

ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

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Father Michael Giannitelli, Pastor

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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 15, 2026

The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

† **Mass Schedule and Intentions** †

Mass Readings start on page 895

Sat Feb 14, 3:30-4:00 pm Confession

Sat Feb 14, 4:30 pm Mass

† **Eileen Molnar** *From The Parish*

† **George Bogdanovich** *by His Family*

Sun Feb 15, 9:00 am Mass

† **John Doughty, Sr.** *by Nancy Conlan*

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

Sun Feb 15, 11:00 am Mass

† **John Doughty, Sr., 4th Anniversary**

by Caroline Doughty

† **Ruth Yulo** *by Ralph Yulo*

Tues Feb 17, 8:00 am Mass: *7 Founders of Servites*

Yvette Dionne, For Her Well-being

Ash Wednesday Feb 18

8:00 am Mass with Ashes

12:00 Noon Ashes Only

6:00 pm Mass with Ashes



Thurs Feb 19, 8:00 am Mass

† **Helen Hurley** *by Jim & Cecile Hurley*

Raymond & Shirley McCaughey, 60th Anniversary

Remembrance *by Shirley McCaughey*

Fri Feb 20, 8:00 am Mass

For the Intentions of Richard and Lois Mindek

By the Vertefeuille Family

ADORATION following Mass; **Benediction** 12 Noon

Fri Feb 20, 6:00 pm **Stations of the Cross**

Lenten suppers: After Stations, please join us for soup (clam chowder this week), meatless pizza and grilled cheese at the Parish Center.



Sat Feb 21, 3:30-4:00 pm Confession

Sat Feb 21, 4:30 pm Mass

† **Rudolph Supina, 20th Anniversary** *by His Family*

† **Joseph Peters** *by Dennis & Eleanor Bergeron*

Sun Feb 22, 9:00 am Mass

† **Jill Mindek, Birthday Remembrance**

by Bill & Evelyn Carruth

† **Will Navratil, 5th Anniversary** *by The Family*

Sun Feb 22, 11:00 am Mass

† **Deceased Members of the Nagy Family**

by The Family

† **Richard Muth, 1 Year Anniversary in Heaven**

by Emma Muth & Ginnyann Campbell

If you have a Mass Intention for a loved one, please bring up the gifts during that Mass.

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

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: Mon, Feb 16, Presidents' Day

Blessed Mother Candle is lit for

A Special Intention

Requested by Marsha Peters.



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

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

PRAYER LIST: Theresa Agosta, Monique B., John Bergeron, Sr., Brian Berry, Tammy Breard, Rick Brennan, Robert & Denise Burgess, Robert Butler, 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., Thomas 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, Robert Thath, Shirley Thath, Sgt. Ed Thompson, J. W., Jocelyne & Greg Wakefield, Mike Wengloski, Sue Wilcox, Cal Williams.

PARISH MEETINGS

Choir Rehearsals: Sundays Feb 15 & 22 at **9:50 am.**

Women's Bible Study: Tues, Feb 17, 9:30 am "The Reed of God" by Caryl Houselander, Ch. 2,3."

In case of snow, will be cancelled.

Blessed Mother's Stitches: Tue, Feb 24, 10 am.

Boy Scouts: Tue, Feb 24, 6:30 pm.

Women's Gathering: Sat, Feb 28, 9:30-11 for fellowship and reflection. All are welcome!

Boy Scout Leaders: Mon, Mar 2, 7 pm.

Knights of Columbus: Tues, Mar 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**

Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner sponsored by Knights of Columbus, Sat, March 21, 2026. **NOTE: Tickets will be sold after all Masses starting the weekend of February 21/22.**



Tickets are \$10.00 for adults over 16 and free for children under 16.

Starting on Friday, February 20th until the end of Lent, Stations of the Cross will be at 6 pm, followed by a meal of soup, pizza, bread, and grilled cheese at the Parish Center. Come and join us!



Pilgrims of Hope

Holy Family Retreat Team, W. Hartford, CT
Women's Retreat: Feb 27-Mar 1, Mar 20-22, Apr 17-19, May 29-31, 2026. Men's Retreat: 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 75th Anniversary of retreat ministry. 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/. Generous scholarships available - contact Holy Family registrar Ted at 860-760-9705. **St. Philip Church promoters: Burtie 617-939-4234, Marsha 860-429-4926.**

"**Share-A-Day**" will be held on Sat, Feb. 28th from 10:30 am to 4:30 pm, for Girls in grades 2, 3, and 4, at Holy Family Motherhouse, 54 W. Main St., Baltic, CT. Meals and Snacks included. This special day includes recreation, talks, activities and prayers with the Sisters. No charge. Telephone (860) 822-8241 or email smaryjacinta@gmail.com.



American Red Cross Blood Drive.

Thursday, Feb 26th, 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.

DIOCESAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT
 FRI FEB 27TH - SAT FEB 28TH
 ST. BERNARD'S SCHOOL

ALL CATHOLIC SCHOOL BASKETBALL TEAMS ARE INVITED TO COMPETE AND SEE WHO IS THE DIOCESAN CHAMPION!

Admission for a game is \$5. A full admission pass to all games for the weekend is \$10.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.

We need volunteers to assist with the Catholic Schools Basketball Tournament held at St. Bernard School in Uncasville, CT. We need people to work the doors, help with tickets, run scoreboards and more. If you are a

High School student or adult who could help for any these times; Fri, Feb 27th 4:30 PM -9:00 PM, and Sat, Feb 28th 7:30 AM – 9:00 PM, please contact Maria Sweeney at 860-848-2237 ex. 212 or msweeney@norwichdiocese.net.

FREE VIRTUAL WOMEN'S LENTEN RETREAT

- All women are invited to join us Sat., Feb. 21, 2026, 9 am-12:30 pm 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 tiaggpercy@gmail.com or call 860-648-2615. Hope to see many of you there!

Cathedral Corporation will supply our Parish Office with blank church envelopes in case someone has misplaced theirs and also for new parishioners. They will no longer send out temporary envelopes. If you need a set, please see Ann in the Parish Office.



HOLY FAMILY PASSIONIST RETREAT CENTER

Holy Family Retreat Center is offering a \$375 scholarship for a man who has not previously been on retreat. St. Philip men will be on retreat April 10-12, 2026. Please consider this opportunity and speak to Ann in the office, if interested. For info visit: <https://www.holyfamilyretreat.org/themed-retreats>.

Register Now
WOMEN'S CONFERENCE
 "DINNER WITH JESUS"
Finding Sanctuary
 How the Word of Peace Restored the Heart of a Sandy Hook Mother

With Jennifer Hubbard
 Executive Director of the Catherine Violet Hubbard Memorial Rectory, whose book was named Catholic Media Association's #1 memoir.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25TH, 2026
 5:30PM TO 9:00PM
 TPC RIVER HIGHLANDS
 1001P CLUB RD., CHESHAM, CT 06115

Tickets are \$75.

EVANGELIZATION & DISCIPLINER MINISTRY
 DIOCESE OF NORWICH
 To register please go to <https://www.holyfamilyretreat.org/>
 For more information call for email Alvinia Talada
 860-848-2217 ext. 304 alvinia@holyfamilyretreat.org

God Chose You for Me

Marriage RETREAT DAY
 Saturday, March 21, 2026
 8:30 am - Check in | Vigil Mass 4:00 p.m.
 \$60 Registration Fee, per couple

The Office of Faith Formation and Parish Life invites married couples to a day retreat, "God Chose You for Me", presented by Worldwide Marriage Encounter. Sessions on discerning the spirituality of Marriage and strengthening couples' spiritual connection through personal prayer.

REGISTER: <https://www.holyfamilyretreat.org/>

Pastoral Center
 Alumni Lounge, 2nd Floor
 407 Bicentennial Avenue
 Rocky Hill, CT

ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD
 Office of Faith Formation and Parish Life
 Questions? Contact - Valerie St. Jean
 Associate Director of Adult & Family Life Ministries
 860-541-6491 ext. 2078 | valerie.stjean@archdioceseofhartford.org



YEAR-END TAX REPORTING

If you would like a printout of your financial contribution to St. Philip Church for the year 2025, please place this coupon in the collection basket.

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Envelope # _____

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Filled Easter Basket

Donations Needed

St. Vincent de Paul Place, Norwich is preparing for our annual Easter basket distribution, bringing joy to children in our community. We are seeking approximately 1,000 filled Easter baskets to meet the needs of local families. Distribution will begin March 16, 2026, and baskets can be dropped off at St. Vincent de Paul Place, 120 Cliff Street, Norwich. For more

DIOCESE OF NORWICH

SKI TRIP

SATURDAY, MARCH 7TH

WACHUSETT MOUNTAIN

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

A FREE EVENT FOR ALL AGES!
SKIING WILL BEGIN AT 4PM
PARTICIPANTS WILL MEET AT THE MOUNTAIN
NO TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED
REGISTRATION REQUIRED
TO REGISTER, EMAIL:
MSWEENEY@NORWICHDIOCESE.NET



information, please contact Jill at jcsvdpp@gmail.com or 860-889-7374. Thank you for helping make Easter brighter for the children we serve!

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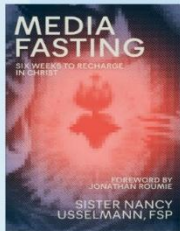
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LENTEN MISSION

Step away from Technology

BOOK DISCUSSION ON
MEDIA FASTING:
SIX WEEKS TO
RECHARGE WITH
CHRIST

- 5 Thursdays in Lent beginning Thursday, February 26th
- 7:00 - 8:00 PM
- Join us virtually, register and purchase the book on Amazon.



REGISTER NOW



To register for the Lenten Mission, go to <https://bit.ly/MediaFast> or email Alvania at atejada@norwichdiocese.net

Second Saturday Films Presents

Green and Gold

Saturday, FEBRUARY 21, 2026
(Due to Valentine's Day we are rescheduling to the 3rd Saturday)
Doors Open at 5:30 PM
Movie Intro at 6:30 PM

SOMETIMES...
YOU JUST HAVE TO BET THE FARM!
This film features football, farming, lasting love and a strong story of faith.
Based on true events, *Green and Gold* follows Buck, a Wisconsin dairy farmer facing foreclosure. With mounting debt and hopes of saving his family farm, he risks it all on the Green Bay Packers' getting to the championship. His granddaughter helps out, while dreaming of a music career.
Wishing to share a memorable experience with a loved one this Valentine's season, invite them along!

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 63 Old Norwich Road, Quaker Hill, CT
Phone: 860-961-7609 / brian@journeyforlife.org

You can view the trailer at www.journeyforlife.org and then scroll down. Pizza, popcorn, and beverages will be served. Admission and food are free (Donations accepted)
You can also "like" us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/secondsaturdayfilms

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 or call 860-648-2615. Registration deadline is Sun., Feb. 15, 2026. Both women & men are encouraged to join us for this terrific Lenten activity.

VIRTUAL STATIONS OF THE CROSS



FRIDAYS OF LENT AT 7:00PM

- FEBRUARY 20: THROUGH THE EYES OF SOCIAL JUSTICE
- FEBRUARY 27: THROUGH THE EYES OF THE SUFFERING, ILL AND DISABLED
- MARCH 6: THROUGH THE EYES OF IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES
- MARCH 13: THROUGH THE EYES OF SENIORS
- MARCH 20: THROUGH THE EYES OF THE BEREAVED
- MARCH 27: THROUGH THE EYES OF MARY
- APRIL 3: THROUGH THE EYES OF JESUS

Register for just one evening or attend all seven. To register, go to <https://bit.ly/Virtualstations> or call Liza at 860-648-2237 ex. 305

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 15:15-16 "If you choose you can keep the commandments, they will save you; if you trust in God, you too shall live; he has set before you fire and water; to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand." Choose to do God's will and choose to trust in Him. God will strengthen you and guide your relationship to be even better. Choose to Love by signing up to attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences are:

February 27-March 1, Huntington Seminary, Huntington, NY

March 13-15, 2026 , Windjammer Best Western, South Burlington, VT

April 17-19, 2026, Silver Bay YMCA, Silver Bay, NY

April 24-26, 2026, Corpus Christi Parish, 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 wwwme.org.

Catholic Charities is seeking volunteers for the following positions:

1. Receptionist(s) —Bilingual, greet clients, answer phones and other responsibilities.
2. Grant Writer(s) – Previous grant writing experience, flexible hours, work from home.
3. Finance Volunteer-Enter data information.
4. Digital Designer: Applies creative thinking and technical skills to design content for websites.
5. Web Developer: Designs, builds, maintains websites or web applications
6. Fundraiser: Design, plans and executes events to raise funds for Catholic Charities.

Please send your resume to Kathy Capon, MSW at kathycapon@ccfsn.org. Thank you.



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.

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/ for details.

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/3SR2sIk> 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.

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.

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.



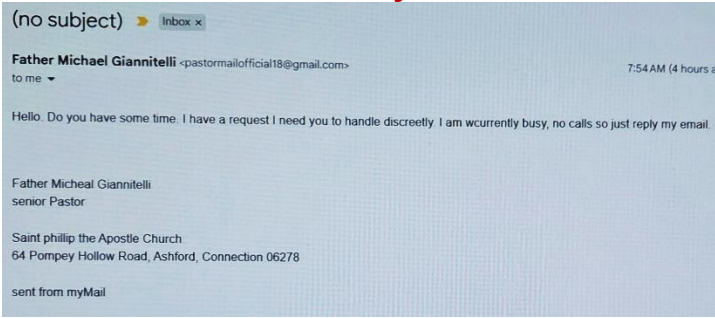
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." MATTHEW 5:20
The Pharisees lived according to the letter of the law, and they used this to elevate themselves above the other people. Jesus is clear – it's the love that you have in your heart, for God and others, that will get you to heaven. Simply following church rules to the letter and not out of love, does not necessarily put you on the path to heaven. Attending Sunday Mass and then gossiping about a fellow parishioner in the parking lot is an example of being a modern-day Pharisee.

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.



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:



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.

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
Contact: Jacob Marie
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. Maximillian Kolbe, and Saint Faustina. Additionally, they will enjoy the natural beauty of the Tatrás 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

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. Please also visit our website (linked below) for more information about our trip and vision.

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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

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.

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.



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.

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



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

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Finding Sanctuary
How the Wild Work of Peace Restored the Heart of a Sandy Hook Mother

With Jennifer Hubbard
Executive Director of the Catherine Violet Hubbard Animal Sanctuary, whose book was named Catholic Media Association's #1 memoir.

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TPC RIVER HIGHLANDS
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Tickets are \$75.

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God Chose You for Me

Marriage RETREAT DAY

Saturday, March 21, 2026
8:30 a.m. Check-in | Vigil Mass 4:00 p.m.
\$60 Registration Fee, per couple

Worldwide marriage encounter

The Office of Faith Formation and Parish Life invites married couples to a day retreat, "God Chose You for Me," presented by Worldwide Marriage Encounter, focused on deepening the spirituality of Marriage and strengthening couples' spiritual connection through personal prayer.

Click [here](#) to register. (Includes Coffee, lunch and materials.)

Pastoral Center
Alumni Lounge, 2nd Floor
467 Bloomfield Avenue
Bloomfield, CT

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Office of Faith Formation and Parish Life

Questions? Contact: -Valerie St. Jean
Associate Director of Adult & Family Life Ministries
860-541-6491 ext. 2678 | Valerie.StJean@archdiocese.org

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Summer Teen Retreat @ Holy Family!



Dear friends,

If we've not met, my name is Caelie; I am on the Youth & Young Adult Ministry Team at Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center (West Hartford, CT). On behalf of Holy Family, I would love to invite your students (rising freshmen to graduating seniors) to our upcoming **Teen Leadership Retreat, scheduled for June 26-28, 2026.**

This retreat is a unique opportunity for teens to create a memorable faith experience with their peers in a sacred atmosphere, where we will explore Jesus' model of servant leadership. Community-building activities, prayer experiences, and time for personal reflection are key components of the weekend. We also have lots of fun: ice cream sundaes, board games, talent show, crafting, etc!

Our retreat offering is \$175 per person, which covers the cost of programs and presentations, as well as meals and comfortable lodging. **Oftentimes a parish will sponsor one or two students; we encourage you to consider!** There is, however, no limit; we are happy to accept as many students as would be interested in attending. If the \$175 fee is a hardship for the community/for families, please contact me. We never want money to be a deterrent

We invite you to share this opportunity with your community. I've attached a few resources below:

- UPDATED marketing materials are linked [here](#). Feel free to adapt and use however you wish!
- More info and registration can be found at holyfamilyretreat.org/calendar/teen

As always, please don't hesitate to reach out if you have questions. In the meantime, we wish you and your students a blessed Lent!

Peace in Christ,

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