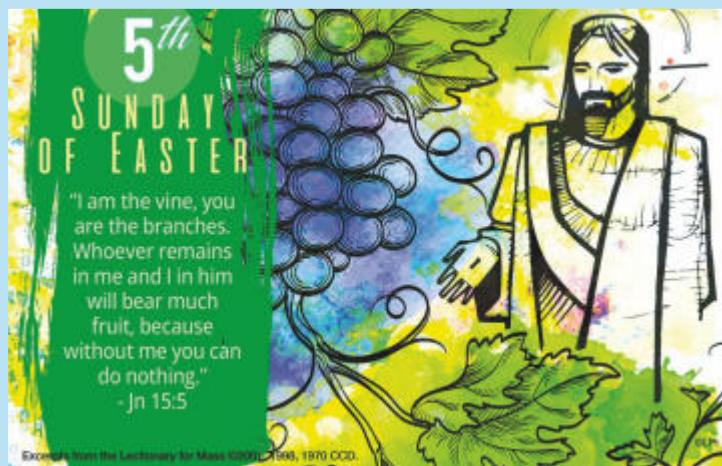


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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
MAY 2, 2021

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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.

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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.

**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.

“Spiraling out of control,” is a phrase that can easily describe the current display of human existence. In addition to the violence, unrest, uneasiness and turmoil that are common elements of our daily news, other essential pieces are misplaced or missing. Many lack an objective center around which to order and structure their lives or a clear set of definable goals or mores to act as guideposts and life directives. It appears that “feelings” have become a “new god” and traditional structures and ideals set aside. It is almost as if history only shows that we got this whole thing wrong and many are determined to finally set things right. The real truth, however, is that while wrongs and errors are certainly a part of our often-checkered past, it is hardly the case that all was wrong. It is not our task to rewrite the history of our lives, but to learn from mistakes that were made, and preserve the perennial wisdom at the root of our successes. Learning is an essential part of being human.

The question becomes, however, from whom do we learn? Some have such a hard time placing God in that position, but that is precisely where God needs to be. God is the Master Teacher from whom all of humanity learns and gets its cues. It is in and through this relationship with the Gardener of Life that we are fashioned and pruned into the people we are intended to be and can be. It is only in God that we are able to find our best selves. Sadly, many think that religion too, as well as history in general, has also gotten all this wrong. Yet, our resurrection faith tells us differently. We are reminded, today especially, that we are meant to remain in Christ as Christ remains in us. We are also reminded that Jesus, the Incarnate God, is the vine upon which we grow, the branches that flow from the source of God’s life.

Giving up our will to God’s can be a painful endeavor. It is not easy to set our own desires and wants aside and allow God to step in and direct and guide our growth. But this is the only way to prevent deadly weeds from overtaking us and bringing us to a place of self-destruction. God’s commandments are the very guideposts and benchmarks we need, yet many seek to remove them from all public view because they appear to limit self-expression and suppress what is considered by many to be “human freedom.” They are the only way we can find freedom, however. And, until we learn this fundamental lesson, we will continue to spiral out of control, never really knowing who we are, what our potential can be or how life really can be lived. We will not know peace.



## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**MAY 1 — 2, 2021**

Usher Group IV

### SECOND COLLECTION FOR SEMINARY EDUCATION FUND

#### SATURDAY, MAY 1

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church

#### SUNDAY, MAY 2

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for the Soul of MaryAnn Sartor requested by Mary Anne Murphy

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, MAY 3 — No MASS

#### TUESDAY, MAY 4 — No MASS

#### WEDNESDAY, MAY 5

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

#### THURSDAY, MAY 6

##### NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

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

#### FRIDAY, MAY 7 — No MASS

#### SATURDAY, MAY 8

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

<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 Formation Students Prayer Requests.

New requests this week: Lorraine, Carol, Joe, Fern, Ed.

Candle Intention: Ellen

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 **50<sup>th</sup> 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 50<sup>th</sup> 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 25 — \$2,412

"Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth."  
- 1 JOHN 3:18

Regarding our Catholic faith, do you "walk the talk?" Do your actions reflect what it means to be a good disciple? Are you an active participant at Sunday Mass? Are you joyful when participating in parish ministry? Do you give gratefully and generously with your financial support to your parish and other Church needs? If not, it's not too late to start!

^ 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**

**Stress-Free Retirement Planning** – online webinar Monday 5/3 at 7:00 p.m.

Join us for an informative online presentation by inspirational speaker and behavioral finance expert Joe Jordan. Joe will discuss how to plan for your financial future and a secure retirement. Joe believes in the mission of the Knights of Columbus Council #6199 to protect families by providing economic security and stability. Only by helping others can we truly "Live a Significant Life."

Some of the topics Joe will cover:

- Eight steps to financial security
- Capital markets explained in 5 minutes
- Why patience pays when claiming Social Security
- Six risks to a secure retirement and how you can insure against them

To register, go to:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_rrOHg8c-Q4avXNqEylO0wg](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_rrOHg8c-Q4avXNqEylO0wg)

**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/>.

"Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me." Learn how your marriage can bear fruit on the next English Worldwide Marriage experience on

Mondays/Thursdays May 3-24  
Thursdays/Mondays Jun 3-24

**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****Virtual Marriage Enrichment**

Come away for a day and re-energize and deepen your marriage and your faith with practical insights from Pope Francis' wisdom on marriage and family life. Join other married couples for a virtual enrichment entitled

**"The Joy of Love"**

on **Saturday, May 15, 2021**, from 9 A.M to 1 P.M.

The enrichment is based on Chapter 4 of Pope Francis' *Amoris Laetitia: The Joy of Love* and will feature four talks on: Daily Love, Conjugal Love, Passionate Love and Transformation of Love. This enrichment is for married couples of all ages and years married. There is no cost, but registration is required. To register, call Mary-Jo McLaughlin at Catholic Family Services 860-848-2237, Ext. 312. Or email her at [mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net).

**Catholic Charities needs your help!**

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](mailto:terrifontaine@ccfsn.org).

**PRAYER**

God, help me to stay connected to Jesus.

**MISSION FOR THE WEEK**

Read Galatians 5:22-23 with your family. Write down the nine different kinds of fruit that will grow from your faith, when you stay connected to Jesus.



**Immediate Vacancy:** Saint Vincent de Paul Place, Norwich is searching for a **Full-time Food Pantry Manager**. This position is responsible for all aspects of food procurement and distribution of food, including pickup, receipt, storage, and distribution of food to community members in need. The manager trains and manages staff and volunteers to ensure that patrons' needs are met, 2+ Years operations food management experience and min. 2-year degree preferred. Bilingual with English and Spanish or French/Creole desired.

**Interested parties, please email your resume to Jill Corbin at [jcsvdpp@gmail.com](mailto:jcsvdpp@gmail.com)**



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