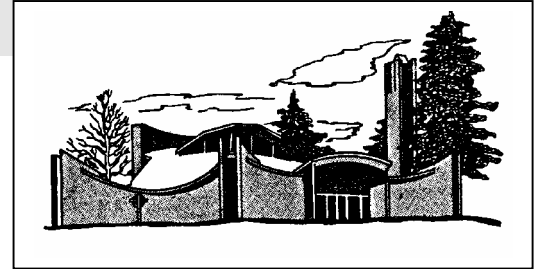


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Contact Kali DiMarco to ask about our "30-Hour Famine" at
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30-Hour Famine March 27th to March 28th



Norwalk Teens Are Starving to Fight World Hunger

From March 27th to March 28th, more than 30 young people from St. Philip Church plan to participate in the annual World Vision 30 Hour Famine.

"29,000 children die every day from hunger and other problems, but it only takes \$30 to feed and care for a hungry child for a month and \$360 to feed a child for a whole year," says participant Sarah Whiteley. "When I do the 30 Hour Famine, I know I can make a difference and change the lives of children forever. Our goal is to feed at least five children for a year. I'm determined to bring that 29,000 number down."

During the 30 Hour Famine event, students ask for sponsor donations as they go 30 hours without food to experience real hunger and participate in activities that help them better understand life in a developing country. The students also take part in contests, games, and community service projects to help others here in Norwalk.

The students participating with St. Philip Church are planning a parish service project and are going to attempt to create a 29,000 plastic link chain with the younger members of the parish. They are also holding a canned food drive for the parish pantry and seeking corporate donations for Manna House. Their goal is to make an impact in their home parish, their community, and their world. Anyone interested in participating in World Vision's 30 Hour Famine or in making a donation to a Famine participant can contact Kali DiMarco at St. Philip Parish, 847-4549 or World Vision at 1-800-7-FAMINE or www.30hourfamine.org.

The funds raised during the 30 Hour Famine will be used to help feed hungry children and families in countries such as Tanzania, Zambia, and Malawi, which have been devastated by the HIV/AIDS pandemic, as well as countries in South America, Asia, Eastern Europe, and the United States.

In 2003, more than 600,000 teens across the United States raised more than \$8 million through community donations. Worldwide, similar Famine efforts involved more than one million participants in 21 countries, who collectively raised more than \$22 million to fight hunger through World Vision projects.

Founded in 1950, World Vision is a Christian humanitarian organization, serving the world's poorest children and families in nearly 100 countries. World Vision maintains health, education, agriculture, water, sanitation, and small business projects that help millions of people in their communities, helping transform the lives of children and families in need without regard to their religious beliefs, gender, race, or ethnic background.

Saint Philip—a Roman Catholic Church located at 1 Father Conlon Place, Norwalk, CT 06851-3897—is a welcoming Catholic community that strives to love, honor, know, and serve God. As a family, we gather to celebrate liturgy, perform good deeds, share our faith, and bring all to Christ. St. Philip, Lead us to Jesus.

Masses: Saturday 5:30 p.m.; Sunday: 8:00, 10:00, & 12 noon; Monday – Friday 7:30 a.m.
Penance Saturday 4–5 p.m., or by appointment.