

They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life; to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles.

All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their property and possessions and divide them among all according to each one's need.

Each day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple area and to breaking bread in their homes.

They ate their meals in exultation and sincerity of heart, praising God and enjoying favor with all the people.

And every day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47

**DIRECTIONS TO:
ST. ANDREW CHURCH
128 NORWICH AVE.,
COLCHESTER, CT**

From Hartford and points West:

Take Rte 2 East to Exit 23, Rte 16 in Colchester (old Exit 18). At end of ramp, turn right and go 0.4 miles. Turn right on Main St. Turn left on Norwich Ave. Church is on the right.

From Willimantic Area:

From the junction of Routes 6 and 66, take Rte 66 toward Middletown, and go 6.5 miles. In Hebron, turn left on Rte 85 and go 6.4 miles. Turn left on Main St in Colchester. Turn left on Norwich Ave. Church is on the right.

From Middletown Area:

From Middletown, go over the Portland Bridge and take Rte 66 toward Willimantic for 5.8 miles, bear right on Rte 16 and follow for 12.0 miles. Turn right on Main St. Turn left on Norwich Ave. Church is on the right.

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**Guardian Angels Parish
128 Norwich Avenue
Colchester, CT 06415**

LOCATION

**Immaculate Conception Center
600 Liberty Highway
Putnam CT 06260**

**GUARDIAN ANGELS PARISH
&
ST. JOHN PAUL, II PARISH
WOMEN'S ACTS RETREAT
MAY 1 – 4, 2025**



Adoration

Community

Theology

Service

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Adoration – God's CALL, your ACCEPTANCE OF, AND RESPONSE TO GOD.

COMMUNITY – LOVE AND CARING FOR EACH OTHER.

THEOLOGY – STUDYING GOD THROUGH SCRIPTURE AND OUR CATHOLIC FAITH.

SERVICE – TO GOD AND HIS PEOPLE.

What is it?

An ACTS retreat is a three-day, three-night Catholic lay retreat presented by women who have attended prior ACTS retreats, under the guidance of a Catholic Guide. 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

"I had never been on a retreat before, and I wanted a deeper relationship with God. So when I heard about the ACTS retreat, I was excited to go. ACTS is an opportunity to get away from the noise and distractions of life and focus on God with other like-minded people, and it builds our community. We are stronger Christians when we journey together and share our faith with each other. I encourage everyone to join us." Donna R.

"I always thought ACTS retreats were for 'other ladies,' as I was just too busy with my family, work, and life in general. Plus, I was already attending weekly mass and volunteering at church when I could; so I wasn't sure how much more I could do or what I would get out of it. A persistent friend convinced me to just give it a try. I had a beautiful faith-filled experience and wished I had done it sooner." Lisa S.

"When I first moved to Colchester I could feel there was something special about my church community. I kept hearing people talk about being on an ACTS Retreat. I had to see for myself. It was a wonderful, faith-filled weekend which has enriched my faith journey. The ACTS Retreat experience fosters a spirit of community and cooperation within parishes. Nameless faces I would see in church are now my friends and co-workers. I am blessed beyond measure." Florette J.

Interested In Attending?

The retreat begins Thursday evening, May 1, 2025, with a 5:00 pm check-in at St. Andrew Church, 128 Norwich Ave., Colchester, CT. Participants will then be transported to Immaculate Conception Center for the remainder of the retreat. The retreat will end on Sunday, May 4, 2025, with an 11:00 AM Mass at St. Andrew Church and a reception at the church hall. Transportation to and from the retreat Center will be provided. The cost for the retreat is \$294.00. A deposit of \$147.00, 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 within two weeks of the retreat describing the necessities you should bring.

Please Note: Financial difficulties should not prevent anyone from attending the retreat. If you have never been on an ACTS Retreat before, a limited amount of assistance is available based on your need. If you have financial concerns please call and discuss them with the directors listed below.

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