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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER — MAY 21, 2017

*Confirmation*  
C E L E B R A T I O N

**Congratulations  
Confirmation Candidates!**

Skylar Goold Joshua Hoang  
Noah W. Moulton Heath Olivieri  
Grace Smith LeeAnn Snuffer  
Connor Tierney  
Robert W. Tierney, III



Please keep our Confirmation Candidates in your prayers as they embark on the next phase of their Faith Journey.  
Confirmation is not an end, but a continuation.

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**Confirmation Prayer**

Heavenly Father,  
in the Old Testament, your prophets and priests  
would anoint the faithful with oil.  
Through this holy anointing  
you made known to them their mission on earth.  
On Pentecost, at the birth of the Church,  
you sent your Holy Spirit on the disciples.  
On that day, the promise you gave of your Spirit  
was fulfilled to the whole world.  
As these newly confirmed go out into the world  
preserve the gifts of the Spirit in their hearts.  
May the completion of their initiation through Confirmation  
help them fulfill their baptismal promises  
as members of the Body of Christ.  
Amen.

**Prayer Line**

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**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 4:15 p.m. — 4:45 p.m.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:**

Please call the rectory (860-748-4560) 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 860-748-4560.



**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**MAY 20 — 21, 2017**

**USHERS GROUP II**

**SATURDAY, MAY 20**

**5:00 P.M. CONFIRMATION MASS**  
 Mass offered for the Confirmands  
who are being confirmed today

*Altar Servers:* Patti Cinea  
*Lectors:* Patti Cinea  
*Eucharistic Minister:* Bert Flynn

**SUNDAY, MAY 21**

**7:30 A.M.** Mass offered for †Donald Holbrook  
 request of Gloria Holbrook

*Altar Servers:* Shirley Holbrook  
*Lector:* Judy Trzcinski  
*Eucharistic Minister:* Linda Richardson

**8:30 A.M. — 8:50 A.M. YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSAL**

**10:00 A.M.** Mass offered for †Barbara and †Donald Sullivan  
 request of Patrick and Daniel Sullivan

*Altar Servers:* Emilia & Marta Herasimowicz  
*Lector:* Lee Snuffer  
*Eucharistic Minister:* Betty Aitkin

**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** after Mass

**5:30 P.M. EVENING PRAYER**

**MONDAY, MAY 22**

**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for †Maureen Faherty  
 request of Anthony and Kathleen Conneely  
 and Family

**TUESDAY, MAY 23**

**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for †Lena Bloznalis  
 request of The Dean and Bloznalis Families

**7:15 P.M. ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 24**

**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for †Giuseppe Sanzo  
 request of Mr. & Mrs. Antonio Cusano

**9:00 A.M. CHRISTMAS FAIR WORKSHOP**

**THURSDAY, MAY 25 — THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for †Thomas Grunske  
 request of Hope Grunske

**7:00 P.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners  
of St. Maurice Church

**FRIDAY, MAY 26 — NO MASS**

**SATURDAY, MAY 27**

**10:00 A.M. FIRST RECONCILIATION**  
 Immediately following will be First Communion rehearsal

**4:30 P.M. ROSARY BEFORE 5:00 P.M. MASS**

**SLEIGH BELLS RING CHRISTMAS FAIR GROUP**

**Contributions of Sleigh Bells Group and the Fair Group.**

The Parish Center has been the focus of monies raised by the Sleigh Bells Ring fair group. Renovations to the library have been made. The main hall, back hall and two small offices were carpeted. The church office was moved to the Parish Center and prepared for use. The second office was fitted with cabinets for use by all ministries. Shelving was installed in the room for improved storage.

In the last few years we have replaced all the windows in the lower level of the Parish Center.

The group always considers requests for help. Some examples are supporting the church's anniversary, dedication of the library as well as other parish events.

Under the direction of the interim priest, the fair group was authorized to now be responsible for its expenses, needs and disbursement of appropriate funds. Others Projects have included renovating the rectory master bedroom and bathroom. Also, the rectory kitchen had upgrades including the kitchen floor, stove, and counter. In the church, the fair group supported the moving of the tabernacle and creation of a new quiet room.

The ongoing concerns of the Fair Group include the support of the ministries of Share and Care and the holiday food program. Other contributions include Christmas gift giving, payment of occasional oil deliveries and special requests to support Bolton families.

In closing, this briefly explains projects completed by the Fair Group in recent years. Going forward, these are the type of needs that will continue to be addressed.

The Fair Group meets most Wednesday mornings beginning in February and welcomes new members. No particular skills are required other than a willingness to help. Please check the bulletin for contact information.

**STEWARDSHIP**

**Last week's Offertory: MAY 14 — \$2,661**

**Projected Amount needed \$2,980**

*"For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that be God's will, than for doing evil."*

*1 PETER 3:17*

The old line says "if you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans." Many of us are diligent in our planning, making sure things are progressing smoothly, then disaster strikes, we don't get the result that was intended. An unforeseen problem arises. Many times we may respond negatively. Why me? I did everything right! Here's the thing – God has a different and better plan in store for you.

^ Tear off

**Parish Membership Form**

Drop in collection ^

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

Adults \_\_\_\_\_

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

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

City State Zip \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

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 SAINT MAURICE PARISH**

**ST. MAURICE PRAYER LINE**



Please remember all the special intentions on the St. Maurice Prayer Line. Especially the new requests for this week: John, Deloris, Michael, Maureen, Bill

And for: Special prayers for 3 Military Service Members.  
 Special prayers for those who are attending Mass at our church for the first time. May they and their families be blessed and their prayer requests be granted.  
 Special prayers for Michael Kurys and James Benoit who have died recently and prayers for their families.  
 Special prayers that all people of the Diocese of Norwich will move forward together into the future, helping one another through difficulties, rejoicing together over our abundant blessings, and being confident always of God's love and mercy.

**Prayer shawls are available upon request**  
 Thank you. Carol & Mary Ann

**FAITH FORMATION**



Our last Faith Formation class of the 2016/2017 school year was held on Sunday, April 30. There was even a special Pre-School and Kindergarten craft class led by parishioner Kate Duffy.

Fr. Leon ended the year by gifting each child a small marigold seedling as a reminder that we should continue to "grow in our faith" over the summer months. He requested the children grow their flowers and bring back a stem, in the fall, with a prayer attached to place around the altar. Fr. Leon reminded us that Parents are the best teachers and we should be careful not let the learning stop with the end classes.

A big thank you to all our Faith Formation teachers and coordinators for graciously volunteering your time and efforts to teach our children!

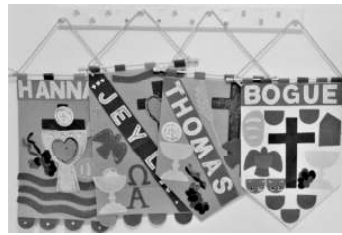
*Thank You!*

**Anna Czercowy, Kate Gladue, Marilee Manning,  
 Tom Manning, Kathleen Smythe, Sharon Snuffer,  
 Amie Tillmann, Sharon VanDine.**

**Father Leon is available at all time for any Spiritual needs, to call or meet with him personally, you're always welcomed. Reach him direct at (860) 748-4560.**

**FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH**

**FIRST COMMUNION**



On Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> a First Communion Retreat was held for parents and children to make banners which will mark their pew at First Holy Communion Mass.

First Communion is next Sunday, May 28, at 10 a.m.

First Communion rehearsal is Saturday, May 27, immediately following First Reconciliation at 10 a.m.



Let us keep these children in our prayers as they complete their journey to the Eucharistic table.

**FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH**

**The monthly Diocesan Pro-Life Mass** will take place at Christ the King Parish, 1 McCurdy Rd., Old Lyme, on **Saturday, June 3 at 8:30 A.M.** Please join our celebrant **Rev. Walter Nagle** at Mass as we pray to end abortion and for the healing for those who have had an abortion. Following the Mass, the Rosary will be prayed.

**Blue Mass Breakfast Fundraiser**  
**Sunday, June 4, 2017**

Billy Wilson's Restaurant  
 57 Broadway, Norwich  
 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Eggs, sausage wrap, pancakes, orange juice, home fries!  
 There is no cost or no tickets for the breakfast.

However a donation to help defray the costs associated with the Blue Mass is appreciated.

To benefit the Blue Mass Committee to defray expenses associated with the Annual Mass honoring law enforcement personnel. For more information please call Monsignor Brown at 860-887-9294, ext. 232 or Ms. Becky Cady 860-887-9294, ext. 235.

**Defending Our Religious Liberty**

In early May, Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo, Archbishop of Galveston-Houston and President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), issued a response to President Donald J. Trump's executive order about religious liberty. It stated in part:

"Today's Executive Order begins the process of alleviating the serious burden of the HHS mandate. We will engage with the Administration to ensure that adequate relief is provided to those with deeply held religious beliefs about some of the drugs, devices, and surgical procedures that HHS has sought to require people of faith to facilitate over the last several years. We welcome a decision to provide a broad religious exemption to the HHS mandate, but will have to review the details of any regulatory proposals."

Let us pray that the revised HHS mandate protects the religious rights of the Catholic Church.

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