

### MASS SCHEDULE

<b>Wednesday and Thursday</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Saturday Vigil</b>	<b>4:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.</b>

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** Immediately following the Friday 8:00 a.m. Mass until 2:00 p.m. Visitors are welcome. Please sign in.

**Confession:** Saturdays from 3:30 – 4:00 p.m.

**Baptisms:** Prior registration is required. Please call the rectory.

**Weddings:** One year prior to the wedding day. Please call the rectory.

**Pastoral Visits:** Holy Communion and Sick Calls, please call the rectory.

### NEW PARISHIONERS

We are delighted to welcome you and encourage you to become active in the life of the church. Please register by phone or in person at the Rectory. *St. Philip is handicap accessible and air conditioned.*

### MISSION STATEMENT

We, the people of God of St. Philip the Apostle Church, are called to witness and proclaim God's life among us through a community of prayer, praise and thanksgiving.

As sisters and brothers in the Lord, we share the responsibility to use our God-given gifts of time, talent, and treasure toward building His Kingdom.

On our journey of faith as disciples of Jesus Christ, we are challenged to bear witness to God's love, trust, forgiveness, and mercy.

Our mission is to work toward meeting the constantly changing spiritual and physical needs of individuals, families, our parish, community, and world.

This mission can be accomplished only under the inspiration and guidance of the Holy Spirit through worship, prayer, service, and evangelization.



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## HISTORY

With its copper patina onion dome and white stucco/fieldstone exterior St. Philip the Apostle Church is instantly recognizable. Designed by the noted New York architect, Paul Chalfin the small Baroque style church with a grand feel was built by parishioners, townspeople, and Father Dunn, our first Pastor, who rolled up his sleeves and worked alongside from 1933 to 1937.



A number of parishioners remember as children, bringing fieldstones from their family property to church in wheelbarrows. Today, the interior liturgical art draws visitors with camera in hand to photograph its statuary, hand carved crucifix and beautiful hand painted details.

## TODAY

St. Philip remains to this day a close-knit yet openhearted community welcoming visitors and newcomers alike. The St. Philip family is a small but dynamic group serving God through caring for one another and our community.

## SERVICE AND MINISTRIES

Committees include the Finance Committee, Liturgy Committee, and Parish Council.

There are opportunities to serve in the Choir and as Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Altar Servers, Ushers and CCD teachers.

Small groups offer the opportunity for ministry and include the Knights of Columbus, Prayer Shawl Ministry and the Beautification/Church Cleaning Crew. The Ladies Group, dedicated to church needs & fundraising meet once a month.

Non-perishable food is collected on a continuing basis and donated to the local food pantry.

As Catholics, we also live out our pro-life beliefs on a day-to-day basis by tangibly supporting Birthright of Windham with baby clothes and other necessities for women and babies in Willimantic and the surrounding towns.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

We have CCD classes for students from first to tenth grade, when students make their Confirmation.

There is also an ongoing Women's Bible Study, and Adult Bible Study.

## CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR AND BAKE SALE

St. Philip is known for its annual **Christmas Craft Fair** held the Saturday one week after Thanksgiving. Quality crafts, gifts and a large array of Ethnic baked goods can be found here and many find it a great opportunity to Christmas shop.

## BOOK SALE

The **Book Sale** has become an annual fundraiser. Thousands of books fill the Parish Center and draw people from far and near.

## POTLUCK DINNERS

We are also blessed with many good cooks and periodically gather to enjoy a meal together in our Parish Center. Sometimes there's even a sing-along!



## GOOD FRIDAY PASSION WALK

In the past few years, parishioners and visitors have participated in an outdoor **Passion Walk**, which is a reenactment of the last hours of the life of Our Lord through his crucifixion on Good Friday. It is a very moving and memorable experience for those involved.