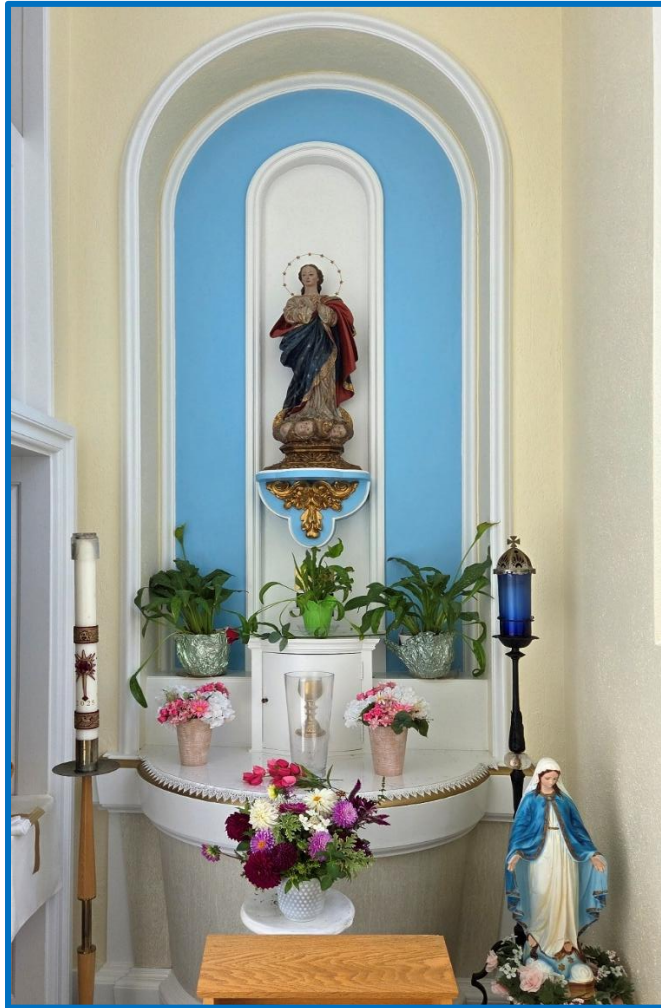


# ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

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## **TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

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Patricia LaBonte	Bookkeeper
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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**

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## **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.

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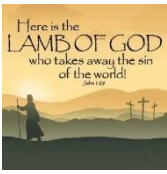
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Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Brndiar, Jr.	The Brndiars, The Storcks, The Edgerlys, The Stotes
Eileen & Bob Bouvier	Intention Unspecified
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Mary M. Brown	The Brown Family, the Pearson Family
Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Cabana	Mr. & Mrs. H. Cabana, Mr. & Mrs. L. Bowen, Blanche Cabana, Anne B. Stone
Burtie Cague	Intention Unspecified
Ginnyann Campbell	In Memory of Richard Muth
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Mrs. Lorraine Cloutier	In Memory of Roland Cloutier, Darrel Lovley, Darrel Elizabeth Lovley, William Kuhn
Mrs. Nancy Conlan	Intention Unspecified
Mrs. Beverly Cosgrove	Intention Unspecified
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Crowley	Intention Unspecified
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Mr. & Mrs. David Dagon	Edward & Ida Jaskulka, Francis & Emma Dagon, Joseph Foran, Al Denis
Mr. & Mrs. David Day	Intention Unspecified
Ken and Christine Deal	Intention Unspecified
Mr. & Mrs. Vernon DeSilva	Intention Unspecified
Mr. Ray Dimmock	Intention Unspecified
Mrs. Caroline Doughty	In Memory of John Sr. and John Jr. Doughty
Mr. & Mrs. Steve Draczynski	Intention Unspecified
Mr. & Mrs. Victor Drouin	Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Drouin, Mr. & Mrs. Wildor Picard, Rene Picard, Mr. & Mrs. Nelson Vose, Mr. & Mrs. Alexander Kozikowski, Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Sorel, Brenda Picard, MD, Robert Picard, Patrick & Robert Drouin, Donald Bigras, Karen Hall
Mr. & Mrs. Chris Ecsedy	Rosaline Dobrowolski, Robert & Betty Ecsedy
Mr. & Mrs. William Falletti	Falletti Family, Jalbert Family, Cruise Family
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Mrs. Carolann Hemberg	Ruth Skrok, Thaddeus Skrok, Isabel Rys, Walter Rys
Mr. Peter Hnath, Jr.	Intention Unspecified
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Joyal	Ravenelle and Karpenski Family
Maxine Kaszubowski	Kris Kaszubowski, Joseph Laundria, Mary Gorman, Shirley Manzi
Mr. & Mrs. Romeo Kolomyjec	Intention Unspecified
Eleanor Kuhar	Intention Unspecified
John & Jean Lagasse	Intention Unspecified

Mr. & Mrs. Robert D. Letendre	Jill Mindek, Brian Fulco
Ms. Kathleen Lisiewski	Intention Unspecified
Denise M. Long	Intention Unspecified
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Mackowiak	In Memory of Quintal Family, Mackowiak Family
Mr. & Mrs. Sterling MacPherson	Salvador Family, MacPherson Family
Mr. John Manning	Intention Unspecified
Catherine Marcisin	In Memory of John Marcisin
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Shirley McCaughey	In Memory of Ray McCaughey and Deceased Family, Victor & Alice Duquette, Deceased Members of the Carabino Family, Ogden Family, Jackopsic Family
Mrs. Deborah McCrackan	In Memory of John Delamater, Sr. & Bea Delamater
Jennifer McCutcheon	Intention Unspecified
Mr. Michael Metsack	Rose & Paul Metsack
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Mrs. Mary E. Michaud	Milton Michaud, Mary Rose Madore, Georgianne Madore, Eglie Michaud
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Mindek	In Memory of The Mindek & Carruth Families, John R. White, Edna Horton
Phil and Jeanne Monty	In Honor of St. Philip the Apostle Church
Mrs. Rose Morton	Mr. & Mrs. Paul Roy
John & Jackie Mozzicato	Mozzicato Family, Latina Family
Mr. Robert Navratil	Mr. & Mrs. William Navratil
Eileen Nye	Intention Unspecified
Patrick & Elisabetta O'Leary	Intention Unspecified
Ms. Carol Olsen	Mr. & Mrs. John Rauert, Sr., Mr. & Mrs. John Rauert, Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Domic Piccoria, Lena Ladson
Judith Ouellette	Ouellette, Daniel, and Potter Family
Mr. & Mrs. Randall Owen	Intention Unspecified
Mr. & Mrs. Danny Panciera	John R. White, Jill Mindek, William Mindek, Edna Horton
Ms. Janet Pastula	Edward J. Pastula, Mary C. Pastula, Elizabeth Sloan, Tom Impellitteri
Mr. John Patton	Intention Unspecified
Mr. Rocco Petrella	Intention Unspecified
Mrs. Ann M. Phillips	In Memory of the Pliska, Pudelkiewicz, Kelly & Phillips Families
Ms. Theresa Phillips	Intention Unspecified
Mrs. Pauline A. Picard	Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Sorel, Mr. & Mrs. Wildor Picard, Rene Picard, Brenda Picard, MD, Mr. & Mrs. Nelson Vose, Robert Picard, Karen Hall
Mr. & Mrs. V.P. Piecyk	Deceased Brecka, Piecyk, Bradley and Tardiff Families
Mr. Donald Potter	Intention Unspecified
Mr. & Mrs. Norbert Saegaert	Intention Unspecified
Mrs. Paulette Scarpetti	Intention Unspecified
Mr. Lawrence Single and Family	In Memory of Kate Single, Patty Tucker
Mr. Stanley Stawski	Intention Unspecified
Mr. & Mrs. Gabriel Storck	Intention Unspecified
Mr. George Sullivan	Intention Unspecified
Sheila Taylor	Steven Moran, Michael Schwartz, Henry Delisle (father), Georgette Delisle (mother)
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Thompson	Intention Unspecified
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Trotta	Trotta Family, Lemaire Family, Mann Family, Tellier Family, Perchalik Family
Mr. & Mrs. James Trowbridge	The Trowbridge Family, The Schuppert Family
Mrs. Marion Varga	Intention Unspecified
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Vertefeuille	Diana Fusco, Edna Horton, Memere Vertefeuille, Helen Aitner
Wesley & Paula Vincent	Cecil & Arloa Vincent, James & Charlotte Fraser, Laurene Embree, Averill Brown
John & Elaine Whipple, III	Intention Unspecified
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Zulick	Pamela B. Senyk, John M. Zulick, Members of the Parish who have passed.

If you notice misspellings or omissions, please notify the office so that our list can be corrected.



**January 18, 2026**  
**The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

† **Mass Schedule and Intentions** †  
 Mass Readings start on page 890

- Sat** Jan 17, 3:30-4:00 pm Confession  
**Sat** Jan 17, 4:30 pm Mass  
 † **Rachel Kozikowski, 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
*By Mr. & Mrs. Victor Drouin*  
 † **Wildor Picard, 43<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary**  
*By Mr. & Mrs. Victor Drouin & Mrs. Pauline Picard*  
**Sun** Jan 18, 9:00 am Mass  
 † **Roger Bowen** *by Nancy Conlan*  
 † **Charlotte Doyon, 93<sup>rd</sup> Birthday Remembrance**  
*By Karen Rabe*

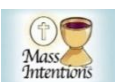
- Sun** Jan 18, 11:00 am Mass  
 † **Ruth Yulo** *by Ralph Yulo*  
 † **Zbigniew Jakubowski** *by His Niece*  
**Tues** Jan 20, 8:00 am Mass: *St. Fabian, St. Sebastian*  
**For the Souls in Purgatory**

- Wed** Jan 21, 8:00 am Mass: *St. Agnes*  
**For Our Parish**  
**Thurs** Jan 22, 8:00 am Mass: *Day of Prayer for the Protection of Unborn Children*  
 † **John Doughty, Jr., Birthday Remembrance**  
*by Caroline Doughty*

- Fri** Jan 23, 8:00 am Mass: *St. Vincent, St. Marianne Cope*  
 † **Paul Ouellette, Sr., Birthday Remembrance**  
*by Caroline Doughty*  
 † **Eugene Alassi, 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
*by Phil & Jeanne Monty*

- ADORATION** following Mass; **Benediction** 12 Noon  
**Sat** Jan 24, 3:30-4:00 pm Confession  
**Sat** Jan 24, 4:30 pm Mass  
**Sun** Jan 25, 9:00 am Mass  
**Sun** Jan 25, 11:00 am Mass  
 † **Thomas Pivonka, 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary** *by His Family*  
 † **Ralph J. Yulo, Sr.** *by Ralph Yulo*

- Sun** Jan 25, 2:00 pm Baptism  
**Silas William Reiser & Andrew Benjamin Reiser**



*As of January 1, 2026,  
 all Mass Intentions are \$15.*

*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 am & before 11 am Mass on Sunday.**



Church open: Mon-Thurs, 9:30-2:30 & Fri Adoration  
 Office closed Monday, Jan 19, Martin Luther King, Jr.

**2026 CALENDARS** are available in the Vestibule.  
 Please be sure to take one home.

Blessed Mother Candle is lit for  
**A Special Intention**  
 Requested by Marsha Peters.



**PRAYER LIST:** For current requests please call 860-429-2860 or email [stphilipstjude@gmail.com](mailto:stphilipstjude@gmail.com).

**PRAYER LIST:** Theresa Agosta, Joe Allevo, Lynne Allevo, Kenneth Beaudoin, John Bergeron, Sr., Brian Berry, Tammy Breard, Rick Brennan, Robert & Denise Burgess, Lorraine Carty, Jack Chamberlain, Sr., Elizabeth Clifford, Jessica D., Terry Decker, Yvette Dionne, Robert Drake, Sharon Godere, C.H., L.A.H., Carol and Tim Hall, Maria Jednaki, Andrew Jendrysik, Joshua, John K., David Kaiko, JoAnn Kepple, Melinda King, Steven King, Linda L., Mary Manning, Roger Marinelli, Nick Mucha, Kerry Murphy, Robert Nazzaro, Brenda Nixon, Lewis Nixon, Barbara O'Reilly, Elijah Ortiz, Diane Peed, Pauline Picard, Ted Piecyk, Mariela Porcello, Gail Ricca, Michael Ricca, James Smith, Pat Stenglein, Al St. Louis, John Studley, Anne Sylvia, Sgt. Ed Thompson, J. W., Jocelyne & Greg Wakefield, Mike Wengloski, Sue Wilcox, Cal Williams.

**PARISH MEETINGS**

**Women's Bible Study** Tues, Jan 20, 9:30 am  
*"Finding God in Suffering, Ch. 20+21."* In case of snow, will be cancelled.

**Women's Gathering** Sat, Jan 24, 9:30 am to 3 pm.  
 Please join us in welcoming Vickie Smith, M.Ed., BDV who will share her ministry of prayer, teaching and healing. There is more about her ministry at her website: [www.inonespirit.com](http://www.inonespirit.com) and on Youtube: Vickie @ Upper Room Ministries.

**Blessed Mother's Stitchers:** Tue, Jan 27, 10 am.

**Boy Scouts** Jan 27, 6:30 pm.

**Boy Scout Leaders** Mon, Feb 2, 7 pm.

**Knights of Columbus** Tues, Feb 3, 7 pm.

**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.



**The need is great! Thank you**

**Italian Dinner** (lasagna and eggplant)  
 Saturday, January 17, 2026 after the 4:30 pm Mass with proceeds going toward maintenance of the church. **SNOW DATE: Sunday, Jan 18, 2026 at 3:00 p.m.** Tickets are \$10 for adults 16+ and under 16 free.



If the weather is bad, please stay home and don't come to Mass.

We want you to be safe.



**NOTE:** Please feel free to take home a poinsettia from the vestibule of the church.

**NOTICE:** We have been informed by Cathedral Corporation, who sends out our church envelopes, that our Parish Office will be receiving 10 blank packs of church envelopes every two months in case if someone has misplaced theirs and also for new parishioners. They will no longer be sending out temporary envelopes. If you need a set, please see Ann in the Parish Office. Thank you.



**Pilgrims of Hope**

Holy Family Retreat Team, W. Hartford, CT  
**Women's Retreat:** Jan, 23-25, Feb 27-Mar 1, Mar 20-22, Apr 17-19, May 29-31, 2026. **Men's Retreat:** Jan 30-Feb 1, Feb 20-22, Mar 6-8, 13-15, 27-29, Apr 10-12, May 1-3, Jun 5-7 2026. Please join us at Holy Family to celebrate our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of retreat ministry. Together, we can pursue that blessed goal, life with God as beloved companions and pilgrims of hope. Faith is a journey! Last year, just months before his passing, Pope Francis called for a jubilee year with the theme "Pilgrims of Hope." As "Pilgrims of Hope" we must be willing to take risks, to make the effort to understand God's call and to grow in our faith. The pilgrim doesn't travel aimlessly but allows God to be the North Star, leading us to discover that God is at the heart of our journey. Call 860-760-9705 or visit [holyfamilyretreat.org/](http://holyfamilyretreat.org/).  
**Our Church promoters:** Burtie 617-939-4234, Marsha 860-429-4926

**FREE VIRTUAL WOMEN'S LENTEN RETREAT -**  
 All women are invited to join us Sat., Feb. 21, 2026, 9am-12:30pm via Zoom for a FREE retreat entitled: "Transformation Through God's Grace" featuring an inspiring talk by the wonderful speaker, Sr. Miriam Heidland. Organized by women from Our Lady Queen of Peace parish, Coventry/Storrs, CT. To register, contact Elizabeth Percy at [tiggpercy@gmail.com](mailto:tiggpercy@gmail.com) or call 860-648-2615.  
 Hope to see many of you there!

[HelpOurMarriage.org](http://HelpOurMarriage.org)

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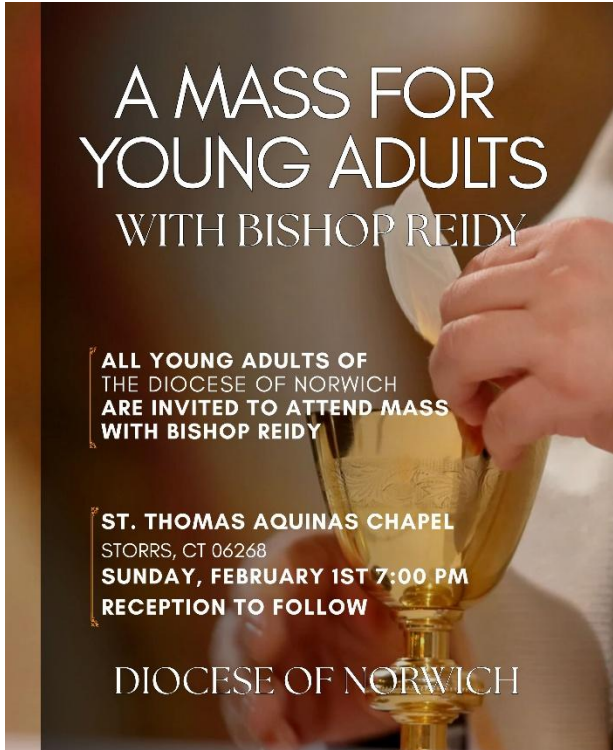
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**FREE VIRTUAL BIBLE STUDY ON THE MASS FOR MEN & WOMEN THIS LENT!** Join us for a great bible study from Ascension Press, "A Biblical Walk Through The Mass" by Dr. Edward Sri, with discussions guided by women & men from Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Coventry/Storrs, CT. It will be held virtually, via Zoom, for 5 weekly Sundays from 7-8:30 pm, Feb. 22 – March 22, 2026. You can access the video & online workbook for \$6. A paper workbook is available for \$25 but is not required. There is no other fee. **To register, contact Jim & Elizabeth Percy at [tiggpercy@gmail.com](mailto:tiggpercy@gmail.com) or call 860-648-2615.** Registration deadline is Sun., Feb. 15, 2026. Both women & men are encouraged to join us for terrific Lenten activity.



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The Franciscan University School of Spiritual Direction is offering an Open House for those interested in training to be certified Spiritual Directors at their satellite program in Putnam, CT. The Open House is at 7 PM on Thursday, January 29, 2026, at the Immaculate Conception Center (600 Liberty Hwy, Putnam, CT). All are welcome to attend; no prior training is required. For info, please call 860-928-7955 or visit: [immaculateconceptioncenter.org](http://immaculateconceptioncenter.org)

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter:** Psalm: 24:1-2: "Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory." Have you let the Lord enter your life and your relationship with your spouse? Jesus will strengthen you and guide your relationship to be even better. Learn how, by attending the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on:

January 23-25, 2026 in North Easton, MA

March 13-15, 2026 in South Burlington, VT

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 [wwme.org](http://wwme.org).



**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.

## **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.

**REMINDER:** If you do not use our church envelopes and would like an end-of-the-year include your check or cash in an envelope with your name and address on it. Thank you.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

"Now the Lord has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb..." ISAIAH 49:5  
God have given each of us different gifts. In order for God's plan to work, you have to do what God is calling you to do, and I have to do what God is calling me to do. And guess what? God has given each of us a different plan! So, stop comparing yourself to others. Don't let envy and jealousy enter your life. Be thankful for the gifts God has given you and become the saint that God is calling you to be. **Marriage Help Program** (local) January 30-Feb 1. Do you wish you felt happier in your marriage? Retrouvaille, a Catholic-based ministry, provides tools to help you communicate better, resolve conflicts, and rediscover a loving marriage. The next local weekend starts on January 30<sup>th</sup>. For information, call confidentially 1-860-837-0447, email [connecticut-wmass@helpourmarriage.org](mailto:connecticut-wmass@helpourmarriage.org) or go to our website [www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.org).



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**Now Accepting Applications**

**Crossroads 4 Christ** (C4C) is pleased to announce our newest local chapter: C4C Storrs! Young adults aged 18-39 are invited to join us for formation, fellowship, and prayer. Gatherings will be on **Thursday** nights at **6 PM** in the "Upper Room" at **St. Thomas Aquinas** chapel in **Storrs**. Whether you are a longtime C4C attendee, or you have never heard of us before, we invite you to come and join your fellow young adult Catholics in community and faith. Visit [crossroads4christ.org/](http://crossroads4christ.org/) for details.



## Norwich Diocesan Our Lady, Queen of Hope Award

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

This award will be given out by Bishop Richard F. Reidy to a woman of faith in the Norwich Diocese. 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 **January 29, 2026**. Contact the Evangelization and Discipleship Ministry with any questions or concerns 860-848-2237, ext. 203 or [ahoisl@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:ahoisl@norwichdiocese.net).

[\\*To access application go to the Norwich Diocesan 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](mailto: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 [ahoisl@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:ahoisl@norwichdiocese.net) or via US mail to:

Evangelization and Discipleship Ministry c/o Andrea Hoisl  
331 Main St. 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Norwich, CT 06360

Nominated by (print name): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION SUBMISSION IS JANUARY 29, 2026.**

**STEBENVILLE EAST  
CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE**

**2026**

**JULY 24-26  
SPRINGFIELD, MA**

Join the Diocese of Norwich Youth Ministry for a weekend retreat experience filled with prayer, sacraments, and fun!

**Cost Per Person**  
Hotel Quad - \$415  
Hotel Double - \$500  
\*Cost per person is the same for adults and youth.

Parish youth ministers and catechetical leaders can register their parish group via e-mail at: [msweeney@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:msweeney@norwichdiocese.net)

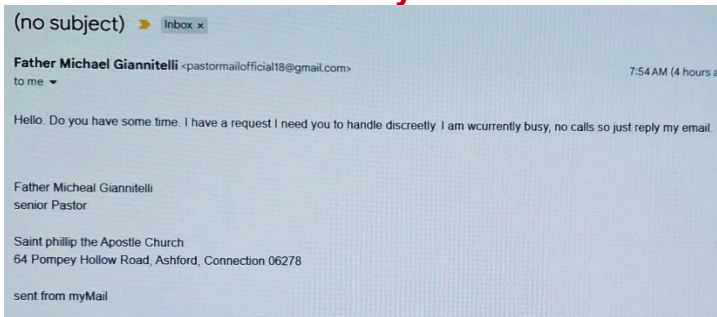
For more information regarding registration and to **register**, follow the link below [Steubenville East 2026 Preliminary Registration - Fill out form](#). Each registrant requires a \$75 deposit. Registration and deposits are due by 02/01/2026. Late registration will result in a price increase.

**Pro-Life Pilgrimage to the 2026 March For Life in Washington, DC**

Join our Bishop in representing our Norwich Diocese by peacefully and joyfully witnessing to the sanctity of all human life, and the beauty and dignity of every human person. We begin with a Mass for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children at St. Patrick's Cathedral in Norwich on Thursday, January 22, 2026 at 7:30 PM (Everyone is welcome to attend). We travel overnight via Deluxe Motorcoach and in the morning attend the National Prayer For Life Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. Our next leg leads us to the National Mall, with a little free time to visit the Smithsonian Museums if desired (see the Declaration of Independence, Constitution, & Bill of Rights, for our Nation's 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday!), followed by the March For Life Rally with National Pro-Life speakers, Clergy and politicians speaking on the defense of the unborn and the upholding of their legal and constitutional rights. Then we participate in the largest, peaceful Pro-Life Demonstration in the World with hundreds of thousands Marching up Constitutional Avenue For Life, passing Congress and ending at the Supreme Court. And in this 24 hr.+ sacrifice, we bond together to help rebuild a 'Civilization of Life and Love' in our Country, praying for an end to abortion, and the change of hearts. **Cost is \$55**, graciously subsidized by our Diocesan Knights of Columbus Councils, Parish Guilds, and caring individuals. For further information and to register pls. call Alvania, Office of Evangelization & Discipleship Ministry, at 860-848-2237 ext. 304 [atejada@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:atejada@norwichdiocese.net). Registration with credit/debit card payments can be made at [bit.ly/VANCO](https://bit.ly/VANCO)



**If you receive an email from Father Michael, please be aware that Father will never contact you by email and fraudulent emails have been received claiming to come from him. The following spam has been received recently:**



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**School of Spiritual Direction**

[institutes.franciscan.edu/school-spiritual-direction](https://institutes.franciscan.edu/school-spiritual-direction)

**OPEN HOUSE**

**Become a Certified Spiritual Director**

The Franciscan University School of Spiritual Direction will prepare you to accompany others as a certified Spiritual Director.

In partnership with the Immaculate Conception Center, a new class will begin training in January 2027 in Putnam, Connecticut.

Join us at 7:00pm on January 29, 2026 at the address below to learn more!

All are welcome to attend - no prior training required

To RSVP please call or email:  
(860) 928-7955 / [admin@immaculateconceptioncenter.org](mailto:admin@immaculateconceptioncenter.org)

Immaculate Conception Center  
600 Liberty Highway, Putnam, CT 06260  
[immaculateconceptioncenter.org/programs](https://immaculateconceptioncenter.org/programs)

**Poland with the Saints**

**YOUNG ADULT PILGRIMAGE**  
MAY 22-31, 2026

Travel through the lives of three modern saints

**Open to young adults ages 21-40**

Stops in Krakow, the Tatra Mountains, Auschwitz, Czestochowa, and Warsaw with time to hike along the paths visited by St. John Paul II, to ponder at the cell of St. Maximilian Kolbe, and to meditate on the life of St. Faustina.

**More Information**

[www.blessedsacramentct.org/Evangelization/YoungAdults/Poland-Pilgrimage-2026](https://www.blessedsacramentct.org/Evangelization/YoungAdults/Poland-Pilgrimage-2026)

Contact: Jacob Marie  
[jacob.marie@cath-comm.org](mailto:jacob.marie@cath-comm.org)

**The Young Adult Ministry of Blessed Sacrament Parish** is planning a pilgrimage to Poland from May 22- May 31, 2026. Pilgrims will experience sites associated with Pope St. John Paul II, St. Maximilian Kolbe, and Saint Faustina. Additionally, they will enjoy the natural beauty of the Tatras Mountains and the gorgeous cityscapes of Poland's old towns and cities. We invite young adults to prayerfully consider joining the pilgrimage. More information can be found by visiting <https://www.blessedsacramentct.org/Evangelization/Young-Adults/Poland-Pilgrimage-2026> or emailing [jacob.marie@cath-comm.org](mailto:jacob.marie@cath-comm.org)



**SUPPORT THE YOUNG ADULT PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND**

The Young Adult Ministry is organizing a pilgrimage to Poland to visit holy sites connected to Pope Saint John Paul II, Saint Maximilian Kolbe, and Saint Faustina. If you would like to financially support this trip, we welcome donations through Parishsoft Giving using this QR code. If you have any questions about the trip or how to contribute, please contact Jacob Marie at [jacob.marie@cath-comm.org](mailto:jacob.marie@cath-comm.org). Please also visit our website (linked below) for more information about our trip and vision.

**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.



**A STUDY COMMISSIONED by the Knights of Columbus** revealed that 75% of Catholic young people who had seriously considered priesthood or religious life felt that they were never encouraged to pursue that vocation by anyone. Do you know someone who would make a good religious or priest? Why not tell them? Your encouragement might be all that they need.

**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](mailto:stphilipstjude@gmail.com). If you or someone you know would like to advertise and support the Church bulletin, please contact us.

**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.



**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.



**2026 CALENDARS** are available in the Vestibule. Please be sure to take one home.

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

**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).

**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 2025/2026. **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.

**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).



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



### Go Green

**BE MINDFUL OF OUR LANDFILLS-DON'T THROW IT AWAY, PASS IT ON!**

Before you throw something away, consider whether someone else could use it. If so there are organizations that will pick it up for reuse- check with your town for local donation sites.

You can also post it on social media where finding a new home for free items is “quick and painless”.

### How to Evangelize

Reach out to a local convalescent care facility and inquire about visiting residents that do not have visitors. Establish a relationship with them like Christ did the strangers he met in his travels. When they ask you why you are there visiting, share the good news about your faith and offer to pray with them. You will be surprised at the results!

# ENCOUNTER

A PLACE TO ASK THE BIG QUESTIONS A.I. CAN'T ANSWER.

A DEEPER KIND OF FRIENDSHIP

PERFECT LOVE, WAITING FOR YOU

**CROSSROADS4CHRIST**

ARE YOU A YOUNG ADULT LOOKING FOR MORE? CROSSROADS 4 CHRIST WANTS TO CONNECT YOU WITH FAITH, FELLOWSHIP, AND JESUS CHRIST.

**JOIN THE ENCOUNTER. FIND YOUR LOCAL C4C CHAPTER:**

**STORRS:**  
St. Thomas Aquinas  
46 North Eagleville Rd  
Storrs, CT

**MEETINGS:**  
Every Thursday Night  
Fellowship: 6-7 pm  
Adoration: 7-8 pm

**INFO:**  
c4cstorrs@gmail.com  
crossroads4christ.org  
Open to ages 18-39

## 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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