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PALM SUNDAY
APRIL 2, 2023

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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.

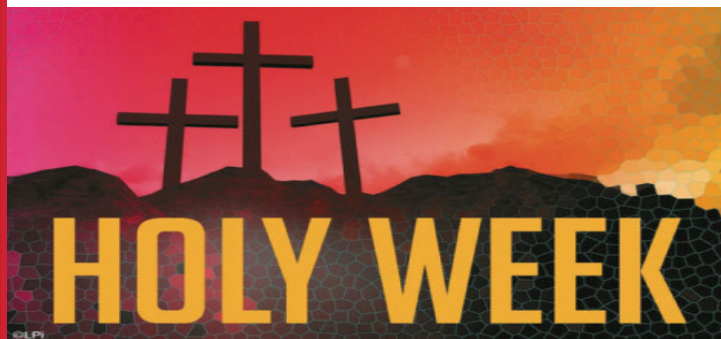


What's your car? Let's say it's a fancy silver Toyota. Now imagine you're having lunch in a restaurant and suddenly see two men outside attempting to steal it. You run outside and confront them. They respond, "The master has need of it." How do you respond? Would you just let them take it, and leave you without a car? I don't think I would.

Yet that is precisely what the owners of the colt on Palm Sunday do. Stunningly, and perhaps a little comically, Jesus instructs two of his disciples to commandeer a colt for him to ride. And when they hear the disciples say, "**The master has need of it,**" they let them take it. Of course, Jesus *knew* they'd let it go. He gave them the grace to let go of what is rightfully theirs. The result? That colt became perhaps the most famous and important animal ever. The beast plays a role in the redemption of the world.

As Holy Week begins, Jesus perhaps will send people to you to ask for something valuable to you. Perhaps it's your car. More likely it's something like your attention, time, or energy. It's natural to resist at first. We've got things to do, after all. But if the interruption is from Jesus himself, listen to that voice which calmly says, "**The master has need of it.**" And simply let it go. You'll be amazed what the master will do with it.

— Father John Muir





**PALM SUNDAY
APRIL 1 — 2, 2023**

Ushers Group IV

**Maintenance Collection
Operation Rice Bowl Collection
Easter Food Drive**

SATURDAY, APRIL 1

4:00 P.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory

SUNDAY, APRIL 2

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

9:00 A.M. **FAITH FORMATION CLASSES**

10:00 A.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners
of St. Maurice Church

EASTER FOOD DELIVERY after Mass

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. **9th and 8th grade Confirmation students
virtual Retreat in the Parish Center.**

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

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

MONDAY, APRIL 3 — No MASS

TUESDAY, APRIL 4 — No MASS

10:30 A.M. **Chrism Mass at St. Patrick Cathedral,
Norwich, CT**

7:15 P.M. **Choir rehearsal in church.**

WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK, APRIL 5 — No MASS

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

HOLY THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER, APRIL 6

7:00 P.M. Mass offered for all Priests especial Father Bill
CONFESSIONS AFTER MASS

HOLY FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD, APRIL 7

3:00 P.M. **GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE)**

**CONFESSIONS AFTER 3:00 P.M. SERVICE
No Lenten Fish Dinner**

HOLY SATURDAY — EASTER VIGIL, APRIL 8

10:00 A.M. **BLESSING OF EASTER 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 9 — EASTER SUNDAY

OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

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

NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

10:00 A.M. Mass offered for the Soul of †Marion Miller

Birthday Remembrance requested by The Family



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: Rudolph, Maureen, Trudy, Fallon, Family, Sierra .

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.

SEASONAL SHARING

HELPING FAMILIES IN BOLTON



On Palm Sunday, April 2nd 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.

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory: March 26 — \$2,813

Projected Amount needed — \$3,670

"As they were marching out, they came upon a man of Cyrene, Simon by name; this man they pressed into service to carry his cross."

- MATTHEW 27:32

The Lord calls us to love God and to love our neighbor. Every day we are presented with opportunities to love our neighbor and help him "carry his cross." These opportunities aren't usually big events, they are usually ordinary occurrences like helping someone carry their groceries or holding the door open for them. The key is putting the other person's needs before our own and not expecting anything in return.

^ 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 _____

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



Wednesday of the Holy Week, April 5
 No 9:00 a.m. Mass, Confessions 5:00 p.m. — 6:00 p.m.



Holy Thursday of the Lord's Supper, April 6
 Mass at 7:00 p.m., Confessions after Mass

Holy Friday of the Passion of the Lord, April 7
 Service at 3:00 p.m.
 Confessions after Service

Holy Saturday, April 8 — Easter Vigil
 Blessing of Easter Food in pews at 10:00 a.m.
 Confessions after food blessing till 11:00 a.m.
 Easter Vigil Mass at 8:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
 Masses at 7:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.



Sleigh Bells Ring Christmas Fair News

Thank you to all parishioners who came to our meeting on 3/22 to share in fair planning for 2023. The fair will be held on November 18, 2023 only in the Parish Center.

We look forward to involving all parishioners in our plans - please keep an eye on bulletin announcements for fair needs and tasks that can be done throughout the year to prepare.

Here is our first list:

* Looking for parishioners who are willing to peel apples, roll pie crust and help to assemble pies the week before the fair - last year a number of our usual volunteers were not available so we are building a new team. No experience needed - just willing hands and a smile! More information to follow this fall.

* In order to make 100 apple pies and hundreds of jars of jelly/ jam, we always need sugar, flour and cinnamon. If you can donate them throughout the year, please leave your contributions in the church vestibule. Thank you!

* We are no longer planning to use baby food jars for our jam baskets as they are becoming very scarce. All jams going forward will be made in 8-12-16 ounce canning jars with new lids and rings. If you have any of these items to donate to the fair, please leave them in the church vestibule - we are especially interested in lids and rings, as we have many jars donated already.

That's all for now! But please keep your eyes open for future requests - it's only 8 months until fair day!

Beth Ann Harney
 860-649-1331

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH



As announced last week, all 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 4, 2023, 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.



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 April 18th, please join us: Meeting link: <https://bit.ly/316zdeG>

Meeting number: 132 917 2663

Password: Rosary

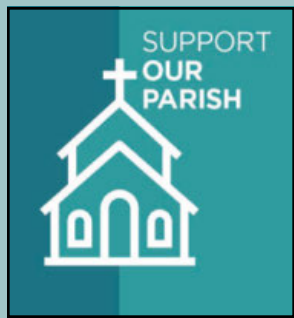
or Join by phone: 1-415-655-0001

Access code: 132 917 2663



The Norwich
 Diocesan Women's Conference
VIRTUAL BASKET RAFFLE
 will culminate on Sunday, April 2 at
 midnight.

Go online to <https://go.rallyup.com/2023baskets> today to view 17 lovely baskets, chances are only \$1 each! Winners will be notified April 3. Questions? Call the Office of Faith Events @ 860-848-2237, Thank you!!



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