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**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**MAY 16, 2021**



God remains where love remains. When a believer realizes without doubt that God is love, it is a powerful moment. Being able to place our resurrection trust in this fundamental truth allows us to experience God's presence in all of our experiences: the good and the bad, positive and negative, life enriching and destructive events we encounter. It is no wonder that St. Paul so accurately tells us that it is love that endures all things and lasts. How can God not endure or ever fade away? Because he is God, Jesus also guarded and protected his disciples as the endearing shepherd who always had their best interest at heart.

If we become too immersed in the world, we lose touch with these deeper realities. We can become so preoccupied with preserving what we have created or think that we need, forgetting that it is not building our city that really matters, but God's. Jesus clearly did not belong to the world and, by virtue of his resurrection, he tries to get us to understand that we do not either. The truth brings us to other worldly, more divine places and takes our eyes off of the concerns that often captivate our fears and storm our senses.

Life can easily erode our faith. Think of your life over the last couple of weeks. What challenged your faith and distracted your divine glance? Even being overly stimulated with technology and social media can erode our sense of confidence and cause us to forget who we really are. We need to distance ourselves from the world in order to experience the joy that Christ offers. The world will never like the word of God. It is too challenging and too perplexing. The world mistakenly believes that it can survive on its own. It is a mistaken judgment that may cost people a lot in the end. It is all so very simple: God remains when we love one another. If in all the business of our lives and all that each day brings, the good and the bad, we follow the call and path of love, we will walk with God. There is nothing to fear and anxiety finds no home.

## **Prayer Line**

Mary Ann 860-649-5449

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**Fr. Bill Olesik**

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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

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## **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.



## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**MAY 15 — 16, 2021**

Usher Group II

**SATURDAY, MAY 15**

**5:00 P.M.** Mass offered for our Confirmation candidates, **Gio Girasoli and Konrad Jandzinski** who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation during this Mass

**SUNDAY, MAY 16**

**7:30 A.M.** Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory  
**9:15 A.M.** Mass offered for the Souls of Barbara and Donald Sullivan requested by Patrick and Daniel Sullivan  
**11:00 A.M.** Mass offered for the Soul of Regina Maciora requested by Joseph Maciora

**BAPTISMS AFTER THE 11:00 A.M. MASS****MIA AUTUMN PERSSON****DECLAN THOR PERSSON****MICHAEL RAYMOND MORIN, Jr.**

**5:30 P.M.** Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours

**MONDAY, MAY 17 — No Mass****TUESDAY, MAY 18 — No Mass**

**7:15 P.M.** **CHOIR REHEARSAL** *New members are most welcome*

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 19**

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

**THURSDAY, MAY 20**

**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for the Soul of Mary Leahy requested by  
 Rosary after Mass

**FRIDAY, MAY 21 — No Mass****SATURDAY, MAY 22**

**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: Frances, Betti, Bill, Joanie, Annie, Michae

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.

**CHOIR REHERSALS****Choir Rehearsals Begin**

Restrictions imposed because of the pandemic are being relaxed. The next step is to begin choir practice on Tuesdays at 7:15 p.m. in the Upper Church. Watch the website for additional information.

New voices are always welcome!

**STEWARDSHIP****Projected Amount needed — \$3,130****Offertory: May 9 — \$3,212**

*"Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God."*

— 1 JOHN 4:15

How strong is your faith? When you have an opportunity to either defend or clarify a question about our Catholic faith, do you do it? Or, do you remain silent so that others don't think you are weird? Pray for the courage to be strong in all circumstances and to joyfully share your witness with others.

^ 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****East Catholic High School**

The Admissions Office is still accepting applications for the 21-22 school year. There is still an opportunity to apply for Financial Aid. Also, we continue to offer private family tours.

To schedule a tour, get the general information or fill out admissions and/or financial application, please visit our website: [echs.com/Admissions](http://echs.com/Admissions).

**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/>.

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Mondays/Thursdays May 3-24  
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**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).**

Thank you in advance for considering helping our fair group produce another successful event this November.

**FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH****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.



**Project Rachel Rosary** – Please join the Office of Faith Events staff online the third Tuesday of each month as we pray the Project Rachel Rosary for an end to abortion and healing for those who have been involved in an abortion. The next Rosary will be **Tuesday, May 18, 2021**. Contact Liza Roach at [lroach@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:lroach@norwichdiocese.net) to receive a link for the Rosary.

**VIRTUAL BINGO FOR ALL AGES**

The Office of Faith Events invites people of all ages to participate in Virtual Bingo! Bingo will take place on Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 – 5pm. You will receive your BINGO cards online, mark them and even remark them for the next game or you can print them and play. Through video conferencing, we will call the numbers and play different BINGO games from regular bingo, double bingo, picture frame, and finally black out! It's always a lot of fun with lots of gift certificates for prizes! We only sell 200 cards, so act fast! The cost is \$6 per card for the whole Bingo event! To register for your Bingo card, go to: <https://bit.ly/2Laol7Y> or call Marianne at

860-848-2237 ex. 304

**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



Catholic Charities is collecting school supplies and backpacks for children who will be attending school over the summer and in the fall! If you would like to help a child in need, 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.

*Because of the generous donations from our parishes, Catholic Charities will be able to help families who are torn between paying for utilities and rent, or buying school supplies and backpacks for their children.*

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