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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 14, 2021

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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.

The Church, as a voice of the Gospel, proclaims the sacredness of all human life. Everyone created by God is fashioned in God's image and has Divine DNA at the center of their soul. God never leaves what God creates but always remains intimately bound to what he has given form. Everyone has a place and because they have received the gift of Divine Blessing, nobody deserves to feel inferior, unworthy, unwanted, unclear or marginalized. Even the most broken of souls has a place. We, the Body of Christ, have the privilege and responsibility to give voice to the voiceless. The cries of the little one in his or her mother's womb are just as sacred as the cries of one who is homeless and hungry. The migrant deserves our attention as much as the forgotten elderly and even the prisoner, with a heart hardened by anger and resentment, deserves respect and dignity.

The Gospel of Life is often hard to swallow, and we would rather keep those we consider unclear, different or unfixable in a place by themselves. It is hard to see them with us, but they deserve to be. There is far too much violence in this world and the result of that violence is the assault on human life. Many are forced to leave the place they call home in search of safer ground, finding few if any along the way who will help them. How different today's Gospel story would be if Jesus gave in to what was politically correct at that time. The leper would have been turned away and a soul, already beaten down by disease and fear, would have experienced an even deeper wound. Jesus wouldn't have captured much attention from anyone, nor would he have mirrored the Father's compassion and love.

Where do we stand with all of this? Do we at least understand that God's vision is often in conflict with the vision put forth in our world and even the one we advance ourselves? There is no doubt that it is incredibly challenging to find a place for everyone at the table. This challenge is compounded when the systems of operation and structure that are so ingrained in us affirm power and privilege rather than inclusivity and justice. Everything really goes askew when the powerful begin to control who is entitled to wholeness and inclusion, and greed becomes a driving force. Prejudice and entitlement raise their ugly heads and we find ourselves with quite a mess. It's time to admit that things have been a mess for a very long time. The mess needs to be healed, not by erasing it but by allowing God to touch it and make it whole. We need to bring God back to the center of life where God belongs. There are no easy solutions to the world's dilemmas. But, knowing that wholeness, healing, and dignity are worthy pursuits, we can more confidently labor to achieve God's vision.



SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 13 — 14, 2021

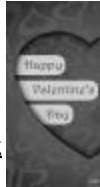
Usher Group I

Operation Rice Bowl

Rice Bowls and Lenten material available on usher tables

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13

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



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14

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

9:15 A.M. Mass offered for the Souls of Barbara and Donald
Sullivan — request of Patrick and Daniel Sullivan

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 15 — No MASS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16 — No MASS

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17



ASH WEDNESDAY

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

7:00 P.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19 — No MASS

NO STATIONS OF THE CROSS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20

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

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

FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH



ST. MAURICE PRAYER LINE

Please remember all the special intentions on
the St. Maurice Prayer Line and Faith For-
mation Students Prayer Requests.

New requests this week: Mary, Michael,
John, Amie, Maria, Raymond, Marilee.
Candle Intentions: Harold.

Thank you, Mary Ann

ST MAURICE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



Members of the Prayer Shawl Min-
istry are making full size prayer
shawls for our long term care pa-
rishioners. 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.

SNOW DAY NOTICE

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

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.



STEWARDSHIP

Projected Amount needed — \$3,130

Offertory: January 31 — \$3,233

February 7 — \$3,325

"Brothers and sisters, whether you eat or
drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of
God."

- 1 CORINTHIANS 10:31

Do a quick check of your priorities. Where does God rank
in that list? If He's not first, you have some work to do.
Putting God first in everything helps us from putting other
"gods" (like our pride, ego, money and possessions) before
God. Before making a decision, ask yourself, "I'm I going
this for the glory of God or for the glory of me?"

^ 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

Lenten Disciplines of
Fasting & Abstinence

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.

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 on February 22nd at 7:00pm, and click on the live-stream event.



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 21st 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

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

On Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2021, our parish with parishes across the Diocese of Norwich is beginning a program of prayer and sacrifice called Operation Rice Bowl (ORB). For 48 years, Operation Rice Bowl has helped to feed the hungry poor. Through our participation in this program, we bring hope and healing to another person or family living halfway across the globe. Money saved during Lent is then brought to the parish family Rice Bowl on Palm Sunday, March 28, 2021, 75% of Operation Rice Bowl funds will feed the hungry poor overseas, the remaining 25% will be used in the diocese to feed the needy. This Lent, gather in prayer and sacrifice as a family to pray and to care for the hungry poor.



Please join us
March 13, 2021 from 9 AM
for the Virtual Spring
**Norwich Diocesan
Women's Conference.**

Keynote speaker Julianne Stanz will present “Women as Disciples: Past, Present and Future”. The morning will also include a message from Bishop Cote, and guest speaker Sr. Elissa Rinere, C.P. Cost is \$10. To register online go to the Office of Faith Events page at www.norwichdiocese.org or for more information, please contact The Office of Faith Events at

860-848-2237, or manicholas@norwichdiocese.net
Virtual Basket Raffle to benefit the 2021 Norwich Diocesan Women's Conference. **Raffle is open to all from February 13 through March 14, winners will be notified March 15.**

Chance are \$1. Simply use the following link below to participate

<https://go.rallyup.com/baskets>



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