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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 6, 2022



5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him. - Lk 5:10-11

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass 82001, 1998, 1999 CCD

"Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man," these words, uttered by Simon Peter, can be found on any one of our lips. What real significance do I have in the big picture of God's Divine plan? Even though we try our best to hide it, we all suffer from a lack of faith. We get tired, confused, and often lack any sincere desire to put anything into our relationship with God. It's easier to simply reap whatever benefits the world has to offer and call it a day. Floating along on the superficial currents of life doesn't require much effort and seems to get us through the day. Confronting our own infidelity, apathy, weakness of spirit, and doubt in God's providence, how can we even remotely be considered a worthy vessel of God's presence or credible voice for His message? This is the irony of faith. God doesn't seek the perfect vessels. He likes the broken ones. There is something to be said about living honestly and sincerely, and wrestling with sin, imperfection, and weakness rather than skipping through the peripheries of life with pretention, arrogance, and mendacity. If we believe ourselves to be our own "god" and serve only ourselves, we close the door to ever being used by the real and only True God. But, if we at least acknowledge that there is One greater than ourselves, then even in our deepest poverty and lowliness, God can enter.

Lessons are best learned from those who suffer. Only someone who has been lonely and lost can attest to the beauty of both Divine and human friendship. Only those who have really lost their way know what happens when they are found. Only those who are afraid know what it is to be calmed by God. The Gospel is messy because life is messy. There are no black and white solutions to problems and challenges that are hazy and gray. When our hesitancy to encounter God gets replaced by friendship with God, we become more aware of our dignity and the fact that we are loved just as we are. We cannot be afraid to share our struggles, reservations, fears, and sinfulness with others. Our genuineness and sincerity will speak of the God who blesses us in our weakness.

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WEEKEND MASSES:

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.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 5 — 6, 2022

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5

4:00 P.M. Mass offered for the Soul of †Janet Minicucci
requested by Donna Bradford

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6

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

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 Soul of †Margaret Brown
requested by Pam Brown

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

6:00 P.M. **Rosary**

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7 — No MASS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8 — No MASS

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12

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

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



Christmas Fair Needs

The Fair Group needs to gather wool material, cotton fabric, yarn, Christmas mugs, teaspoons, large seashells, large pinecones, and especially baby food jars. We need hundreds of baby food jars! If you have a source or stockpile, send them our way. Call Dorli at (860) 649-6255 or Sharon Scorso at (860) 646-1423.

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: John, Jan, Chris, Theresa, Linda Elsa, Tom, Amelia, Peter, Merely, Greg
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 care patients. 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

Our enrollment process is in full swing. Accepted students will start scheduling classes for the next school year on February 8th. New students are still inquiring and filing applications. We are planning the entrance exam for them on Saturday, February 26th. Families interested in our school always have a chance to schedule a private tour. We also will have a Parent Preview Night (mini-open house) on Tuesday, March 1st. The pre-registration for this event becomes available on our website in the near future. GoEagles#

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory: January 30 — \$1,662

Projected Amount needed — \$3,330

“Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?’ ‘Here I am,’ I said, ‘send me!’”
(ISAIAH 6:8)

Every day, in little ways and in big ways, God asks, “Whom shall I send?” Whether it is someone to take on a new ministry, to give a friendly smile to a stranger or to say a word of encouragement to a friend, God constantly provides opportunities to help someone in need. God is always talking to us; we just need to pay more attention. When you hear God calling have the courage to walk through the door and say “Here I am, Lord.”

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Parish Membership Form

Drop in collection ^

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

Adults _____

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FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH

**MANCHESTER CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
NOW ENROLLING FOR FALL 2022**

Saint James School, located at 73 Park Street and Saint Bridget School, located at 74 Main Street, are now accepting new student applications for their respective Pre-Kindergarten, Elementary School, and Middle School programs for the 2022-2023 school year.

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To learn more or to schedule an informational tour for your family, please reach out as follows:

Saint Bridget School:

Lisa Batista, Development
development@saintbridget-school.net
(860) 649-7731 x217
https://saintbridget-school.com

Saint James School:

Amy Guenther, Admissions
aguenther@saintjameschool.net
(860) 643-5088 x8
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**Saint of the Week
St. Josephine Bakhita
February 8**



The story of St. Josephine Bakhita (1869-1947) is a story that many people taken into slavery have experienced. Born in the Darfur region of Sudan, she was kidnapped at the age of 8 and sold into slavery many times. As she passed from owner to owner, she experienced the moral and physical humiliations associated with slavery. It was only at the age of 13 that her suffering was alleviated after she was bought for the Italian Consul in Sudan. It was here that she was fortunate to receive kindness, respect, and peace from her new master.

She was later handed over to the Canossian Sisters when she made the case that slavery had been outlawed in Italy for years. She was baptized and confirmed in the Catholic Church in 1890, where she took the name Josephine. She later entered the Institute of St. Magdalene of Canossa in 1893 and made her profession three years later.

St. Josephine Bakhita's next 50 years were spent serving people through cooking, sewing, embroidery, and house-keeping. She was a source of encouragement and her constant smile won people's hearts, as did her humility and simplicity. Today she is known as the patron saint of victims of modern slavery and human trafficking.

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH



Are you grieving from an Abortion?

Trust in the mercy of God's love. Consider these words from St. John Paul II to those suffering because of abortion: *"The church is aware of the many factors which may have influenced your decision, and she does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision. The wound in your heart may not yet have healed. Certainly what happened was and remains terribly wrong. But do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope.... The Father of mercies is ready to give you His forgiveness and His peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. You will come to understand that nothing is definitively lost and you will also be able to ask forgiveness from your child, who is now living in the Lord."* (Evangelium Vitae, no. 99).

Call Project Rachel, the church's post-abortion healing program, for a confidential referral to a priest who can help: 860-861-4439.

NEW DATE for the 4th Annual Young Adult Mass with

Bishop Cote — Due to COVID, our Young Adult Mass is POSTPONED on Sunday, January 30th, St. Thomas Aquinas in Storrs. **The new date is Sunday, February 27th at 7pm when St. Thomas will host Bishop Michael Cote for the 4th Annual Diocesan Young Adult Mass.** 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. We look forward to you joining us!



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.



Catholic Charities, Diocese of Norwich

Can you help us help new parents who are struggling? Requests for our services continue to be overwhelming and we are quickly running out of resources for our Pregnancy/Parenting program. We are in need of diapers especially sizes 5 & 6, wipes, baby bottles, and baby toiletries. If you are in a position to help, you can drop off your donation at our locations in Norwich, New London, and Willimantic, or call 860-889-8346 for more information. **Thank you for your prayers and support. Our clients thank you as well!; "I thank God for you all" –D. M.**

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