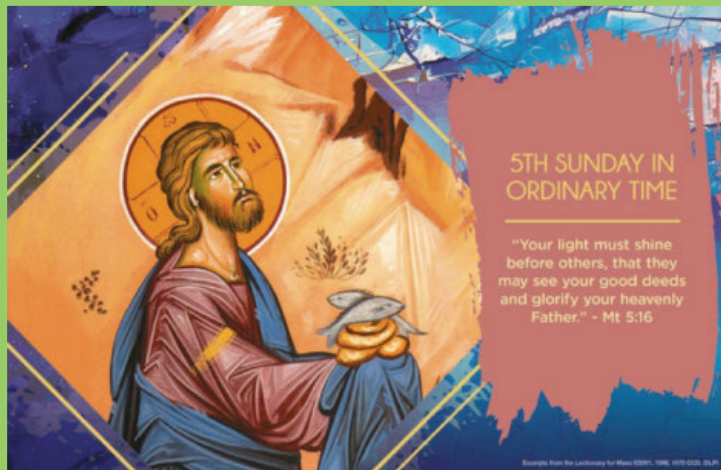


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I recently decided to learn to cook. As I sit at the feet of various YouTube cooking masters, I notice how much of cooking is adding ingredients that don't provide any more nourishment, like herbs and other seasonings. But man! They make all the difference because they make the meal delightful to eat and share.

Jesus calls his disciples "salt of the world." No one eats just salt. So, Christians are not meant to replace or do away with the world. They are meant to be agents of preservation and glorification. Notice how often these days the Church seeks to preserve what is threatened: the goodness of marital and family love, the desires of young people for greatness, the value of honest work, healthy economics, and altruistic political engagement, the dignity of the poor and vulnerable. Over and over, we say to a world who wants to throw things out, "It's worth saving! We'll preserve it! We'll show you it's wonderful." If we can't engage the world like that, Jesus says we are the ones who get thrown out, because salt alone is worthless.

Jesus only asks us to do for others what he does for us. He is the "salt" of everything in our lives. Is there something in your life starting to rot a bit? Something tasting bland and boring? Let Jesus salt it and see if you like it better.

— *Father John Muir*



**FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 5, 2023**

Prayer Line

Temporarily, please call Carol Zabielski at 860- 643-2837

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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 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 IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 4 — 5, 2023

Ushers Group IV

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4

4:00 P.M. Mass offered for the Soul of
 †Joan Wollmerhauser — (6 month Anniversary)
 requested by Cecile Piette

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

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 †Margaret and
 †Paul Brown
 requested by Pam Brown

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

6:00 P.M. Rosary

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6 — No MASS**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7 — No MASS**

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

4:00 P.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners
 of St. Maurice Church

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

"You are the Salt of the earth. You are the light of the world." "A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden." "Your light must shine before others." Why not let your light shine by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. It can be the salt and light you need for your relationship. Experiences available are:

Mar 10-12, 2023 in Upton, MA

Jun 23-25, 2023 in Huntington, NY

Worldwide Marriage Encounter sponsors a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences, some on weekends and some on seven weekdays. Couples explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church. Registration is limited; there is a \$100 application fee.

For more information or to apply, call Frank & Margie Pearson at 860-337-2447 or <https://www.mectw.org/>

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: Beth, Dominic, Angie, Tiffany.

Candle Intentions: Special prayers for the Intentions in the Candle Note Book.

Temporarily, please call Carol Zabielski at 860- 643-2837

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, Irene Zdrojowy 860-533-1733 or

Mary Ann Murphy at 860-649-5449

Thank you.

Observances for the week of February 5, 2023

Sunday: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Paul Miki and
 Companions, Martyrs

Wednesday: St. Jerome Emiliani;
 St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin

Friday: St. Scholastica, Virgin

Saturday: Our Lady of Lourdes

Next Sunday: 6th Sunday in Ordinary
 Time,
 World Marriage Day

**STEWARDSHIP**

Offertory: January 29 — \$2,905

Projected Amount needed — \$3,670

"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

— MATTHEW 5:16

The generosity of being a good steward of your gifts has a positive effect on people and it is contagious! Good works encourage more good works. Generosity is a by-product of a grateful lifestyle. The more we recognize God's gifts, the more we want to share them. Good stewards recognize that God is working through them and they don't put themselves above the people they have been called to help.

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

FROM ST. MAURICE PARISH

"Beatitude" people

When Jesus saw the folks gathering in the church hall, he invited them to pull up chairs and have a seat. When everyone was settled and comfortable, Jesus took a chair himself and began to teach:

"Blessed are they who place the love of the family and friends before all else, who possess a spirit of gratitude that compels them to give of their own blessings to others — for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are they who grieve, who struggle to cope but continue to hope: the single mom or dad trying to raise their children alone, the parents who wait for the lost daughter or son to return — for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are they who find their joy in the happiness of others: the young couple just starting out, the devoted teacher, the dedicated minister — for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are they who can see beyond their own interests and agendas to the greater common good, who understand and honor their ethical and social responsibilities to their community — for they will be filled.

"Blessed are those who treat classmates, coworkers and employees with respect and dignity; who never forget what it was like to struggle to raise a family, to be the "new kid," to start a new job; who keep in mind the many times they've been forgiven and received a second and third chance that they didn't deserve — for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are they who seek justice for the poor and the abused, who speak up for the victimized and powerless, who refuse to compromise in matters of justice and truth — for they will see God.

"Blessed are they who possess the rare gift of bringing people together, who possess the humility to make the first move to forgive and enable reconciliation to take place, who bring healing to those who have been hurt, ignored, or rejected—for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are they who are ridiculed and criticized for doing what is just and good, who refuse to give into cynicism around them, who will not rationalize injustice and justify falsehoods — for the reign of God is theirs.

"Rejoice and be glad" Jesus told the group that had met that night in the church hall, "for your reward in heaven will be great." *In every time, in every place, there are "Beatitude" people in our own families, in our own towns, in our own parish who have embraced the "blessedness" of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount: realizing the many blessings they possess, they seek to reveal God's blessings in the lives of others through compassion, generosity, mercy and peace trusting in the mercy of God they have experienced in their own lives, they seek to be the means for others to realize God's presence in their lives. May God's grace illuminate our hearts that we may embrace the vision of the Beatitudes: to seek the grace and joy of God in all things.*

**Virtual Project Rachel Rosary**

The third Thursday of each month at 3pm, come and pray the Project Rachel Rosary online with the Office of Faith Events. The Project Rachel Rosary focuses on putting an end to abortion and healing for those who have been involved in an abortion. Our next Rosary will be February 21st, please join us:

Meeting link: <https://bit.ly/316zdeG>

Meeting number: 132 917 2663

Password: Rosary

Or Join by phone: 1-415-655-0001

Access code: 132 917 2663

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH



As we close the books on the 2022 ACA, we are happy to report that in the face of so many challenges, because of your generosity and the matching gift provided by the Rossi



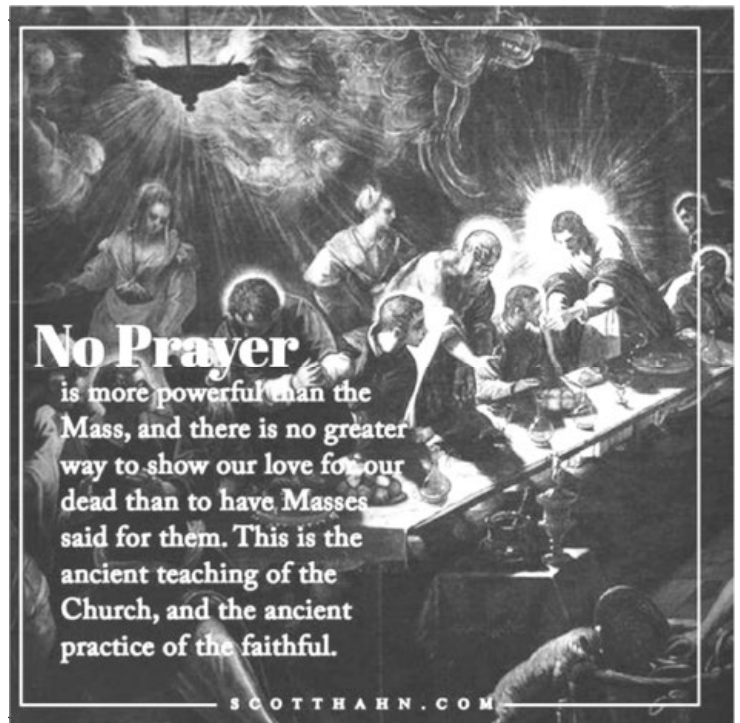
Foundation and the Padre Pio Foundation of America, we reached our goal for the second year in a row! On behalf of the many ACA supported ministries and programs doing the work of Christ each day, we offer you our deep appreciation!



We look forward to your continued support and prayers as we embark on the 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal, One Faith, One Family, in March!

MEN'S VIRTUAL FAITH GROUP**BROTHERS IN CHRIST**

Brothers in Christ is a Virtual Gathering of men who share faith, personal experiences, and discussion. The next virtual meeting of Brothers in Christ will feature Pat McLaughlin speaking about being a Faith filled Husband on Thursday February 9th from 7pm – 7:45pm. If you are interested in developing fellowship and discipleship with other men devoted to Christ, please register by email Liza Roach at lroach@norwichdiocese.net or call (860)848-2237 ex. 305.

**Virtual Lenten Mission**

The Virtual Lenten Mission is an opportunity for us to deepen our faith, take time for reflection, and pray. We invite you to join us to enhance your Lenten Journey. The mission will begin on Thursday, March 2nd at 7:00 – 7:45pm and continue weekly with the last session on Thursday, March 30th. To register, contact Marianne at (860)848-2237 ex. 304 or email her at manicholas@norwichdiocese.net

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