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A TITHING AND M-E-R-C-Y PARISH

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
MAY 7, 2023



## First Holy Communion

WELCOME TO THE TABLE OF THE LORD!

Amanda Hayes, Kyle Landry,  
Marcella O'Brien, Audrey Phelan, Jackson Sadler,  
Braelyn Young, Ryan Young

Dear Jesus,  
through bread and wine at the Last Supper,  
and by your holy word,  
you gave the Eucharist to your church.  
You transformed common food and drink  
into your Body and Blood,  
and offered us a share in your life  
in ways we still cannot fully understand.  
Grant now that these young people  
will always treasure the gift they have in you.  
Give them the grace to be faithful to you  
and to remain in communion with your church.  
As they receive their first Communion,  
the Bread of Life and Cup of Salvation,  
make them always aware of the hope they have  
for eternal life in you.  
Amen.

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Fr. Bill Olesik

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

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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 6 — 7, 2023**

Ushers Group I



**SEMINARY EDUCATION FUND COLLECTION**

**SATURDAY, MAY 6**

**5:00 P.M.** Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory

**SUNDAY, MAY 7**

**7:30 A.M.** Mass offered for All the Parishioners of St. Maurice Church



**10:00 A.M.** Mass offered for students who are receiving First Holy Communion

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

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

**MONDAY, MAY 8 — No MASS**

**TUESDAY, MAY 9 — No MASS**

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

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 10**

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

**THURSDAY, MAY 11**

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

**FRIDAY, MAY 12**

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

**SATURDAY, MAY 13**

**5:00 P.M.** Mass offered for the Soul of †Jane Hilbie  
requested by Linda Armstrong

**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.

**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: Noah, Kyle, Justine

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

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

Thank you, MaryAnn



**SISTERS OF CHARITY**  
*of Our Lady, Mother of the Church*

**Holy Family Summer Day Camp 2023**

Theme: **Catch the Fire**

*A five-day summer day camp for girls, ages 9-15*

Dates: Monday, July 24, to Friday, July 28

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

Place: Holy Family Motherhouse

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860-822-8241

All forms will be available on our website:

[www.sistersofcharity.com](http://www.sistersofcharity.com)

**STEWARDSHIP**

**Offertory: April 30 — \$4,079**

**Projected Amount needed — \$3,670**

*“The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.” 1 PETER 2:7*

Every person has been given gifts from the Holy Spirit. These are called “charisms” and they are used to build God’s kingdom of earth. While many people are able to recognize their natural talents and abilities, they may be unsure of their charisms. If you know someone who is struggling for a direction in life, give them a little encouragement. Help them discern their charisms and how God is calling them to use them. Remember - no gift is too small or insignificant in God’s salvation plan.

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

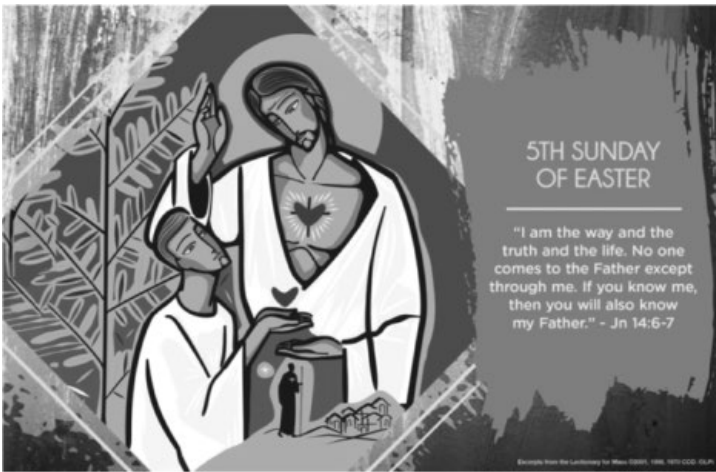
**FROM ST. MAURICE PARISH**



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We are in need of Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers and Ushers for all Masses. If you are interested, please speak with the Lector or Eucharistic Minister or Usher or contact the Parish office. You can also put your name and contact information in the collection basket and we will contact you.

**WE ♥ OUR VOLUNTEERS**



If you had to summarize the essential core of the Christian life, what would it be? Mercy, truth, or love, perhaps? The readings today suggest another word which may surprise you. That word is *priesthood*.

St. Peter says to us, **“You are a ‘chosen race, a royal priesthood...”** To be part of a priesthood is to offer a particular sacrifice in order for the community to survive and thrive. Jesus is the great high priest because he offers the one perfect sacrifice which heals and perfects the entire human race. Peter the Apostle wants us to know that all the baptized share in this priestly ministry. The whole of our lives, including every detail, is meant to become our acceptable offering to God.

The baptized exercise this priesthood in many ways, I’ll mention three. At Sunday Mass, in private prayer, and in daily work. At Mass, we offer the sacrifice of our lives with that of the priest, who symbolizes Christ the Priest. In our prayer, a “morning offering” prayer is a great way to offer up all the joys and sufferings of the day to come. In our daily work, we sacrifice our time, comfort, money, and energy to do good for others. All this gives the deepest possible meaning to our lives: we share in the priesthood which saves the world. That’s at the core of our faith.

— *Father John Muir*



**FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH**

**Annulment Workshop** ~ If you are a divorced Catholic who would like to know more about annulments or is considering beginning the annulment process but aren’t quite sure what it is or how to go about doing so, consider attending this informational workshop **Wednesday, May 24 from 7-8:30 P.M. at St. Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Church Hall, Groton, 69 Long Point Rd., Groton.** Rev. Jeffrey Ellis from the Diocesan Marriage Tribunal will be there to answer questions and explain the numerous aspects of the annulment process. For more information, contact the Catholic Family Services Office at 860-848-2237, Ext 312.



**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 May 16th, please join us: 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

**31 Chances to win 31 great PRIZES!**

**Raffle to benefit St. Vincent de Paul Place**

The pandemic-era SNAP benefits (food stamps) that have helped so many vulnerable families cope with the challenges of COVID-19 have recently been cut, on average, \$90 per month. For seniors and the underemployed, these cuts are even more drastic, resulting in a new groundswell of food insecurity. Soaring rents and higher food and energy costs are overwhelming for many people in our community. At St. Vincent de Paul Place, we are bracing for a 10% increase in requests for food, hygiene, and other services.

**HELP US HELP MANY.**

Your ticket purchase means you’ll make a difference in the lives of countless people experiencing these difficult financial times.

A winner will be at 2pm each day in May 2023. Scan this QR code for a list of the prizes. Ticket holders do not need to be present to win.

Raffle tickets can be purchased

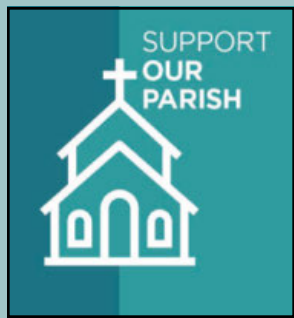
online for \$20. Use QR code of go to [www.svdpp.org/raffle](http://www.svdpp.org/raffle)



**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-May 11<sup>th</sup>, BIC will meet Virtually from 7pm – 7:45pm. In May, Fr. Jacob Ramos will be the speaker. 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.





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