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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

“Blessed is the king who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Peace in heaven
and glory in the highest.”
- Lk 19:38

Excerpt from the Lectionary for Mass 82001, 1998, 1978 CCD

Pope St. John Paul II rightly taught, “To believe in Jesus is to accept what he says, even when it runs contrary to what others are saying. It means rejecting the lure of sin, however attractive it may be, in order to set out on a difficult path of Gospel virtues.” Acceptance, rejection, suffering, betrayal, fear, reluctance, persecution, and painful, undeserved and unjust death are all played out in dramatic fashion today. Jesus spoke of God’s unconditional love, mercy, and forgiveness. Who doesn’t like hearing about love, especially God’s? Jesus did not have backs turned on him, face intense suffering, and succumb to a horrific death because he spoke of God’s love. All of those things occurred because of the implications of actually believing in God’s love.

God’s love comes with an intimate and equal bond with love of neighbor. This moves the believer outward to truly see their brothers and sisters as equals and compels them to work for a world that mirrors God’s kingdom: a world based on justice, peace, mercy, and forgiveness. Sometimes, people want to keep God’s love to themselves and use it solely for their own benefit. When they only want to use God’s love to justify their own intentions and for their own projects, problems occur.

Sin makes something hurtful, destructive, and self-serving look very attractive and justifiable. The lure of sin creates friends who begin to believe the lie that the sin expounds. This is what happened on Calvary. When you begin actually doing what Jesus is saying and translate love into action, it inevitably will upset popular and longstanding conventions and structures. Many of these serve to protect status, foster personal gain and success, and further divide those who have from those who do not. Most people who hear the Gospel are attracted to what they hear, at first. When they realize that it means standing apart from popular opinion, even if that opinion is against the Gospel and sinful, they cower back in fear and join the throngs shouting, “Crucify him!” There is an ambivalence found in many believers as they struggle with whether their belief is strong enough “to set out on the difficult path of Gospel virtues.”

It takes a lot of courage to admit that the system is broken. It takes even more courage to point out the sin. And it takes an unbreakable love of God to then accept the consequences of doing so.

**PALM SUNDAY
APRIL 10, 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.



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

APRIL 9 — 10, 2022

Ushers Group I

OPERATION RICE BOWL COLLECTION

SATURDAY, APRIL 9

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 10

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 Souls of †Barbara and †Donald Sullivan
requested by Patrick and Daniel Sullivan

EASTER FOOD DELIVERY after Mass

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

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

MONDAY, APRIL 11— No Mass

TUESDAY, APRIL 12 — No Mass

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13 — No Mass

5:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. CONFESSIONS IN CHURCH

THURSDAY, APRIL 14 — HOLY THURSDAY

7:00 P.M. Mass offered for all Priests especial Father Bill
CONFESSIONS AFTER MASS (No Adoration)

FRIDAY, APRIL 15 — GOOD FRIDAY

3:00 P.M. **SERVICE (No Veneration of the Cross)**
CONFESSIONS AFTER 3:00 P.M. SERVICE

SATURDAY, APRIL 16

10:00 A.M. **BLESSING OF FOOD**
CONFESSIONS AFTER BLESSING OF FOOD UNTIL 11:00 A.M.

8:00 P.M. **EASTER VIGIL MASS**
Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church

SUNDAY, APRIL 17 — EASTER SUNDAY

Masses at 7:30 A.M. and 10:00 A.M.

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: Peg, Joanie, Shaun, Tiffany, Rose, Alyson, Kate, Danielle, Autumn, Bob, David, Grace, Eva, Janet, Natalie, Joyce, Sandi, Charlene, Tom.

Candle Intentions: Veronica, Kate, Veronica, Joshua, Nick, Noah, Faydra, Tim, Caroline, Teagan, Sam, Caroline, Teagan, Sam, Joan, Bill, Beth, Chris, Lori, Carolyn, Elaine, Sebastiana, Damaseno.

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 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.

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory: April 3 — \$3,183

Projected Amount needed — \$3,470

"...I tell you, Peter, before the cock crows this day, you will deny three times that you know me. " (LUKE 22:34)

How many times have you heard someone make a disparaging comment about God or our Catholic faith? How did you react? Do you remain quiet not to cause a disturbance? Or, because you don't want people to think negatively about you? Or, because you don't think you know enough about the Catholic faith? Pray for the courage to speak up and enter into a respectful dialogue when the opportunity arises. Joyfully share your faith with others.

^ Tear off

Parish Membership Form

Drop in collection ^

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

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

FROM ST. MAURICE PARISH

HOLY WEEK MASSES

Wednesday, April 13

No 9:00 a.m. Mass, Confessions 5:00 p.m. — 6:00 p.m.



Thursday, April 14 — Holy Thursday

Mass at 7:00 p.m., Confession after Mass

No Adoration

Friday, April 15 — Good Friday

Service at 3:00 p.m.

Confessions after Service

No Stations of the Cross



Saturday, April 16 — Easter Vigil

Blessing of Easter Food in pews at 10:00 a.m.

Confession after food blessing till 11:00 a.m.

Easter Vigil Mass at 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 17 — Easter Sunday

The Resurrection of the Lord

Masses at 7:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.



SEASONAL SHARING

HELPING FAMILIES IN BOLTON

On Palm Sunday, April 10th we will be sorting and packaging food at 9am. Drivers, please come to the Parish Center after 10am Mass. We welcome anyone who would like to

help with the deliveries.

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

Thank you for your continued support.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences, some on weekends and some on seven weekdays. Couples will explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church.

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/>.

Commit to strengthening your marriage this Lent. Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences: May 21-22 in East Hampton, CT, and June 24-26 in Huntington, NY (Long Island)

East Catholic High School



Spring is the time to finalize the choice of a high school for all the 8th graders. East Catholic continues to accept applications, offers shadow visits, family tours and entrance exams.

Please visit our website: www.echs.com or give us a call at 860-649-5336 and learn about the variety of programs available for your student.

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH



As announced last week, all our parishioners are invited to the consecration of the Chrism and the blessing of the Oil of the Sick and the Oil of the Catechumens at the Chrism Mass on Tuesday, April 12, 2022, at 10:30 a.m. The Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral of Saint Patrick in Norwich. Bishop Michael R. Cote will celebrate this liturgy. All are invited.

The Sacred Chrism, oil mixed with sweet perfume, symbolizes the presence of the Holy Spirit. It will be used in the parishes of the Diocese of Norwich in the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. It is also used at the Ordination of Bishops and Priests and at the Dedication of a Church and altar.

The Oil of the Sick is used to anoint those who are suffering from illness so that they may receive strength and healing, both physical and spiritual.

The catechumens will be anointed with the Oil of Catechumens in preparation for their Baptism at the Easter Vigil.

The Chrism Mass is a celebration of the entire local Church, and the subsequent use of the oils in the various parishes is a sign of unity among God's people.



Catholic Charities is celebrating our 100th Anniversary on May 14th at 6:00 PM at Mystic Aquarium! The Centennial Celebration will be fun for the whole family with face painting, a scavenger hunt, raffle, silent auction, and various food stations, while enjoying

all the amenities of Mystic Aquarium. Come celebrate this amazing milestone with us! Tickets: \$100.00 per adult, children 12 and under are free (Limit 2 children per adult). Visit ccfsn.org or call Sally at 203-556-0115 for more information. Sponsorships available!



Ladies!

A Beautiful Weekend is planned for you!

ACTS Retreat for Women — May 12-15, 2022

Sponsored by Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Coventry/Storrs

Retreat Location: Enders Island Retreat Center, Mystic, CT
Come join a group of Catholic women who will present an ACTS weekend retreat under the guidance of a Catholic Guide. The retreat theme is "**Behold, I make all things new.**" (Rev. 21:5)

The retreat is held at Enders Island, Mystic. Transportation is provided. Ladies, treat yourself to a weekend away with Our Lord in a beautiful setting by the sea, with delicious meals, and fellowship with an amazing group of women from the parish and surrounding area. What a beautiful Mother's Day Gift! Gentlemen, treat that special lady in your life with this wonderful gift. We have a special reduced rate for all first time retreatants. Scholarships are also available for those who qualify.

Want to know more? Contact Elizabeth Percy at tiggpercy@hotmail.com.

Registration information is available at ACTSCT.org, under Retreats, Women, May 12-15 at Enders.

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