

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

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

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

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

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*



June 1, 2025
7th Sunday of Easter

† Mass Schedule and Intentions †

Mass Readings start on page 1122

Sat May 31, 3:30-4:00 pm Confession

Sat May 31, 4:30 pm Mass

For a Special Intention by Ann Phillips

Sun Jun 1, 9:00 am Mass

† **Bernice & Normand Ravenelle** by Rachel & Troy

† **Roger Bowen** by Marion & Robert Ogden

Sun Jun 1, 11:00 am Mass

† **Evelyn Suprenant** by Ralph Yulo

† **Marie James, 100th Birthday Anniversary**
by The Family

Presentation of BSA Religious Emblems after Mass

Grace Rovozzo: The Light of Christ

Adaleia Rovozzo: The Parvuli Dei

Tues Jun 3, 8:00 am Mass: *St. Charles Lwanga & Companions*

† **Liam P. Boyce** by His Family

Wed Jun 4, 8:00 am Mass

For the names on our Prayer List

Thur Jun 5, 8:00 am Mass: *St. Boniface, Bishop, Martyr*

For Our Parishioners

Fri Jun 6, 8:00 am Mass: *St. Norbert, Bishop*

For the Sick of Our Parish

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

Sat Jun 7, 3:30-4:00 pm Confession

Sat Jun 7, 4:30 pm Mass

† **Patrick & Robert Drouin, 44th Anniversary**
By Mr. & Mrs. Victor Drouin

† **Maurice Dionne** by Claudia & Rollande Dionne


Sun Jun 8, 9:00 am Mass

† **Jeanne Swart, 1 Year Anniversary** by Her Family

David & Jill Dutton, 45th Wedding Anniversary

Sun Jun 8, 11:00 am Mass

*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



A FATHER'S DAY REMEMBRANCE

Please take a Father's Day Offering
envelope to remember your Father (living or
deceased). Return the envelopes by June 12th and
they will be placed on the Altar at the Father's Day
Masses to honor them.

Diocesan Pro-Life Mass Cathedral of St. Patrick,
Norwich on Sat, June 7 at 8:30 am. Rev. Walter
Nagle, celebrates Mass as we pray to end abortion
and for healing for those who have had an abortion.
After Mass, the Rachel Rosary will be prayed at the
Cathedral. Refreshments will follow the Rosary.

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

PRAYER LIST: Cassidy A., Theresa Agosta, Joe
Allevo, Lynne Allevo, Brian Berry, Rick Brennan,
Robert & Denise Burgess, Candy C., Lorraine
Carty, Elizabeth Clifford, Dylan Delmastro, Yvette
Dionne, Sharon Godere, C.H., Carol and Tim Hall,
Maria Jednaki, Andrew Jendrysik, Kristine
Jengone, Joshua, John K., JoAnn Kepple, Steven
King, Steven Moran, Nick Mucha, Barbara O'Reilly,
J. P., Joan P., Diane Peed, Mariela Porcello, Gail
Ricca, Al St. Louis, John Studley, Sgt. Ed
Thompson, Amanda V., J.W., Jocelyne & Greg
Wakefield, Lynn (Hnath) Warren, Sue Wilcox, Cal
Williams.

Boy Scouts Leadership Mtg. Mon, Jun 2, 7 pm.

Knights of Columbus meet Tues, Jun 3, 7 pm.

Boy Scouts Tues, Jun 10, 6:30-8:00 pm.

Cor-Faith Formation for Catholic Men Wed, Jun
11, 6:30-7:30pm

Women's Bible Study resumes Tues, Sept 2.

Blessed Mother's Stitchers will meet in Sept.

2024-25 Theme: In My Love, Abide

Holy Family Passionist Retreat
Center, W.Hartford, CT. Upcoming
Men's retreat date: June 6-8.

Visit: holyfamiliyretreat.org.



Please take a bottle home, fill it with
coins, cash, or check and return it
to Birthright volunteers after
Masses on Sat - Sunday, June 15th,

Father's Day weekend. You may make a donation
in honor or in memory of a loved one. Birthright will
send or email an acknowledgement card. This is an
opportunity for our church families to have hands-
on involvement in a project that saves the lives of
unborn children and makes a lasting difference in
the mothers' lives. Thank you for any help you can
give.



American Red Cross Blood Drive.

Tuesday, June 17th, 1-6 pm
at St. Philip's Parish Center.

Please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit:

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/>

to schedule your appointment.

Virtual Summer Mission

Pilgrims of Hope

Our Summer Mission this year will explore one of Pope Francis' last formal decrees opening the Jubilee Year entitled *pēs Non Confundit* – Hope Does Not Disappoint.

Mary-Jo McLaughlin, Catholic Family Services coordinator, will help us look at the ways Pope Francis calls each of us to be Pilgrims of Hope in today's world embracing God's hope and extending it to those we encounter.

**Wednesday
June 18 and June 25
7:00 - 8:00 P.M.**

To Register: e-mail: faithevents@norwichdiocese.net
or call Alvania Tejada 860-848-2237 Ext. 304

"Our Lady of Fatima Pilgrim Statue" & First Class Relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco, Day of Reflection and Prayer St. Sebastian Church (155 Washington St., Middletown) is hosting "Our Lady of Fatima Pilgrim Statue" and First Class Relics of Saints Jacinta and Francesco

May 31 9am – 2pm. Draw close to our Lady of Fatima and celebrate the *Miracle of the Sun*. Judy Studer (statue custodian) will give a brief presentation. Please join us on this beautiful retreat day:

- 9am to 9:45am - confession
 - 10:15am - Process into Church
 - 10:30 am - Holy Mass
 - 11:15 am - Adoration and the Rosary
 - 12:15pm Veneration of the relics
 - 2pm - Closing and blessing of religious items (Fatima Rosary beads available for purchase)
- Light refreshments in Church Hall.



Save the date!



St. Philip Catholic Community presents a **WOMEN'S ACTS RETREAT ~ June 5-8, 2025**

Adoration, Community, Theology, Service

St. Philip The Apostle Church will be sponsoring a Women's ACTS Retreat June 5-8, 2025, at the Immaculate Conception Center, in Putnam, CT. Catholic women present this weekend retreat under guidance of clergy. This is a simple, reverent, Catholic retreat with goals of renewing yourself spiritually, strengthening your faith in your daily life, and creating lasting and supporting friendships within your church community. All women are invited to attend. For more information contact the retreat director, Maureen Fleming, at 860-338-1392 or team member Denise Pillion at 860-617-3642 or email denisepillion@sbcglobal.net.

Collecting used coats, blankets and baby clothes in Putnam for local people in need on Sat, June 14

Please clean out your closets now, because on Saturday, June 14, the Knights of Columbus will be collecting donations of clean, used winter coats of all sizes for men, women and children and clean, used blankets and baby clothing in good condition, for people in need throughout northeastern Connecticut. If you have a winter coat or a blanket or baby clothes, please bring it to the parking lot at the Cargill Council 64 Knights of Columbus Hall, 64 Providence Street in Putnam on Saturday, June 14, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. We all know that this is a good time of year to clean out your closets, so we're asking you now, so we can give the clothing away to local families this fall, strictly on the basis of need. For further information, please call Brother Knight John Ryan, at (860) 928-5873 and leave a message.



St. Philip The Apostle Church is sponsoring **A BARBECUE CHICKEN DINNER** to help provide funds for feeding the hungry and

housing the homeless in our community and surrounding towns. Please join us **on Sat, June 7, 2025, for a delicious meal, following the 4:30 pm Mass.** Raffles will be donated to help raise funds and to raise awareness of the need. Tickets will be sold after each Mass, beginning the weekend of May 3, 2025. \$15.00 per ticket. Thank you in advance for supporting this needy cause.

Bernice & Charlie King.



Father Michael is inviting all parishioners to welcome the Most Reverend Richard F. Reidy, Bishop of Norwich to our parish on Sunday, July 6th at the 11:00 am Mass. There will be a reception following the Mass.

URGENT NEED: Adorers are needed on 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.



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The Ascension of the Lord: "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." (Revelations 22:13). This is a reminder of how we should live our lives 24 hours a day, 7 days a week – putting God first in all that we do. Not only when I am at Mass and parish activities, but when I am in the world, at work, or at school. Living gratefully and generously is an intentional lifestyle. Every decision you make either moves you closer to God or farther away. Choose wisely!

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*



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.



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



Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Seventh Sunday of Easter:

Jesus said of his Father, "And the glory that you have given to me, I have given to them, so that they may be one, just as we also are one." Discover unity in your marriage on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on:

June 27-29, 2025 in Huntington, NY

August 15-17, 2025 at Holy Family Retreat Center in West Hartford, 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://www.mectw.org/>.

REMINDER: If you do not 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.

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.



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.



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.



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



2025 ACA UPDATE: As of May 6, 2025, Saint Philip the Apostle Parish, Ashford has donated \$20,204.83 or 66.21% of its goal, and 19.94% 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, 2025. With your donation, our ACA supported ministries do the work of Christ every day. If you have not made your contribution to the 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal, “*One Faith, One Family*”, or would like to make an additional gift, donation envelopes are still available in the church or you can contact the Development Office at (860) 886-1928 or go online to www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org.

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



The Office of Faith Events

is now accepting donations of
Large Gently Used Baskets
to hold raffle items
made by the members of our
One Heart Ministry
Please contact us at
860-848-2237, ext. 304
to donate and arrange for pick-up
Thank you!



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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\$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.



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IN LANCASTER, PA
AUGUST 14-16, 2025

**We have 40 available tickets
(first come, first serve)**

\$50 deposit is due at registration, the remaining deposit of \$100 is due before May 16th and the final payment is due before June 26th. You may make gradual payments that fit your family's budget.

We will also visit some Amish families and experience their way of life as we tour the beautiful heart of the Amish Country.

To register, scan the QR Code:



COST (Based on 40 tickets):
\$610 per person 4 to a room
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\$834 per person Single
Child Rate (12 & younger): Less \$43 per child

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June 4 - Evening Retreat for Music Ministers

Gather with others who share in the ministry of music for an evening retreat at Holy Family. We will sing, learn, laugh, and pray together in a spirit of love and service in this program led by Fr. David Cinquegrani, C.P.

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Pentecost Vigil Mass & Holy Hour

St. Joseph Church

129 Edwards Street, New Haven, Connecticut 06511

5:15 PM

Adoration Holy Hour

*with Praise & Worship and a
Reflection from Fr. Joseph MacNeill*

6:30 PM

Pentecost Vigil Mass

*celebrated by Bishop Juan Miguel
Betancourt*

8:30 PM

Young Adult Social

with Food and Refreshments

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**NEW DAY SEMINAR FOR THE BEREAVED
9 Thursdays from April 24 through June 19, 2025 From 10:00 – 11:00 am**

The New Day Seminar is a nine week series that helps those who have lost a loved one with the tasks of grieving. Each session provides a place and time for individuals to share their grief story and to learn about the grieving process and its tasks for healing. The cost of the book that is used is \$15.00. To register or for further information contact Sr. Patricia Cigrand, ASCJ at 203-606-4830 or email: cigrandpatricia@gmail.com or online at- www.sacredheartonthelake.org

**SPIRITUALITY OF THE GOSPELS
7 Wednesdays from April 30 through June 11, 2025 From 10:00 to 11:30**

Scripture invites us to become Christ like in all we are and do. This seven week series on the Spirituality of the Gospels leads us to a deeper relationship with Christ and to a deeper understanding of His message. The sessions include a book that you can order from us or purchase on your own. There will be discussions and a follow up DVD. Suggested donation is \$10.00 per session. To register or for further information you can email or call Sr. Patricia at email: cigrandpatricia@gmail.com or 203-606-4830 or register online at- www.sacredheartonthelake.org

**PENTECOST RETREAT DAY- THE COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT,
7 Gifts & 12 Fruits that can set us & the World on Fire**

Saturday, June 7th from 9:30am to 3:00pm

This Retreat Day is open to all men and women of Faith. On the Eve of PENTECOST SUNDAY we will spend time in Prayer like the 12 Apostles, Mary and the other Disciples awaiting the Coming of the Holy Spirit. We will pray with the 7 Gifts and the 12 Fruits of the Holy Spirit that they might penetrate us so deeply that the Holy Spirit, once again, might set us & the world on Fire with Jesus' Spirit of Love, Power and Might. Presenter- Sr. Lany Jo Smith, ASCJ- Donation asked \$35.- Includes a Continental Breakfast and a Full Lunch. To registrar online go to sacredheartonthelake.org or call Sr. Lany Jo at 203-606-9102.

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...



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=JzazDHDtt7yMIjJDubIZn08oUDn5cK.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.

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

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