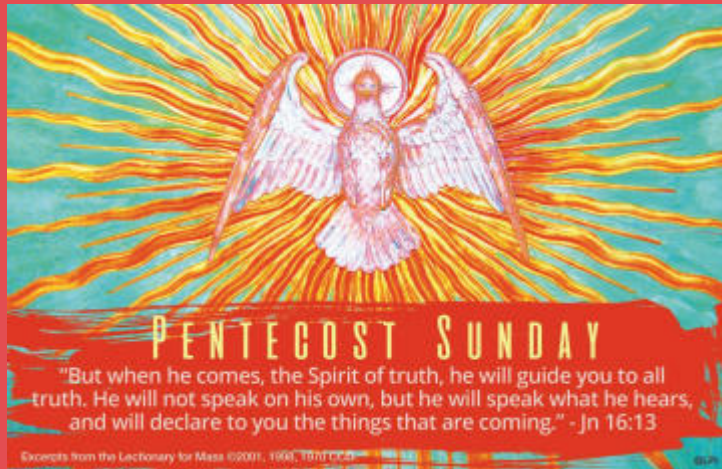


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Begin by taking a moment to calm yourself, focus on your breathing and become aware of the life force that flows through your veins. Center yourself in the words and affections of St. Augustine's Prayer to the Holy Spirit, "Breath in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy. Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy. Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I love but what is holy. Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy. Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, that I may always be holy." Sanctifying, bringing things to wholeness, blessing, restoring and creating are just some of the fruits of the presence of the Holy Spirit. Being filled with the Holy Spirit is not always about proclaiming loud cries of praise or singing alleluia from a roof top. It is about unfolding and encountering the ordinary in an extraordinary way. Being filled with the Holy Spirit means being filled with the fullness of God's life and in touch with the power and wonder of God's presence. It's about becoming holy.

It is not just for saints or people who have a religious vocation. Holiness is for the ordinary, simple run-of-the-mill person who desires to love God, others, and all of creation. When an ordinary, humble person becomes connected with life and the wondrous power of God's love, they begin to live life more deeply, a bit more reverently, desire a simple fare and find themselves relishing in ordinary beauty. Their senses become attuned to the Author of life and they realize that they are not alone. The Holy Spirit connects all of the dots of human experience and existence, bringing everyone to center on the Divine Presence. The Holy Spirit does not just breathe "on me" but "in me" and is the force behind every breath I take. Take a moment to soak that thought in. There is the Divine Presence of the Holy Spirit in me, right now. When a person becomes in touch with truth, they know that when inspired by the Holy Spirit, his or her actions are not solely their own. They realize that they are moved by Divine Grace and drawn to things not found in secular affairs.

We live in a world where it is hard to discover truth. Real truth is veiled by so many imposters that it is hard to find, especially for those who are young. It is easy to get fooled and duped and often, without full conscious awareness of doing so, we choose to walk down a path of self-absorption and destruction. It is only the Holy Spirit, through the ministry of the church most especially, who guides us to truth and shows us the way to be the graced and holy human beings God made us to be. The wonders and inspirations of today's Feast of Pentecost are necessary to share with both those we love and those who only casually cross our paths. The first disciples, touched by the Holy Spirit, brought the Gospel to the ends of the earth one step at a time. Is it unrealistic to ask that we assist in that same mission by helping people understand who they are and who God is one at a time? Ask the Holy Spirit to alleviate the fear in your heart that prevents you from doing so.

PENTECOST SUNDAY
MAY 23, 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.



PENTECOST SUNDAY

MAY 22 — 23, 2021

Usher Group III

SATURDAY, MAY 22

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

SUNDAY, MAY 23

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for the Souls of Casimir, Michael and Thomas Kurys

requested by Bruce and Bernice Dixon
 9:15 A.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church

11:00 A.M. Mass offered for Penelope Orfitelli and Ethan Bigliuzzi



who will receive First Holy Communion at this Mass

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

MONDAY, MAY 24 — No Mass

TUESDAY, MAY 25 — No Mass

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



WEDNESDAY, MAY 26

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for the Soul of Dominic Carlone
 requested by Cathy DePathy

Rosary after Mass

THURSDAY, MAY 27

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

FRIDAY, MAY 28 — No Mass

SATURDAY, MAY 29

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for the souls of William and Anna Cosgrove
 requested by their daughter Ann

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**



USHERS NEEDED

Anyone interested in being an usher can email Kathy Perlitz
kcperlitz@comcast.net
 or call her at **860-798-5495**.

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: Shirley, James.

Candle Intentions: Happy Mother's Day prayers, Jeffrey, Jean, Mary-Jean, Jackie.

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.



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.

Thank you for your heartfelt support, you truly make a difference in the lives of others!



STEWARDSHIP

Projected Amount needed — \$3,130

Offertory: May 16 — \$3,057

"There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone."
 - 1 CORINTHIANS 12:4-6

All of us are blessed, regardless of our own individual circumstances. God has given each of us many gifts. How we use those gifts is our gift back to God. For God's plan to work, each must do what we are called to do. Guess what? We are not all called to do the same thing! For God's plan to work you have to do what God is calling you to do and I have to do what God is calling me to do.

^ 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 _____

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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

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2021

Gianpaolo Q. Girasoli
Confirmation Saint:

St. Paul

Sponsor: Drew Monroe

Konrad Jandzinski
Confirmation Saint:

St. Joseph

Sponsor: Jakub Jandzinski

The sacrament of Confirmation was administered by Fr. Bill at St. Maurice on Saturday, May 15th during the 5 p.m. mass.



Pictured from left to right: Gianpaolo Q. Girasoli, Fr. Bill Olesik, Konrad Jandzinski.

Sunday Obligation

The following guidelines are to be applied in all parishes of the Diocese of Norwich until further notice.

The general dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation in person ends in all parishes of the Diocese of Norwich effective Saturday, May 22, 2021, beginning with the Vigil Mass of the Solemnity of Pentecost.



Given the reality that the pandemic has not completely subsided, we recognize that some persons may deeply desire to return to Mass in person but are prevented from doing so for

legitimate reasons. These reasons include:

1. Suffering from serious pre-existing conditions that may make a person more susceptible to falling ill from COVID-19;
2. Being ill and homebound or being a caregiver in close contact with someone who is;
3. Having tested positive for any contagious disease, including COVID-19;
4. Being in quarantine due to exposure to any contagion or residing with someone who is quarantined. For anyone facing these circumstances, please remember that the

Lord will never invite you to do something that poses a danger to oneself or others.

All pews will be available for seating. The requirement to use masks will continue.

Choir Rehearsals

Restrictions imposed because of the pandemic has been relaxed.

Choir practices are on Tuesdays at 7:15 p.m. in the Upper Church.

Watch the website for additional information.

New voices are always welcome!



CHOIR REHEARSALS

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

Supernatural Messages from Heaven

Deacon Michael Puscas will be offering an adult education program on the subject of “Supernatural Messages from Heaven” on Thursday, June 3, 2021 at 7 PM at St. Andrew Church, 128 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, CT. The program will be held in the church immediately following Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. This multimedia program will include a PowerPoint presentation outlining the various messages given to us by the Blessed Virgin Mary, Jesus Christ, our Father in heaven, various saints, and other interesting secrets. Each person who attends the educational program will receive a reference document containing notes from the evening. The evening will also include music and the opportunity for individual prayer with team members. Save the date and we will see you on June 3rd.

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

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 13th 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

Leave Your Legacy



June is “Leave a Legacy” month in the Diocese of Norwich. It is a wonderful time for parishioners to reflect on the value of charitable estate and planned giving. Some people choose to mark

their legacy by requesting gifts made in memoriam to their parish, school, ministry or the Diocese in lieu of flowers upon their passing. Others include a bequest in their Will to the Annual Catholic Appeal or their favorite Catholic organization. Still others are interested in establishing an endowment within the Catholic Foundation of the Diocese of Norwich to benefit a Diocesan organization. If you are interested in learning more about how you can leave your legacy and support all the good works that the Church is involved with, please contact Mary Ellen Mahoney, Executive Director of Development, at (860) 886-1928 or memahoney@norwichdiocese.net.

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