The Word of God Is Living and Effective

"The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will guard your life.
The Lord will guard your coming out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore"

Psalm 121:7-8

Directions to St. Andrew Church 128 Norwich Ave., Colchester, CT

From Hartford and Points West

Take CT 2 East to Exit 18, CT 16 in Colchester. At the end of the ramp, turn right and go 0.4 miles. Turn right onto Main St., and left on Norwich Ave. The church is on the right.

From Willimantic Area

From Willimantic US 6 junction, take CT 66 West toward Middletown and go 6.4 miles. Turn left on CT 85 South and go 6.1 miles. Turn left to continue on CT 85 South and go 0.5 miles. Turn left onto Norwich Ave. The church is on the right.

From Middletown Area

Go over the Portland Bridge and take CT 66 East toward Willimantic for 5.9 miles. Bear right onto CT 16 East and follow for 12 miles. Turn right onto Main St., and left on Norwich Ave. The church is on the right.

Sponsors

Guardian Angels Parish

St. Andrew, Colchester St. Francis of Assisi, Lebanon

St. John Paul II Parish

St. Patrick, East Hampton St. Bridget of Kildare, Moodus

Location

Immaculate Conception Retreat Center 600 Liberty Highway Putnam, CT 06260

MEN'S RETREAT WEEKEND

OCTOBER 16 – 19, 2025



Adoration

Community

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Service

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Adoration

God's call, and your acceptance of and response to God

Community

Love and caring for each other

Theology

Studying god through scripture and our Catholic faith

Service

Service to God and His People

What is it?

An ACTS retreat is a three-day, three-night Catholic lay retreat presented by men who have attended prior ACTS retreats, under the guidance of clergy. Retreat activities focus on Adoration, Community, Theology and Service. Scripture and the teachings of the Catholic Church are the guides. The goals are to renew yourself spiritually, to strengthen your faith and its application in your daily life, and to create lasting and supporting friendships. This is done via a positive, lively and interactive manner. Participants return to their parish faith communities with a deeper love for each other and a desire to become more involved.

Past Reactions

"Decision to join a retreat was not easy. Life was busy. I also thought that sharing thoughts & feelings about my faith with strangers was going to be 'weird' – kind of like a first day in a new high school. But after Thursday evening, I felt 'at home.' Later, I experienced first hand how our Lord makes answers to life's questions manifest through lives of other men. This reminded me that journey of faith is best travelled in the company of friends."

--- Marcin

"The ACTS retreat experience for me was a rebirth of the spirit which renewed a tired soul in todays busy world. Family, friends and my career never allowed me to take time out for myself to reflect on my life and focus on my relationship with God. On the retreat, we had great conversations and shared stories of how we can make God a part of our everyday lives. It made a tremendous impact on my life."

--- Christian

When I attended my first retreat I was amazed at the transformation I saw in my fellow retreatants. When I came home my wife noted that I had also transformed to where she wanted to go on retreat as well. I am still amazed at how the Holy Spirit transforms men after each of the retreats I have attended. I highly recommend attending and seeing how the Lord can transform your life for the better.

--- Carey

Interested In Attending?

The retreat begins Thursday evening, October 16, with a 5:00 pm check-in at St. Andrew Church in Colchester CT. Participants will then be transported to the Immaculate Conception Retreat Center in Putnam for the remainder of the retreat. The retreat will end on Sunday, October 19, with an 11:00 AM mass and reception at St. Andrew Church. Transportation to and from the Retreat Center will be provided.

The cost for the retreat is \$294. A deposit of \$100, made payable to Guardian Angels Parish, submitted with the enclosed form, will reserve your place. The remaining balance will be due at the Thursday evening check-in. You will receive a letter prior to the retreat describing the necessities you should bring.

Please Note

Financial difficulties should not prevent anyone from attending the retreat. A limited amount of assistance is available based on your need. If you have financial concerns, please call one of the directors listed below.

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