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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
MAY 8, 2022



## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus said: "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish."  
- Jn 10:27-28a

Excerpt from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1999 CCD

"Human beings, while capable of the worst, are also capable of rising above themselves, choosing again what is good, and making a new start." (Pope Francis) We have a difficult time figuring out what is true and best for us. There are many voices talking and so many trying to get our attention. We wrongly convince ourselves that the true voice is the voice of progress, the one that speaks of contemporary wants and desires, enticing us with the latest trends and causes. We are taught, by listening to the voices around us, that truth is found in feelings and thought, and ideals must match current and popular human wants. Because we feel a particular way it must be true. Then, we find a shepherd who empathizes with us and affirms us. We follow that voice even though listening to that voice will render us powerless and lead us to harm. There are many with me in this procession to this pasture. I must be on the right path and listening to the right voice.

We are very confused. What can keep us safe and from harm? Where do we go to find life, love, and happiness? Jesus tells us that he is the way, the truth, and the life. The only way to get to Truth, who is God, is through him. There is no other way. The Church, the gate around God's pasture of life, is charged with the mission of directing us where God desires that we go. In the midst of all of the conflicting voices around us, the voice of truth is often muffled in all of the noise, but it beckons us to a life of virtue and grace. Helping us understand who we are and where we have to be, it discerns the voice of God, providing us with the safety net we need to stay straight on our path to life eternal.

We have to trust the voice of God, the true Shepherd, even when it does not mirror what we want and what others may believe. Faith goes way beyond feeling and involves a radical trust in Someone who can lead us and form us. At day's end, if we do not know to find our way home, we will be truly lost.

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Note: during the pandemic office hours are not regular as stated above, but you can continue to call the telephone number and leave a message.

### Eucharistic Minister to Homebound

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Sharon Scorso 860-646-1423

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[www.saintmauricebolton.org](http://www.saintmauricebolton.org)

### WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturdays at 5:00 p.m.

Sundays at 7:30 and 10:00 a.m.

Holy Days at 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

### WELCOME!

If you are new in the Parish, please register and introduce yourself to the Pastor. The Parishioners wish to meet and serve you! Drop by at a Pancake Breakfast after the Sunday Mass, per the Calendar online or as announced inside the bulletin. We hope you will favor our Parish with your prayers, your presence, your talents and your financial assistance according to your means!

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION):

Saturday 4:25 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Please call the rectory (860-643- 9553 ) to arrange for a meeting with the Pastor.

### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Arrangements must start more than 6 months before marriage. Necessary interviews, a pre-cana course and plenty of paperwork is required. We strongly urge you to contact us to begin the Diocesan preparation course as soon as you are engaged to get the most out of it without rush.

### CHURCH MEMBERSHIP:

The Sacramental Guidelines define Church Membership in terms of Sunday Mass attendance and Church support. For membership verification and sponsorship certificate, registration and regular use of the envelope system are the only way we have of verifying this for you. Please notify us if there are changes in your address, marital status, etc., so that we may update your records.

### VISITATION TO THE SICK:

We are most anxious to help anyone who is not able to celebrate Mass with us in Church due to illness, handicapped or age. If you wish the Sacraments, please call 860-643-9553.

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**MAY 7 — 8, 2022**

Ushers Group I

**MAINTENANCE COLLECTION**

**SATURDAY, MAY 7**

**5:00 P.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church

**SUNDAY, MAY 8**

**7:30 A.M.** Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory

**10:00 A.M.** Mass offered for the Souls of †Barbara and †Donald Sullivan  
requested by Patrick and Daniel Sullivan

**5:30 P.M.** **Evening Prayer** from the Liturgy of the Hours

**6:00 P.M.** **Rosary**

**MONDAY, MAY 9 — No Mass**

**TUESDAY, MAY 10 — No Mass**

**7:00 P.M.** **Confirmation will be celebrated by Bishop Cote at St. Joseph Church in Rockville**

**7:15 P.M.** **Choir rehearsal in church.**  
New voices are always welcome!

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 11**

**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory

**THURSDAY, MAY 12**

**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory

**FRIDAY, MAY 13**

**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory

**SATURDAY, MAY 14**

**5:00 P.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church

**ST. MAURICE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**



Members of the Prayer Shawl Ministry are making full size prayer shawls for our long term care patients. Also, mini pocket prayer shawls are available for everyone.

If you can help in any way in this Ministry, please call:

Linda Wiley at 860-643-8684 or

Mary Ann Murphy at 860-649-5449



**FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH**



**ST. MAURICE PRAYER LINE**

Please remember all the special intentions on the St. Maurice Prayer Line and Faith Formation Students Prayer Requests.

New requests this week: Cecile, Joanie, Jason, Annedda, Lani, Kyle, Kate, Jeff, Steven, David, Dharen, Grace, Helen.

Candle Intentions: Special prayers for the Intentions in the Candle Note Book  
Thank you, MaryAnn



**Christmas Fair Needs**

The Fair Group needs individual jam jars from hotels, pint canning jars, glass Christmas mugs, candle jars and left over candles of all colors and sizes, children's buttons and decorated buttons, metal buttons and artificial Christmas wreaths. We need hundreds of baby food jars!

Call Dorli Cloutier at (860) 649-6255 or Sharon Scorso at (860) 646-1423.

**East Catholic High School**

We will be hosting **Incoming Freshmen Social and Parent Orientation** for all the Class of 2026 on Friday, May 13th at 5:30 pm. Fun activities are planned for the students and much information will be given to the parents.

It's not too late to start the admissions process, if you think of us as a high school of your choice. Visit our website and give us a call if you'd like to proceed with admissions. We will be happy to help you!

**Saint Bridget School**

74 Main St. Manchester, CT

**OPEN HOUSE — May 19<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm to 8:00 pm**

We invite you to come meet our teachers and take a tour of our school.

**STEWARDSHIP**

**Offertory: May 1 — \$3,441**

**Projected Amount needed — \$3,470**

*"The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit."*

*(ACTS 13:52)*

The disciples heard Our Lord's call and were able to spread the Gospel message with strength and vitality. We, too, can experience that same joy if we make room for the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts. When we use our gifts in the way that God intends, He fills us with supernatural joy. A joy that others notice and are attracted to!

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**Parish Membership Form**

Drop in collection ^

Please enroll the following as members of the Church of St. Maurice:

Adults \_\_\_\_\_

Children (under 18) \_\_\_\_\_

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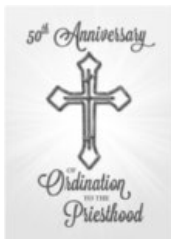
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Send offertory envelopes \_\_\_\_\_ Send form for EFT (electronic donation) \_\_\_\_\_ We will Donate Online \_\_\_\_\_

We can help out as: Altar server \_\_\_\_\_ Lector \_\_\_\_\_ Usher \_\_\_\_\_ Eucharistic Minister \_\_\_\_\_ Choir \_\_\_\_\_ Crafts workshop \_\_\_\_\_

**FROM ST. MAURICE PARISH**



**The Fellowship Circle invites you to attend a celebration of Father Bill's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his Ordination on Sunday, May 15, 2022.**

Mass will be at 10:00 AM followed by a picnic reception to be held at the Parish Center. Hamburgers, hotdogs, rolls, condiments, water, soda, coffee, tea and desert will be provided.

We ask that you bring a side dish.

A list of suggested dishes is posted along with sign-up sheets in the back of the church.

We look forward to seeing you at this event.

The Fellowship Circle.

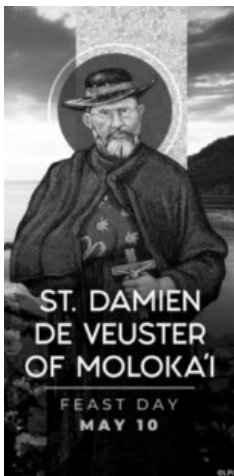


**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

**Marriage Encounter Weekend** ~ Worldwide Marriage Encounter is offering a non-residential two-day experience **May 21-22** at St. Patrick Church Hall, East Hampton. This experience will be conducted in accordance with CDC safety protocols including social distancing. For that reason, we will be accepting fewer couples, so it is important that couples register as soon as possible. To apply, contact Frank and Margie Pearson at 860-869-2610 or sign up online at [apply - Worldwide Marriage Encounter \(wwme.org\)](http://apply-WorldwideMarriageEncounter.com) and click on May 21-22, East Hampton, CT

**Saint of the Week**

**St. Damien de Veuster of Moloka'I | May 10**



People may be familiar with leprosy from Biblical times, but not so much in the 1800s. However, St. Damien de Veuster of Moloka'I (January 3, 1840 – April 15, 1889) would eventually shed a light on the effects of this devastating disease and allow people to see those afflicted with it with more compassion and love.

Born Joseph de Veuster in Tremelo, Belgium, he quit school at 13 so he could work on the family farm. Feeling called for more, however, he entered the

Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary six years later, where he took the name of a fourth-century physician and martyr. His brother, a priest from the same congregation, fell ill and was unable to go to his assigned location. Damien quickly volunteered in his place and found himself on the Hawaiian Islands in 1864. Two months after arriving, he was ordained a priest of Honolulu and assigned to the Island of Hawaii.

In 1873, he visited the Hawaiian government's leper colony on the island of Moloka'I, where he petitioned to stay permanently to care for their physical, medical, and spiritual needs. After years of working to improve their location and those who lived there, he contracted Hansen's disease and died of its complications. St. Damien was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI on October 11, 2009.

**FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH**



**Please Join Us: 2022 ACA Ministry Fair**  
(Reservations Required)

The 2022 Ministry Fair showcasing our Diocesan ministries and programs will be held May 15, 2022, from 11- 12:30, in Norwich. We will offer a complimentary continental breakfast throughout this open house style event. If you would like to attend this event to learn how donations to the 2022 Annual Catholic Appeal, **"One Faith, One Family"**, support our ministries and programs please contact Rosela Precopio at 860-886-1928 ext. 110 or [dodadm@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:dodadm@norwichdiocese.net) for further details or to register for this event. Reservations and **RSVP by May 9th** are required due to space limitations.



Catholic Charities is celebrating our **100th Anniversary on May 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM at Mystic Aquarium!** The Centennial Celebration will be fun for the whole family with face painting, a scavenger hunt, raffle, silent auction, and various food stations, while enjoying all the amenities of Mystic Aquarium. Come celebrate this amazing milestone with us! Tickets: \$100.00 per adult, children 12 and under are free (Limit 2 children per adult). Visit [ccfsn.org](http://ccfsn.org) or call Sally at 203-556-0115 for more information. Sponsorships available!



**Ladies! A Beautiful Weekend is planned for you!**

**ACTS Retreat for Women — May 12-15, 2022**

Sponsored by Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Coventry/Storrs

*Retreat Location: Enders Island Retreat Center, Mystic, CT*  
Come join a group of Catholic women who will present an ACTS weekend retreat under the guidance of a Catholic Guide. The retreat theme is **"Behold, I make all things new."** (Rev. 21:5)

The retreat is held at Enders Island, Mystic. Transportation is provided. Ladies, treat yourself to a weekend away with Our Lord in a beautiful setting by the sea, with delicious meals, and fellowship with an amazing group of women from the parish and surrounding area. What a beautiful Mother's Day Gift! Gentlemen, treat that special lady in your life with this wonderful gift. We have a special reduced rate for all first time retreatants. Scholarships are also available for those who qualify.

Want to know more? Contact Elizabeth Percy at [tiggpercy@hotmail.com](mailto:tiggpercy@hotmail.com).

Registration information is available at [ACTSCT.org](http://ACTSCT.org), under Retreats, Women, May 12-15 at Enders.



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