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**PALM SUNDAY
MARCH 28, 2021**



Many struggle with Jesus. Some who consider themselves faithful hail him in their churches but still struggle to figure out what to do with him on our streets. The message is somehow more palatable when it echoes pious renderings and sentiments and involves singing hosannas during worship. It becomes a bit trickier when it gets to the part about changing the way we conduct the business of our lives, becoming more sensitive to the disadvantaged, poor, and marginalized, and living as servants of our Loving Creator. Ultimately, it is a struggle between wanting to be God ourselves and letting God be God as God is. That's why it's so easy to become hypocritical. We, like those who hailed Christ as he arrived in Jerusalem and sent Christ to the cross to die, also talk out of both sides of our mouths. We entertain what suits us at the time and walk away from the rest.

Many neglect God's beautiful creation because they prefer what humans have made instead. Progress isn't seen in preserving and enhancing what God has made but replacing it with something we believe is better and more useful. The earth, flowers, and animals are all expendable if they stand in the way of the "more" we want to achieve. We seek to remove as many obstacles and hurdles as possible in search of the easiest, quickest, and most efficient path we can find. We have created drugs and laws that preserve our free choice, even though it may mean setting aside God's vision and example. Why suffer when we can easily be put to rest? Why endure insult or injury when we can retaliate, eliminate or subdue? Why accept life when it is acceptable to choose otherwise? We want to be God and resist accepting the fact that our real Creator has already given us the blueprints for the life we need to live in the Beatitudes and in the example of his Passion. We don't like being stewards and managers and really want the power to do as we wish and desire. We want to create our own way.

Where has the true, effective Christian voice been through all of the wars and violence, prejudice and unjust conquests, abuse of human beings and attempted extinctions of nationalities, the establishments of procedures and protocols that serve only a few and not the many and all of the injustices and exploitations that are a part of our human history? A few courageous prophets have stood up and out throughout all of the comings and goings of our human journey with many receiving the same fate as the Crucified One we hail this week. Some still walk among us as shining stars showing us how it really can be. How would Jesus' journey have ended if he lived life as we do? Unless we encounter the good with the bad, the just with the unjust, the grace with the sin, the glory with the cross, the death with the life we most certainly risk rendering God obsolete. After all, haven't we already convinced ourselves that we can do better?

Prayer Line

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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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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.

**PALM SUNDAY****MARCH 27 — 28, 2021**

Usher Group III

OPERATION RICE BOWL COLLECTION**SATURDAY, MARCH 27****4:00 P.M.** Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory**SUNDAY, MARCH 28****7:30 A.M.** Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory**9:15 A.M.** Mass offered for the Souls of Royal and Audrey Wentworth — requested by Clifford and Sharon

Scorso

11:00 A.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church**5:30 P.M.** Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours**MONDAY, MARCH 29 — NO MASS****TUESDAY, MARCH 30 — NO MASS****WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31 — NO MASS****5:00 P.M. — 6:00 P.M.** CONFESSIONS**THURSDAY, APRIL 1 — HOLY THURSDAY****7:00 P.M.** Mass offered for all Priests especial Father Bill

CONFESSIONS AFTER MASS (No Adoration)

FRIDAY, APRIL 2 — GOOD FRIDAY**3:00 P.M.** SERVICE (NO VENERATION OF THE CROSS)

CONFESSIONS AFTER 3:00 P.M. SERVICE

NO STATIONS OF THE CROSS

SATURDAY, APRIL 3 — HOLY SATURDAY**10:00 A.M.** BLESSING OF FOOD

CONFESSIONS AFTER BLESSING OF FOOD UNTIL 11:00 A.M.

8:00 P.M. EASTER VIGIL MASS

Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church

SUNDAY, APRIL 4 — EASTER SUNDAY

Masses at 7:30 A.M., 9:15 A.M. and 11:00 A.M.

Livestream Masses:**From the Cathedral of Saint Patrick in Norwich**<https://www.norwichdiocese.org/Masses>**From Blessed Sacrament Parish**<https://www.blessedsacramentct.org/>**Monday 8 AM / Tuesday 9 AM / Wednesday 8 AM****Holy Week Livestream: Holy Thursday 7 PM****Good Friday 3 PM / Easter Vigil 8 PM****PLEASE TAKE NOTE**Time change of the Saturday Vigil Mass from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. will begin Saturday, **April 10.****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: Sharon, James,

Ruth, Dorothy.

Candle Intentions: MaryLou, John.

Thank you, Mary Ann



50th Annual Sleigh Bells Ring Christmas Fair

The Fair Group is looking forward to having the **50th Sleigh Bells Ring Christmas Fair** on Nov, 20, 2021. We are working on some new ideas plus the favorites we produce each year. We plan to have some work at home available

shortly and if you are interested please call us.

When we feel it is safe we will again gather at the Parish Center for some coffee and catch up on the past year and plan and work for the Fair 50th this year.

Our needs are wool material and yarn, cotton fabric, Christmas mugs, tea spoons, large sea shells and large pine cones, and of course our constant need for baby food jars.

We hope you are all well and able to get your COVID-19 Vaccine shots. We look forward to gathering again.

Dorli, Beth, and Sharon

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.

**STEWARDSHIP****Projected Amount needed — \$3,130****Offertory: March 21 — \$4,217***"Pilate again said to them, 'Then what shall I do with the man whom you call the King of the Jews?' And they cried out again, 'Crucify him.'"*

— MARK 15:12-13

Jesus told us "whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you do for me." Every day we are presented opportunities to help someone. Every day we have the opportunity to see the face of Jesus in others and be the face of Jesus to others. Every day we pass by someone in need. Pray for the strength and courage to be the answer to someone's prayer.

^ 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**HOLY WEEK MASSES****Wednesday, March 31**

No 9:00 a.m. Mass, Confessions 5:00 — 6:00 p.m.

**Thursday, April 1 — Holy Thursday**

Mass at 7:00 p.m., Confession after Mass.

No Adoration

Friday, April 2 — Good Friday

Service at 3:00 p.m.

Confessions after Service.

No Stations of the Cross

**Saturday, April 3 — Easter Vigil****Blessing of Easter Food** in pews at 10:00 a.m.

Confession after food blessing till 11:00 a.m.

Easter Vigil Mass at 8:00 p.m.**Sunday, April 4 — Easter Sunday****The Resurrection of the Lord**

Masses at 7:30 a.m., 9:15 a.m., and 11:00 a.m.

**EASTER MASSES**

Mass attendance has been increasing during Lent. Many volunteers work hard to insure that the church is a clean and safe environment for all. We ask that any family of **more than 4** planning to attend the Easter Vigil or Easter Sunday Mass, to please contact the office and leave information on number and time so ushers can prepare a reserved space. This will be extremely helpful.

The office number is (860-643-4466. Many thanks.

**EAST CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL**

The Admissions Office is excited to announce that we will be offering an Outdoor Open House for Prospective Freshmen and Transfer Students on Thursday, April 8 from 4-6 pm.

Weather Permitting. This event will be held via Zoom if there is inclement weather.

Please join us on campus to experience the East Catholic difference as families can walk freely amongst stations featuring academic departments as well as athletics and the fine arts. Masks and social distancing required.

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**Sung Chaplet of The Divine Mercy**

Join us on **Divine Mercy Sunday, April 11 at 3pm**, for a sung Chaplet of Divine Mercy. This live event will be streamed from the Cathedral of Saint Patrick and can be viewed on the Diocesan website - NorwichDiocese.org/Masses and on the Cathedral website - CathedralofSaintPatrick.org/Resources/Live-Stream. Social distancing guidelines will be in effect for those wishing to attend in person.

Catholic Charities needs your help!

Do to the enormous impact of Covid-19, we are quickly running out of resources to help all of those who come to us in need within the Diocese of Norwich. At this time, all locations are badly in need of toiletries. Items such as shampoo, soap, tooth brushes, tooth paste etc. If you would like to donate any of these much needed care items, please contact one of our locations nearest you.

Norwich — 860-889-8346

New London — 860-443-5328

Middletown — 860-346-0060

Willimantic — 860-423-7065

"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." Mathew 25:4

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/>.

As we celebrate Palm Sunday, let us be open to the love from our spouse and God by participating in a virtual Worldwide Marriage experience on

Thursdays/Mondays April 8-29

Friday/Saturday/Sunday April 23-25

Hosanna!

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