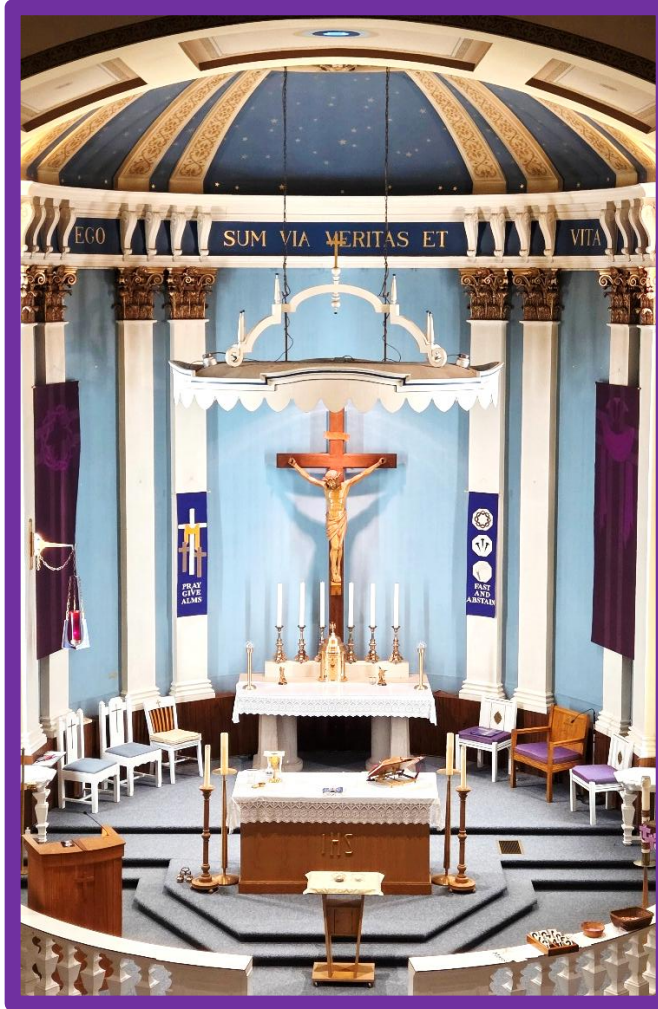


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Father Michael Giannitelli, Pastor

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM
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PARISH EMAIL & Bulletin Announcements
stphilipstjude@gmail.com

PARISH WEBSITE

<https://saintphilipct.com>

NEW PARISHIONERS

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

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

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

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

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

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 22, 2026

The First Sunday of Lent

† Mass Schedule and Intentions †

Mass Readings start on page 837

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

Tues Feb 24, 8:00 am Mass

For Our Parish

Tues Feb 24, 12 noon Funeral Mass Thomas Krupa

Wed Feb 25, 8:00 am Mass

For the Souls in Purgatory

Thurs Feb 26, 8:00 am Mass

For the Sick of Our Parish

Fri Feb 27, 8:00 am Mass: St. Gregory of Narek

† August & Edna Horton

by Richard & Lois Mindek & Family

ADORATION following Mass; Benediction 12 Noon

Fri Feb 27, 6:00 pm Stations of the Cross

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



Sat Feb 28, 3:30-4:00 pm Confession

Sat Feb 28, 4:30 pm Mass

† Eileen Molnar by Caroline Doughty

† Joseph Peters by The Vertefeuille Family

Sun Mar 1, 9:00 am Mass

† John & Catherine Postemski

† Eileen Molnar by Audrey Shea

Sun Mar 1, 11:00 am Mass

† Marguerite & Gene Sgro by Ralph Yulo

† Eileen Molnar by Peter & Jean Piecyk

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 at 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 opens at 10:30 am on Mon, March 2nd.

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.

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, 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, Ian Jentle, 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 22, Mar 1 & 8, at 9:50 am.

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.

Women's Bible Study: Tues, Mar 3, 9:30 am "The Reed of God" by Caryll Houselander, "Advent." In case of snow, will be cancelled.

Knights of Columbus: Tues, Mar 3, 7 pm.

Cor Meeting: Wed, Mar 11, 6:30-7:30 pm. Open to all Catholic Men. Faith Formation, Fraternity, Fun and some Food. Come Join Us.

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.





LENTEN CROSS Yellow crosses are for children, violet for adults. Each week you are encouraged to remove a cross in a spirit of reparation. Once you read the Lenten practice, place the cross in the basket on the altar railing and carry out the practice. The next week, when you have done the practice, place a paper flower, on the large Lenten cross. By the end of Lent our Cross will have “blossomed” into a beautiful cross of flowers, a visual sign of our Lenten sacrifices, prayers and practices, offered in reparation for our sins and the sins of the world.

Father Greg Jednaki wants to share that his mother Maria has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and is in the hospital in Poland and he asks for your prayers. If you'd like to send a card:

Maria Jednaki
T. Kosciuszki 44/2
28-230 Polaniec, Poland

Maria has a friend who can translate from English.

"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.



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.

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, & bread, pizza and grilled cheese at the Parish Center. Come and join us!



Knights of Columbus (KofC) News: The vocation story of Fr. Anthony Stewart, Associate Pastor at Holy Family Church in Brentwood, TN, has spread around the world.

Fr. Stewart said that the story of how his vocation occurred through the unfortunate event of the sudden death of his father really resonates with people. Father Stewart grew up in McEwen, Tennessee, and converted to Catholicism after a priest at St. Patrick Church helped him through those difficult moments during his teen years. The conversion led to a call to the priesthood. After his confirmation, the Lord said to Anthony in prayer, “Anthony, you see what I’ve done for you through the priesthood; now go and do likewise.” He later became ordained. Fr. Stewart states, “I wake up every morning thanking God for allowing me to be his servant. I hope I can be an instrument of grace to many people, as that parish priest was to me.” One of the missions of the Knights of Columbus is to stand in solidarity with priests and religious, serving as “the strong right arm of the Church.” The Knights sponsor the RSVP program for Councils to provide moral, financial and spiritual support to future priests and religious at all stages of their formation. As a seminarian, Father Stewart received support from a KofC local council.



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: 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.**



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>.

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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.

Name: _____
Address: _____
Envelope # _____

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 seek approximately 1,000 filled Easter baskets to meet the needs of local families. Distribution begin March 16, 2026, and baskets can be dropped off at St. Vincent de Paul Place, 120 Cliff St, Norwich. For more information, please contact Jill at jcsvdpp@gmail.com or 860-889-7374. Thank you for



helping make Easter brighter for the children we serve!

WED. MARCH 18th - PRO-LIFE MASS & BUS TRIP TO STATE CAPITOL

CONNECTICUT MARCH FOR LIFE

This year's Connecticut March for Life will be the biggest pro-life advocacy event in our State's history! Join us in The Support of Life from conception to natural death. Our message of love for unborn children and their mothers will be seen and heard by every member of the legislature and across the State!

8:30 AM - Pro-Life Mass with Bishop Reidy at Cathedral of St. Patrick, 213 Broadway, Norwich, CT
9:30 AM - Depart on deluxe Datto motorcoach from Cathedral for March For Life with Bishop
10:30 AM - Pre-Rally Concert
11:30 PM - Rally at the State Capitol
12:30 PM - CT March For Life around Bushnell Park, Downtown
2:00 PM - Depart Hartford
3:00 PM - Arrive back at Cathedral

APPLICATION: CT March For Life
Cost for the trip is \$20 per person. Please make checks payable to ACA, Memo: Pro-Life

NAME (PLEASE PRINT): _____
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Knights of Columbus

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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

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 Matrimony 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
860-543-6491 ext. 2678 | valerie.stjean@dioced.org

REGISTER:

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WOMEN'S CONFERENCE
"DINNER WITH JESUS"
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.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25th, 2026
5:30PM to 9:00PM
TPC RIVER HIGHLANDS
1 GOLF CLUB RD. CROMWELL, CT 06416

Tickets are \$75.

EVANGELIZATION & DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRY
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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

There is still time to register for Steubenville East! Catechetical leaders can follow the link below to hold their spots for the conference
<https://forms.gle/TuZUFHjJoXhNM2U8A>

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.



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Worldwide Marriage Encounter: First Sunday of Lent. Genesis 2:7-9 "The Lord God formed man out of the clay of the ground and blew into his nostrils the breath of life, and so man became a living being. Then God planted a garden in Eden, in the East. On the ground, God made various trees that were delightful to look at and good for food, with the tree of life in the middle of the garden..." In our marriage we can feel the breath of life which is delightful to look at and good for our relationship. Choose to see the goodness in your spouse by rediscovering your passion for each other. Sign up to attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. You will be glad you did. Some of the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences are:

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

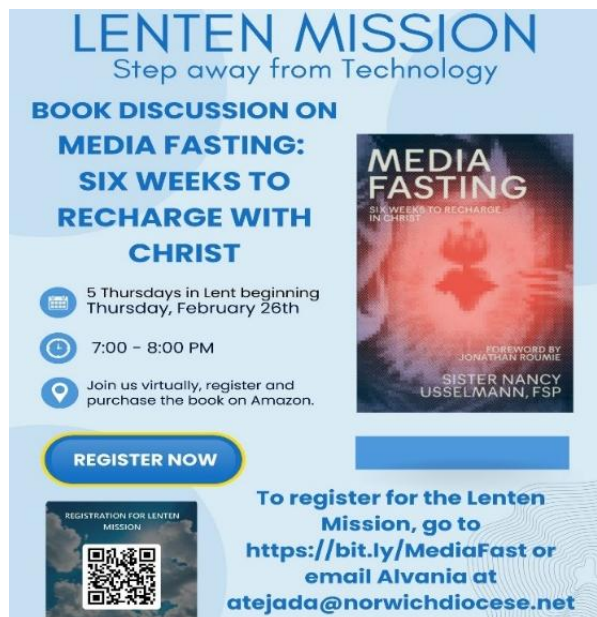
March 13-15, 2026, Windjammer Best Western, South Burlington, VT

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 wwme.org.

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



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



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/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.

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.

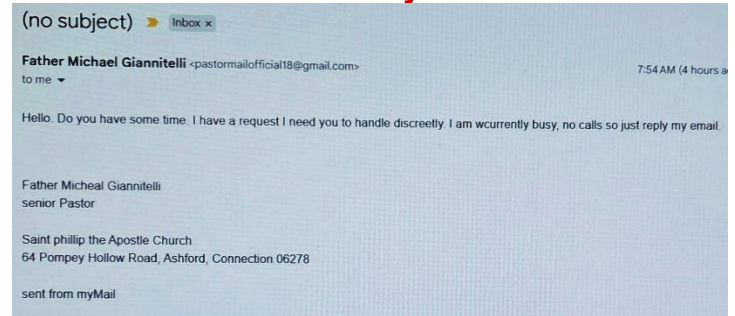
1st Sunday of Lent

"It is written: 'The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.'" MATTHEW 4:10
Tempted between the riches and power of this world and service to God, Jesus chose service to His Father. If we wish to truly follow Jesus, we, too, must decide to turn away from worldly power and riches and put God at the center of our lives. Lent is our time to prune ourselves of earthly things and develop and nurture heavenly things. Lent is time to repent and let go of the other "gods" we have put before God.

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:



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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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. 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



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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\$200 for six months for a small ad.
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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.



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,

Caelie Flanagan
Youth Ministry & Social Media Marketing
860.760.9755

Please donate to our [75th Anniversary Fundraising Campaign](#)

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