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— Pope Francis

It is difficult to walk against the tide. Yet, that is precisely what baptism calls us to do. Although we are sinners, in need of mercy and far from perfection we are called to order our life and make decisions based upon the wisdom and guidance of Almighty God. He alone is the one who can claim us as His sons and daughters. Standing up for our principles will not make us popular. But who ever said Christianity is a popularity contest? Baptism calls us to stand up for that which goes against the grain of secularism. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor to steady us in the tempests of life and God is very pleased. Forge ahead. There is nothing to fear.



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WEEKEND MASSES:

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Saturdays at 4:00 p.m.

Sundays at 7:30 and 10:00 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 3:25 p.m. to 3:45 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.



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD JANUARY 8 — 9, 2022

Ushers Group IV

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8

4:00 P.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners
of St. Maurice Church

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory

8:00 A.M. **TRIPLE PLAY CAFÉ PANCAKE BREAKFAST**
Parish Center from 8:00AM to 10:00AM

9:00 A.M. FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

10:00 A.M. Mass offered for the Souls of †Barbara and
†Donald Sullivan
requested by Patrick and Daniel Sullivan

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

6:00 P.M. Rosary

MONDAY, JANUARY 10 — No Mass

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11 — No Mass

7:15 P.M. Choir rehearsal in church.
New voices are always welcome!

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15

4:00 P.M. Mass offered for the Souls of †Jan Minicucci
and †Jason Bates
requested by Donna and Erica

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



ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

Youth who have made their First Holy Communion are invited to serve. If you are interested to serve as an Altar Server please call
Shirley Holbrook (860) 742-1829

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: Tommy, Daniel, Tiffany, Doug, Joshua, Steve, Anette, Barbara, Emile, Christopher, John. Candle Intentions: Beth, Nick, Noah, Joshua, Faydra, Tim, John, Bill, Caroline, Lori, Tegan, Christy.

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 parishioner. 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

Mary Ann Murphy at 860-649-5449

Thank you.



EAST CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

East Catholic has rolling admissions, so prospective students have plenty of opportunities to begin the admissions process. Our **Entrance Exam** will take place on Saturday, January 22nd @ 8:30 a.m.

To pre-register, please go to https://www.echs.com/Visit_ECHS. Our **Shadow Day** program is back!!! If your 8th grader would like to discover the "taste of East", please go to https://www.echs.com/Visit_ECHS

to begin the process of scheduling a visit.

It's also a perfect time to fill out the admissions application by visiting our website, the Admissions tab.

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Projected Amount needed — \$3,330

Offertory: December 12 — \$7,454

December 19 — \$4,343

December 26 — \$7,928

"John answered them all, 'I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming...he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit...'"

(Luke 3:16)

The Catholic Catechism states that "Jesus' immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God's will." In other words, as baptized Catholics there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus — the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.

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Parish Membership Form

Drop in collection ^

Please enroll the following as members of the Church of St. Maurice:

Adults _____

Children (under 18) _____

Street Address _____ E-mail Address _____

City State Zip _____ E-mail Address _____

Home phone _____ Cell phone _____

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**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/>.

Bring the Holy Spirit into your marriage. Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences.

**SAINT BRIDGET SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE**

Sunday, January 30th from 9:00am -11:00am

St. Brigid School offers our students a safe and disciplined environment steeped in Catholic tradition, and academic excellence. We invite you to our open house on January 30th from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. At our open house families will be able to tour our school and learn more about our exceptional programs. Our daily curriculum offers students a challenging academic schedule and participation in art, music, gym, Spanish and library. We also support a variety of sports and clubs.

Those unable to make our open house may call to schedule an individual tour. Visit our website, www.saintbridget-school.com or call our school office at (860) 649-7731 Ext 217

We look forward to meeting you!

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

4th Annual Young Adult Mass with Bishop Cote

On Sunday, January 30th, St. Thomas Aquinas in Storrs is delighted to host Bishop Michael Cote for the 4th Annual Diocesan Young Adult Mass & Reception. All Young Adults (ages 18 - 39, single and married) are invited and encouraged to attend! Young Adults are welcome to invite friends to join us! Mass with Bishop Cote will begin at 7:00pm and there will be a small reception in the Catholic Center following the liturgy.

**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, January 9th from 3:30 – 5pm. You will receive your 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 is always great fun with lots of gift certificates for prizes! We are only selling 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.

This coming Spring, during the 2022 Virtual Women's Conference, the Norwich Diocesan Women's Conference Committee will vote on and name the recipient of the second annual Our Lady Queen of Hope Award. This award honors a woman in the diocese for her vision and leadership in the Catholic Church. She displays strong faith, and is committed to living out Catholic values, displaying leadership, love and service, and has been a part of successful initiatives that benefit the Church and has helped to move parish communities forward.

You can nominate a woman of the Norwich diocese for this award by visiting www.norwichdiocese.org and downloading the nomination form or contacting Marianne at manicholas@norwichdiocese.net



To our gifted and talented Knitters of the Norwich Diocese, please join the Office of Faith Events in reaching out to the community during the cold winter months by donating handmade scarves. Whatever you could do to help support our new "Street Ministry" to the poor would be greatly appreciated. Donations can be brought or sent to the Bishop Flanagan Ministry Center, 199 Broadway, Norwich. We will be accepting donations until February 28. Thank you so much for donating your time and talent!

Questions? Contact Marianne at 860-848-2237 ext. 304 or manicholas@norwichdiocese.net



Virtual Marriage Enrichment – For Valentine's Day this year, give your spouse the gift of your time and re-energize your marriage by attending a virtual enrichment entitled *The Joy of Love* on Saturday, Feb. 12, 2022, from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M. Based on Chapter 4 of Pope Francis' *Amoris Laetitia: the Joy of Love*, the enrichment will feature four talks on Daily Love, Conjugal Love, Passionate Love and Transformation of Love. Each talk will include practical insights from Pope Francis' wisdom on marriage and family life. This enrichment is for married couples of all ages and years married. There is a \$15 fee that covers workbooks for each couple. Registration and payment are due by Feb. 1. The program takes place online and requires participants to have an internet connection. To register, send your names, address, telephone number, email address and check made payable to the Annual Catholic Appeal to Mary-Jo McLaughlin, Catholic Family Services, 199 Broadway, Norwich, CT 06260 or call her at 860-848-2237, Ext. 312, or email her at mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net.

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