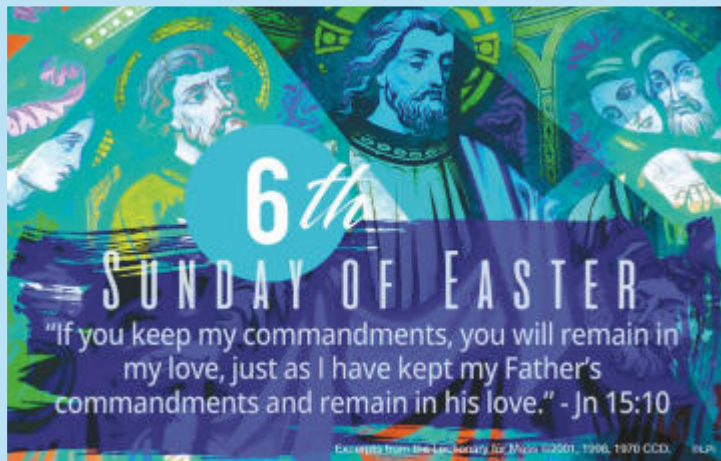


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"Remain in my love," and, "I call you friends," are powerful words that are found in John's Gospel. Most of us probably have them committed to memory or have at least heard them proclaimed dozens of times. They are words that can easily become trite and quickly glossed over without fully pondering and digesting their profound beauty. When we take the time to immerse ourselves in them, they can radically change our lives and our relationships. They can open up new doors of adventure and hold countless possibilities for meaning. The essence of love and friendship are things that can easily be taken for granted. They have always been there and are a significant part of our lives. Many would say that they could not live without love and friendship, and they put a great deal of care into preserving, deepening and sustaining them. Love and friendship share a mutual relationship with each other that deserves more reflection.

Where does love come from? We can consider relationships that have not succeeded and conclude that they were somehow due to our "failures in love." In doing so, we assume that human beings are the ones responsible for love, its success and also its failure. While our weakness, emotional composition and sinfulness can easily impact our ability to love, its origin is not human. God is love. God is love's author and origin. When we love, it is God who loves in and through us. It is because of this divine closeness that Jesus is able to call us friends! It is not because of anything we have done but simply because of who we are. Realizing and contemplating this awesome reality becomes a game changer across the board. It gives us reason to clear the table of anything that can adversely affect the way we love so that we can open the door for its author to shine forth.

Coming upon this truth is what leads folks like St. Francis of Assisi to leave that which is comfortable and worldly and live a radical life. They relate with the love of God that radiates in and through all living things and appreciate their sacredness. It was having an intimate experience of God's love and friendship that propelled St. Francis and others to embrace simplicity, act nonviolently, pursue humility, love enemies, care for the earth and open up avenues for true justice. Understanding this profound truth will also help us find peaceful solutions to world's problems, restore relationships with our sisters and brothers, bring the grace of loving stewardship to creation and heal many wounds. Once we begin to see how wonderfully holy all of life really is, we discover joy. We lose our need for fear, develop a fierce fortitude, act prudently and seek justice. There is great power in love because it comes from God. It will never fail. It also enjoys the company of two other friends who are eager to become our friends as well: faith and hope. These are just as important to have and to share.



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
MAY 9, 2021

## Prayer Line

Mary Ann 860-649-5449

## Pastor

Fr. Bill Olesik

## Director of Faith Formation

Amie Tillmann

860-646-6314 or [saintmauriceccd@gmail.com](mailto:saintmauriceccd@gmail.com)

## Organist and Choir Director

Don Benevides 860-871-0752

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Mrs. Theresa Ciscion

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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

Patricia Cinea 860-646-0564

## Fair and Workshops

Dorli Cloutier 860-649-6255

Beth Harney 860-649-1331

Sharon Scorsio 860-646-1423

## Website

[www.saintmauricebolton.org](http://www.saintmauricebolton.org)

## 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.



## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**MAY 8 — 9, 2021**

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**SECOND COLLECTION — MAINTENANCE COLLECTION**

**SATURDAY, MAY 8**

**5:00 P.M.** Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory

**SUNDAY, MAY 9**



**7:30 A.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church

**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 10 — No Mass**

**TUESDAY, MAY 11 — No Mass**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 12**

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

**THURSDAY, MAY 13**

**SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD**

*Holy Day of Obligation*

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

Rosary after Mass

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

**FRIDAY, MAY 14 — No Mass**

**SATURDAY, MAY 15**

**10:00 A.M.** First Communion Retreat in the church basement for students who will be receiving First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 23 at the 11:00 a.m. Mass.

**5:00 P.M.** Mass offered for our Confirmation candidates, **Gio Girasoli and Konrad Jandzinski**

**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: Nora, Martha, Diane, Cathy, Mary Jo, Joe, Bob, Elaine, Bernie.

Candle Intention: Auger Family 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.



### 2021 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

**AS OF 4/23/2021**

- Please consider repeating your gift 2021. Thank you for your generosity.

- If you have not pledged before, consider giving \$5 to increase our participation rate.
- Parish Goal of \$9,848 remains the same as in 2020. Current pledges so far total \$7,218.75 or 73.30% of our goal. This was given by 39 donors in a parish list of 177, a participating rate of 22.03%.



### STEWARDSHIP

**Projected Amount needed — \$3,130**

**Offertory: May — \$3,506**

*"This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends"*

*- JOHN 15:12-13*

Do you love Jesus? Do you consider Him your friend? Jesus says that if we love Him we would be willing to offer whatever we have to Him, not because we want praise and glory, but simply because we love Him. Does your giving seem mechanical out of obligation or do you share freely out of love?

^ 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



## About Interval House

Founded in 1977, Interval House is the largest agency in the state of Connecticut dedicated to preventing and breaking the cycle of domestic violence and intimate partner abuse.

Providing free and confidential services for victims in 24 towns and cities both East and West of the Connecticut River, Interval House has made a positive difference in the lives of more than 250,000 women and children who have experienced physical, psychological, and emotional abuse at the hand of a domestic or intimate partner.

Interval House serves residents of Andover, Avon, Bloomfield, Bolton, Canton, East Granby, East Hartford, Ellington, Farmington, Glastonbury, Granby, Hartford, Hebron, Manchester, Marlborough, Newington, Rocky Hill, Simsbury, South Windsor, Tolland, Vernon, West Hartford, Wethersfield, and Windsor.

If you need help at any hour, call or text the Safe Connect Hotline at 888-774-2900. For emergencies, please dial 911.

For business matters, you can reach Interval House staff by dialing 860-246-9149.

To schedule a presentation by the Community Educator, dial 860-838-8462.

For volunteer opportunities, call 860-643-3338.

To give a monetary gift to help clients, please call 860-838-8451. To inquire about donating items, call 860-246-9149 ext. 358 (please allow a week for response).

## 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).



### Evening of Reflection for Mothers

All moms are invited to take time for their own personal growth and wellness by joining with other women for a virtual Evening of Reflection for Mothers on **May 20th at 7pm**. If you are a mom, consider taking the time you need and deserve to deepen your relationship with Christ through personal prayer, reflection, and spiritual enrichment. There is no cost, but registration is required. To register, please email Mary-Jo McLaughlin at Catholic Family Services at [mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net) or call her at (860) 848-2237 Ext. 312.

### Banns of Ordination

The following seminarian will be ordained to the Order of Deacon on Thursday, May 27, 2021:

Mr. Jacob Ramos

Should you know of any reason why this man should not be ordained a deacon, please write to:

**The Most Reverend Michael R. Cote, Bishop of Norwich**  
201 Broadway, Norwich, CT 06360

## FROM SAINT MAURICE CHRISTMAS FAIR GROUP



We extend our sincere thanks to Jeff and Sue Monroe for many years of designing and printing tags for the products sold at the Fair. They have decided to move on to other projects after the 2021 Fair so we are looking for their replacement. We are looking for someone who would be interested in helping us produce various graphics for the fair, including product tags, legend cards, recipe cards, and more. Experience using a variety of online graphics programs and sources for clipart and other graphics is needed. Jeff and Sue will show you the ropes. It would be wonderful if the new volunteer(s) have their own computer and printer. The Fair Group will refund the cost of ink and the special papers needed to create what is needed.

**If interested, please contact Dorli Cloutier at 860-649-6255 or [dorliandlou@yahoo.com](mailto:dorliandlou@yahoo.com).**

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