

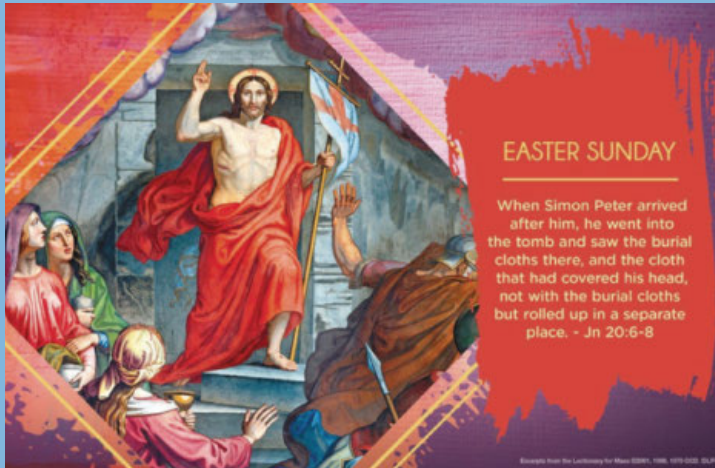
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**EASTER SUNDAY**  
APRIL 9, 2023

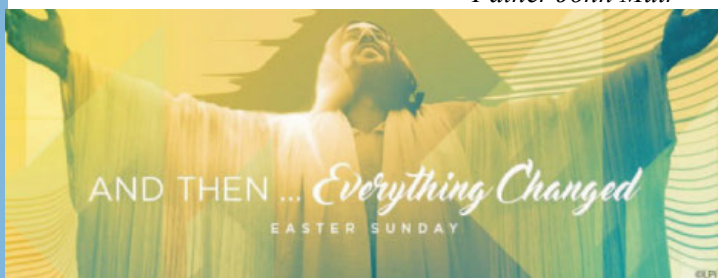


“When Jesus had risen, early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had driven seven demons.” (Mark 16:9) Popular Catholic piety sometimes posits that the newly risen Jesus appears first to the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a happy thought, but it’s simply not what the scriptures report. We are told quite directly that he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, “out of whom he had driven seven demons.”

Why would the gospel writer remind us of this unsavory detail of Mary’s past? Historians tell us women were not qualified to give legal testimony. On top of that, to be possessed by not just one, but seven demons, is unsavory and terrifying. What damage had they done to her? What did she do to allow herself to be home to such evil? It doesn’t seem to matter. Jesus chose Mary Magdalene to be the first one who saw him risen from the dead. He decided she was qualified.

Do you think that you are disqualified from seeing and announcing the risen Jesus because of your past demons? Maybe they are the demons of despair, confusion, self-hatred, pride, addiction, failure, boredom, laziness, or other sins. Well, don’t. In the light of the Risen Jesus, all these past demons make our witness that much more believable — only if we allow ourselves to be touched by the liberating hand of Christ, just as Mary Magdalene did.

— *Father John Muir*



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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.

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

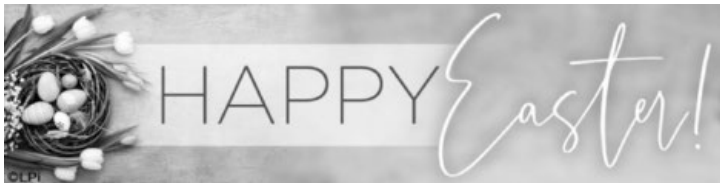
APRIL 8 — 9, 2023



Ushers Group I Retired and Infirm Priests Collection

SATURDAY, APRIL 8

8:00 P.M. EASTER VIGIL MASS Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church



SUNDAY, APRIL 9 — EASTER SUNDAY

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 5:30 P.M. Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours 6:00 P.M. Rosary

MONDAY, APRIL 10 — No MASS

TUESDAY, APRIL 11 — No MASS

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 13

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 14

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 15

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for the Souls of †Albert and †Ann Torrillo — requested by Dawn Yonkunas

THE SATURDAY VIGIL MASS TIME WILL GO BACK TO 5PM ON APRIL 15, THE WEEKEND AFTER EASTER



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: Fallon, Sienna, Dawn, Kyle, Meg.

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 THANK YOU!!!

Thank you to all who helped with the Easter food delivery for our Bolton families in need. The families sent their thanks to all who

donated food and money. We would like to thank Shop Rite for donating the meat. Cash donations were used to purchase Shop Rite gift cards. St. Maurice parishioners made deliveries to 19 families in need this Easter season.



Thank you for your continued support.

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory: April 2 — \$3,080

Projected Amount needed — \$3,670

“Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.” - COLOSSIANS 3:2

Do you put God first in all things? Possessions, money, power, ego can easily become gods to many of us. Do a quick check of what is important to you. Is God at the very top of the list? If not, your priorities need to be re-adjusted. Don't let earthly things become a god before God. This is also the first commandment – I am the Lord your God, you shall not have any strange gods before me.

^ Tear off

Memorial Mass Form

Drop in collection ^

Father Bill, please offer a weekend \_\_\_ (or) weekday \_\_\_ Mass for the soul \_\_\_ (or) intentions \_\_\_ (as applicable) of:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Person requesting \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

City State Zip \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

Check enclosed \_\_\_ Envelope No. \_\_\_\_\_ We will Donate Online \_\_\_ (Customary donation \$10 weekday, \$20 weekend)

I will bring up the gifts at the Mass celebrated. Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

## FROM ST. MAURICE PARISH



**Divine Mercy Sunday**  
**Saint Maurice Church**  
**April 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**3:00 pm**

**"I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. *The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.*"**

*Diary of St. Faustina*

Please join us at the Hour of Mercy as we recite the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Litany, offering prayers for peace, especially in the Ukraine, and for the restoration of our nation and world to God.



**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



## FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

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

*Brothers in Christ* is a gathering of men who share faith, personal experiences, and discussion. BIC fellowship meetings are held the second Thursday of the month either virtually or on-site. Thursday-April 13<sup>th</sup>, BIC will meet Virtually 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](mailto:lroach@norwichdiocese.net) or call (860)848-2237 ex. 305.

**The Eucharistic Revival - The Eucharist, did you know?**



Does the priest do the transubstantiation? Although the priest, who is the representative of Christ among the worshipping assembly, prays the words at Mass, the power to make the change in substance belongs to God alone. No human being can effect this mysterious transformation, but only the power of God's Holy

Spirit working through the priest.

This is clear in the Eucharistic prayer when, before the narrative of Jesus' actions at the Last Supper, the priest invokes the power of the Holy Spirit to "make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray, by sending down your Spirit upon them like dewfall, so that they may become the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ."

St. John of Chrysostom explains that "It is not the priest who is responsible for the offerings as they become Christ's body and blood; it is Christ himself who was crucified for us. The priest speaks these words. The power and the grace belong to God. 'This is my body,' he says. And these words transform the offerings." Or as St. John Damascene asks "How can bread become Christ and wine his blood?" I answer: "The power of the Holy Spirit will be at work to give us a marvel which surpasses understanding." *Used with permission from God's Real Presence, by Steve Mueller. Published by Living with Christ. All rights reserved*



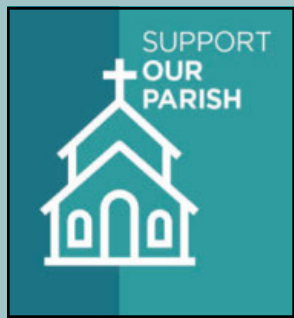
**Virtual Project Rachel Rosary**

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 18<sup>th</sup>, please join us:

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

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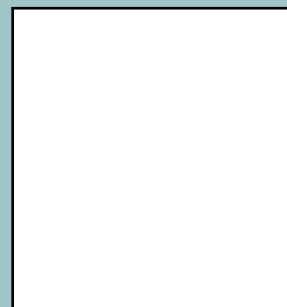
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