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5TH SUNDAY
OF LENT

Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with his finger. But when they continued asking him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her."
- Jn 8:6b-7

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We love to make examples out of those who have erred and done wrong. Publicly punishing others serves as a means of demonstrating the consequences for what is deemed inappropriate or wrongful behavior. While this may appear an effective way of achieving conformity to established rules, it runs the real risk of distorting motivation. Obviously, we want people to do what is right and pursue healthy, virtuous behaviors and ideals. But is fear of punishment ever the best motivation for avoiding one action in favor of another?

Doing something out of fear is never healthy. Focusing exclusively on our behavior and what others expect or think, leads to living life with a self-focused superficiality. We become more concerned about protecting ourselves from something negative and unpleasant, than investing ourselves in the freedom, wonder and awe of being human! We can still find our way to the unacceptable or inappropriate behavior as long as we do not get caught! Being a whole, focused, and God-centered human being requires more. It demands an investment of the heart. Virtuous, moral, and mature lifestyles reflective of the Gospel necessitate love.

When we experience and recognize love, God's unconditional love, in the depth of our soul, we fall in love with what we have found. We then find ourselves leaving destructive and sinful actions behind in search of something more holy, dignified, true, integral, and loving. This is really "mercy realized." God's tremendous, loving, eternal forgiveness and willingness to bring us back to something more real and tender is transformational. The respect for myself that I receive from God is so life changing that it causes me to run quickly away from anything sinful and self-destructive to things that are whole and holy.

There are many people who want nothing more than to judge or criticize us. What would actually stoning the woman caught in adultery really accomplish? Nothing more than the inflation of the already self-righteous egos of a few men who think they have power. They have no power because they are sinners too, just like everyone else. What all of us have is the humble ability to express sorrow for pursuing destructive thoughts and actions and receive the power of God's mercy. Then, Jesus' request to "go and sin no more" will be one we proudly heed and follow.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
APRIL 3, 2022

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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 OF LENT

APRIL 2 — 3, 2022

Ushers Group IV

Maintenance Collection

SATURDAY, APRIL 2

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 3

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

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

10:00 A.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory

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

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

MONDAY, APRIL 4— No Mass

TUESDAY, APRIL 5 — No Mass

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6

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

Rosary after Mass

THURSDAY, APRIL 7

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

Rosary after Mass

FRIDAY, APRIL 8

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

Rosary after Mass

SATURDAY, APRIL 9

4:00 P.M. Mass offered for the Souls of †Helen and †Rocco
Fiano

requested by The Fiano Family

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.

**THE SATURDAY VIGIL MASS TIME
 WILL GO BACK TO 5PM ON APRIL 23,
 THE WEEKEND AFTER EASTER**

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: Ashley, Agnes, Joe, Joyce, Angela, Claude, Jana, Ken.

Candle Intentions: Joel, Beth, Noah, Joshua, Nick, Amy, Ethan, Matt, Tom, Tim, Caroline, Teagan, Joan, Bill, Lori, Caroline, Matt, Keith.

Thank you, Mary Ann

SEASONAL SHARING

HELPING FAMILIES IN BOLTON



As we look forward to Easter we do want to think of those residents of Bolton who need our help to prepare a joyous Easter dinner for their family.

While grocery shopping, please pick up a bag or two of groceries for needy Bolton families. Non-perishable food can be left in the church vestibule or at the Parish Center until April 9th for April 10th delivery.

- We need tuna, pasta and sauce, peanut butter and jelly, hearty soups, boxed meal extenders, canned meats, bread, rolls, paper products, soap and detergent, toothpaste, coffee and tea, cereals and other breakfast foods, bottled juices, etc. See our website for a complete list.

- Drop off perishables on Saturday April 9th.

- Cash donations are used to purchase Shop Rite gift cards. Donate online or drop a check to St. Maurice in the collection basket with memo "Easter Food".

Food will be delivered on Palm Sunday

Drivers, please come to the Parish Center after 10 am Mass.

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory: March 27 —\$3,141

Projected Amount needed — \$3,470

"...For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ..."
 - (PHILIPPIANS 3:8)

The first commandment says that we should not put other gods before the Lord. Sharing all of our gifts - our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to support the Church helps us keep God first in everything. It helps us from putting other gods before God. It helps us from becoming a slave to our possessions. It helps us to use our gifts for the glory of God and not for the glory of ourselves.

^ 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 _____

Send offertory envelopes _____ Send form for EFT (electronic donation) _____ We will Donate Online _____

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

FROM ST. MAURICE PARISH

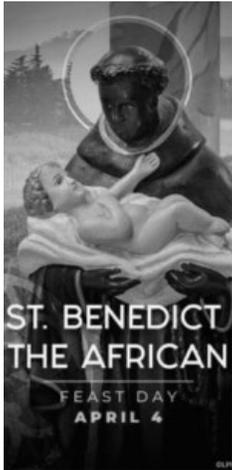


Christmas Fair Needs

The Fair Group needs individual jam jars from hotels, pint canning jars, glass Christmas mugs, 18 inch zippers, children's buttons and decorated buttons, metal buttons and artificial Christmas wreaths. We need hundreds of baby food jars! Call Dorli at (860) 649-6255 or Sharon Scorso at (860) 646-1423.

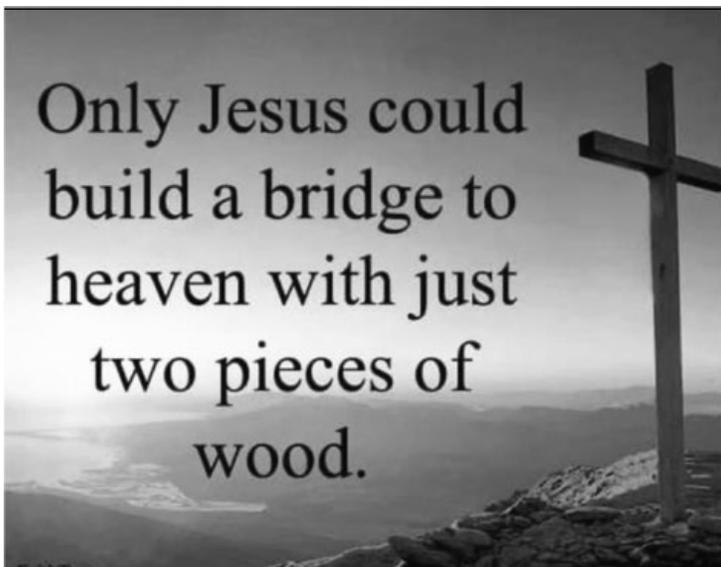
Saint of the Week

St. Benedict the African | April 4



St. Benedict the African (1524-1589), was born in San Fratello, Sicily to Cristoforo and Diana Manasseri, Africans who had been taken as slaves. Some accounts claim that because of his parents' loyal service that Benedict was given his freedom at birth, other sources say that his freedom was granted when he turned 18. At 21 Benedict joined a society of hermits living under the rule of St. Francis of Assisi. Eventually he succeeded his friend, Jerome Lanze, as their leader. When the Pope disbanded the independent hermit society, Benedict joined the Order of Friars Minor and he was sent to Palermo, to the Franciscan Friary of St. Mary of Jesus. There Benedict worked in the kitchens and despite being illiterate and a lay brother (not a priest), he also served as Master of Novices, and as Guardian of the Community. St. Benedict was known throughout his life as a brilliant cook under whose hands food seemed to multiply miraculously, a healer, and a spiritual leader with profound understanding. He is recognized as the patron saint of African Americans.

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FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH



2022 Annual Catholic Appeal Follow Up Weekend

As the 2022 Annual Catholic Appeal "One Faith, One Family" continues, we are grateful to the parish families that have already made their gift or pledge. For us to achieve our overall goal, it will require the personal sacrifice of all members of our faith community. If you have not yet responded to the Appeal, please know your gift, no matter how big or small, will help enable the diocese to provide essential pastoral, educational, and humanitarian services to many. You may pick up a Pledge envelope from one of the ushers' tables in the back or you may visit www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org or call (860) 886-1928 for alternate ways to give.

Thank you for your prayers and generosity.



April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month throughout the United States.

This month recognizes the importance of families and communities working together to prevent child abuse and neglect. We in Diocese of Norwich, our parishes, schools and ministries take child protection as a top priority. We are working each day to provide safe place for our young people to learn and grow in their faith. Through the work of NO GO TELL curriculum, conversations and support, we continue to strive for safe environments for our young people and vulnerable adults to have safe places and opportunities to flourish and share their faith.



This year, Bishop Michael R. Cote, D.D., invites you to the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Patrick in Norwich on Tuesday, April 12, 2022, at 10:30 a.m.

The Chrism Mass is the Liturgy during which the sacred Chrism is consecrated and the Oil of the Sick and the Oil of the Catechumens are blessed. These oils are sanctified for use at the Cathedral and in all parishes in the Diocese of Norwich for Baptism, Confirmation, the Anointing of The Sick and for the Ordination of Priests. Together the three oils symbolize the sacramental life of the Church. **Since the Chrism Mass is truly a Diocesan event ALL parishioners are invited.**

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, April 3, 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

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