

# THE PARISH COMMUNITY OF saint maurice

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
MAY 14, 2023



My dad was adopted as a baby. It's a big part of my family's story. His birth mother placed him in a Catholic orphanage not long after birth. A young couple longing for a baby strolled among the bassinets. My father, then only a few months old, looked at the husband and smiled. The man said, "That's my son." They took him home and the family grew. This moment of adoption was a wonderful truth they celebrated even when my dad was a young boy. They told him, "You're even more special than the other children, because we chose you to be our son." My dad's eyes well up with tears of gratitude whenever he tells the story, even eighty-three years later.

What is your story? Do we think or act like unwanted orphans? Who do we believe ourselves to be? As we continue to ponder Jesus' resurrection, we hear him say to us this Sunday, "I will not leave you orphans." God doesn't leave us alone like spiritual orphans. The power that raised Jesus from the dead is the Holy Spirit, who is also called the Spirit of Adoption. He chooses us to be His children, to share God's life forever. He gives us a future filled with hope.

We are not orphans anymore! This Easter, that's the story we should share with others. It's the true story we are living right now.

— *Father John Muir*



**Pastor**  
Fr. Bill Olesik

**Prayer Line**

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.

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**MAY 13 — 14, 2023**



Ushers Group II  
**MAINTENANCE COLLECTION**

**SATURDAY, MAY 13**

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

**SUNDAY, MAY 14**

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

**10:00 A.M.** Mass offered for the Souls of †Barbara and  
†Donald Sullivan  
 requested by Patrick and Daniel Sullivan

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

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

**MONDAY, MAY 15** — No Mass

**TUESDAY, MAY 16** — No Mass

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

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 17**

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

**THURSDAY, MAY 18**



*Holy Day of Obligation*

**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for All the Parishioners of  
St. Maurice Church

**7:00 P.M.** Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory

**FRIDAY, MAY 19**

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

**SATURDAY, MAY 20**

**5:00 P.M.** Mass offered for the Soul of †Mary (Molly)  
Leahy — requested by the Leahy Family



**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.**

**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: James, Barbara, Rita, Beth, Viola, Scott, Michelle, Kathy, teenager.

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

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

**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.

**PRAYER FOR MOTHERS**

Heavenly Father,  
 from the beginning you have chosen to entrust the human person to mothers in a special way. We thank and praise you for the gift of mothers; for their tenderness, care, and compassion, for their intuition and encouragement, for commitment and sacrifice. Bless all mothers this day. Keep, strengthen, and refresh them in your loving care. May they be blessed by our open-hearted love and gratitude. Amen.



**STEWARDSHIP**

**Offertory: May 7 — \$3,478**

**Projected Amount needed — \$3,670**

*"For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that be God's will, than for doing evil." 1 PETER 3:17*

The old line says "if you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans." Many of us are diligent in our planning and making sure things are progressing smoothly. Then disaster strikes, we don't get the result we anticipated or an unforeseen problem arises. Many times we may respond negatively and ask, "Why me? I did everything right!" Here's the thing – adversity humbles us and reminds us of our dependence on God and not on our own self-reliance. Rest assured, God has a better plan in store for you.

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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**



**FIRST COMMUNION**

**Congratulations to students who received their First Holy Communion at St. Maurice Church on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> during the 10 AM Mass.**



From left to right: Braelyn Young, Ryan Young, Jackson Sadler, Amanda Hayes, Fr. Bill, Marcella O'Brien, Kyle Landry, and Audrey Phelan.

**Congratulations to Hudson Lorentz and Ryan Young who received their Parvuli Dei religious emblems at St. Patrick's in Norwich on 4/23/2023.**

The purpose of the Parvuli Dei (Children of God) emblem program is to help Cub Scouts explore a wide range of activities in order to discover the presence of God in their daily lives as members of their families and parishes, and also to develop a good, positive self-image through the contributions they can make to their family, pack and community.



From left to right: Hudson Lorentz, Ryan Young

**FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH**



**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



**Banns of Ordination**

The following seminarians will be ordained to the Order of Deacon on Saturday, June 3, 2023:

Mr. Julian Cuervo

Mr. Eric Hosmer

Mr. Alexander Pandolfé

Should you know of any reason why these men should not be ordained a deacon, please write to:

**The Most Reverend Michael R. Cote**

**Bishop of Norwich**

**201 Broadway**

**Norwich, CT 06360**



2022-23 Theme: A Missing Peace

We invite you to join us on a **men's weekend retreat, June 9-**

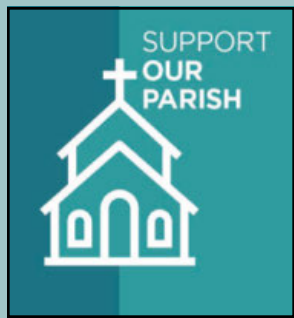
**11.** We speak about inner peace, world peace, and the promise made by Jesus for the eternal peace. But peace often seems missing in our lives. Through our prayer together, our presentations, and our discussions, we can come closer to understanding how to achieve the peace that Jesus meant for us to have, and equally important, the peace that is meant for us to share in our families and in our world. The retreat begins with a buffet dinner from 6:00—7:30 p.m. on Friday evening and concludes Sunday with the celebration of Mass at 10:4 a.m. followed by a hot brunch at noon.

Offering: \$350, more if you can, less if you can't. **Women's retreats are also on our calendar at [holyfamilyretreat.org](http://holyfamilyretreat.org)**

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