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**St Philip Church Is Giving Back To The Community With Red Cross Blood Drive**

**Norwalk, Connecticut December 4, 2020** – St Philip Church will be hosting weekly community blood drives with the American Red Cross for the month of December in its School Hall, 25 France Street.

For more information or to make an appointment to donate, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or sign up online at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org).

“Hosting a blood drive agrees with the St Philip Church core value of giving back to the community,” said Fr Sudhir DSouza, Pastor. “With a simple blood donation, we have the ability to help save the life of someone who could be a coworker, loved one, or neighbor. With many people looking for ways to give back during the Pandemic but not being able to do so financially, this is a way for them to give and save a life at the same time.”

Blood is routinely transfused to patients with cancer and other diseases, premature babies, organ transplant recipients and trauma victims, according to the Red Cross.

“The short amount of time it takes to donate can mean a lifetime to a patient with a serious medical condition. We urge eligible donors to join us in the selfless act of giving blood.”

Donors of all blood types are needed, especially those with types O negative, B negative and A negative. According to the Red Cross, type O negative is the universal blood type that can be safely transfused to anyone, and is often used to treat trauma patients.

St Philip has opened our facilities to the Red Cross to use for blood drives, as many of the locations previously used are too small for current spacing guidelines. To date, there have been 21 drives that have collected over 900 units of blood with many more to come! For more information on how St Philip Church is helping out in the community, please see its website at [www.stphilipnorwalk.org](http://www.stphilipnorwalk.org).