

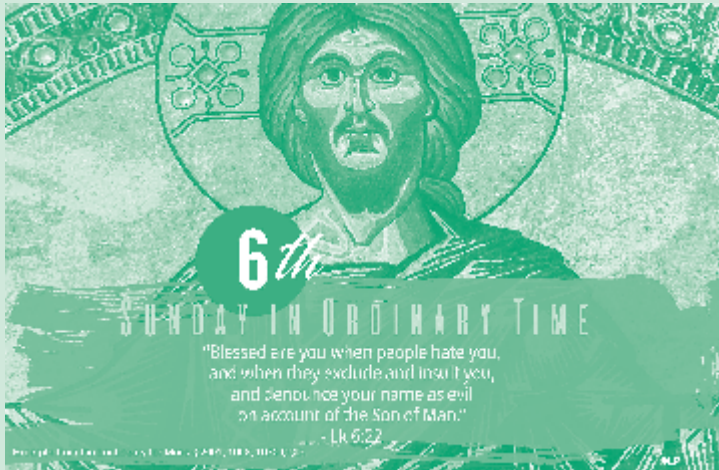
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**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 17, 2019**



What an audience Jesus has in today's Gospel! "A great crowd of his disciples and a large number of people from all over Judea and Jerusalem and the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon." Disciples, pagans, and devout Jews gathered together to hear Jesus speak in the Sermon on the Mount. All of these people had something in common. God was someone to be bargained with, and if God liked you, you were rewarded with good fortune. This Sunday, Jesus tells us a different story. "Woe to you who are rich ? who are filled now ? who laugh ? when all speak well of you. Blessed are you who are poor ? you who are now hungry ? when people hate you and when they exclude you and insult you." Jesus completely flips the script on what it means to be blessed by God. What he proclaims as "woe" are states of life we often strive for, and "blessed" are the states we work hard to avoid!

Jesus is concerned with the kingdom of God and the world to come, not the typical structures of power and privilege. The word "now" appears often in these statements. Why? If you are well "now," that's beside the point. To be rich in this life has no direct bearing on your immortal soul. If you're struggling "now," that's not an indication that God has forgotten you or that - in light of eternity - you're worse off than someone else. In fact, it could be an indicator that you're enduring something that will bring you to a place of greater, eternal joy in the future.

This Sunday, consider your priorities. Who do we reject as not blessed, and thereby inflict woe upon ourselves? When we encounter difficult situations in our own lives, do we see them as opportunities to remember God and lean on His mercy and grace?

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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.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 16 — 17, 2019

USHERS GROUP ISATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16

4:00 P.M. Mass offered for the repose of the soul of
Walter Hetzer — request of Bert Flynn

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY *after Mass*SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for the repose of the soul of
Martha Turner — request of Lynn Mancino

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY *after Mass*

8:40 A.M. YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSAL *in the church*

NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

10:00 A.M. Mass offered for the repose of the souls of
Barbara and Donald Sullivan
request of Patrick and Daniel Sullivan

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY *after Mass*

5:30 P.M. EVENING PRAYER

FROM THE LITURGY OF THE HOURS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for the repose of the soul of
Sharon Caruso — request of The Ushers Group

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for the repose of the soul of
Marguerite Flynn — request The Ushers Group

7:00 P.M. KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING

7:15 P.M. CHOIR REHEARSAL

*New members are most welcome*WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners
of St. Maurice Church — Mass in the Sacristy

9:00 A.M. CHRISTMAS FAIR WORKSHOP *in the Parish Center*

7:00 P.M. ST. MAURICE BIBLE STUDY *in the Parish Center*

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14 — NO MASS

7:00 P.M. FELLOWSHIP CIRCLE MEETING
in the Parish Center

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15 — NO MASS

6:30 P.M. CUB SCOUTS *in the Church Basement*

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16

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

4:00 P.M. Mass offered for the repose of the soul of
Sharon Caruso — request of Bert Flynn

FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH



THE 2019 BIBLE SERIES taught by Fr. Leon continues with the **BOOK OF EXODUS, Wednesday, February 20th, at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center.** The latter half of this book will be addressed. GOD seeks to free his people from both the slavery of Pharaoh and the slavery of sin. Authentic freedom. Why does God call himself, "I AM"? The importance of the Sabbath. GOD's Law given on Mount Sinai. Freedom from/Freedom for. Learn how a better understanding of Exodus can help us better understand the ministry of Jesus and our understanding of our Christian Faith. Please come, learn, and share.

East Catholic High School - Plan a Visit

Join us for our popular Walk-in Wednesday! On Wednesday, February 27th we welcome prospective families anytime between 11am - 1pm to see our campus in action and to discuss any questions or interests.

Pre-registration is not required, but is preferred. You may RSVP on our website or you may call the Admissions Office at 860-649-5336 ext. 6238. We look forward to seeing you soon.

STEWARDSHIP**Last week's Offertory: February 10 — \$2,277****Projected Amount needed \$2,980**

"Blessed are you when people hate you, ... exclude and insult you, and denounce your name...on account of the Son of Man."

(LUKE 6:22)

All of us have been in situations when someone has made a negative comment or joke about God or our Catholic faith. How did you respond? Did you stay silent or pretend to go along with the crowd because you didn't want to cause waves and then, later, you felt bad? Know that God is with you all the time, the Holy Spirit will put the right words in your mouth. Pray for the strength and courage to proclaim our faith to others, especially during uncomfortable situations.

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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 _____

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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:

Prayer Line Intentions, Debbie, Lillian, Jed, Justin, Lisa, Joe, SueEllen, Janet, Kim, Lorraine, Mary, Viola, Olga, David, Kyle, Laurie, Joe, Bob, Grace, Mary-Jane, Grace.

Candle Intentions: Linda, LeeAnn.

For all who have responded to God's call to ministry: that God will strengthen them, make fruitful their service, and empower them with the Holy Spirit.

For all who are ill: that the Spirit of God will give comfort to those who are ill, strength to those facing surgery and renew the gift of life within all who desire wholeness.

That we may eagerly respond, "Here I am Lord", whenever we hear God call upon us to be His hands, feet, and voice here on earth.

Prayer Shawls are also available by the prayer request box located near the candle stand on the rectory side of the church. Please read the information on the sheet above the prayer shawls.

Thank you. Carol & Mary Ann



TO CELEBRATE SAINT PATRICK'S DAY
There will be a dinner of traditional Irish food and live Irish music on Saturday, March 23, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

in the Parish Center.

Please join us and add your name to the sign-up sheets in the back of church.

BAPTISM OF JULIANNA GRACE MEAGHER

Julianna Grace Meagher with her parents Patrick and Kelley Meagher, Godfather Richard McDonald, and Godmother Sandra McDonald

FAITH FORMATION NEWS**FIRST COMMUNION PARENT MEETING**

There is a Parent Meeting for **First Reconciliation/First Communion** parents and students on

Sunday, February 24,

in the church basement immediately following 10 a.m. mass. During this meeting we will meet with Father Leon to go over the requirements for making the sacraments of First Communion and Reconciliation and how we will be preparing your children.

Bring the whole family! This is not just a meeting for parents. Children that will be making these sacraments should be present, but siblings are welcome too.

FIRST COMMUNION RETREAT — Saturday, April 6, 10:00 a.m. in the church basement. Parents and children will make banners to mark their pews at the First Communion mass.

FIRST RECONCILIATION — Saturday, May 4, 10:00 a.m. in the church. Practice for First Communion will be immediately following Reconciliation.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION — Sunday, May 5, during the 10:00 a.m. mass.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Retreat: Our first and second year Confirmation candidates will be attending an all-day Confirmation retreat on **Saturday, March 9 at St. Bernard's in Vernon.**

Confirmation mass will take place on **Saturday, April 13, at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich.**

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

The Norwich Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (NDCCW) is offering a \$500 Scholarship to four (4) graduating eighth grade girls who will be attending a Catholic High School in the fall of 2019. You can access the application on the website for the Diocese of Norwich (norwichdiocese.org). Completed applications must be received by April 15, 2019. Applications should be sent to NDCCW Scholarship Committee, c/o Judith Pappagallo, 79 Lafayette Street, Norwich, CT 06360, or submitted on line at norwichdiocesancw@gmail.com.

Deadline is April 15, 2019.

Any questions, call Judy at 860-889-1617.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

"Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, whose hope is the LORD." Trust the Lord to strengthen and enrich your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Apr 26-28, 2019 in MANCHESTER, CT and Jul 12-14, 2019 in MANCHESTER, CT. For more information, call Pat & Mary-Jo McLaughlin at 860-315-2127 or visit them at <https://www.mectw.org/>.



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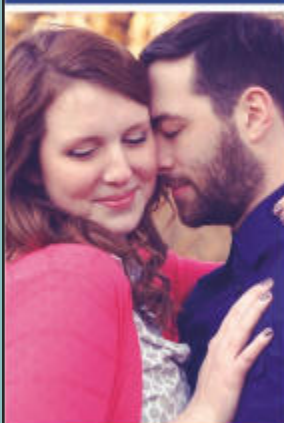


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