

ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM
Closed Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and also
Monday Holidays.

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.

ADORATION Fridays 8:30 a.m. to Noon

CONFESSION: Saturdays 3:30-4:00 pm

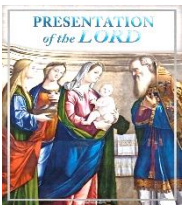
SACRAMENTS

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Please contact the Parish Office for assistance

*St. Philip's is Handicap Accessible and
Air Conditioned*



February 2, 2025
The Presentation of the Lord

† **Mass Schedule and Intentions** †
 Mass readings start on page 1242

Sat Feb 1, 3:30-4:00 pm Confession

Sat Feb 1, 4:30 pm Mass

† **Walter Pudelkiewicz, Birthday Remembrance**
by Ann Phillips

† **Eugene Alassi, Birthday Remembrance**
by Phil & Jeanne Monty

Sun Feb 2, 9:00 am Mass

† **Charles Lennerton, 8th Anniversary**
by The Lennerton Family

Sun Feb 2, 11:00 am Mass

For a Special Intention *by Jeanette Karosi*

† **Roger Bowen** *by Brien & Anne Hoye*

Tues Feb 4, 8:00 am Mass

† **Liam P. Boyce** *by His Family*

Wed Feb 5, 8:00 am Mass: *St. Agatha, Virgin*

For the Sick of Our Parish

Thur Feb 6, 8:00 am Mass: *St. Paul Miki and Companions*

† **Susan Martin, 21st Anniversary**
by Robert Martin, Husband

Fri Feb 7, 8:00 am Mass

† **Maurice Dionne** *by Donald & Madeline Laferriere*

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

Sat Feb 8, 3:30-4:00 pm Confession

Father Jeffrey Ellis, Vocation Director
at weekend Masses

Sat Feb 8, 4:30 pm Mass

† **Ed Conlan** *by Phil & Jeanne Monty*

† **Eugene Sorel, 38th Anniversary**
by Mr. & Mrs. Victor Drouin & Mrs. Pauline Picard

Sun Feb 9, 9:00 am Mass

† **John & Catherine Postemski**

Sun Feb 9, 11:00 am Mass

† **John Doughty Sr., 3rd Anniversary**
by Caroline Doughty and Family

† **Roger Bowen** *by The Sacks Family*

*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
 the 9:00 am & before 11:00 am Mass.**



Church open: Mon-Thurs, 9:30-2:30 & Fri Adoration

Blessed Mother Candle is lit for
Delima Ouellette
Birthday Remembrance
 Requested by Caroline Doughty



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

PRAYER LIST: Theresa Agosta, Brian Berry, Rick Brennan, Lorraine Carty, Elizabeth Clifford, Yvette Dionne, Cindy Ford, Sharon Godere, Tim Hall, Maria Jednaki, Kristine Jengone, Joshua, John K., JoAnn Kepple, Steven King, Steven Moran, Nick Mucha, Barbara O'Reilly, J. P., Joan P., Laura P., Diane Peed, Gail Ricca, Stephanie Sciaraffa, Rachel Sposato, Al St. Louis, Jennifer StrateJohn Studley, J.W., Jocelyne & Greg Wakefield, Lynn (Hnath) Warren, Sue Wilcox, Cal Williams.

Boy Scouts Leadership Mtg. Mon, Feb 3rd, 7 pm.

Women's Bible Study 1st & 3rd Tues, Feb 4, 9:30 am. *Behold the Mystery, Chapter 9*, Mark Hart.

Knights of Columbus meet Tues, Feb 4, 7 pm.

Boy Scouts Tues, Feb 11, 6:30-8:00 pm.

Cor Meeting for Catholic Men Wed, Feb 12, 6:30 pm.

Blessed Mother's Stitchers Tues, Feb 25, 10 am.

2024-25 Theme: In My Love, Abide
Holy Family Passionist Retreat
Center, W. Hartford, CT.

Upcoming Women's retreat dates:

Feb 28-March 2, March 21-23,
 April 11-13, and May 30-June 1.

Men's retreat weekends are Feb 21-23,
 March 7-9, March 14-16, March 28-30, April 4-6,
 May 2-4 and June 6-8. For information visit:

www.holyfamilyretreat.org.



Our deepest condolences to Ronald Pelrine and the family of **Mary Anne Pelrine** who passed away last weekend. She was a devoted member of our parish for many years, teaching CCD, lecturing and singing in the choir. Calling hours at Introigne Funeral Home, Friday, Jan 31, 4-6 pm. Her Funeral Mass is at St. Mary's Church in Coventry on Saturday, Feb 1 at 10 am.



Our condolences to Marion Varga and her family on the passing of her brother, **Thomas Pivonka**, on January 26, 2025.



YEAR-END TAX REPORTING

If you would like a printout of your financial contribution to St. Philip Church for the year 2024, please fill out this coupon and place it in the collection basket.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Envelope # _____

VALENTINE'S BAKE SALE

to benefit women's ACTS retreat. Sunday, February 9th at 9:30 am in the Parish Center. Gluten free zucchini brownies and chocolate covered strawberries will be available for sale.



SAVE THE DATE: March 8, 2025, after the 4:30 p.m. Mass, Knights of Columbus **Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner.** Tickets on sale after all Masses starting the weekend of February 15/16.

New Date:

VIRTUAL WOMEN'S LENTEN RETREAT! Sat.,



March 8, 2025, 9am-noon, join us via Zoom for a FREE virtual retreat with the theme: "Hope: The Anchor of the Soul", emphasizing the Pope's Jubilee Year of Hope. Email tiggpercy@gmail.com to register with Elizabeth Percy. All women are welcome! Hope to see many ladies there. It's a great thing to do for yourself in Lent. Organized by a team of women from Our Lady Queen of Peace parish, Coventry/Storrs.


YOUNG ADULT MASS WITH ARCHBISHOP COYNE

FEBRUARY 16, 2025
7:00PM
St. Thomas Aquinas In Storrs

On Sunday, February 16th, St. Thomas Aquinas in Storrs is delighted to host Archbishop Christopher Coyne for the 7th Annual Diocesan Young Adult Mass & Reception. All Young Adults (ages 18 - 39, single and married.) are invited and encouraged to attend!

Young Adults are welcome to invite friends to join us! Mass with Archbishop Coyne will begin at 7:00pm and following the liturgy there will be a small reception in the Catholic Center.

For more information, please contact Liza Roach at lroach@norwichdiocese.net or call (860)848-2237 ex.305



Open House at the Academy of the Holy Family,

Baltic CT for 7th and 8th grade girls, February 8, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm. To attend, register on the school's website: ahfbaltic.org or call the office: 860-822-9272. Must register to attend. We look forward to seeing you.

GIFT CARDS ARE NEEDED Please consider donating a card from Walmart, Stop & Shop, Big Y, or Gas station Cards for requests that come from the needy in our community. Put them in an envelope marked "office" and place them in the collection basket. *Thank you*



THE PARISH FLAGPOLE FOR FEBRUARY

IS FLYING IN MEMORY OF PERCY MONTY, U.S. ARMY



Lt. Col. Percy "Buck" Monty, served in the US Army for 27 years. A native of New Hampshire, Buck served in the US Army in World War II, Korea and Vietnam. He Instructed ROTC students at UCONN from 1960 to 1964. After his Army years Buck worked for Pratt & Whitney in East Hartford.



If the weather is bad, please stay home and don't come to Mass. We want you to be safe.

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The final total for the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal:

Thank you very much **Saint Philip the Apostle Parish, Ashford** for your generous donations in the amount of **\$24,033.88** which was **77.52%** of your goal. Throughout 2024 **26.67%** of your parishioners donated and each donation made gave support to the diocesan ministries. We are very happy to report that all the generous donations made to the 2024 campaign brought our total to \$2,613,922.22. While this did fall slightly short of our \$2,700,00.00 goal it is truly a testament to all the hard work and generosity that our parish communities continue to show. With your donation, our ACA supported ministries do the work of Christ every day. Our new 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal, "One Faith, One Family" campaign is set to begin, and the first letter should be arriving soon. For more information or to donate, please contact the Development Office at (860) 886-1928 or go online to www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org. **Thank you to everyone for your support!**



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Beginning Friday, February 7th at 6:30 PM to Sunday, February 9th at 10:00 AM.

Register by January 20th:
Sister M. Gabriela, SCMC
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860-964-0468



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STEUBENVILLE EAST

July 25 - 27, 2025

Join us for an unforgettable weekend!

The Diocese of Norwich is organizing a trip to Steubenville East, a powerful Catholic youth conference in Springfield, MA for rising 9th through 12th graders. Experience inspiring talks, powerful worship, and an opportunity to grow in faith with thousands of other young Catholics.

Cost:
\$300 - Conference, food, and transportation from pick-up points
\$150 - Housing for two people (2 nights)
\$75 - Housing for four people (2 nights)

To register, send \$100 deposit per person by Feb. 27th to:
Office of Faith Events
Liza Roach
331 Main St. Floor 2
Norwich, CT 06360

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URGENT NEED:
Adorers are
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Fridays for one

hour from 8:30 am to
12:00 noon as a regular
adorer or as a substitute. Please sign up
in the vestibule if you are able.

The Presentation of the Lord

"Because he himself was tested through what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested." – Hebrews 2:18. When we join a support group, there is comfort in sharing our pain with people who have experienced the same thing; they understand what we are going through. The next time you experience suffering, talk to Jesus. He has experienced more suffering than most of us, He understands. Plus, Jesus knows us better than we know ourselves. Only He can fill the hole you feel in your heart.

VIRTUAL PSALMS BIBLE STUDY FOR LENT!

Join us for a Bible study program from Ascension Press, "*Psalms: The School of Prayer*," guided by women & men from Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Coventry, CT. It will be held virtually, via Zoom, for 11 weekly 1½-2 hr. sessions on Sunday nights at 7pm starting Sun., 2/2/25 & ending Palm Sunday, 3/24/25. A paper workbook is \$28 but is optional if you are comfortable with just online access at \$6.95 which includes an online workbook. To register & get more info, contact Jim & Elizabeth Percy at tiggpercy@gmail.com or call 860-648-2615. Both women & men are encouraged to join us for this Lenten activity to learn more about the beautiful book of Psalms. The deadline to register is Sun., Jan. 26, 2025.

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: 860-429-2860, during office hours. Thank you to all our veterans who have served, living and deceased.



If you would like to add a name to the memorial altar in the cemetery, please contact the Parish Office.



ADVERTISE IN OUR BULLETIN

\$200 for six months for a small ad.
\$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 to the Parish email: stphilipstjude@gmail.com. If you or someone you know would like to advertise and support the Church bulletin, please contact us.

Pregnant? Need help? CATHOLIC CHARITIES

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

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 contact Ann in the office 860-429-2860.



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.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter: The Presentation of the Lord

1st Reading: Malachi 3:1-4: "The Lord God says I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, the Lord whom you seek and the messenger whom you desire. For he is like the refiner's fire. He will sit refining and purifying silver, and will purify the sons of Levi." The messenger, Jesus, can refine and purify our marriage. As you seek and trust him, He will show you the way. Attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME.org) can help refine and purify your marriage. It can help you in your communication, teach you many skills, and also help you to grow in intimacy and in faith with one another. Some of the dates to sign up are:

February 7-9, 2025 in Long Island, NY

March 21-23, 2025 in Burlington, VT

April 25-27, 2025 in East Sandwich, MA

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/>.

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.

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. Thank you.



Beginning Experience Healing Programs

~ Beginning Experience of Hudson Valley, a peer led ministry, invites men and women of all ages who grieve the end of a marriage or spousal

relationship due to death, divorce, or separation to two upcoming experiences. **In the Beginning... Coping with Life Alone** is a one-day virtual program on **Saturday, February 22** from 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. For information or to register, please call Jim at 845-220-7883 or Denise at 845-325-3147. **A Healing Weekend** will take place **March 28-30** at Mount Alvernia Retreat Center in Wappingers Falls, NY. For information or to register, please call Gloria at 646-281-4790 or Phyllis at 914-261-5812. Or, visit the group's website at www.beginningexperiencehv.org.

ST. EDMUND'S RETREAT

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Sign up now at enders.is/programs or call 860.536.0565 x0

Married Couples Weekend with Jeff and Karin

Battiston, February 7-9, 2025. Program Price (per person): Shared Room: 300.00. Commuter: 175.00 Please join us for a special retreat to reconnect and deepen our relationship with God, and each other. This will be a weekend to withdraw from everyday life and refocus on each other and the special gift of faith, hope, and love. Let us take the time away on the beautiful seacoast island of Ender's Island to heal, recommit and reconnect with God, ourselves and each other.

The Enduring Ministry of Deacon Couples with Deacon Lawrence & Denise Duffy, **February 7-9, 2025.** Program Price (per person): Shared Room: 300.00. Commuter: 175.00

Join us on Enders Island for a prayerful retreat designed to help deacon couples deepen their relationship with God and each other. Guided by Deacon Larry and Denise Duffy, explore the Psalms, gain spiritual tools, and hear their inspiring testimony of enduring love and faith.

Religious Instruction at ST. PHILIP CHURCH

Because of the very small number of children in our parish, we can accommodate any family with materials that are grade-appropriate, or preparation for the sacraments of initiation. We can guide and assist you, and we also offer tutoring. Our present program is individual-based and very flexible. We would also encourage any family that would like to establish a formal class, that would include their child, to please call Father Michael. Traditional parish-held CCD classes were discontinued due to lack of participation. We will continue with individualized family programs, until our Parish needs change. Please register your child for 2024/2025. **THERE IS NO FEE FOR THIS YEAR.** Registration forms are in the back of the church. If you would like to return last year's books, please contact Ann in the Parish Office (860) 429-2860 and we can lend you grade-appropriate ones.

WHY DON'T OUR ADULT CHILDREN ATTEND MASS?" REPLAY – Did you miss the virtual presentation of “Why Don't our Adult Children attend Mass?” with Deacon Dennis Dolan and Mary-Jo McLaughlin, Catholic Family Services Coordinator? You can watch it again at your leisure from the comfort of your home by adding the link <https://bit.ly/3SR2slk> into your browser. Join Deacon Dennis and Mary-Jo as they explore the topic of adult children who stopped going to Mass. Listen to parents who are burdened by this knowledge as they reflect on the presentation. The session covers why adult children have chosen not to attend, encouragement for them to come back to church, and time for prayer and reflection.

Natural Family Planning is scientific, safe, and is 99 % effective for conceiving or responsibly postponing a baby. For information, call Craig and Liz Schantz at 860-464-1184. www.ccli.org.

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FIND THE MORE YOU'RE LOOKING FOR.



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

Join one of our Diocese of Norwich Chapters:

Middletown Chapter

St. Sebastian Church (155 Washington Street, Middletown)
Thursdays from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM in Church Basement

Mystic Chapter

St. Edmund's Retreat Center (1 Enders Island, Mystic)
Mondays from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM in St. Michael Hall

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YOUNG CATHOLIC PROFESSIONALS

How to Manage Stress and Anxiety Panel Discussion - New Haven

Are you a young adult who is feeling stressed and anxious about your work? Are you feeling burnt out? Would you like to know what a healthy mental health lifestyle should look like from a Catholic perspective. Come join Young Catholic Professionals Central CT for our next Executive Panel Discussion with Dr. Thomas Finn, Sr. Amaris Salata, FSE and Sr. Catherine Mary Clarke, FSE- psychologists and social workers from the Franciscan Life Center for a discussion around mental health and how to manage stress and anxiety in the workplace and in life from the perspective of our Catholic Faith. We look forward to meeting you there!

Where: 5 Hillhouse Ave, New Haven, CT 06511

When: Thurs, Feb 13th from 7 - 9 PM

Who: All professionals from 18-39.

RSVP via QR code or <https://ycp.glueup.com/event/managing-stress-and-anxiety-in-the-workplace-131356/>

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



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Residents of other towns are welcome as space permits.

Our first session of free classes starts February 2025 in Mansfield, CT

Classes are:

- A series of 4 interactive classes & will be held across the Health District through 2028 .
- Will be a mix of in-person and remote learning depending on the sessions .
- Includes a home blood pressure monitor* when completing all four classes (persons on Medicaid will request a monitor from their doctor) *while supplies last

or scan the QR code



For questions or sign up for a class call:

860-576-1571 or 860-429-3361

**To find the upcoming schedule go to the
Hot Topics link at EHHD.org**



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Norwich Diocesan Our Lady, Queen of Hope Award

To honor a woman in the Diocese for
Vision and Leadership in the Catholic Church

The award is named after Mary, our mother, who is our role model and in whom we place our hope.

The winner will be presented with an award and a check for \$200 made out to the Catholic charity, parish or diocesan ministry of her choice.

Nominees should...

- *Display strong faith
- *Be committed to living out Catholic values
- *Display spiritual leadership at the local or diocesan level(s)
- *Display a spirit of love and service to the Catholic Church
- *Have been part of successful initiatives that benefit the Church
- *Have moved the parish community forward through her vision

The award winner will be determined by the Women's Conference Committee. The nomination form must be completed in full by **February 3, 2025**. Contact the Office of Faith Events with any questions or concerns 860-848-2237, ext. 304 or faithevents@norwichdiocese.net.

To access application go to the Office of Faith Events Website



Our Lady, Queen of Hope Award Application

Name of Nominee: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Parish and town: _____

Pastor's Signature: _____

(Or pastor can email ahoisl@norwichdiocese.net stating confirmation of this nominee)

In 500 words or less and using specific examples please describe why you believe this individual displays the following:

A strong faith, a commitment to living out Catholic values, spiritual leadership, and a spirit of love and service to the Catholic Church. Explain her involvement in successful initiatives that have benefited the Church and how she has helped move the parish/diocesan community forward through her vision.

Submit with this application via email to faithevents@norwichdiocese.net or via US mail to:

Bishop Flanagan Ministry Center
331 Main St. 2nd fl
Norwich, CT 06360

Nominated by (print name): _____

Signature: _____

Phone number: _____ Email: _____

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION SUBMISSION IS February 3, 2025.

VIRTUAL

Adult Confirmation Program



Classes take place Tuesday Evenings in 2025

January 7, 14, 21, 28, February 4, 11 and Retreat on February 22 - 9:30 A.M. - 6 P.M.

Are you an active member of your parish? Have you been baptized and have received communion? Would you like to complete your sacraments of initiation by celebrating Confirmation?

If you answered yes to all of these questions, the Virtual Adult Confirmation Program might be the perfect fit for you. This six-week online course offers candidates the chance to grow in faith alongside others on a similar spiritual journey. Engage in interactive classes, then take time for retreat to hear the inspiring stories of those living out their faith in daily life. Join us for this enriching experience!

7 P.M. - 8:15 P.M.

To register, please see your parish priest

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**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22nd
At Cathedral of St. Patrick
in Norwich, CT
Retreat 9:30 - 5PM with Mass 5-6:00PM**

Catechumens and Candidates are welcome to attend the day filled with prayer, witness, talks and more. To register, contact Alvania Tejada at faihevents@norwichdiocese.net or call (860)848-2237 ex.304

Greetings Friend in Ministry!

Happy New Year! I hope and pray all is well with you and your ministry.

On behalf of the National Federation of Catholic Youth Ministry Region One Associate Members - I would like to invite you and all those that minister to young people in your community (Faith Formation Leaders and volunteers - Coordinators of Youth Ministry and their team - CYO Sport Coaches - Adult Scout Leaders - Clergy and Religious - Parents) to our second annual Day of Recollection on Tuesday, **MARCH 4th** from 10:00 a.m. To 3:00 p.m. At St. James Parish in Stoughton, MA.

We are excited to have Oscar Rivera, Director of Youth Ministry for the Diocese of Fall River as our presenter. **HE IS AMAZING!!**

Oscar Rivera, was raised in the inner city of Waterbury, Connecticut, and was taught at an early age how to be a survivor. His method of avoiding the streets and its promises, became the art of Hip Hop. Oscar's energy and passion for the faith makes his approach: inspirational and real-to-life.

Oscar is a Franciscan University Alumni (10'), and earned his Masters of Arts in Theology with Saint Leo University (15'). He takes his knowledge of the faith and inspires the youth, and young adults of today's culture through his music, talks, retreats, and personal testimony.

He brings a message of hope in times of despair, love during times of hate, and faithfully follow God, no matter the obstacles. His life has been devoted to the New Evangelization of the Gospel and his upbeat contemporary approach to the good news has made the message easy to understand, follow, and relate to.

Christianity is not boring, and Oscar does not intend to be either.

We have attached a flyer with all the details about the event. We would ask that you share this invitation with your community/friends.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions!

Thanks in advance!

Peace and prayers - Jim

Jim Flanagan

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The Norwich Diocesan Women's Conference invites you to

Dinner with Jesus

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Lisa Irish

"How are we the Image of Christ"

*Lisa is a chaplain, published author, retreat speaker
and spiritual director.*



March 19, 2025

5:30-9:00 P.M.

Great Neck Country Club

28 Lamphere Rd, Waterford CT 06385

Tickets are \$70

Register : faithevents@norwichdiocese.net

Make checks payable to: ACA

Send to OFE 331 Main Ave. Norwich, CT 06360



There is a new initiative to assist our **Adult Autistic Catholics** by providing a platform for them to gather (virtually), share life experiences, and pray together. Join us on Wednesdays...

A promotional poster for the Autistic Catholics Weekly Wednesday Community Meeting. The background is a scenic landscape of rolling green hills and mountains under a blue sky with white clouds. The text is centered and includes the organization's name, the meeting title, start date, time, Zoom link, and website.

Autistic Catholics
Weekly Wednesday

Join fellow Autistic Catholics for a Weekly Wednesday Community
BEGINNING 2 OCTOBER 2024
7pm Mountain Time

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82083448595?pwd=JzazDHDtt7yMIjJDubIZnO8oUDn5cK.1>
PASSCODE: 291327

www.autisticcatholics.org

Meetings are every Wednesday at 7 PM

Click link below to join the meeting:

[Autistic Catholics Weekly Community Meeting](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82083448595?pwd=JzazDHDtt7yMIjJDubIZnO8oUDn5cK.1)

Password: 291327

Join teens from across the U.S. for three days of fellowship, faith, and worship at Steubenville East in Springfield, MA, from Friday, July 25 to Sunday, July 27.

This event is open to 8th–12th graders.

For any questions, contact Liza Roach at lroach@norwichdiocese.net or call 860-848-2237 ext. 305.

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July 25 - 27, 2025

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The Diocese of Norwich is organizing a trip to Steubenville East, a powerful Catholic youth conference in Springfield, MA for rising 9th through 12th graders. Experience inspiring talks, powerful worship, and an opportunity to grow in faith with thousands of other young Catholics.

Cost:

\$300 – Conference, food, and transportation from pick-up points

\$150 – Housing for two people (2 nights)

\$75 – Housing for four people (2 nights)

To register, send \$100 deposit per person by Feb. 27th to:

Office of Faith Events

Liza Roach

331 Main St. Floor 2

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Rocky Daigle 860 – 918-0532

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