



February 4, 2018
 The 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 †Mass Schedule and Intentions†

Feast of Saint Blaise – Blessing of Throats



Sat Confession: 3:30 – 4:00 pm

Sat Feb 3, 4:30 pm Mass

† **Marya Deren Jaskolka** by Deren & Dave Dagon

† **Caroline Bilodeau** by Jeanette Karosi

† **Melissa Leigh Ramondetta**

by Mary Lavallee and Ashleigh Johnson

Sun Feb 4, 9:00 am Mass

† **Mr. & Mrs. Normand Ravenelle** by Linda & Tom Joyal

† **Susan Martin, 14th Anniversary** by Robert E. Martin

Sun Feb 4, 11:00 am Mass

† **Liam Boyce and Boyce Family** by Tom & Joan Zbell

† **Egline Michaud** by Mary Michaud & Family

Wed Feb 7, 8:00 am Mass

For the Sick of Our Parish

Thu Feb 8, 8:00 am Mass

For our Parish

Fri Feb 9, 8:00 am Mass

† **Peter Nespral** by Jim & Cecile Hurley

 **Adoration** following Mass; Divine Mercy Chaplet at 1:50 pm; Benediction 2:00 pm

Sat Confession: 3:30 – 4:00 pm

Sat Feb 10, 4:30 pm Mass

† **Marguerite Guilbault, 1st Anniversary** by her Husband

† **Thomas Piecyk** by Peter & Jean Piecyk

Sun Feb 11, 9:00 am Mass

Sun Feb 11, 11:00 am Mass

† **Jacob Bowen** by Ruth & Ralph Yulo

OUR OFFERING OF THANKS TO GOD LAST WEEK	
Weekly Offering	\$3,592.00
Maintenance & Fuel Collection	\$1,338.00
Thank you for your generosity!	

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND			
Saturday	4:30 pm	01/27/18	99
Sunday	9:00 am	01/28/18	93
Sunday	11:00 am	01/28/18	110
Total:			302



Bishop Cote has announced that **distribution of the Precious Blood** and handshaking will be suspended until the risk of flu has passed.

STEWARDSHIP: *Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed...He told them, 'Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.'* - Mark 1:35, 38. In today's Gospel reading we see a perfect example of stewardship. Jesus gives His time to do all that God wishes - healing the sick and preaching. But before He begins, Jesus makes time to be alone with God in prayer. It is through prayer, spending time with God, that we find the strength to do what He wishes us to do. Be sure to find time every day to be with God.



CHOIR REHEARSALS:
Mondays, February 5th and 12th
at 6:30 P.M. Lent and Easter are
right around the corner!

PRAYER LIST: Aldona Allevo, Lynne Allevo, Denise



Beaudoin, Colleen Bornhorst, Evelyn Carruth, John Doughty, Kyle Ernst, Baby Nicholas Gendron, Gina H., Kathy H., Baby Theodore Hackner, Carol Hewett, Francine Hodovan, Raymond E. Jaquith, Jr., JK, MK, Paul T. Klessner, Melanie Kondratowicz, Bob Letendre, Pat Lockey, Dennis M., Bob Mullarkey, M.P., Dan Panciera, Marcia Panciera, Ashley Pelletier-Key, Tammy Poehler, Rich R., Ronnie Rauert, Mary Roto, Emily Russi, Guy Swanton, Carolyn Tanajes, Lenny & Ginny Todd, Michael John Wetherell, III, Tom Woodcock and J.M.Z.

Please call or email us with any name to be included or removed from our list!

PARISH MEETINGS in Parish Center:

Women's Bible Study:	Tue, Feb 6,	10:00 am.
Adult Ed, Ed Conlan	Wed, Feb 7,	11:00 am.
Counter's Meeting:	Wed, Feb 7,	6:00 pm.
Parish Council:	Thur, Feb 8,	7:00 pm.
Prayer Shawl:	Tue, Feb 13,	6:30 pm.
Knights of Columbus:	Tue, Feb 20,	7:00 pm.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION Sunday morning in The Parish Center, **9:50 a.m. to 10:50 a.m.**



CONFIRMATION CLASS Next class is March 4th. Candidates to deliver information requested to Church Office by February 15th.

ASH WEDNESDAY February 14, 2018
 8:00 a.m. Mass with Ashes
 3:00 p.m. Ashes only
 7:00 p.m. Mass with Ashes



WE ARE IN DESPERATE NEED OF MONEY COUNTERS to help us out on Sunday Mornings! If you are interested in volunteering, please call the office and speak with Ann at **860-429-2860**. There will be a Counters' meeting on Wednesday, February 7, 2018 at 6 p.m. in the back meeting room in the Parish Hall for all current Counters and anyone interested in becoming a Counter.

If you have not received a year-end contribution statement, please call the office at **860-429-2860** and ask for Ann.



Our condolences to the family of **Monique Vigneau** who died on January 23, 2018.



OPERATION RICE BOWL:

Our Lenten Program: Encounter Lent

For 45 years, Operation Rice Bowl has helped to feed the hungry poor. Through Operation Rice Bowl --- a program of prayer, fasting, learning, and giving --- what you give up for Lent can give hope to the poorest of the poor. Make this Lenten season one of awareness, compassion, and reflection. Operation Rice Bowl is sponsored by Catholic Relief Services and the Diocese of Norwich. Details of this program will appear in next Sunday's Bulletin.

CELEBRATE MARRIAGE Give your Valentine something special this year – the gift of your time at a day-long enrichment program that will renew your dreams, increase your passion and refresh and celebrate your marriage. This marriage enrichment aptly entitled, **“Celebrate Marriage,”** will take place on Sat, Feb 10, 2018, 9 A.M to 3 P.M. at Christ the King Parish, 1 McCurdy Rd., Old Lyme. The cost is \$35 per couple, which includes workbook and lunch. Registration is required. To register, call the Diocesan Catholic Family Services Office at 860-848-2237, Ext. 306.

Divine Mercy and Blessed Mother Candles are lit for **Altar Servers & living souls**; O Lord, Jesus, fill your altar servers with courage to give themselves totally to your service. Fill their minds with the knowledge of your truth and their hearts with your love and mercy. May the Holy Spirit inspire them to answer God's call. Amen



THE POWER OF CHOOSING LOVE

Holy Family, W. Hartford: Women's Evening Retreat Wed., Feb. 28, 2018, 5:30 P.M. - 9:00 P.M. Scarlett Lewis founded the Jesse Lewis Choose Love Movement after her son was murdered during the Sandy Hook tragedy in December, 2012. Shortly after his death, Scarlett decided to be part of the solution to the issues that we're seeing in our society. She created the Movement and became an advocate for social and emotional learning that teaches children and adults how to manage their emotions, feel connected and have healthy relationships. While we can't always choose what happens to us, we can choose how we respond. Our evening together will explore how to handle adversity, have courageous conversations, and respond with love in the most difficult situations. The evening begins with a book signing at 5:30 p.m. Offering: \$40, includes dinner. Carpooling will be arranged. Please see Ann in the office for registration forms.

BIRTHRIGHT OF WINDHAM: Needs: Pampers sizes 3, 4 & 5, wipes, baby wash, wash cloths, towels, lotion, shampoo, receiving blankets, newborn gowns, onesies, clothing, pajamas, sizes newborn to 2T. Thank you for your generosity because donations to Birthright help many families!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR COFFEE & DONUTS



in the back meeting room of the parish center after the 9 am Mass on Sundays. Folks coming to the 11 am Mass are welcome to come early and socialize before Mass.

BAKED POTATO BUFFET St. Mary's Church, 218 Providence St, Putnam, Sat, Feb 10, 5-7 p.m. Five dollars per person buys a baked potato, with seven toppings, plus dessert and coffee or tea. Eat in or take out. The Easter Bunny will attend! Proceeds benefit Boy Scout Troop 21. Info: [\(860\) 928-7241](tel:8609287241).

If you would like access to the church during regular Parish Office hours, please see Ann in the Parish Center and she will be more than happy to unlock the church for you!



WOMEN'S CONFERENCE 2018: CALLED TO JOY!

The Office of Faith Events and the Norwich Diocesan Council of Catholic Women welcome women of all ages to attend workshops on parenting, relationships, prayer, scripture and more. Keynote speaker will be Valimar Jansen. Celebrate Mass with Bishop Cote. Sat, April 14, 2018, 8:30-3:30, St. Bernard High School, Uncasville. Registration form at www.norwichdiocese.org under the Office of Faith Events- Upcoming Events. Or contact us at 860-848-2237. Register today!

	Enders Island RECOVER CREATE RETREAT	1 Enders Island PO Box 399 Mystic, CT 06355
	\$50 per person	Winter Day of Recollection <i>with Sr. Eugenia Brady, SJC</i> Wednesday, February 21, 2018 at 9:00AM <i>The Mystery of Lent: Finding God in the Feasts and Fasts of Lent</i>
http://enders.is/WinterDOR 860-536-0565		

EAST CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL *Eagles After Hours: Thursday, February 8th 4-5 pm.* Hear student testimonies, go on a tour of our campus and meet with members of our Leadership Team. **Entrance Exam: Thurs, Feb 15th at 8:30 a.m.** Pre-registration for these events is not required but will be greatly appreciated. You may contact Ms. Devlin at [860-649-5336 ext. 6238](tel:8606495336) with any questions or requests.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MUSEUM 1 State St., New Haven, CT has a Christmas exhibit, *Peace on Earth: Crèches of the World* until Feb 19, 2018. The show includes over 70 Nativity scenes from artists across the globe, including a set from Mexico, hand-carved in cedar, as well as the museum's popular 120-square-foot Baroque Neapolitan (Italian) diorama. Open 10-5 daily. Free admission & parking. 203-865-0400 or KofCMuseum.org.

Putnam Scouts need camping gear & clothing
Boy Scout Troop 21, at St. Mary's Church in Putnam, CT is in need of some winter gear and clothing. The plain fact is, not every Scout has the money to buy everything they need. We're looking for donations of the following, in good condition:

- 3 winter sleeping bags (we'll take summer bags if you have them and put them inside each other)
- a pair of men's winter boots, size 8½
- a pair of men's winter boots, size 11
- several pairs of men's size 6 winter, wool socks
- several pairs of size 8½ winter, wool socks
- several pairs of size 11 winter, wool socks
- men's wool winter heavy shirts, size medium
- men's wool winter pants, 29-inch waist (we'll adjust the leg length)

Please contact me at johnryan1776@hotmail.com or (860) 928-7241 and we'll arrange to pick up your donations. We are deeply grateful and thank you for your assistance, John Ryan, Assistant Scoutmaster, Boy Scout Troop 21, Putnam, CT.

REMEMBER THE NEEDY IN OUR COMMUNITY

Food is collected in the baskets in the vestibule all year, not just at the holidays. Needed: canned items – beef stew, pasta, sauce, vegetables, baked beans, hearty soups, dinner items.

The **ASHFORD FOOD BANK** distribution is usually the 4th Friday, 7-9 am, Living Proof Church, Ashford. The **WILLINGTON FOOD PANTRY** is open weekly: Mon, 4-6 pm, Wed & Fri, 10-Noon. Patrons must be Willington residents and be screened by the social worker. Folks can come once monthly to select shelf-stable food for their household. **Office hours:** Mon 12-7:30 pm; Tues-Fri 9 am – 2 pm. To apply, contact: Dir, Youth, Family & Social Serv., Town of Willington, 40 Old Farms Rd. Willington, CT 06279. Phone: 860-487-3118; FAX: 860-487-3125 Email: wvfss@willingtonct.org.

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR LIFE!



"Choose Life" License Plates with smiling faces are promoting adoptions and traveling everywhere as a witness to Life and Love. Give a gift that keeps on giving, it's so easy! Go to www.fund-adoption.org for info or to download an application form. This helps fund agencies such as Catholic Charities.



Eucharistic Adoration: Please consider volunteering for one hour of Adoration on **Fridays** at St. Philip **9am to 2pm** or to be a substitute when necessary. Sign-up sheet is in the vestibule.

WHEN PLANNING YOUR ESTATE:

Please consider putting St. Philip in your will as a way to be remembered while supporting the ongoing needs of the parish. Memorial Donation forms are on the parish website.



A NOTE ABOUT PARISH REGISTRATION

If you regularly worship with us, we invite you to register with St. Philip parish. This allows us to provide accurate census data to the diocese. Registration forms are in the vestibule. Please return them to the office. Thank you!

MASS INTENTIONS

The weekday Mass Stipend is \$15. The Holy Day and weekend Mass Stipend is \$20. Please call the office, or fill out a Mass Intention envelope, found in the vestibule, and drop it in the collection basket to schedule a Memorial Mass for your loved one(s).

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest". Visit the NEW Caregiver Spirituality Webpage Sponsored by the Office of Faith Events. Resources for caregivers includes prayers, articles, books and websites that offer both practical and spiritual support.

www.norwichdiocese.org/caregiver-spirituality-support-group

Be in the Know!

Receive information weekly for seminars, faith enrichment, and youth events, as well as Catholic Family Services programs. **e-mail** the Office of Faith Events today to be put on our events e-mailing list, faithevents@norwichdiocese.net

PARISH ENVELOPES: Please use parish envelopes if you would like to receive a tax donation report at the end of the year. Be sure to write your envelope number if you use an envelope from the vestibule, so we can keep track for you. Please contact the office to receive envelopes.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"Remember that my life is like the wind." Let us make the best of our time together with our spouses by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Jul 6-8, 2018 in MANCHESTER, CT and Nov 2-4, 2018 in MANCHESTER, CT. For more information, call Dennis & Jane Lamondy at [860-481-3720](tel:860-481-3720) or visit them at <http://www.mectw.org/>.

HOSPITAL AND NURSING HOME VISITS

If your loved one is ill at Home, hospitalized, or in a nursing home and would like Father Greg to visit them, please call the office or Father. Please provide their name, address, phone # and room #.



NEW ADDRESS OR PHONE NUMBER?

If you or a loved one are moving out of the area or to a nursing home and don't need envelopes, please let us know. If envelopes will no longer be used, please inform the office. Also, please notify the office of a new address or phone number if you are moving, but will remain a parishioner here. This will allow us to keep our records accurate and up to date. Thank you!



The candle before the image of Divine Mercy in the side shrine at St. Philip's is available for your intentions. Contact the office.

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM Religious freedom is a fundamental right, not a political football. Freedom belongs to us by human nature, not by government dictate. A government that serves its citizens is one that respects the right to religious freedom. Let us pray that in revising the HHS mandate, religious rights of the Catholic Church will be safeguarded.

NOTE TO PARISHIONERS: The cemetery plot price as of June 1, 2017 will remain at \$450 per plot. After June 1, 2018, the price will rise to \$650 per plot. The price will be adjusted on an annual basis each June.



THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MUSEUM In New Haven, CT commemorates the 100th anniversary of the United States' participation in the First World War with an exhibition, ***World War I: Beyond the Front Lines*** (Apr. 6, 2017 – Dec. 30, 2018). 203-865-0400 or <http://www.kofcmuseum.org>. Open daily, 10 am to 5 pm. Free admission & parking.

FROM ANDREA HOISL, DIR. OF DIOCESAN OFFICE OF FAITH EVENTS: In our effort to live out our call to be people of great JOY as Catholics, I offer this amazing resource to all of you; the goodnewsnetwork.org. It has news stories that are positive, uplifting and truly inspirational.

LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC CDS: There are CDs with orthodox Catholic teaching and some excellent testimonies of individuals and their faith walk. Thank you for all your donations. They help to keep the program going. If you have questions or requests contact Donna Vertefeuille at 860-429-4508 or email donna@vertefeuille.org.



INTERESTED IN LEARNING ABOUT ADOPTION?

Catholic Charities provides infant adoption placements, domestic and international home studies and adoption searches. 860-889-8346 x 282 or susansedensky@cfsn.org. **Monthly meetings** for couples waiting to adopt or to learn about adoption and weekly Birth Mother Support Group every **Tues** 9:30am at Catholic Charities, 331 Main St., Norwich. For info 860-889-8346 x 282.

PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS/POSTULANTS

Take a Post Card from the vestibule for any or all of our seminarians/postulants. Pray, write a brief note if you choose and drop it in the mail. Let your future priests/sisters know you are supporting them and ask them to pray for you. May God continue to send us shepherds after his own heart.



Do you or someone you know need a **Prayer Shawl?** Contact: Carolann Hernberg: 860- 487-0449, chernberg01@snet.net.

MATTIE'S TOGS THRIFT SHOP St. Matthew Church Tolland, CT. Clothing, shoes and winter boots for Boys and Girls in sizes Preemie to size 14 - 16. We carry First Communion/Flower Girl/Easter dresses, Baptismal outfits. We are open Saturdays 9am-1pm. Call Billie with questions 860-871-0260.

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

Spiritual Renewal Center ([860-887-0702](tel:860-887-0702)) Healing Mass at 2 pm, Mondays, February 12 and 26, 2018. Spiritual Renewal Center, [11 Bath Street, Norwich, CT](http://11BathStreet.com)

Charismatic Prayer Meeting: Tuesdays at 2:00 pm Prayer, Praise and Worship.

NEW WAY TO HELP OUR PARISH! Use your IRA to support our Parish, the Diocese or your favorite Diocesan Ministry! If you are 70 ½ years old, you can now make a direct transfer of up to \$100,000 from your IRA to a qualified charity, such as our Parish, without having to pay income taxes on the money. The law allowing this was made permanent by President Obama when he signed the PATH Act last December. If you are interested, please contact Mary Ellen Mahoney, Development Manager- Major Gifts at memahoney@norwichdiocese.net or (860) 886-1928, ext.14 for more information.

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.

PARENTS DIVORCING AND/OR RESOLVING CHILD CUSTODY ISSUES – participate in the court suggested Parent Education Program. Are you concerned about the effects of divorce, separation or family disruption on your children? **Catholic Charities offers ongoing, monthly one day Parenting Education Classes in Norwich, Rockville and Middletown. A monthly 2- part Spanish/bilingual parenting education class is held in Willimantic.** Attendance at both sessions in the **Willimantic** class is required for the certificate of completion. Fees are determined by the State of CT. Please call 1-860-889-8346 ext. 260 for registration and monthly class locations and dates.

Home Buyers and Foreclosure Prevention Classes: For help with purchasing a home, behind on mortgage payments or help budgeting or filling out applications for **EMAP. All services are provided free at Catholic Charities, a HUD approved Counseling Agency. The Free ongoing Foreclosure Prevention and 8-hr. Home Buyers Education Classes** are offered by Catholic Charities in Norwich, New London and Plainfield locations. **Info: 860-889-8346 ext. 271.**



Love one another as I have loved you. As you do unto the least of your brothers, you do unto me. Familiar words – How can we put them into action? Ministering to the sick and elderly is a good beginning. **St. Joseph's Living Center, The ONLY Catholic healthcare facility in the Norwich Diocese,** is seeking volunteers to join our chapel team assisting during 11 am daily Mass. We also need volunteers to join our Vigil Team as we support our residents on their journey to eternal rest. If you hear God calling, please call Tracey Megson at 860-465-1107 x 124.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT WEEKENDS If you are grieving or suffering from an abortion, experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a **Rachel's Vineyard Retreat.** The weekend is confidential and offers an opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion. Visit the national website at www.rachelsvineyard.org. **"PROJECT RACHEL"** is our Diocesan ministry for healing and forgiveness from an abortion. Priests in the **Project Rachel** ministry are there for you with God's Grace and Mercy. Call 860-861-4439.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES, DIOCESE OF NORWICH, INC. Donate your unwanted car, truck, RV, motorcycle, trailer, boat or camper today! All proceeds benefit children & families in need, in CT. WE DO ALL THE WORK. It's fast, free, and you get a tax deduction! www.donationangel.org/ccfsn / [1-866-434-1131](tel:1-866-434-1131).

HOLY FAMILY PASSIONIST RETREAT CENTER West Hartford. www.holyfamilyretreat.org. or [860-760-9705](tel:860-760-9705).

Couples' Weekend Retreat

Friday-Sunday, Feb 9-11. In an age of division, tension and change, couples are invited to enjoy a weekend of peace and reflection exploring the theme "Grace Enough" and discovering the many ways God's presence empowers us and supports us through every step of life's journey. The retreat begins with a buffet dinner Friday evening and concludes with brunch on Sunday. Retreatants enjoy dynamic teaching, home-cooked meals, uplifting music, and free time. \$575 per couple, more if you can, less if you can't.

Ash Wednesday Day or Evening Retreat: Life of the Beloved: Inspiration for Lent from Henri Nouwen, with Dr. Brandon Nappi

Wednesday, Feb 14, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. or 6-9 p.m. Internationally renowned Dutch priest and author, respected professor and beloved pastor Henri Nouwen wrote over 40 books on the spiritual life. As we begin the journey of Lent, we will explore Nouwen's legacy and the essential themes that radiated through his work and life. Experience the unconditional love of God that Henri Nouwen discovered and shared with the world. The day includes music, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the distribution of ashes, and Mass. \$40, includes meal.

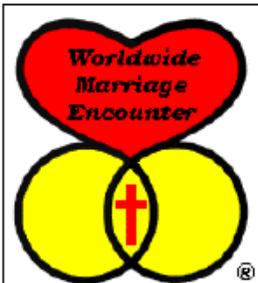
Marriage Preparation Classes for Engaged Couples: For info or to register, call Catholic Family Services Office at 860-848-2237, ext. 306.

RETROUVAILLE OF CONNECTICUT Is your marriage tearing you apart? Is there little or no meaningful communication? Are you considering separation or divorce? For serious marriage building and repair: Retrouvaille is a lifeline. At a Retrouvaille weekend, couples are given tools to re-establish communication, work on their issues, gain new insights and heal. The weekend is presented by three married couples and a priest. A series of 6 post sessions follow the weekend phase. For more information call 413-525-1634, or 203-710-6207, or visit the Website at www.retrouvaille.org.

WAY OF THE CROSS

A Public Procession of Scripture and Prayer Please reserve Good Friday, March 30, 2018, at 6:00 p.m., for the celebration of the Way of The Cross. Chelsea Parade section of Norwich, CT. We look forward to welcoming people of all Christian traditions. Rev. Peter J. Langevin, Vice-Chancellor





A PERFECT GIFT OF LOVE
CONNECTICUT 2018
WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS

Upcoming weekends at hotels in the Manchester, CT area

Description

The weekend is designed to help married couples communicate more intimately with one another in order to deepen and enrich their relationship. The weekend is free from everyday routines, distractions and tensions.

An atmosphere is created where the couple can concentrate exclusively on one another in a private, confidential environment.

A series of presentations that touch on many aspects of marriage is given by three couples, and a Catholic priest.

After each presentation, the couple has time, in the privacy of their own room for personal sharing using the communication techniques learned on the weekend.

There are no "group discussions"

WWME is faithful to the Roman Catholic Church's teaching that marriage is a covenant that exists between one man and one woman.

Any reference to marriage or couple made by WWME is in this context.

The weekend usually starts at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and ends at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday.

ALL FAITH EXPRESSIONS ARE WELCOME!

Refresh your relationship

- ❖ TAKE A NEW LOOK AT YOUR MARRIAGE, PRIORITIES & LIFESTYLE
- ❖ LEARN SIMPLE, EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION TECHNIQUES
- ❖ ENHANCE THE LOVE THAT YOU SHARE
- ❖ REDISCOVER YOUR HOPES and DREAMS

You will benefit if ...

- ❖ YOU WANT TO ENRICH YOUR MARRIAGE
- ❖ YOU WANT TO EXPAND AND DEEPEN YOUR COMMUNICATION
- ❖ YOU WANT TO LEARN TO LOVE MORE DEEPLY

❖ February 2-4, 2018

❖ July 6-8, 2018

❖ November 2-4, 2018

TO REGISTER ON LINE GO TO:

www.WWMECT.org

For Spanish weekend & dates email: nycemm@live.com

Or contact:

Dennis & Jane Lamondy

210 Mechanic St.

Danielson, CT 06239

860-481-3720 or application@wwmectw.org

Weekend Application Form - (Please Print Clearly)

His First Name _____ Her First Name _____

Last Name _____ Wedding Date _____

Home/Cell Phone _____ Which weekend? _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-Mail _____

Parish/Church/Synagogue _____

His Faith _____ Her Faith _____

Make Check Payable to: Worldwide Marriage Encounter
Mail to registration couple (above) with \$50.00 Application Fee



A Day of Enrichment for Married Couples

The Diocesan Catholic Family Services Office, in conjunction with Connecticut World Wide Marriage Encounter, is sponsoring a day of enrichment for married couples of all ages and years married entitled:

“Celebrate Marriage”

Saturday, February 10, 2018, 9 A.M. to 3 P.M.

at Christ the King Parish

1 McCurdy Rd., Old Lyme, CT

Escape from worldly pressures, commitments and worries for a few hours and focus on the most important person in your life – your spouse! This day will re-energize your marriage and deepen your faith! Discover practical insights to living a joy-filled marriage in today’s world.

Couple fee - \$35.00: includes workbook and lunch. Registration required.

Registration form due Friday, February 2, 2018

Names (Husband & Wife): _____

Address: _____

Telephone No. _____

Send registration form and fee made payable to Diocese of Norwich to:

Catholic Family Services Office, 199 Broadway, Norwich, CT 06360

Any questions, call 860-848-2237 Ext. 306 or email at mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net

Save the Date...

2018 Women's Conference:

Called to Joy!

Welcome women of all ages

Saturday, April 14, 2018

St. Bernard High School, Uncasville, CT 8:30-3:30 pm

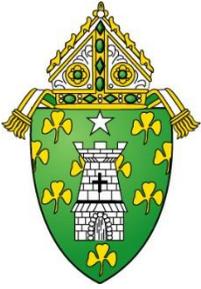
*The feminine genius
is needed
wherever we make
important
decisions.*

-Pope Francis

Faith, fun and more! Keynote Speaker ValLimar Jansen

Workshops on parenting, prayer, music, service, scripture, marriage, caregiving...

**Reconciliation & Adoration offered * Mass celebrated by Bishop Michael Cote*



Diocese of Norwich Catholic Family Services

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT ~ If you are in need of consolation after the loss of a loved one, consider attending *Seasons of Hope*, a new Bereavement Support group that will meet Thursday evenings from 7-9 P.M. at **St. Andrew Church Library, 128 Norwich Ave, Colchester**. The program, which consists of four, six-week sessions, will explore issues of mourning through Scripture, prayer, reflection and faith-sharing. For more information, contact Cheryl Laporte at 860-537-4463 or e-mail her at calaporte48@gmail.com.



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Office of Faith Events

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UPCOMING 2018
EVENTS:

- Feb. 1, registrations for Stuebenville NYC due to OFE
- Feb. 1, Youth Council Meeting, OFE Office, Norwich
- Feb 2-4, Marriage Encounter Weekend, Manchester, CT.
- Feb. 10, Confirmation Retreat, St. Mary, Groton, 9:15 A.M.-3:30 P.M.
- Feb. 10, Celebrate Marriage Enrichment, Christ the King Parish, Old Lyme, 9 A.M.-3 P.M.
- Feb. 18, Rite of Election, Cathedral of St. Patrick, Norwich, 2 P.M.
- Feb. 24, Confirmation Retreat, St. Mary, Clinton, 9:15 A.M.-3:30 P.M.
- March 2, 16, 23, Marriage Preparation Class, St. Francis of Assisi, Middletown, 6:30-9 P.M.

Office of Faith Events



Enriching the Faith of Youth, Young Adults, Adults, and Families

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HAPPY LENT AND HAPPY EASTER



This year our liturgical preparation starts on St. Valentine's Day with the reception of ashes on Ash Wednesday. What beautiful symbolism — beginning our 40-day Lenten journey on a day we culturally set aside to celebrate love and all its wonder! There is no greater example of the complexity and the simplicity of love, than the sacrifice Christ made for all of us. So this year on Ash Wednesday, we are reminded to celebrate THAT love — the unconditional love of God our Father, in a special way. This Lenten season let us try to fill our lives with loving, faith-filled moments of inspiration and spiritual growth so that on April 1st — April Fool's Day — Easter morning, we are longer "fooled" by what our culture tells us about ourselves and others. This year on Easter let us celebrate all the gifts and privileges that we enjoy as children of God.

May the love, forgiveness, acceptance and joy of the Risen Christ remain in our hearts and lives long after the Easter Season has ended.

God's blessings and joy...Andrea

~ Andrea Hoisl, director, Office of Faith Events

One Heart Ministry Focuses on Prayer, Service, Fellowship

The One Heart Ministry is a partnership on disability for individuals and the people who assist them in their daily lives to come together for faith and fellowship. The group meets once a month and has the opportunity to pray, socialize and work together on a service project making heart pins that will be distributed to different groups of people, at different stages of life, to let them know someone cares. Every heart will have a prayer attached so the recipient knows the group is praying for them. It's a gift from "Our Heart to Yours!"



Some of the groups that the pins will be distributed to include the disabled, veterans, the elderly, patients in hospice, the bereaved and parents with a child in a hospital neonatal unit. The heart not only lets people know that someone cares, it also symbolizes the hope that we hold as Catholics that God's love accompanies us through every challenge. To become involved in this ministry, please contact the Office of Faith Events at 860-848-2237, ext. 304, or faithevents@norwichdiocese.net. ALL ARE WELCOME!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- March 9-11, Rachel Vineyard Retreat, Hartford and Stockbridge, MA
- March 10, Diocesan Confirmation, Cathedral of St. Patrick, Norwich, 11 A.M.
- March 11, Confirmation Retreat, St. Bernard High School, Uncasville, 12-5 P.M.
- March 24, Annual March for Mercy 10 A.M. -3 P.M.
- March 27, Christ Mass, Cathedral of St. Patrick, Norwich, 10:30 A.M.
- April 6-8, New England CYO Basketball Tournament, hosted by Archdiocese of Hartford.
- April 14, Diocesan Women's Conference, St. Bernard High School, Uncasville, 8:30 A.M.-3:30 P.M.
- April 20-22, Retrouvaille Weekend, Hartford.
- April 22, Scout Sunday, Cathedral of St. Patrick, Norwich, 2 P.M.
- April 24, Young Adult's Wine, Wisdom and Why Night, St. Mary, Portland, 7-9 P.M.
- April 27, May 11, 18, Marriage Preparation Class, St. Mary, Putnam, 6:30-9 P.M.

Early Registration Deadline Set for Steubenville East

Registrations are due immediately to the Office of Faith Events for all parishes planning to send youth to Steubenville East in Massachusetts July 13-15, 2018. Steubenville East is reducing the number of youth who can participate in order to alleviate problems with busing and other space requirements. If you plan to register, do so now by contacting Liza Roach at lroach@norwichdiocese.net or call her at 860-848-2237, ext. 305. Reservations are made when deposits are received.

All parishes are encouraged to attend Steubenville NYC, July 20-22, 2018, at St. John's University in Queens, NY. St. John's is able to accommodate everyone on campus and includes a beautiful chapel for prayer and meditation. Due to demand in the past, spots for the program fill up fast so parishes are encouraged to register early.

Women's Conference to Feature Workshops

All women are "Called to Joy" the theme for this year's 8th Annual Norwich Diocesan Women's Conference Saturday, April 14, 2018, at St. Bernard High School, Uncasville. The conference will welcome back Author and Musician ValLimar Jansen as keynote speaker.

"Our vision for this year's conference is to welcome women of all ages – youth and young adults," said Andrea Hoisl, director of the Office of Faith Events. "This year the conference will feature workshops that will offer participants a variety of ways to enhance their spiritual lives."

Workshop topics include: *Parenting Catholic Children; Feminine Genius; Adoration: Ritual and Practice; Catholic Women: Called to More; Surviving Divorce; Prayer in a Busy*

World; Faith in Action: Serving Others; Empty Nest: Sharing Gifts and Talents; Mary: Not a Gentle Woman; Pope Francis: The Joy of Love; Why Go to Church; Today's Lessons from Scripture Stories of Long Ago; Music and Movement: Unlocking Your Spirituality; Music and the Message: Women's Issues; and Using Technology in Your Prayer Life.

Vendors will also be on site.

The deadline for registration is March 20. The cost for the conference is \$30 before March 17 and \$40 after that date. Students are \$20 and all Religious are free. Workshop options are on a first come, first serve basis so those interested in attending should register early. To register, call Marianne Nicholas at 860-848-2237, ext. 304.

Trust in the mercy of God's love

If you are carrying the grief and sorrow of past abortions, call

Project Rachel

a post-abortion healing ministry.

All calls are confidential.

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Enrichment Day Offered For Married Couples

The Diocesan Catholic Family Services Office, in conjunction with Connecticut World Wide Marriage Encounter, is sponsoring a day of enrichment for married couples of all ages and years married entitled,

"Celebrate Marriage"

Saturday, February 10, 2018, 9 A.M. to 3 P.M.

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Escape from worldly pressures, commitments and worries for a few hours and focus on the most important person in your life — your spouse! This day will re-energize your marriage and deepen your faith! Discover practical insights to living a joy-filled marriage in today's world.

Couple fee — \$35: includes workbook and lunch. Registration required. To register, call Catholic Family Services Office at 860-848-2237 ext. 306 or email mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net

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Diocesan Partnership on Disability

Spiritual: Shared prayer to grow in faith

Service: Make red yarn heart pins with a different color cross inside it to represent different groups. A prayer that is unique to each group's specific circumstances will be attached

Socialize: To meet people who have similar hopes, challenges and joys.

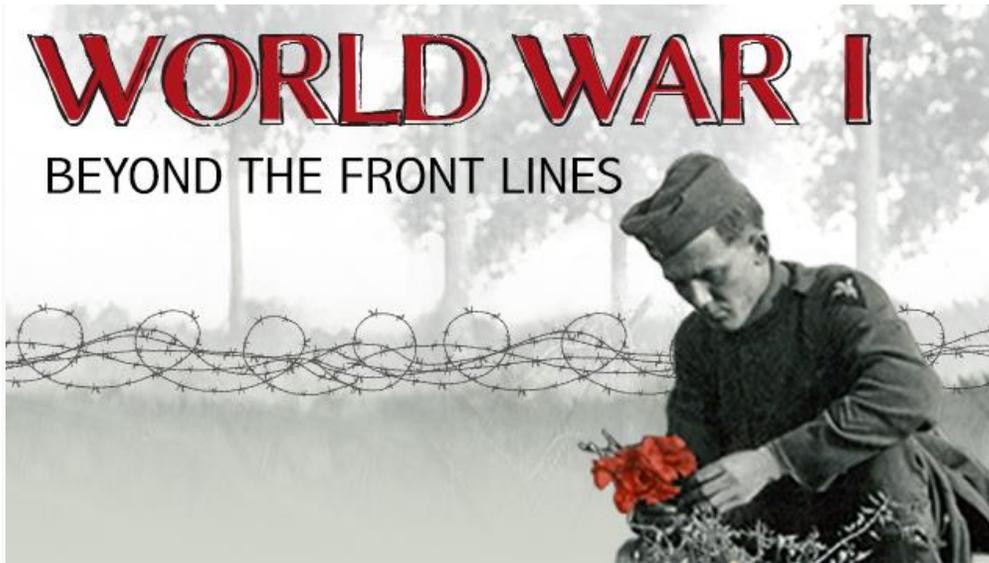
Meetings to be held 2nd Wednesday of each month,
(*and the 3rd Wednesday of February**)

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World War I: Beyond the Front Lines



World War I: Beyond the Front Lines (Apr. 6, 2017 – Dec. 30, 2018)

World War I, fought from 1914-1918, was the modern world's first international conflict. Approximately 11 million soldiers were killed, and the war's toll including civilian casualties exceeded 20 million. The United States, by declaration of President Woodrow Wilson, formally entered the war Apr. 6, 1917. By Armistice Day, Nov. 11, 1918, more than 116,000 Americans died as a result of the war. Of these, more than 1,600 were Knights of Columbus. Both the first and last American military officers to die during the war were K of C members.

In addition to Knights who served on the battlefield as soldiers, the Order was active in war relief efforts, managing highly successful fundraising drives and providing hospitality to servicemen in America and abroad through Knights of Columbus recreation centers known as "huts."

The impact of World War I was felt for generations. Methods of warfare were forever altered. The map of Europe was completely redrawn at the conclusion of the war, and decisions that followed may be attributed to the start of World War II in 1939. No one was unaffected during this time period.

The Knights of Columbus Museum commemorates the 100th anniversary of the United States' participation in the war with an exhibition, ***World War I: Beyond the Front Lines (Apr. 6, 2017 – Dec. 30, 2018)***. The exhibition provides an historical retrospective of the war and includes interactives, images and artifacts from the Knights of Columbus Museum collection, Supreme Council archives and borrowed materials from private lenders and organizations. A series of WWI-related lectures and presentations will be offered throughout the course of the exhibition.

Knights of Columbus Museum, 1 State St., New Haven, CT 06511. 203-865-0400 kofcmuseum.org. Open daily, 10am to 5pm. Free admission & parking.



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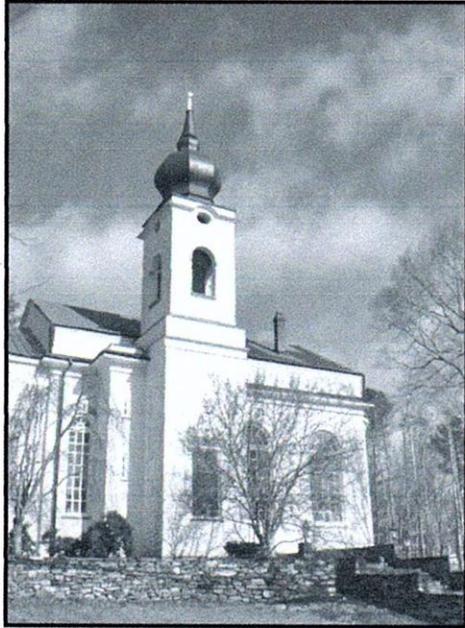
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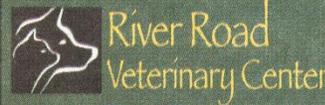
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