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8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks. - Lk 6:43, 45

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

What we say and how we say it reveals the true intentions of our hearts. The content and manner of our speech is a window into the recesses of our souls. Our consciences, attitudes, sentiments, weaknesses, and motives are displayed. As much as we think we can hide the truth of our lives from others, we cannot. Who we really are is not only expressed on our lips but is written on our faces. Jesus says precisely this, "For every tree is known by its own fruit." What does the fruit of our lives say about us?

Because we like to play the game of hide and seek with ourselves, in pretending that we are hiding we deflect attention others may give to us by becoming more critical of others. After all, the more time one can spend analyzing others' behavior the less time one has to look at his or herself. Often, the behaviors we abhor most in others are the very ones we are guilty of ourselves. We just don't know it yet. The more we put ourselves in the role of a judge, the more satisfaction and control we seem to achieve. Yet, what about ourselves? In focusing our attention on the beams in others' eyes, the aridity and barrenness of our lives goes unchecked. St. Ambrose reminds us that "no one heals himself by wounding another." Bringing our brothers and sisters down by being overly critical, serves no positive purpose.

But the one who knows how easy it is to fall into sin and weakness and how quickly errors in judgment can be made, knows the depth of true compassion, mercy, and kindness. Having recognized our own poor choices, misguided opinions, negative emotions, and ability to do horrendous things, we can be more sympathetic and understanding of where others may be. We are designed to be mentors and guides to one another. In walking the journey together, we can help each other become the best we can be. Humility is the order of the day and the primary virtue that prevents us from being hypocrites.

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 27, 2022

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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 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.

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 26 — 27, 2022

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26

4:00 P.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27

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

9:00 A.M. **FAITH FORMATION CLASSES**

10:00 A.M. Mass offered for the Soul of †Janet Minicucci requested by

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

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28 — No Mass

TUESDAY, MARCH 1 — No Mass

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2 — ASH WEDNESDAY

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

Distribution of Ashes

Rosary after Mass



7:00 P.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory
Distribution of Ashes

THURSDAY, MARCH 3

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 4

7:00 P.M. First Friday Mass and Adoration offered for All Souls in Purgatory
Rosary after Mass



4:00 P.M. to 6:30 P.M.

Lenten Fish Dinner – Dine in or Take out

Sponsored by St. Maurice Council 6199,
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SATURDAY, MARCH 5

4:00 P.M. Mass offered for the Soul of †Marion Miller requested by The Family

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: Elena, Philip, Helen,

Peter

Candle Intentions: Beth, Joshua

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.



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.



East Catholic High School

Our enrollment process is in full swing. New students are still inquiring, and filing applications. 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. WeAreEC!#

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory: February 20 — TBD

Projected Amount needed — \$3,330

"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit." (LUKE 6:43)

Are you using your gifts in the way God intended? Have you asked God how He would like you to use them? Do you compare yourself to others and complain about what you don't have instead of being thankful for what you do have? God gives each of us unique gifts and a unique plan. Listen to how God is calling you to use your gifts, to bear good fruit, for the glory of His name.

^ Tear off

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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We can help out as: Altar server _____ Lector _____ Usher _____ Eucharistic Minister _____ Choir _____ Crafts workshop _____

FROM ST. MAURICE PARISH



Lenten Fish Dinner – Dine in or Take out

Friday March 4, 11, 18, and 25th; April 1 and 8th

Time: 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
 Place: Ryba Hall, Parish Center
 Menu: Baked fish and chips, coleslaw, roll with butter, coffee, tea, or lemonade
 Cost: \$10.00 (\$5.00 for cheese pizza alternative)
 Profits support a variety of charitable activities.
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Lower Church

We are looking to organize and make better use of the Lower Church: To this end we plan to remove the 8 round tables and their rack, all but 60 metal chairs, and the bean bag toss wooden cut outs. If you can use any of these things or know a need to keep them please call the church office at (860) 643-4466.



**Saint Maurice Church
 First Friday
 Eucharistic Adoration
 March 4th
 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
“O Most Holy Trinity, I adore You; my God, my God, I love You in the Most Blessed Sacrament.”

Our Lady of Fatima

Saint of the Week

St. Katharine Drexel | March 3



With a family like hers, it’s no wonder that St. Katharine Drexel (November 26, 1858 – March 3, 1955) grew up to become one of the first American-born saints.

Born in Philadelphia in 1858, her mother passed away when she was only five weeks old. Her father, a renowned banker, remarried a wonderful woman, and together they raised St. Katherine Drexel and her two sisters in a life of privilege. Both financially and spiritually well-endowed, the Drexels were devout Catholics and set an excellent example of true

Christian servitude with prayer and care for the poor. After her father’s death, St. Katharine Drexel gave up her inheritance and instead devoted her life to the material and spiritual well-being of black and native Americans. Mother Drexel, as she would become known as, established the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament for Indians and Colored, and together they opened a boarding school in Santa Fe, the first of 50 missions for Native Americans in 16 states. At 77, she suffered a heart attack and was forced to retire from active ministry. She spent the next 20 years of her life in quiet yet intense prayer. She died at the age of 96 and was canonized in 2000 by Pope John Paul II.

FROM ST. MAURICE PARISH



**SISTERS OF CHARITY
 of Our Lady, Mother of the Church**

The Sisters of Charity will be having a Share-A-Day for girls in grades 2, 3, and 4 at Holy Family Motherhouse, 54 West Main Street, Baltic, CT 06330 on Saturday, March 12th from 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. No charge and meals are included. This special day includes recreation, talks, activities and prayers with the Sisters.

Telephone (860) 822-8241 or email srmaryjacinta@gmail.com.

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

The monthly Diocesan Pro-Life Mass will take place at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on **Saturday, March 5 at 8:30 A.M.** Please join our celebrant **Rev. Walter Nagle** at Mass as we pray to end abortion and for the healing for those who have had an abortion. Following the Mass, the Rachel Rosary will be prayed at the Cathedral. A brunch in the Cathedral Hall will follow the Rosary this month



Operation Rice Bowl: Our Lenten Program: For Lent For Life

On **Ash Wednesday, March 2, 2022**, our parish with parishes across the Diocese of Norwich is beginning a program of prayer and sacrifice called Operation Rice Bowl (ORB). For 49 years, Operation Rice Bowl has helped to feed the hungry poor. Through our participation in this program, we bring hope and healing to another person or family living halfway across the globe. Money saved during Lent is then brought to the parish family Rice Bowl on Palm Sunday, April 10, 2022, 75% of Operation Rice Bowl funds will feed the hungry poor overseas, the remaining 25% will be used in the diocese to feed the needy. This Lent, gather in prayer and sacrifice as a family to pray and to care for the hungry poor.



The Way of the Cross:

The Diocesan Office of Faith Events invites you to join us virtually each Friday during Lent as we pray together the Stations of the Cross with a different focus each week.

- ◆ March 4: Through the eyes of Mary
- ◆ March 11: Through the eyes of a married couple
- ◆ March 18: Through the eyes of the bereaved
- ◆ March 25: Through the eyes of peace and justice
- ◆ April 1: Through the eyes of the divorced and separated
- ◆ April 8: Through the eyes of Pope Francis’ in **Laudato Si: On Care for Our Common Home.**

The stations will begin at 7 P.M. and requires participants to have an internet connection. Registration is also required. To register Call Marianne Nicholas, at 860-848-2237, Ext 304 or email her at mnicholas@norwichdiocese.net You may register for one evening or all six.

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