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THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST
JUNE 14, 2020



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"Whoever eats my
flesh and drinks my
blood remains in me
and I in him."
- Jn 6:56

It is no wonder that followers of Christ are called the Body of Christ. After all, sharing in the same spiritual food and sacred meal, they become what they eat and reveal the Divine Image. There is so much power for healing in the community of believers. Through the Eucharist, Christ becomes as present in those who have partaken of his Body and Blood as he has the elements themselves. The very presence of God touches the depths of the human soul and visits a part of us that no human being can ever hope to explore. We are God's. The sacred Eucharistic meal is a celebration of intimacy, the reunion of two loves in constant search of and longing for the other.

The community of believers receives the power and the presence to touch and heal in the name of the One they have welcomed within. It is now within their grasp to change the way life is lived and to more intentionally put into practice the Beatitudes that the Divine Guest has revealed. We are asked to be like Christ and work to create a world of sufficiency, where the greed of some no longer creates the want of others but where all of God's children can find a home and a place at the table of life. The One who makes a home within calls us to live a life that transforms. We are changed ourselves and now become agents of change for others. We are the Body of Christ. God is with us. We have been nourished.

Sadly, many are afraid to try. We know what we are called to do, but we struggle with feelings of doubt as to whether God really is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Do our systems have to change? Is it possible that we somehow missed the mark when we put all of our social networks in place and established the business of our lives? Perhaps we have to radically rethink our approach and that can scare us. We might have to give something up or change, and we don't want to. As long as want, injustice, division, prejudice, and scarcity still exist, there is tremendous work for the Body of Christ.

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WEEKEND MASSES: (temporarily suspended)

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):

by appointment only

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 860-643-9553.



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**Our normal Mass Schedule is temporarily suspended. Livestream Masses:
From the Cathedral of Saint Patrick in Norwich**

<https://www.norwichdiocese.org/Masses>
Sunday 9AM

Daily Mass from Blessed Sacrament Parish
<https://www.blessedsacramentct.org/>:

Monday 8AM / Tuesday 9AM / Wednesday 8AM / Thursday 9AM / Friday 8AM and Sunday 10AM

The Diocese of Norwich has recently released guidelines for implementing a gradual return to the public celebration of mass. In keeping with diocesan recommendations and guidelines for a gradual return to the public celebration of mass, **St. Maurice Parish will have mass beginning on Wednesday, July 8, 2020 at 9 A.M.**

The celebration of mass will continue **each Wednesday and Thursday at 9 A.M.** throughout July and August.

JULY		AUGUST	
Wednesday	Thursday	Wednesday	Thursday
1	2		
8	9	5	6
15	16	12	13
22	23	19	20
29	30	26	27

The following steps are taken to keep our pastor and parishioners as safe as possible:

- Attendees will be required to wear masks and are also asked to provide their own hand sanitizer.
- Appropriate seating for social distancing will be marked.
- For those wishing to receive communion, distribution will take place immediately after mass has ended. Those wearing gloves must remove them before receiving. The Eucharist must not be placed in a gloved hand.
- During this period there will be no choir.
- Those in vulnerable populations, e.g. the elderly, those with underlying health conditions or those with any symptoms of illness are asked to remain at home. They are encouraged to watch Mass on TV or via the Internet.

Thank you all for your patience and understanding as we take the recommended steps to resume the celebration of mass. We will provide updates as they become available.

Also, it has come to our attention that some parishioners may not be receiving envelopes. If this is the case for you, please contact Teresa Ciscon at 860-643-4466 for help. Online donations are possible and convenient (Info on website - www.saintmauricebolton.org)

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: Greg, Phil, Donna, Maria, John, Carrol

Keeping you all in our prayers during this difficult time.
Thank you, Mary Ann



FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH



**Combined
Collection for
World Charities**

**2020 WORLD COMBINED
COLLECTION PROGRAM**

The Combined Collection for World Charities will be held next weekend. Your contribution will assist the Catholic Relief Services Collection, the Campaign for Human Development, Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, and The Holy Land. Most of you should have received information in the mail about this collection. Please read this material and bring your contribution envelope to Mass next week, June 20 and 21, or, if Mass not being held in Church please mail or deliver the envelope to your parish office by the end of June. Your support and generosity are essential to these programs of the Universal Church.

STEWARDSHIP

“Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.”

1 CORINTHIANS 10:17

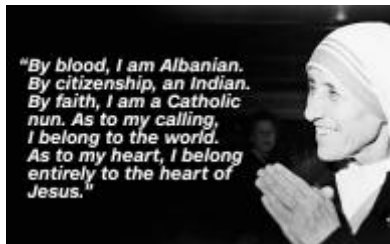


As disciples of Jesus, we are called to lead holy lives and invite others to join us. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, serves a twofold purpose. One, it helps build God’s kingdom here on earth. Two, it helps us strengthen each other’s relationship with God the Father, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. It becomes our roadmap to Heaven. Let’s help each other get there!

REFLECTIONS



Today's Gospel passage (John 6:51-58) explained: This passage is situated in the context of what is sometimes called Jesus' Eucharistic discourse. These verses constitute the ending of the "Bread of Life Discourse" (John 6:22-58), given at the synagogue in Capernaum where Jesus identified himself as "*the living Bread that came down from Heaven,*" thus linking himself with the manna in the wilderness. The Eucharistic discourse is a teaching about the Lord's providential care for his faithful followers, describing Jesus' promises to the Jewish crowd that He would give them his Body and Blood as their spiritual food and drink. The reference in today's passage to the manna in the desert alludes to the care of God for His people during the years of their desert wandering. The manna God provided and the water He gave sustained their natural life at the time. Eventually, however, they died. But Jesus claimed that he was the true Bread come down from Heaven to give everlasting Life. "*One who eats this Bread will live forever*" (John 6:58). Our participation in the Eucharist concretizes and energizes our relationships with Christ and one another. The process of eating and ingesting the Bread is the sign of our belief in the Word Who thus gives Himself to us, and through Whom we thus receive eternal life. The separate mention of "flesh" and "blood" symbolizes theologically Jesus' redemptive death for all people.



"I will not permit Christ to return to Albania as long as I am in charge.": Mother Teresa was given a reception by the cruel Communist dictator, Enver Hoxha, who ruled Albania for 40 years from 1945 to 1985. He imposed atheism as the official religion in 1967. The possession of a Bible or cross often meant a ten-year prison term. Welcoming Mother Teresa in 1985, he stated that he appreciated her world-wide works of charity, and then added, "But I will not permit Christ to return to Albania as long as I am in charge." In her reply after thanking the president for the reception Mother said, "Mr. President, you are wrong.

I have brought not only the love of Christ into my native land but also the real presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist right into your presidential palace. I am allowed to carry Jesus in a pyx during my visit of this Communist country where public worship is a crime. I keep Jesus in the consecrated host in my pocket. Jesus will surely return to this country very soon." Communist rule collapsed in Albania in 1992, and Christians and Muslims reopened their Churches and mosques for worship. The non-Communist president of Albania, Mr. Ramiz Alia, awarded Albanian citizenship to Mother Teresa during her visit to her liberated home country in 1992. Mr. Alia also created a "*Mother Teresa Prize*" to be awarded to those who distinguished themselves in the field of humanitarian and charitable work.



Blessed Imelda, the Patron saint of First Communicants: Blessed Imelda Lambertini had a remarkable experience of this love. She lived in Bologna, Italy in the 1300s. She had wanted to be a nun from the time she was a little girl, and she joined that Dominican convent at the age of nine, to better prepare herself for the day when she would take the habit. Her greatest desire was to receive Holy Communion, but in those days, you had to be at least twelve years old to do so. Imelda begged for an exception to the rule, but the chaplain refused. She kept praying for special permission. Her prayers were miraculously answered on the Feast of the Ascension in 1333. After Mass, she stayed in her place in the chapel, where one of the nuns was putting away the sacred vessels. Suddenly, the nun heard a noise and turned towards Imelda. Hovering in mid-air in front of Imelda as she knelt in prayer was a sacred host, the Blessed Eucharist, shining with a bright and forceful light. The frightened nun ran to find the chaplain. By the time the chaplain arrived, the rest of the nuns and other onlookers had crowded, awe-struck, into the chapel. When the priest saw the shining, hovering host, he put on his vestments, went over to the girl, took the miraculous host in his hands, and gave her Holy Communion. Some minutes later, after the crowd had dispersed, the mother superior came over to Imelda to call her for breakfast. She found the girl still kneeling, with a smile on her face. But Imelda was dead. She had died of love, in ecstasy.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.



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