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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — FEBRUARY 4, 2018



For most of us, the dynamic between prayer and action is imperfect. Breakfast needs to be made and the kids dressed. Work demands our energy and additional responsibilities fill our evenings and weekends. Then there's the football game or a new TV series to stream. After all, don't we need to relax?

We're all busy. But just imagine Jesus' situation in today's Gospel. He heals Peter's mother-in-law, drives out demons, and cures diseases late into the night. With very little sleep, he arises before dawn to capture some peace and quiet, only to find "those who were with him pursued him." How often do we feel pursued by the harried commitments, even when we try to seek rest? Perhaps we can learn something from the response of Jesus.

Jesus models two key things: the essential nature of prayer and the essential call of vocation. "He went off to a deserted place, where he prayed." Despite inevitable exhaustion, Jesus prioritizes time with the Father. We might not have easy access to deserts and mountaintops, but today's Gospel challenges us to take intentional time set apart for God. We can designate a "prayer chair" in a corner of our home or leave a little earlier to pick our children up from school so we can snatch time in a nearby chapel. We can pray the rosary on our commute or take the dog for a long walk in silence.

However, when the Apostles arrive, Jesus doesn't linger overlong in the deserted place or make an excuse for why he can't return with his friends. Jesus is true to his calling. He continues on in his state of life, serving the people nearest to him. Like Jesus, we are invited to set intentional time for communion with God so that we can be refreshed and empowered for our communion with others.

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WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturdays at 4:00 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 3:15 p.m. — 3:45 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.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 3 — 4, 2018

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4:00 P.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners
of St. Maurice Church

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY *after Mass*SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for †Emma Chamberlain
request of Maria and Patti Cinea

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY *after Mass*

8:30 A.M. BREAKFAST FOR FAITH FORMATION

9:00 A.M. FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

10:00 A.M. Mass offered for †Richard FitzHenry
request of Jonathan and Sharon VanDine

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY *after Mass*

Meeting for Parents of 1st Communion children with Fr. Leon
in the church basement after 10:00 AM Mass

5:30 P.M. EVENING PRAYER
FROM THE LITURGY OF THE HOURS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for †Donald Holbrook
request of Gloria Holbrook

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners
of St. Maurice Church

7:15 P.M. CHOIR REHEARSAL
New members are most welcome

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners
of St. Maurice Church

7:00 P.M. BIBLE STUDY IN THE PARISH CENTER

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8 — NO MASSFRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9 — NO MASS6:30 P.M.— 8:00 P.M. CUB SCOUTS — *Church basement*SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

3:30 P.M. ROSARY BEFORE 4:00 P.M. MASS

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

FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH

Delicious Pancake Breakfast

JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST AT THE TRIPLE PLAY CAFÉ



Time: 8:00 A.M. — 10:00 A.M.

Date: Sunday, February 11

Location: St. Maurice Parish Center

\$6.00 / Person \$18.00 / Family

Sponsored by St. Maurice Knights of Columbus



LENT 2018

45 minute sessions led by Fr. Leon

A comparative review of all four Gospels with
emphasis on the Passion Narrative of Jesus.

In the Parish Center every other Wednesday

Next Session February 7th at 7:00 PM

Audience: older teens and adults.

FIRST COMMUNION PARENT MEETING

Parent Meeting for First Reconciliation/First Communion
parents and students this Sunday, February 4, in the church
basement immediately following 10 a.m. mass.

During this meeting we will meet with Father Leon and
Kathy Smythe (their teacher) to go over the requirements
for making the sacraments of First Communion and Recon-
ciliation and how we will be preparing your children.

Bring the whole family! This is not just a meeting for par-
ents. Children that will be making these sacraments should
be present and siblings are welcome too.

STEWARDSHIP

Last week's Offertory: January 28 — \$2,981

Projected Amount needed \$2,980

"Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxie-
ties."

- 1 Corinthians 7:32

How much anxiety do we bring upon ourselves by con-
stantly worrying about not having enough or attaining more
things? God won't necessarily give you everything you
want, but He will provide everything you need. Try this —
use the word "pray" instead of the word "worry" in the fu-
ture.

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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) _____

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:

Mary, Marge, Margaret, Nicholas, JoAnne,

Bud, Maggie, Joe, Carson.

Candle Intentions - Joe, Carson, Jeff, Mike, Maggie, Jaberdiski Family.

Special Prayers for Sheila Chemerka who has died recently and for her family.

The suffering, the needy, and the elderly, may they find peace and joy in God as well as receive the sufficient help from friends and neighbors.

That those parishioners who are isolated and alone due to sickness and age, may they know the love we have for them through Eucharistic visitors.

Prayer shawls are available upon request

Thank you. Carol & Mary Ann



Our new altar servers Jason & Matthew Mwangi during our Youth Mass



St. Bridget School in Manchester invites you to stop by and see our school in operation any **Monday from 9:00**

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East Catholic High School

Eagles After Hours: Thursday, February 8th from 4-5pm

Stop by East Catholic anytime from 4pm-5pm. Hear student testimonies, go on a tour of our campus and meet with members of our Leadership Team.

Entrance Exam: Thursday, February 15th at 8:30 a.m.

Pre-registration for these events is not required but will be greatly appreciated. You may reach out to Ms. Devlin at 860-649-5336 ext 6238 with any questions or requests.

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH



CELEBRATE MARRIAGE
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH
9 AM — 3 PM

Christ the King Parish
1 McCurdy Rd., Old Lyme.

Now that the holiday rush is through, it's not too early to begin thinking of Valentine's Day. Give your Valentine something special this year — the gift of your time. Come celebrate your marriage at a day-long enrichment that will renew your dreams, increase your passion and refresh and celebrate your marriage.

The cost is \$35 per couple, which includes workbook and lunch. Registration is required. To register, call the Diocesan Catholic Family Services Office at 860-848-2237, Ext. 306.



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Details of this program will appear in next Sunday's Bulletin.

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE 2018

CALLED TO JOY!

SATURDAY, APRIL 14TH 8:30-3:30

ST. BERNARD HIGH SCHOOL, UNCASVILLE

The Office of Faith Events and the Norwich Diocesan Council of Catholic Women welcome women of all ages. Offering workshops on parenting, relationships, prayer, scripture and more. Keynote speaker ValLimar Jansen, and Mass with Bishop Cote.

Find the registration form at www.norwichdiocese.org under the Office of Faith Events- Upcoming Events. Or contact us at 860-848-2237. Register today!

Praise, Worship, and Healing Prayer Service

Please join us on **Thursday evening, February 1st**, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Andrew Church, 128 Norwich Ave. in Colchester, CT, for an evening of praising and worshiping God with music, teaching, witnessing, and prayer. Come and rejoice for answered prayer, seek prayer for yourself or for a burden you're carrying for someone else. If desired, you may also meet with a prayer team for personal, intercessory, or healing prayer. This service is held on the first Thursday every month. The subject of Deacon Michael Puskas' teaching will be "Grief," and Shelly Pollo from Seeds of Hope will be telling everyone about a new Catholic Bereavement Support and Education Program which began on January 11th at St. Andrew Church. This group is using the Seasons of Hope program by M. Donna MacLeod to explore mourning through scripture, prayer, reflection, activities and faith sharing.



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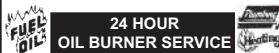


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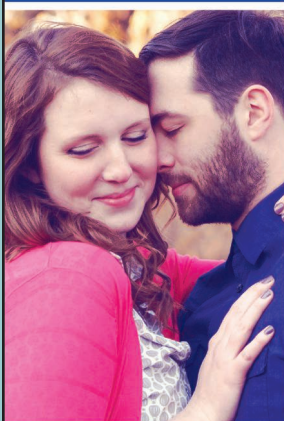
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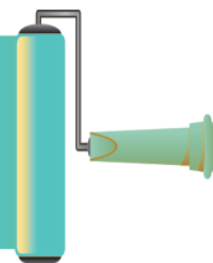
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