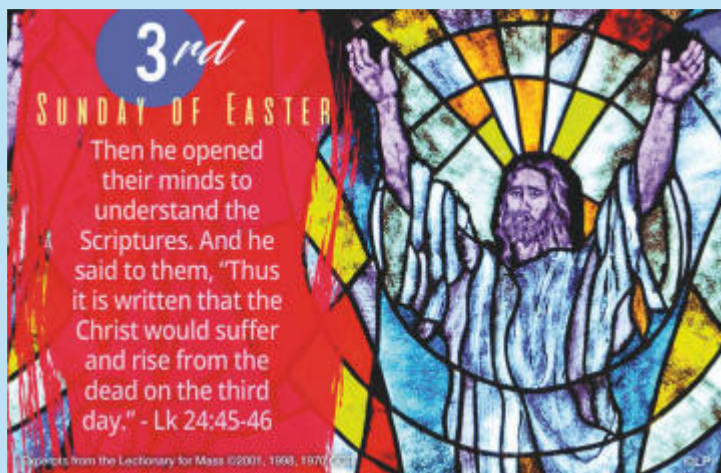


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We often act out of ignorance. Armed with the best of intentions, we think we are seeing clearly and correctly, but we are not. We don't always understand the full meaning of things and only perceive part of the truth. Hence, our judgments and actions can be impaired by myopic, incomplete or erroneous perceptions. The meaning of life, understanding of human experience, and negotiating life's challenges can all become skewed without proper understanding and vision. The resurrection of Christ is the corrective to our incomplete and limited view of life. Looking at things with the eyes of faith brings a depth of clarity and understanding to how we see God, ourselves, others, and the world. Even the disciples struggled with their limited understanding and ignorant perceptions. It was only when Jesus opened their minds to understand the Scriptures that their eyes were opened. It was their "aha" moment when everything clicked. We all want the substance of our lives to come together, make sense, and have meaning. This is easier to achieve when things are going positively, and life is good. It is when suffering, disappointment, death, hardship, and injustice enter the picture that things can become unsettled and disoriented. Our faith in the goodness and love of God is tested. We tend to shift our focus on these difficult and challenging moments and do not see them within the greater picture of how God intends life to unfold. We can gain, from the passion and resurrection of Christ, the clear vision we need in order to move away from ignorance to enlightenment.

We need our "aha" moment when everything comes together and clicks. It can come in a fleeting instant when we feel totally connected with God, where we find ourselves, others and all of creation. It is a moment when all is right and good, regardless of how difficult our journey. Our "aha" moment assures us that God is here, right with us, in us and around us bringing us a gift and blessing we can receive nowhere else: peace. In those brief sacramental encounters when we are lifted up out of ourselves and centered, we can hear God say, "peace be with you," and we feel secure. It's all okay. The resurrected Christ has the power to bring this gift to us. Some people, as they are facing their deaths, remark about this peace. When looking into the window of eternity, they experience a depth of joy and are amazed at God's goodness and closeness. We are called to be witnesses to this Good News.



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 18, 2021

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WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturdays at 5:00 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 4:25 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

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Please call the rectory (860-643- 9553) to arrange for a meeting with the Pastor.

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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 OF EASTER

APRIL 17 — 18, 2021

Usher Group II

SATURDAY, APRIL 17

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for the Souls of Rocco and Helen Fiano — requested by Larry Fiano Family

SUNDAY, APRIL 18

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for the Soul of Suzanne Dower requested by Lynn Mancino

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

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, APRIL 19 — No Mass

TUESDAY, APRIL 20 — No Mass

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for the Soul of James Aufman requested by The Family
Rosary after Mass

THURSDAY, APRIL 22

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 23 — No Mass

SATURDAY, APRIL 24

5:00 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

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**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 Formation Students Prayer Requests.

New requests this week: Frank, Mary, Annette, Richard, Carol, Joe, Steve, Mary Kay.

Candle Intentions: Carol, Agnes.

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.



The Fair Group is looking forward to having the **50th Sleight 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



STEWARDSHIP

Projected Amount needed — \$3,130

Offertory: April 11 — \$1,868

"Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' But they were startled and frightened..." - LUKE 24:36-37

Throughout the day we have many opportunities to "see the face of Jesus" in others and to "be the face of Jesus" to others. Do we take that opportunity to provide "peace" to those we encounter or are we afraid of what others will think of us and do nothing? Pray for the strength and courage to live a "God-centered" life and not a "self-centered" life.

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

REFLECTIONS

No price too high: A story is told of a wealthy socialite who traveled to Europe with several friends. Her husband stayed home and played the stock market. While in Paris she found a fur coat that was the most beautiful she had ever seen. She sent a telegram to her husband that said, "Have found the perfect coat for only \$50,000. What do you think?" He responded immediately with a telegram saying, "No, price too high." Imagine his surprise when she returned home with that \$50,000 coat. The angry husband said, "Didn't you get my telegram?" "Yes," she said, "and here it is." The husband looked at that telegram which said, without punctuation, "NO PRICE TOO HIGH." He forgot to put a comma after NO. That's the way it is with life in the Kingdom. When through Jesus you catch a glimpse of how wonderful life is in the Kingdom, no price is too high to pay for it.

Mitt Romney spent more than \$42 million: It has been reported that, in his race for the Republican nomination for President of the United States, Mitt Romney spent more than 42 million of his own hard-earned dollars. That's a lot of money. However, when he dropped out, he still had quite a bit of money left in his personal piggy bank. He hadn't invested everything he owned in his failed attempt for the nomination. -- We wonder if he regrets spending so much or, perhaps, he regrets he didn't spend more. How about you? Is there anything in this world for which you would sell everything you own? I can think of only one thing: the life of someone we love. If one of our children were sick and there was a cure that would cost everything we had, even including our own life, most of us would be willing to give it all up without a moment's thought. We would give everything we own for the well-being of those we love, but that's about it. Nothing else that I can think of has that big a hold on us. Yet, Jesus said the Kingdom of Heaven is worth everything we have. Our money. Our time. Our energy. Everything. That's quite a statement. Everything we own. So, what is this Kingdom of Heaven or Kingdom of God?

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Thank you !

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Catholic Charities is collecting school supplies and backpacks for children who will be attending summer school. If you can help, please drop off items such as pens, folders, pencils, crayons, markers, notebooks, backpacks, rulers, glue sticks and book covers at one of our Catholic Charities locations - 331 Main Street in Norwich, 28 Huntington Street in New London, 151 Broad Street in Middletown, or 88 Jackson Street in Willimantic. For questions or more information, please contact Terri Fontaine at 860-889-8346 extension 263 or email terrifontaine@ccfsn.org.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and are seven sessions on weekdays from 7:00pm to 9:30pm. 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/>.

Like in the gospel today, sometimes our minds need to be opened to know what God has done for us, and what he wants for us in our marriage. Deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, rekindle your romance and renew your sacrament by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience (in English) on Mondays/Thursdays May 3-24 and Thursdays/Mondays Jun 3-24

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