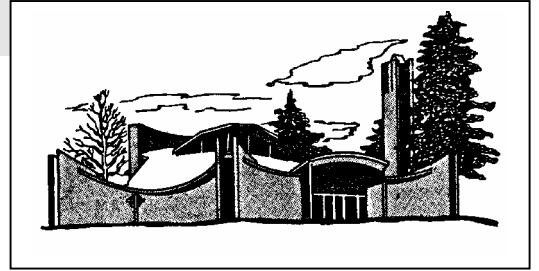


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Contact Parish Office to ask about our seminar on *The Selection of the Pope 2005* at 203.847.4549

## **Saint Philip Church The Selection of the Pope 2005**

With the recent passing of Pope John Paul II after 26 years as head of the Roman Catholic Church, the 117 member College of Cardinals will again be required to select the next leader of the Roman Catholic Church. This selection process poses more questions than answers, with a unique mystery surrounding the conclave of Cardinals.

Today's procedure for selecting a Pope has grown from a unique history of events. In it's beginning the Pope was often appointed by the reigning Holy Roman Emperor. During the Medieval Age the Papal Palace was forced to move to France; and during the Renaissance, the possession of the Papal Throne was controlled by major family dynasties. The Conclave that we know today, was established just 700 years ago. Add the election decree of 1996 from Pope John Paul II, and the selection of the next Pope will travel through a process few can explain.

To help us better understand this unique selection process, Father Michael Boccaccio, pastor of Saint Philip Church, will host a 90 minute Workshop entitled "*The Selection of the Pope 2005*". Father Boccaccio will put into the perspective the unique history and the new rules associated with this procedure. This Workshop will be held at Saint Philip Church on Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM. All are invited to attend. For more information, please call the parish office at 203-847-4549.

Saint Philip Church—a Roman Catholic Parish located at 1 Father Conlon Place, Norwalk, CT 06851-3897—a welcoming Catholic community, 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.  
Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday 4–5 p.m., or by appointment.

