$13.00
Seniors/students - \$11.00
Children under 12 - \$8.00

For tickets:
windhamtheatreguild.org
OR call 860-423-2245



SAVE THE DATE
St. Philip's Annual Book Sale
May 4 – 26, 2024
If you would like to volunteer,
to help set up for the sale,
people are needed Mon-Thurs,
1:00–3:00 pm in the Parish
Center.

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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 for more information
or scan the QR code below

TICKETS
\$20



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.

Food Prayer Love
FOR ALL

St. Vincent de Paul Place | Norwich



Backpacks for Life to help Homeless Veterans

Donation Drive
Saturday, April 27, 2024
9 a.m. to Noon

The Catholic Center @ Storrs
46 North Eagleville Road, Storrs, CT

Sponsored by: UConn Catholic Center Students

BFL distributes backpacks filled with daily essential items to help homeless veterans. Contact Ava Abruzzese at ava.abruzzo@uconn.edu for more information or to get a list of necessary daily essential items.

Monetary donations accepted: Checks payable to "Backpacks for Life" or Venmo "@backpacksforlife"

Praying Together For America

Thursday May 2, 2024
5:30pm

Ashford Veterans Memorial

Tremko Lane, Ashford
Across Route 44 from Town Hall

THE 73RD ANNUAL NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2024



NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
WWW.NATIONALDAYOFPRAYER.ORG

LIFT UP THE WORD - LIGHT UP THE WORLD



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.*



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.

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.

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@silcct.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.

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.

'Jesus asked me to come and see.'

When I moved away from home for university, I remember being excited about three things: beginning my graduate studies in quantum information, finding a parish community and joining a new Knights of Columbus council and assembly.

Looking back now, I see those years of my life through the lens of Jesus' words, "Come and see" (Jn 1:39). I see Jesus asking me to "come and see" the wonder of God's creation through the amazing world of quantum physics. I see Jesus asking me to "come and see" him through the sacramental life at the parishes I attended. Lastly, I see Jesus asking me to "come and see" all the great things I could do for people and what I could learn about our faith through the Knights of Columbus.

Both my scientific studies and my involvement with the Knights — along with many encouraging friends, family members and priests — were primary influences on my decision to enter the seminary. As I prepare for my priestly ordination this year, I continue to hear Jesus' call to "come and see" his wonderful plan for my life.

Deacon Christopher Pugh
Archdiocese of Winnipeg
Brandon (Manitoba) Council 1435



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.



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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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

Sponsorships Available

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Fourth Sunday

of EASTER: 1 John 3:1 "Beloved: See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are."

John 10:11-18 "I am the good shepherd, and I will lay down my life for my sheep." Jesus leads us as we listen and hear his voice. Let us lay down our life for our spouse. Let us make a decision to love our spouse. Signing up for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience will help you and teach you tools to transform your marriage. You can find one by looking up WWME.org. Some of the dates to sign up are:

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

June 21-June 23, 2024 in Huntington, NY

August 2-4, 2024 in Portland, CT

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/>.

*BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH
2024 PARISH MISSION*

Three Nights with Jesus

*Sunday, April 21st
Monday, April 22nd
Tuesday, April 23rd*

*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 21ST - SHARING A MEAL WITH JESUS
Presented by: Fr. Larry, Fr. Steve, Dcn. Mike, & Dcn. Ron

MONDAY, APRIL 22ND - CELEBRATING THE LOVE OF JESUS
Presented by Allison Gingras

TUESDAY, APRIL 23RD - 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



CHRISTMAS IN JULY



COMBINING THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES

AGES: Kids Ages 4-11

WHERE: Our Lady of Lourdes Church,
1650 CT-12, Gales Ferry, CT 06335

WHEN: July 15th-19th, 2024 - 8:30am -
12pm

COST: \$5 per Child
CONTACT: Claudine Thomas at 443-254-4361

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 St, Norwich from 8:30 am- 4:00 pm Monday-Thursday, and 8:30 am- 12:30 pm on Fridays.

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>.

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.

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.

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

H O P E
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.



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Revival**

**July 17-21, 2024, Lucas Oil Stadium,
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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.

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.



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.

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

Use cold water to wash clothes-most detergents are designed to work best in cold water. Hot water is only needed to disinfect things like bedding and towels when someone is sick.

Be An Evangelizer

PRAY FOR PEOPLE BY NAME.

Chances are, you already know people who haven't heard the Good News! (That's what "gospel" means, fun fact.) In your prayer time, take their names to God. Ask Him for opportunities to share the faith with them and trust His timing, because scripture reminds us all good things happen on God's time, not ours.

All women are cordially invited to attend The

Norwich Diocese Council of Catholic Women's 46th Annual Layette at St. Sebastian Church, 155 Washington St., Middletown, CT on **Sunday, June 2nd** from 1pm to 3pm. Items needed are diapers, food, formula, wipes, new baby clothes up to size 3T, blankets, baby items etc. These items will be distributed to the districts of the Norwich Diocese Catholic Charities.

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.

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.

Backpacks for Life to help Homeless Veterans

Donation Drive
★★★ Saturday, April 27, 2024 ★★★
9 a.m. to Noon

The Catholic Center @ Storrs
46 Eagleville Road, Storrs, CT

Sponsored by: UConn Catholic
Center Students

The BFL pack provides a unique and personalized support system to homeless and at-risk veterans. A backpack is not only a symbol of hope for our veterans but also their mobile home and something that they are very familiar with. The BFL pack consists of 3 kits listed below.

Kit #1 (Regular size containers)

- Shampoo/Conditioner combo
- Body lotion
- Shaving cream
- Razors (2-blade minimum)
- Deodorant
- Dental floss/picks
- Hairspray / Gel
- Toothpaste & toothbrush
- Bar soap with container
- Hand sanitizer (travel size)

Kit #2 (Clothing sizes L – 2X)

- Socks
- T-Shirts
- Hand & Foot warmers
- Gloves
- Watch Cap (hat)
- Rain Poncho
- Umbrella (small)
- Gallon-size storage bags

Kit #3

- Nail clipper
- Lip balm
- Body Wipes
- Hairbrush / Comb
- Notebook & pens
- Mini flashlight w/batteries
- First Aid Kit (small travel size)
- Gift cards for food / gas \$10 - \$25



Email "jamie@backpacksforlife.org"

Cell : 860-985-2064

www.backpacksforlife.org

Monetary donations can also be made to support the kits valued at \$50 per kit, or the cost of the backpack valued at \$100 per pack.

Checks payable to: "Backpacks for Life" or Venmo "@backpacksforlife"

EIN 47-1281873. BFL is a 501(c)3 organization.

*Gallon-size storage bags are also needed to put the kits together.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – April 7, 2024:

UConn Catholic Center Students host “Backpack for Life” project to help homeless veterans.

The UConn Catholic Center Students, Storrs, CT hope to fill 50 military-grade backpacks for the homeless and at-risk veterans in CT at a Donation Drive to be held from 9:00 a.m. to noon on Saturday, April 27, 2024, at the Catholic Center @ Storrs, 46 North Eagleville Road, Storrs, CT. UConn student, Ava Abruzzese, has organized student volunteers to partner with the Backpacks for Life organization to help needy veterans in the region.

The **Backpack for Life** organization offers a military grade backpack to veterans who often have nothing. A backpack is their most crucial asset and is their mobile home, pillow and for some their only belongings are inside. Jamie DePaola, BFL Program Manager and retired Marine, said “Our backpacks are a symbol of hope and reassurance that the veterans are not alone on their path toward self-sufficiency.”

Military veterans have all learned to survive for months with just a backpack. After challenging deployments, when a military member returns home they often face the hardest part of the process – reintegrating into their civilian lives while often battling the hidden wounds of war. A backpack is like home to many of them.



Donors can just drive up and drop off a donation without getting out of the car. The donation collection date is Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to noon on Saturday, April 27, 2024, at the Catholic Center @ Storrs, 46 North Eagleville Road, Storrs, CT. Monetary donations are also accepted. Questions, please contact: ava.abruzzo@uconn.edu.

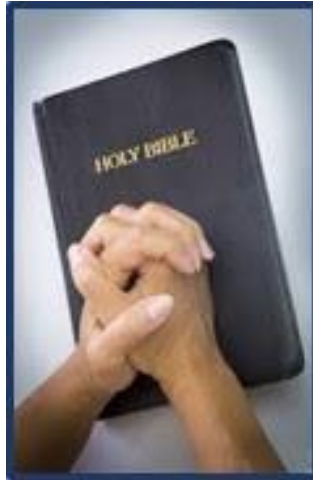
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Respectfully submitted,

Jamie DePaola, USMC, Retired

Cell: 860-985-2064

Email: jamie@backpacksforlife.org



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

EXPERIENCES IN PRAYER

**Saturday, May 4TH from 9:30am – 3:00pm
Presenter: Sr. Lany Jo Smith, ASCJ**

**Donation asked \$35- Includes a Continental Breakfast & Full Lunch
Reservations are necessary- Sign-up online**

www.sacredheartonthelake.org

**Call Sr. Lany Jo 203-606-9102
or email**

info@sacredheartonthelake.org

WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

***HOW TO OPEN OUR HEARTS & MINDS TO A GROWING PERSONAL
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Christianity is a faith based on both a very personal and a communal relationship with God- The Father, The Son, Jesus Christ, and God's Holy Spirit. **During this day of retreat we will explore some of the ways we can grow in a more personal relationship with God and recognize and hear God's voice speaking to us through God's WORD in Scripture.** Jesus is that WORD made Flesh from God's Holy Spirit living within us; given through Scripture and the Sacraments of The Church, The Body of Christ. By a prayerful relationship with God we can respond to His invitation to a deep love and real friendship.



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invites men and women of all ages who have
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**Dates: April 19-21, 2024 or October 18-20, 2024
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**REGISTRATION REQUIRED: Call Phyllis at (914) 261-5812,
or Jim at (845) 220-7883**

Email: beginningexperienceofhv@gmail.com

Website: www.beginningexperiencehv.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*



*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

(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*





You are cordially invited to the
Norwich Diocesan Council of Catholic Women
46th Annual Layette Program

Hosted by
Middletown District Council of Catholic Women
&
St. Theresa Ladies Guild

Sunday June 2nd, 2024
1 PM to 3 PM

Saint Sebastian Church
155 Washington Street
Middletown, CT 06457

Baby items collected will go to
Diocese of Norwich Catholic Charities

All ladies of the Diocese are invited to attend, there will be a
short program followed by refreshments.

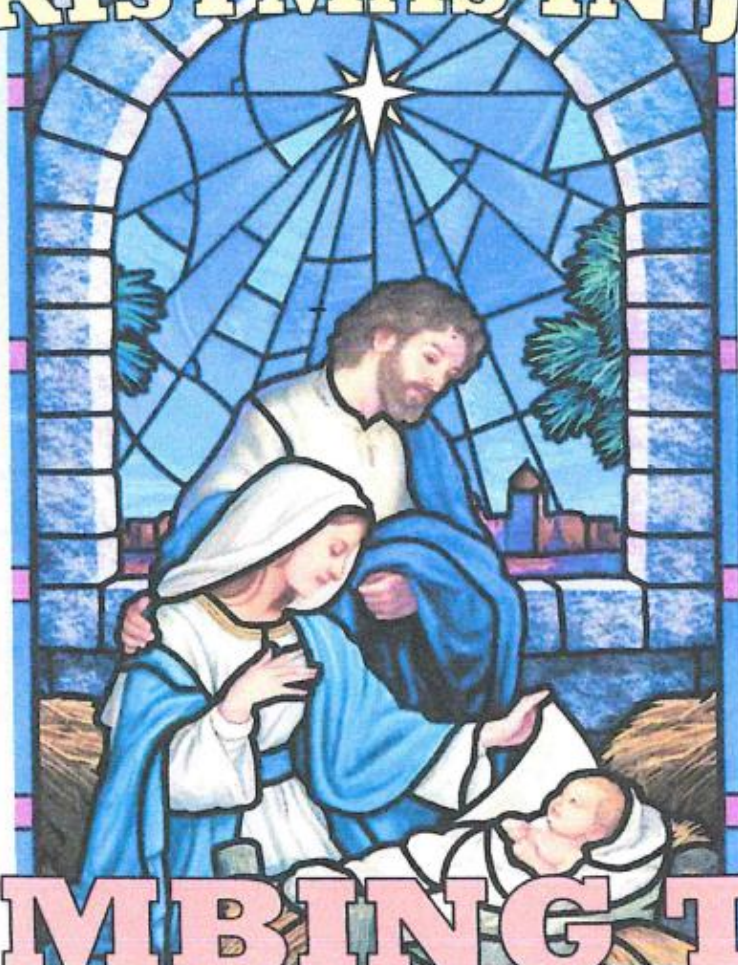
Baby items needed: Diapers, formula, baby food,
new clothes up to size 3T, wipes, blankets, hand
knit items etc.

For more information contact:

Nancy Russo
(860) 690-8713



CHRISTMAS IN JULY



COMBINING THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES

AGES: Kids Ages 4-11

WHERE: Our Lady of Lourdes Church,
1650 CT-12, Gales Ferry, CT 06335

WHEN: July 15th-19th, 2024 - 8:30am -
12pm

COST: \$5 per Child

CONTACT: Claudine Thomas at 443-254-4361

**Tri-Parish Community
Presents
Keeping Christ in Christmas
Vacation Bible School
July 15-19 2024, 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM
Our Lady of Lourdes, 1650 Route 12, Gales Ferry, CT**

We are parishioners at: Sacred Heart Our Lady of Lourdes St. Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Other

Child's Name: _____ DOB: _____

Address: _____

School: _____ Grade in 2024/25: _____

Father/Guardian Name: _____

Home #: _____ Cell #: _____ Work #: _____

Email address: _____

Mother/Guardian Name: _____

Home#: _____ Cell#: _____ Work#: _____

E-mail address: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Best Number to Use: _____ Relation to Child: _____

Sacraments Received: Baptism (Date: _____) Reconciliation (Date: _____)
 First Holy Communion (Date: _____) Confirmation (Date: _____)

July 15-19, 2024
8:30 AM – 12:00 PM
\$5.00 per child

TOTAL payment (payable to OLOL) enclosed w/registration form: _____

Deadline for registration: July 5, 2024



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	
Address	
Phone	
Email	

For questions, please contact
Gayle Ethier at 860-456-1107 Ext. 128
or email gayle.ethier@sjlccct.org

Scan the QR Code to Order Online
or visit www.fundraisingbrick.com/sjlc/

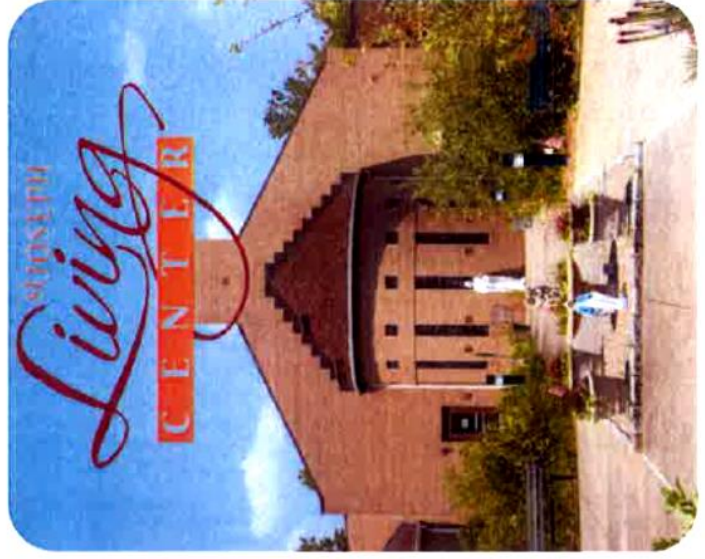
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and return with payment to

St. Joseph Living Center

14 Club Road, Windham, CT 06280

Make Checks Payable To:

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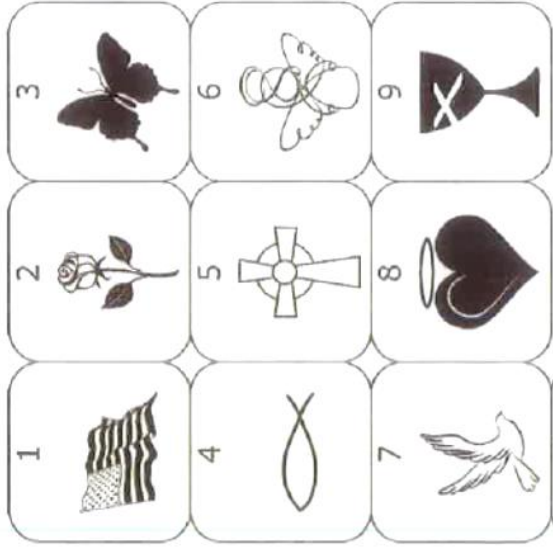
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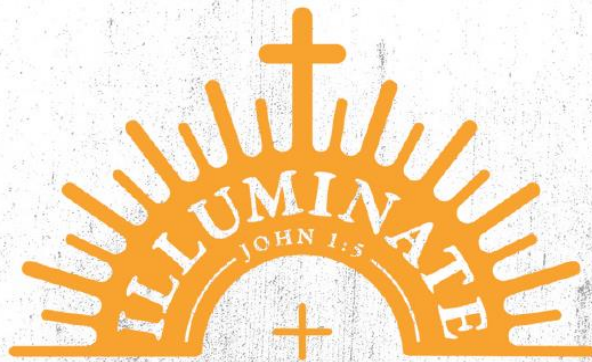
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STEUBENVILLE EAST

July 26-28, 2024



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

 LIFE TEEN

*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

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December 15

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

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