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**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 1, 2022**



3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus said to them, "Come, have breakfast." And none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they realized it was the Lord. Jesus came over and took the bread and gave it to them, and in like manner the fish. - Jn 21:12-13

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass 02001, 1998, 1979 CCD

Could it be that God's image has become so soiled and distorted that it is hard for us to see it? Our self-serving agendas have done a great job twisting God's image into what profits us. We want our agenda to be God's agenda and use prayer as the convincing leverage we need. Worse still, our success and egocentric agenda often erases God's image completely, replacing it with our own. St. Oscar Romero instructs us that the Son of Man "dies on the cross to cleanse God's image, which is soiled in today's humanity, a humanity so enslaved, so selfish, so sinful." Striving to preserve control of our destinies at all costs, we fail to see the risen suffering servant, the Christ, standing right beside us.

Jesus, who suffered and died on a cross and was raised from the dead, corrects our soiled image of God. He shows us God as God is, not who we want to make God to be. God is the God of the poor, the weak, and the marginalized. He is the God who tenderly caresses us when we are suffering and hurting, assuring us that all will be safe and well. He is the God of equity, peace, justice, and compassion who wants happiness for each of His children, desiring their wellbeing and success. God goes where men and women are afraid to go, sitting with the lost, the broken, and the sorrowing. St. Oscar Romero challenges us to illuminate with "Christ's light ... even the most hideous caverns of the human person: torture, jail, plunder, want, chronic illness. The oppressed must be saved." The resurrection calls us to be God's microphone, a messenger, and a prophet (St. Oscar Romero).

Using eyes that see beyond the limited constructs and desires of our world, we can see the true and real Jesus standing before us, calling us to transformation and change. Asking us more than once, "do you love me?" We are beckoned to give an answer. Answering in the affirmative, it is now our task to feed the sheep and the lambs who belong to God. In short, equipped with the power of the resurrection and a corrected image of God our task is to make things better, brighter, holier, more life-giving, and just for all of God's children. Considering our choices, our interactions, our philosophies, and aspirations, how can we do this?

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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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**APRIL 30 — MAY 1, 2022**

Ushers Group IV

SPECIAL OFFERING — SEMINARY EDUCATION FUND**SATURDAY, APRIL 30****5:00 P.M.** Mass offered for the Soul of †James Lawless
requested by his Family**SUNDAY, MAY 1****7:30 A.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners
of St. Maurice Church**10:00 A.M.** Mass offered for the Souls of †Joseph and †Mary
Maciora and daughter †Mary Maciora-Jacobs
requested by Joe Maciora**5:30 P.M.** **Evening Prayer** from the Liturgy of the Hours**6:00 P.M.** **Rosary****MONDAY, MAY 2 — No Mass****TUESDAY, MAY 3 — No Mass****7:15 P.M.** **Choir rehearsal** in church.
New voices are always welcome!**WEDNESDAY, MAY 4****9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory**THURSDAY, MAY 5 — NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER****9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory**FRIDAY, MAY 6****9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory**SATURDAY, MAY 7****5:00 P.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners
of St. Maurice Church**East Catholic High School**

We will be hosting **Incoming Freshmen Social and Parent Orientation** for all the Class of 2026 on Friday, May 13th at 5:30 pm. Fun activities are planned for the students and much information will be given to the parents.

It's not too late to start the admissions process, if you think of us as a high school of your choice. Visit our website and give us a call if you'd like to proceed with admissions. We will be happy to help you!

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: Theresa, Helen, Dominic, Alison, Dharen, Ruben, Gwen, Jess, Grace, Lourie, Christine, Mathew, Cecile, Joanie.

Candle Intentions: Rudy, Keith, Lani, Christine, Faydra, Beth, Nick, Noah, Joshua, Amy, Matt, Ethan, Mergendahl and Kane Families, Jean.

Thank you, MaryAnn

**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.

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.

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory: April 24 — \$3,907

Projected Amount needed — \$3,470

"...Peter was distressed that Jesus had said to him a third time, 'Do you love me?' and he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.'"

(John 21:17)

How often do you actually say the words "I love you" to Jesus, to family members, or to friends? We are made to be in relationship with God and each other. Sincerely telling someone that you love them is the best gift you can give them because it comes from your heart. You are giving them the gift of yourself. We all crave love. Tell someone you love them every day.

^ 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 _____

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Home phone _____ Cell phone _____

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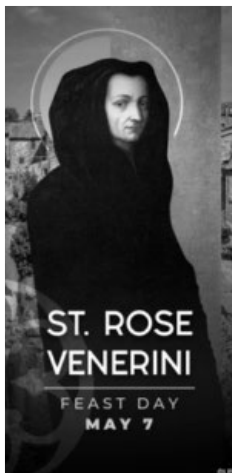
FROM ST. MAURICE PARISH

Sunday — May 15, 2022
CHURCH PICNIC RECEPTION
 Please join Father Bill in celebrating
 the **50th anniversary of his**
Ordination to the Priesthood.
 Mass will be celebrated at St. Maurice on
 Sunday, May 15th at 10:00 AM.
 Picnic reception will follow.

If you are interested in attending, we encourage you to sign up ASAP so that we can estimate the food requirements and space planning.

There will be two sing-up sheets in the back of the church.
 We look forward to seeing you there.

The Fellowship Circle.

**Saint of the Week**

St. Rose Venerini | May 7

The story of St. Rose of Venerini (February 9, 1656 – May 7, 1728) is one of having faith in God and his calling in your life. Born in Italy in 1656, she was the daughter of a doctor. Following the death of her fiancé, she entered a convent in the hopes of becoming a nun, but soon returned home to care for her mother after the death of her father. In an effort to keep up her spiritual side, St. Rose invited women of the neighborhood to recite the rosary in her home, and together they formed a sodality.

Unsure of where her life was headed, she sought the spiritual guidance of a Jesuit priest. After much contemplation, she admitted to feeling called to be a teacher in the world, rather than a nun in a convent. Eventually, she moved ahead and opened a free school for girls in 1685. Eventually, she was invited to oversee the training of teachers and the administration of schools in the Diocese of Montefiascone, which then led to being called upon to organize schools in many parts of Italy, including Rome.

St. Rose died in Rome in 1728 amid a number of miracles that many credit to her. The group of women she first prayed with in her home eventually became known as the Venerini Sisters, found in the United States and working among Italian immigrants. St. Rose was beatified in 1952 and canonized in 2006.

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

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!

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

Marriage Encounter Weekend ~ Worldwide Marriage Encounter is offering a non-residential two-day experience **May 21-22** at St. Patrick Church Hall, East Hampton. This experience will be conducted in accordance with CDC safety protocols including social distancing. For that reason, we will be accepting fewer couples, so it is important that couples register as soon as possible. To apply, contact Frank and Margie Pearson at 860-869-2610 or sign up online at [apply - Worldwide Marriage Encounter \(wwme.org\)](http://apply-WorldwideMarriageEncounter.org) and click on May 21-22, East Hampton, CT (ACWM) or click the QR code at the end of this announcement.

Give your spouse the gift of your time and discover the secrets to a lasting, supportive, transformational marriage! There's no group discussion. It's just about the two of you learning to be the best, most loving and thriving couple you can be. Over the course of the experience three couples and a priest provide new tools, using examples from their own lives, to help couples work through common themes of which all married couples can relate.

For more information, contact the Pearsons at the number above or call Mary-Jo McLaughlin at Catholic Family Services, 860-848-2237, Ext. 312.

FROM ST. MAURICE PARISH

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We are looking for Part-time help
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