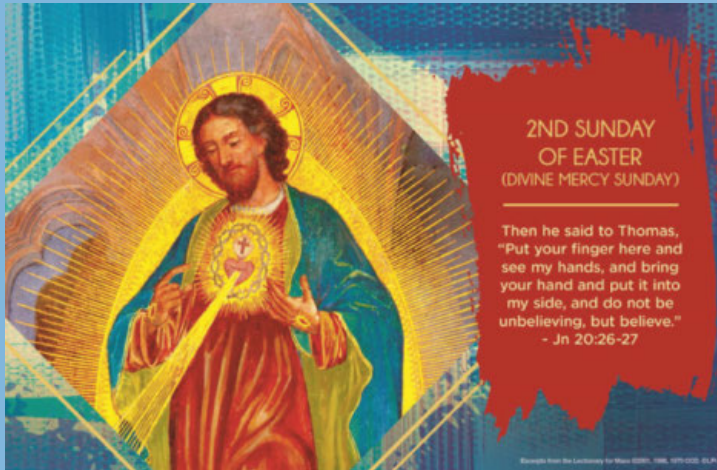


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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
APRIL 16, 2023

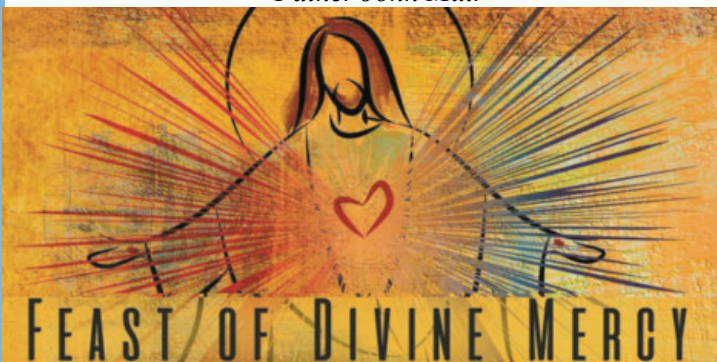


A young, engaged couple sat on the couch in front of me as we chatted about their upcoming marriage. The young lady was struggling to trust her future husband. She told me her father had been unfaithful to her mother. She said of her fiancé, “I want him to prove to me that he won’t cheat on me.” The young man looked at me helplessly, raised his eyebrows and shrugged his shoulders. What evidence could he possibly give to validate such a proof? Nothing. All he could do was invite her to trust him.

We all are wounded by experiences of imperfect love. We also are tempted to demand from God proof of His fidelity and goodness. We are like St. Thomas the Apostle who, on that second Sunday of Easter, demands proof of the Lord’s resurrection. **“Unless I see the mark of the nail ... I will not believe.”** Our science, technology and mathematics can indeed prove a great deal. But there are some things that require trusting another person. We prove promises of love only by trusting.

St. Thomas indeed saw the wounds of Jesus and believed. But there is an even greater blessing for us who simply trust Him — and all the truths the Church proclaims — because of the trustworthiness of the Risen One who speaks. This week let’s trust Jesus without seeing him.

— *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.

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER -
SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY**

APRIL 15 — 16, 2023

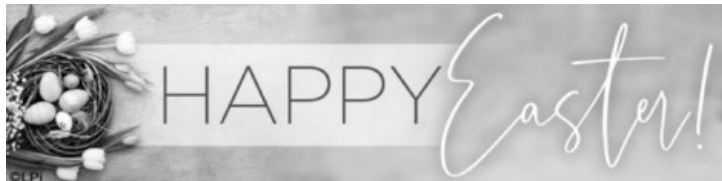


Ushers Group II

SATURDAY, APRIL 15

5:00 P.M. VIGIL MASS

Mass offered for the Souls of †Albert and †Ann Torillo, requested by Dawn Yonkunas



SUNDAY, APRIL 16 — DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for the Souls of †Barbara and †Donald Sullivan,

Requested by Patrick and Daniel Sullivan

NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

10:00 A.M. Mass offered for the Soul of †Anna Scorso,
Requested by Clifford and Sharon Scorso

3:00 P.M. **Chaplet of Divine Mercy:** come and join in prayer at the Hour of Mercy

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

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

MONDAY, APRIL 17 — No MASS

TUESDAY, APRIL 18 — No MASS

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19 — No MASS

6:30 P.M. **Parish Council Meeting** at the Parish Center

THURSDAY, APRIL 20 — No MASS

FRIDAY, APRIL 21 — No MASS

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

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



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: Connor, Andy, Arlene, Carolyn, Barbara, George, Heather, Ronald, George, Marty. 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 9 — \$3,928

Projected Amount needed — \$3,670

"All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their property and possessions and divide them among all according to each one's need."

- ACTS 2:44-45

Pope Francis himself follows this example by his simple lifestyle and devotion to the poor of the See of Rome. Although lay persons no longer have all things in common, we follow the example of the Apostles and early disciples when we use our property to provide for the needs of those less fortunate.

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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



Divine Mercy Sunday
Saint Maurice Church
April 16th
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

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

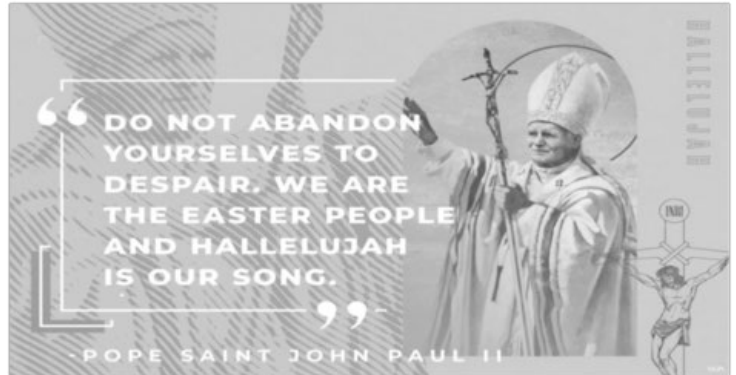
ACTS 2:42-47: "They DEVOTED themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, the breaking of the bread....Many wonders and signs were done ..." As you devote your life to God and to your SPOUSE, you will see many miracles, wonders, and a renewal in your relationship. One way to devote your life to God and your spouse is to sign up and attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. You will learn new ways/tools to renew and revitalize your relationship.

June 2-4, 2023 in Upton, MA

Jun 23-25, 2023 and September 22-24, 2023 in Huntington, NY

August 11-13, 2023 in CT October 20-22, 2023 in VT

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/>.



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You Can Help Your Marriage – If communication in your marriage is a struggle, or things have become troubled, unloving, or uncaring, the Retrouvaille program can help. Retrouvaille provides tools to help you communicate better, resolve conflicts and rediscover why you fell in love. The next local weekend is May 5-7, 2023. For information, call confidentially 1-800-470-2230, email helds4marriage@gmail.com or go to our website www.helpourmarriage.org.



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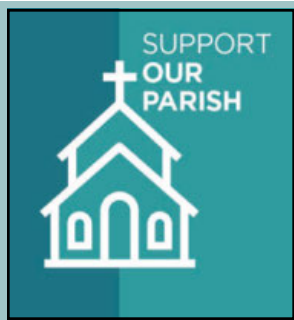
Virtual Project Rachel Rosary

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 19th, please join us:

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

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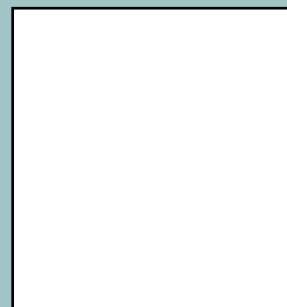
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