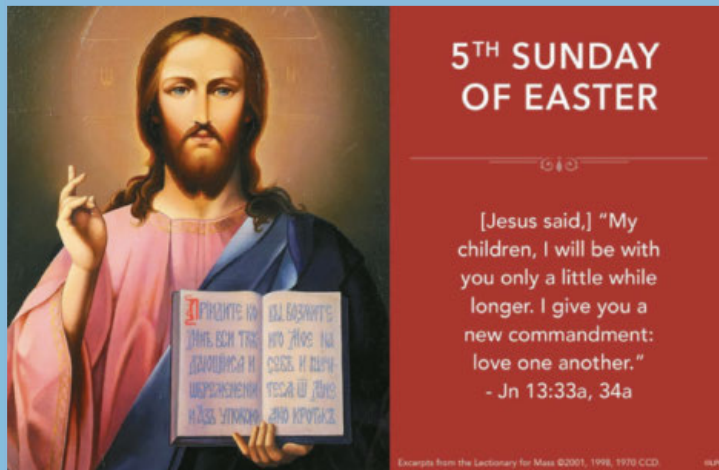


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“It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the Kingdom of God.” Many folks really work very hard to circumvent difficult situations. We prefer the easier way around something, rather than risk inconvenience, hurt or prolonged suffering. It’s no wonder euthanasia is rapidly becoming acceptable around the world. Through purely human eyes, there is no issue bypassing the inevitable, taking control and bringing things more swiftly to a place of peace. If this is the way God sees things, then why does Jesus make such a big deal helping us understand the experience of suffering and embrace it? God’s wisdom clearly takes us in another direction.

Imagine if we were able to eradicate ALL hardship and suffering. Where would we be? As we look at our own journeys, many of our solid more growth producing life lessons have been born of suffering, disappointment, inconvenience, darkness, and despair. There is something sacred about all of these experiences as God uses them to create something new. Envisioning a life without hardship and suffering brings us to a vision where everything is flat-lined and dull. As much as hardship and suffering are difficult crosses to bear, not taking them up runs the risk of us becoming shallow, empty, and lifeless. Helen Keller remarks that, “a happy life consists not in the absence but in the mastery of hardships.” What an incredibly wise insight! Many really successful people and saints were brought to their station in life because they suffered. Suffering teaches us about what’s important and propels us to search the depths of our souls for resources and strength we never would have known before.

This is especially true when we love as Jesus asks us to love. Love, perhaps above any other experience, can cause us great hardship, pain, and suffering especially when it’s authentic and unconditional. While it can thrust us into an incredible experience of God and life on one hand, it can bruise and wound us deeply on the other. Mastering the art of love is the secret to living life well, walking in the presence of God and investing in the joy of the Gospel. Love and suffering walk hand in hand. Compromising one will compromise the other. Maybe that’s why Jesus spent so much time convincing us to accept both.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 15, 2022

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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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 14 — 15, 2022

Ushers Group II

SATURDAY, MAY 14

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church

SUNDAY, MAY 15

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

10:00 A.M. Mass offered for Father Bill on the 50th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood

A picnic reception will be held at the Parish Center after Mass

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

6:00 P.M. Rosary

MONDAY, MAY 16 — No Mass

TUESDAY, MAY 17 — No Mass

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18

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

THURSDAY, MAY 19

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

FRIDAY, MAY 20

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

SATURDAY, MAY 21

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church

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, candle jars and left over candles of all colors and sizes, children's buttons and decorated buttons, and metal buttons.

We need hundreds of baby food jars!
Call Sharon Scorso at (860) 646-1423, Beth Harney at (860) 649-1331 or Dorli Cloutier at (860) 649-6255

FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH

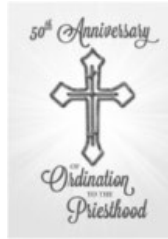


ST. MAURICE PRAYER LINE

Please remember all the special intentions on the St. Maurice Prayer Line and Faith Formation Students Prayer Requests.

New requests this week: Bert, Helen, Grace, Madeline, Carmine, Rose, Theresa.

Candle Intentions: Special prayers for the Intentions in the Candle Note Book
Thank you, MaryAnn



The Fellowship Circle invites you to attend a celebration of Father Bill's 50th Anniversary of his Ordination to Priesthood Sunday, May 15, 2022.

Mass offered for Father Bill will be at 10 AM followed by a picnic reception to be held at the Parish Center.

Hamburgers, hotdogs, rolls, condiments, water, soda, coffee, tea and desert will be provided. We ask that you bring a side dish.

We look forward to seeing you at this event.
The Fellowship Circle.



Saint Bridget School

74 Main St. Manchester, CT
OPEN HOUSE — May 19th
6:00pm to 8:00 pm

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STEWARDSHIP

Offertory: May 8 — \$2,926

Projected Amount needed — \$3,470

*"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another."
(John 13:34)*

"As I have loved you," this is the hard part – Jesus's love is unconditional; our love usually comes with strings attached. It is easy to love someone when they love you back. But it takes mercy and compassion to love someone when you feel unappreciated, feel used or feel like your opinion doesn't matter. It takes courage and the grace of God to "love my neighbor" when they may be someone you don't like, someone you don't know or someone that doesn't look like you.

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Parish Membership Form

Drop in collection ^

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

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FROM ST. MAURICE PARISH

Holy Family Summer Day Camp 2022

Theme: *Daughters of the King*

A five-day summer day camp for girls, ages 7-10 and 11-15

Dates: Monday, July 25, to Friday, July 29

Times: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Come join us for a wonderful spiritual experience and lots of fun!

Contact: Sister Mary Kathleen, SMC

860-388-1517 or smarykathleen@gmail.com

or Sister Rafael, SMC

860-822-8241

All forms will be available on our website:

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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.com) and click on May 21-22, East Hampton, CT

Saint of the Week

St. Margaret of Cortona | May 16

Though St. Margaret of Cortona (1247 – 1297) is today known as being an incredibly pious Catholic, she didn't start out that way. Born into a farming family in Laviano, Tuscany, her mother died when St. Margaret was seven. Her father remarried, but life with her stepmother was so difficult that St. Margaret moved out of the home and instead chose to live with a man named Arsenio, though they weren't married. They had been living together for nine years when she gave birth to a son. Knowing in her heart that this wasn't the life that God

intended for her to have, she prayed for purity.

One day while waiting for Arsenio, his dog led her into the forest where she found Arsenio murdered. So shocked was St. Margaret that she fell into a life of penance. She and her son returned to Laviano, but still found her stepmother to be as unwelcoming as ever. They then went to Cortona, and eventually her son became a friar.

Three years after her conversion, St. Margaret followed in her son's footsteps and became a Franciscan tertiary. During her life, St. Margaret established a hospital and founded a congregation of tertiary sisters. She was canonized in 1728.



FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH



2022 ACA update: As of May 5, 2022, **Saint Maurice Parish, Bolton** has donated \$9,503.75 or 83.73% of its goal, and 21.23% of our parishioners have donated. We are striving for as close to 100% participation as possible.

THERE IS STILL TIME TO DONATE! Our campaign year ends December 31, 2022. With your donation, our ACA supported ministries do the work of Christ every day. If you have not made your contribution to the 2022 Annual Catholic Appeal, "One Faith, One Family", or would like to make an additional gift, donation envelopes are still available within the church or you can contact the Development Office at (860) 886-1928 or go online to www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org.

Thank you to everyone for your support!

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

WITH BISHOP ROBERT BARRON



Join us to see Bishop Robert Barron as we kick off the Eucharistic Revival in the Diocese of Norwich. Beginning in June, The USCCB will launch a multi-year Eucharistic

revival which will culminate in a National Eucharistic Congress. Throughout the next three years, the Diocese of Norwich and its parishes will foster a deeper love for the Holy Eucharist among the faithful. To kick off the event, the Office of Faith Events is sponsoring a bus trip to Boston's Eucharistic Congress in Lowell, MA on June 18th. The trip will leave from the Cathedral of St. Patrick or St. Matthew, Tolland at 6am. The cost is \$93 which includes the conference fee, transportation and taxes. To register, go to

<https://bit.ly/2Laol7Y>

or contact Marianne Nicholas at manicholas@norwichdiocese.net or call (860)848-2237 ex.304

DIOCESAN VIRTUAL SUMMER MISSION



Join us for the **Diocesan Virtual Summer Mission** on Wednesdays Evenings June 1, 8, 15, and 22 from 7 -7:45pm.

The mission is called **Go and Make Disciples: What the Bible Teaches Us about Evangelization**. Evangelization

— just the thought of it can make us squirm. Really? Talking to people about Jesus? How can we do that naturally without everyone feeling awkward? As Catholics, evangelization isn't optional — it is our calling. Thankfully, we have a guidebook that teaches us exactly how to do it — the Bible. Our speaker, Emily Ricci will walk us through evangelization strategies found in the Old and New Testament. Emily Ricci is the owner of the **Catholic Marketing Company Gloriam Marketing** as well as New Testament Teacher at Mount Saint Mary College in Newburgh, NY. To join us, contact Marianne Nicholas at manicholas@norwichdiocese.net or call (860)8482237 ex. 305.

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