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2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."
- Jn 20:28-29

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Even Thomas struggles to remove his boulder! Being very pragmatic and determined, he wants to see the risen Christ for himself! Thomas's boulder is heavy with mistrust. Many of ours are too. A certain amount of skepticism is good, as it can save us from being duped or misled. But we can become so skeptical of things that it erodes our ability to trust anything we see or hear. Skepticism can actually be a well-disguised defense mechanism that we use to prevent us from being hurt or perceived as a fool. Having too much ego protection is a real risk. Thomas, because of the boulder blocking his vision, could not even trust the word of his friends.

Boulders are hard to move. It's difficult to seek change or take a risk, especially when we are so afraid to be vulnerable or reluctant to trust another's word. When we are closed minded, overly pragmatic, unwilling to see things in a different way, stubborn or defensive, it is difficult to be surprised by God and stretched. We need to be less guarded, self-assured, and self-absorbed. God cannot break into the ordinary moments of our lives and inspire us when we cling to doubt. If we are going to discover resurrection faith, we have to believe that what the witnesses say is true, especially when they are credible. We also have to trust that the risen Christ is alive in us, too!

While the first witnesses to the resurrection have faded into history, there are many others who have come after them. They continue to inspire by walking the talk of faith. They are the martyrs who offer their lives for the Gospel, the simple holy people in our communities who cling so steadfastly to their faith, those who have touched despair and found new hope and the ones who, even in spite of ridicule, still pursue their hunger and thirst for God. They are our friends, acquaintances, biblical heroes, and saints, and many others who are convinced that they have seen the Lord! The risen Christ may not surprise us with the same kind of visit as he did the first disciples, but God finds other ways. All we have to do is open our eyes, remove whatever is preventing us from seeing and believing and exclaim: "My Lord and my God!"



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER — DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
APRIL 24, 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 5:00 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 4:25 p.m. to 4:45 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.



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

APRIL 23 — 24, 2022

Ushers Group III

SATURDAY, APRIL 23

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for the Soul of †Victoria Gonzales requested by Gonzalez and Cyranowicz Families

SUNDAY, APRIL 24

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for the Soul of †Suzanne Dowers requested by Lynn Mancino

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

9:00 A.M. **LAST FAITH FORMATION CLASSES**
(parents and students)



10:00 A.M. Mass offered for the Soul of †Roman Karas requested by Urszula and Maciej Zielinski

3:00 P.M. Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet for peace in Ukraine and the world

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

6:00 P.M. Rosary

MONDAY, APRIL 25 — No Mass

TUESDAY, APRIL 26 — No Mass

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 28

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 29

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 30

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for the Soul of †James Lawless requested by his Family



**Sunday, April 24th
3:00 pm
Recitation of the
Divine Mercy Chaplet
for peace in Ukraine
and the world.**

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, MaryAnn

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.



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We are looking for Part-time help for our summer camp program

Runs June 20th until August 19th 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Monday - Friday

\$14.50 per hour

If interested please contact jcolla@mysaintbridget.com

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory: April 17 — \$3,559

Projected Amount needed — \$3,470

"Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'" (JOHN 20:21)

Peace – the first gift of the risen Lord. Just as Jesus sent the apostles out into the world, so too, He sends us. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to be compassionate and merciful; and not with just those who are our friends, but also with our "enemies." Think of someone in your life who you need to reconcile with. Call them right now or better yet, go visit them.

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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 _____

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

JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST AT THE TRIPLE PLAY CAFE



Time: 8:00 A.M. — 10:00 A.M.

Date: Sunday, April 24th

Location: St. Maurice Parish Center

\$6.00 / Person \$18.00 / Family

Sponsored by St. Maurice Knights of Columbus



Christmas Fair Needs

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

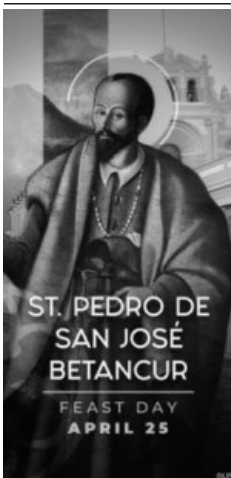


Worldwide Marriage Encounter

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/>.

Thomas said "My Lord and My God". Do you experience this in your relationship. 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)



Saint of the Week

St. Pedro de San José Betancur | April 25

Central America's first saint, St. Pedro de San José Betancur (1626-1667) was born a poor shepherd in the Canary Islands. His family lands were seized because of debt, and he worked as an indentured servant until his early adult life when Pedro left his home to travel to Guatemala. His money for the journey ran out long before he arrived. He was destitute when he did arrive and was forced to join the bread line the Franciscan Friars had for the poor.

In 1655, he joined the Third Order of St. Francis. Pedro began to serve the poor, the enslaved, immigrants, abandoned children, anyone that needed him. In 1658 he was

given a hut which he made into a hospital for the poor. This small start grew into a shelter for the homeless, a school for the poor, an inn for priests, and several small chapels in poor areas. He was supported by many patrons and was joined in his work by both men and women, who became the Bethlehemite Brothers and the Bethlehemite Sisters.

Pedro prayed for the souls of those in purgatory, walked through the streets of rich neighborhoods ringing a bell and calling the wealthy to repent, and ministered to prisoners. Most accounts credit him with beginning the tradition of posadas, a procession in which people representing Mary and Joseph ask for lodging from their neighbors. This tradition continues today in Mexico and Central America. Because of his work with the poor and marginalized Pedro is often referred to as the "Saint Frances of the Americas". St. Pedro was canonized on July 30, 2002, in Guatemala City, Guatemala by Pope John Paul II.

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH



The monthly Diocesan Pro-Life Mass will take place at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on **Saturday, May 7 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.



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.

FROM ST. MAURICE PARISH

East Catholic High School



Our Admissions Team is welcoming a new group of candidates taking our placement exam on April 19th at 9:30 am. We wish them the best of luck and we hope to see all of them joining our Eagle Nation. Exams can also be scheduled at your convenience on an individual basis by contacting Chad Malone at malonec@echhs.com. We continue with our Shadow Day program, family tours and enrollment process. Our Incoming Freshmen Social and Parent Orientation is scheduled for May 13th at East Catholic. More details to follow!

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