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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
FEBRUARY 7, 2021



If I only knew then what I know now, how different life would be. This sentiment, expressed in myriad ways, is found on every human being's lips at one point or another. Life may have brought us to a vulnerable place where we see some of the poor choices we made and the effects they are having. Perhaps we fell into some destructive and dysfunctional relationships or behaviors and are finding how they held us captive. Our zeal and passion for life may have drifted away and we are waking up to the reasons apathy has taken hold. Life can be hard. In fact, some would describe their lives as a drudgery. They walk through each day with an anxious unsettledness, wondering when their restlessness will cease. There is a temptation to believe that what I see is all I will get. Mortality and hopelessness await the dawn. If I could only have known what would come in the future, I could have made better choices and avoided all of this misery!

Really? While we can certainly give into weakness, sin, impulsiveness, and idiosyncrasies that cause us to stumble over ourselves, life is really a journey. If we don't make the mistake of wallowing in the mire of self-pity and realize the new life God is calling us to, then there are thrills, adventures, surprises, and soul-searching graces we can surely miss. We are not tethered to our past nor are we bound to the ills life can bring upon us. We are never hopeless or helpless. The problem is that our myopic vision only allows us to see the misery and misfortune that is before us, not the potential that can come from choosing healthier and more life-giving options. Jesus came that we might have fullness of life. We need to learn how to reach for Jesus' hand and let him help us to our feet.

We need to allow God into our pain and heal our past. We have to wrestle with our histories, agonize and search and cry out for the Divine healing we need to restore our faith, hope, and love. Job could not see how his story would end or trust the guidance of the God who called him. We live in that same blindness and suffer from the same lack of confidence. Once we allow ourselves to be touched by God's healing power, we begin to see that all of the pieces of our lives are necessary parts of a greater whole. Along the way of our lives, God uses our omissions and failures to create new things and possibilities. When doors close, others open and we can be amazed by the joyful and unexpected surprises we receive. Once we know the power of God's creative, healing, life-giving, forgiving, and dynamic presence, it is no wonder we want to put ourselves at the service of others and show them what life can be.

## Prayer Line

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## Pastor

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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.

## Eucharistic Minister to Homebound

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Beth Harney 860-649-1331

Sharon Scorsio 860-646-1423

## Website

[www.saintmauricebolton.org](http://www.saintmauricebolton.org)

## 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.



**FIFTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME  
FEBRUARY 6 — 7, 2021**

Usher Group IV

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6**

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

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7**

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church

9:15 A.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory

11:00 A.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory

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

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8 — No MASS**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9 — No MASS**

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10**

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11**

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12 — No Mass**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13**

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**



**EUCCHARISTIC 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: Graham, Margaret.

Thank you, Mary Ann

**WEEKLY PRAYER**

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 7, 2021**

<b>SUN 2/7</b>	Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 3a]/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/ Mk 1:29-39
<b>MON 2/8</b>	Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c [31b]/Mk 6:53-56
<b>TUE 2/9</b>	Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Mk 7:1-13
<b>WED 2/10</b>	Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30 [1a]/Mk 7:14-23
<b>THR 2/11</b>	Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/Mk 7:24-30
<b>FRI 2/12</b>	Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [1a]/Mk 7:31-37
<b>SAT 2/13</b>	Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13 [1]/Mk 8:1-10
<b>SUN 2/14</b>	Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

**OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 7, 2021**

Sunday:	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin
Wednesday:	St. Scholastica, Virgin
Thursday:	Our Lady of Lourdes
Saturday:	Blessed Virgin Mary
Next Sunday:	6th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day; Valentine's Day



**STEWARDSHIP**

**Projected Amount needed — \$3,130**

*"Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed...He told them, 'Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.'"*  
- MARK 1:35, 38

In today's Gospel reading we see a perfect example of stewardship. Jesus gives His time to do all that God wishes - healing the sick and preaching. But before He begins, Jesus makes time to be alone with God in prayer. It is through prayer, spending time with God, that we find the strength to do what He wishes us to do. Be sure to find time every day to be with God.

^ 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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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**



**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.

*Blessed Sacrament Parish invites you to join us for a live-stream event:*

***A Call to Hope and Joy***



*A Special Lenten Program of Reflection and Song with Steve Angrisano*

To join this special program, go to [www.blessedsacramentct.org](http://www.blessedsacramentct.org) on February 22nd at 7:00pm, and click on the live-stream event.

**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 week-day. 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://www.mectw.org/>.

"Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties." There are many things to be anxious about in these days. Let us learn to calm our anxieties in our life by learning how to communicate better on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience.

The next virtual Experiences are  
Feb 12-14, 2021 in East Hartford, CT  
and Feb 22-Mar 15, 2021 in VIRTUAL 3RE, NY

***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.

**FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH**



**Operation Rice Bowl:  
Our Lenten Program:  
For Lent For Life**

For 48 years, Operation Rice Bowl has helped to feed the hungry poor. Through Operation Rice Bowl --- a program of prayer, fasting, learning, and giving --- what you give up for Lent can give hope to the poorest of the poor. Make this Lenten season one of awareness, compassion, and reflection. Operation Rice Bowl is sponsored by Catholic Relief Services and the Diocese of Norwich. Details of this program will appear in next Sunday's Bulletin.



**VIRTUAL BINGO FOR ALL AGES**

The Office of Faith Events invites people of all ages to participate in Virtual Bingo! Bingo will take place on Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup> from 3:30 – 5pm. You will receive your cards online, mark them and even remark them for the next game or you can print them and play. Through video conferencing, we will call the numbers and play different BINGO games from regular bingo, double bingo, picture frame, and finally black out! It will be great fun with lots of gift certificates for prizes! The cost is \$6 per card for the whole Bingo event! To register for your Bingo card, go to: <https://bit.ly/2Laol7Y> or call Marianne at 860-848-2237 ex. 304

**THE DOUG AND DAVE SHOW - FAMILY, FAITH, AND FUN**

National Catholic musicians and talents, The Doug and Dave Show, will join the Office of Faith Events on February 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm for Family, Fun and Faith- everyone is encouraged to join us. Filled with characters that delight young and old, songs that will make you sing out loud, stories which will inspire, and Catholic truths learned in a new and lighthearted ways. Join the live streamed event on the Diocese of Norwich page:

<https://www.norwichdiocese.org/Live-Events>

If you would like to have the links sent to you of where you can see the event, please contact Marianne Nicholas at [manicholas@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:manicholas@norwichdiocese.net) or call (860)848-2237 ex.304.

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