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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
FEBRUARY 21, 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.

St. Oscar Romero said, "Aspire not to have more, but to be more." These powerful words provide the perfect framework for a conversion oriented Lenten experience. God is giving us this Lenten sign to stop being concerned about what you have and focus on who you are. This requires that we create a desert space and listen more attentively for God to reveal His presence. It is all so wonderfully simple on the one hand and so incredibly challenging on the other. The message is simple: love God, neighbor, and self. Those simple words make great sense, but we struggle translating them into reality. Our attachments, compulsions, obsessions, addictions, routines, and busyness all anchor us to the "idol of the self," keeping us mired in our compulsive need for self-aggrandizement. It's not about us!

God vowed, long ago, to nurture, sustain and protect the relationship He has with His people. He called us into being, nurtures us in being, and sustains us in being. Without the Loving Divine Presence, all life would cease. Once we slow down a bit and clear away some of the clutter, we can see how the journey of our life is unfolding. We can see what brings us in and out of tune with God's love and how we can better imitate God's loving fidelity in our relationship with Him. In short, we will see our myopic short sightedness and figure out how we can better share the Divine Fire within with others. Lent isn't just about giving stuff up for forty days and indulging again at Easter. We need to push things much farther and wrestle with the question of how we can be more. "Being more" means becoming more fully alive and in touch with the holiness of life and the divinity that lives in and empowers all beings and things. It is realizing that the "quality" of our presence is crucial to being an effective witness and herald of God's unconditional love.

The illusion we have bought into causes us to believe that the wrong things and systems matter. We tirelessly fight to keep things the way they are, to return to the former ways of doing things or restore some nostalgic fantasy memory of "life in the good old days." Lent isn't about maintaining what we have or returning to something that is gone. It's about becoming something new. It's about being more focused, centered, convicted, and grounded so that we can be a person who truly loves and treasures being made in the image of God. The secret to Gospel living is not found in accumulating anything for ourselves, even merit points for heaven. Gospel living means learning how to live with less so that others can live with more. The thought of permanently giving something up makes us feel uncomfortable. Truth often does.



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 20 — 21, 2021

Usher Group II

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory

9:15 A.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners
of St. Maurice Church

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 22 — No MASS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23 — No MASS

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for the Souls of Henry, Mary and
Edward Rakowski and for Henryette Prioleau
request of the Family

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26 — No MASS

NO STATIONS OF THE CROSS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27

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

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.

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:

Pat, Dorothy, Danica, Kate.

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://www.mectw.org/>.



STEWARDSHIP

Projected Amount needed — \$3,130

Offertory: February 14 — \$1,864

"After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God...."

- MARK 1:14

Do you ever think about how difficult it must have been for Jesus to come into Galilee, knowing that John had just been arrested for teaching the same message that Jesus was proclaiming. It must have taken great love and trust for Jesus to do what the Father had sent Him here on earth to do. In the same way, following a life of stewardship takes great love and trust from us. We must be willing to surrender completely to God, trusting that God will always give us all that we need to fulfill His plan for 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

Dear Father Olesik and Parishioners:

It is with great gratitude that I write to you today to thank you so very much for your participation in our 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal, *One Faith, One Family*. When we launched our 2020 ACA, so many of us were faced with anxiety and concern over the pandemic. You, our faithful, members of Saint Maurice Parish, were not daunted by the challenge presented by the ACA. Faced with your own fears, you turned to Our Lord, Jesus Christ, for strength and in faith, you pledged your support to our ACA.

Because of your desire to carry out Jesus's mandate to "love one another", you have allowed our ACA supported ministries and programs to provide essential food, spiritual guidance, education, compassionate care, and the sacraments to our friends and neighbors. While we all worshipped a little bit differently this year, thanks to our priests livestreaming masses and faith events providing on line prayer and support programs, we have only strengthened our faith and come into a closer relationship with our Savior.

Thank you to Saint Maurice Parish for your donation of \$10,078.31 to the 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal. You have reached 102.34% of your goal, with 32% of your parishioners donating.

As you approach March and our 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal, I pray that you continue to place God at the center of your life and are inspired to yet again rise to the challenge of helping one another as best you are able. I pray that you and your families continue to have good health and feel the love of Jesus every day.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Michael R. Cote, D. D. Bishop of Norwich

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.



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

Lent is a time of opportunity for us to strengthen our faith through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. These practices bring us closer to God and demonstrate our solidarity with those in need at home and around the world. This Lent make your sacrifices become opportunities to feed the hungry poor. Please participate in CRS Operation Rice Bowl and let the sacrifices you make for the hungry poor nourish them and may these sacrifices witness to the love that disciples of Christ have for all people, especially for the least of the Lord's sisters and brothers.



**"Intense love does not measure, it just gives." -
Saint Mother Teresa**

The Covid pandemic continues on, and the uncertainty of employment is great. Catholic Charities has seen many of our neighbors reaching out for assistance. With your help, we can assist them in their hour of need. All donations are welcome especially monetary donations of any size, non-perishable food, baby items such as diapers & wipes, and toiletries.

Visit ccfsn.org or call 860-889-8346 for more information.



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> or send a check with your basket choices by March 5th to: Bishop Flanagan Ministry Center, 199 Broadway, Norwich, CT, 06360, attention: Marianne

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