

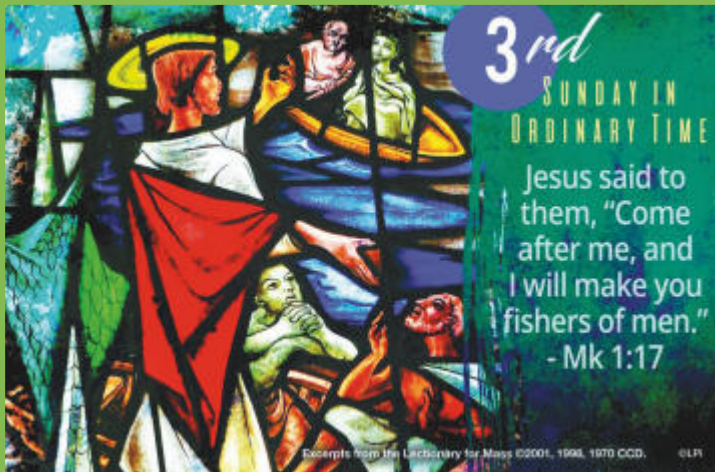
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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JANUARY 24, 2021



It was a normal day by all accounts, but John just wasn't feeling himself. He was a little lightheaded and out of sorts. Later in the afternoon, he experienced a sharp pain in his chest and arm. Quick thinking and action brought John to the emergency department with a diagnosis of a significant heart attack. Surviving this ordeal, he found himself face to face with his cardiologist, having an honest conversation about things that needed to change. "I came close to death," John found himself thinking. Then came the remorse. He was a young man with a loving wife and children who were very close to facing life without him. John found himself with intense sorrow for living an unchecked and self-indulgent life that almost brought him to his demise. He wanted to change.

We all have our wake-up calls. We have experiences and encounters that force us to really think twice about choices we have made and directions we have taken. Often, we find ourselves looking at those we have hurt square in the eye and wallowing in our foolishness. We regrettably realize that we have allowed our needs to lure us into making some cruel mistakes. We impulsively say things and flippantly do things that reveal our unredeemed and unhealed self. It is a self we stumble over and try to tame but can't quite seem to master and control. Help!

We spin our wheels, naively thinking that we will somehow, perhaps through persistence, get ourselves unstuck. But, we don't. We just get out of the car, feeling very helpless, and ignorantly look at the mess we got ourselves into. Did we ever think to ask someone for help? Or, taken the advice of One who is wiser and avoid this route altogether? "Come after me," are words that Jesus says to all of us. In order to heed his invitation, we must leave our ego-self behind and follow.

When we really see and understand the freedom, peace, justice, and love he offers, we find ourselves with such sorrow in our hearts for how foolish and silly we have been. All the misguided choices and sinful actions come full view and we see how risky our random impassioned behaviors really have been. Repentance is beautiful. When done with a sincere and contrite heart, it directs us to the glory that can be ours, ignites us with the challenge of living a life in service of others and reminds us that all is well.

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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.

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WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturdays at 4:00 p.m.

Sundays at 7:30, 9:15 and 11:00 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 3:25 p.m. to 3:45 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.



**THIRD SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

January 23 — 24, 2021

Usher Group II

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for the Soul of Mae Mancino
request of Lynn Mancino

9:15 A.M. Mass offered for the Soul of Keith DePathy
request of Cathy DePathy

11:00 A.M. Mass offered the Souls of Barbara and Donald
Sullivan — request of Patrick and Daniel Sullivan

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 18 — No Mass

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19 — No Mass

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for the Intentions of Vi Sobol who
is celebrating her Birthday
request of Cathy DePathy

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for the Soul of Christine Carlone
request of Cathy DePathy

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22 — No Mass

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23

4:00 P.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory

SNOW DAY NOTICE

Reminder: on weekdays when schools are closed due to snow etc. there will be no morning Mass at St. Maurice.

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 8 AM / Tuesday 9 AM / Wednesday 8 AM /
Thursday 9 AM / Friday 8 AM / Saturday Vigil 5 PM /
Sunday 10 AM**



**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
NEEDED**

If you are interested to serve in the Ministry of the Eucharist please call Linda Richardson at 860-965-6288 for information.

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:

Maria, Roman, Ron.

Candle Intentions: Jack.

Thank you, Mary Ann

ST MAURICE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



Members of the Prayer Shawl Ministry are making full size prayer shawls for our long term care parishioners. 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
MaryAnn Murphy at 860-649-5449

Thank you.



**Great News - Worldwide Marriage Encounter
has gone "Virtual"!**

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and some span multiple weeks on a given weekday. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call Frank & Margie Pearson at 860-337-2447 or visit them at <https://wwmectw.org/>.

"This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." Bring your marriage to its full-est on the upcoming virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience on Feb 12-14, 2021 in East Hartford, CT and Feb 22-Mar 15, 2021 in VIRTUAL 3RE, NY



STEWARDSHIP

Projected Amount needed — \$3,130

Offertory: January 17 — \$3,085

"Follow me and I will make you fishers of men."
- MARK 1:17

Jesus' call to "Follow me" is a call to all Christians! The call is in the here and now, in our present circumstances, not when we think we are "ready" or have everything in order. Good stewardship of our God-given gifts means that things aren't always going to go according to our schedule and that God has a much better plan in store for each of us.

^ Tear off

Memorial Mass Form

Drop in collection ^

Father Bill, please offer a weekend ___ (or) weekday ___ Mass for the soul ___ (or) intentions ___ (as applicable) of:

Name _____

Person requesting _____

Street Address _____ E-mail Address _____

City State Zip _____ E-mail Address _____

Home phone _____ Cell phone _____

Check enclosed ___ Envelope No. ___ We will Donate Online ___ (Customary donation \$10 weekday, \$20 weekend)

I will bring up the gifts at the Mass celebrated. Yes ___ No ___

FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH



VIRTUAL YOUTH EXPLOSION

The Diocese of Norwich invites Grades 6 – 12 to
VIRTUAL YOUTH EXPLOSION.

National singer, song writer, composer, and speaker - John Angotti presents through lyric and witness how God is Forever Faithful.

Youth Explosion is ONLINE Sunday, January 31st from 1pm – 3pm. There is no cost.

Please contact your Catechetical Leader to register.

Questions? Feel free to email

Amie Tillmann at saintmauriceccd@gmail.com

or call (860) 212-3901.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



East Catholic High School is accepting applications for the 2021-2022 school year! We are pleased to offer a Virtual Open House on Thursday, February 4, 2021 at 6:00p.m. Stay tuned for more details. Tuition Assistance will go fast, so be sure to complete your FACTS application today or risk being placed on the waiting list for aid.

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 24, 2021

- Sunday:** 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
- Tuesday:** Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops
- Wednesday:** St. Angela Merici, Virgin
- Thursday:** St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church
- Saturday:** BVM
- Sunday:** 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catholic Schools Week



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FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

Marriage Preparation Classes to Meet Virtually



With the uncertainty surrounding Covid-19, the Catholic Family Services Office will be offering virtual or one-on-one marriage preparation classes for engaged couples. All formal live classes have been suspended through July 1, 2021.

Couples getting married in 2021 or beyond, should contact Mary-Jo McLaughlin at the Catholic Family Services Office to establish class dates. She can be reached Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 860-848-2237, Ext 312 or by email at mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net.

Are you grieving from an Abortion?



Trust in the mercy of God's love. Consider these words from St. John Paul II to those suffering because of abortion: *"The church is aware of the many factors which may have influenced your decision, and she does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision. The wound in your heart may not yet have healed. Certainly what happened was and remains terribly wrong. But do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope....The Father of mercies is ready to give you His forgiveness and His peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. You will come to understand that nothing is definitively lost and you will also be able to ask forgiveness from your child, who is now living in the Lord."* (Evangelium Vitae, no. 99). Call **Project Rachel**, the church's post-abortion healing program, for a confidential referral to a priest who can help: **860-861-4439**.



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TOURS

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Or Email Lisa at:

development@saintbridget-school.com



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.

SUNDAY OBLIGATION

The obligation to attend Sunday Mass continues to be dispensed for all the faithful in the Diocese of Norwich until further notice. Those who are considered "high risk" due to age or underlying health condition, are encouraged to stay home. Stay home also if you are experiencing symptoms of illness or not feeling well. Since Sunday is still the Lord's Day, the faithful are encouraged to do one of the following while unable to attend Mass: Read and reflect on the Sunday scriptures; Pray the rosary reflecting on the Glorious Mysteries; Watch the Sunday Mass on TV, or via the internet.

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