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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 21, 2023



Traditionally, the four writers of the Gospels are symbolized by four creatures that make their way into Church art and architecture: Matthew, an angel; Mark, a lion; Luke, an ox; and John, an eagle. These images can be found in churches across the world, a nod to those who recorded the stories of Jesus for us, thousands of years ago.

Today's Gospel was written by John. There are a few reasons why John is symbolized by an eagle, but my favorite explanation is that his writings soar like an eagle into the sky with their beautiful, poetic language. The prayer we hear today is no different — Jesus invokes God in a long discourse that might seem mystifying at times, the same way that a poem can be perplexing to understand when we are unfamiliar with the pacing or format.

Consider holding onto the shortest sentence in this prayer: "I pray for them."

Jesus prays for us. For me. For you.

Let that sink deep into your being.

Jesus is on your side. He is aware of what you are holding at this moment. He is aware of your pain, your faith, your mission. And He's rooting for you. This prayer was recorded thousands of years ago, far before you were born. Since before you were born, you were held in prayer. With that certainty, we live.
— *Father John Muir*



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Fr. Bill Olesik

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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.

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 20 — 21, 2023



Ushers Group III

SATURDAY, MAY 20

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

SUNDAY, MAY 21

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for the Soul of †Donald Holbrook requested by Gloria Holbrook

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

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

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

MONDAY, MAY 22 — No Mass

TUESDAY, MAY 23 — No Mass

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

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

THURSDAY, MAY 25

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

FRIDAY, MAY 26

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for the Soul of †Dominic Carlone, Sr. requested by Cathy Depathy

SATURDAY, MAY 27

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



2023 ACA update:

As of May 1, 2023, **Saint Maurice Parish, Bolton** has donated **\$8,529.25** or **72.92%** of its goal, and **23.08%** of your parishioners have donated. We are striving for as close to 100%

participation as possible. **THERE IS STILL TIME TO DONATE!** Our campaign year ends December 31, 2023. With your donation, our ACA supported ministries do the work of Christ every day. If you have not made your contribution to the 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal, "One Faith, One Family", or would like to make an additional gift, donation envelopes are still available within the church or you can contact the Development Office at (860) 886-1928 or go online to

www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org.

Thank you to everyone for your support!

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: Betty, Mary, Seva, Vivian, Shea .

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.

Pentecost Vigil Mass & Young Adult Social

Calling all young adults 18-39 years old! Join Frassati New Haven and Crossroads 4 Christ as they gather for the annual Pentecost Vigil Mass and Young Adult Social on Saturday, May 27th! Pray together for the coming of the Holy Spirit and meet new friends from across the state. The evening will take place at St. Joseph Church (129 Edwards Street, New Haven) and will include a Holy Hour at 6:30pm, the Pentecost Vigil Mass at 7:30pm, and a young adult social to follow with bonfires and s'mores. Mass will be celebrated by The Most Reverend Archbishop Leonard P. Blair. All are welcome to join!

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory: May 14 — \$3,312

Projected Amount needed — \$3,670

"I am praying for them..." - JOHN 17:9

Prayer is the foundation of our Faith and the foundation of Stewardship. Prayer is always the first best option in any situation - not just our last resort. Pray for friends and family, and especially for those that don't treat you very well. Pray to give praise, to thank, and to ask God for help. Pray to see what God wants you to do with the gifts He has given you. Teach others how to pray. It has been said that teaching someone how to pray is the best gift you can give someone.

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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

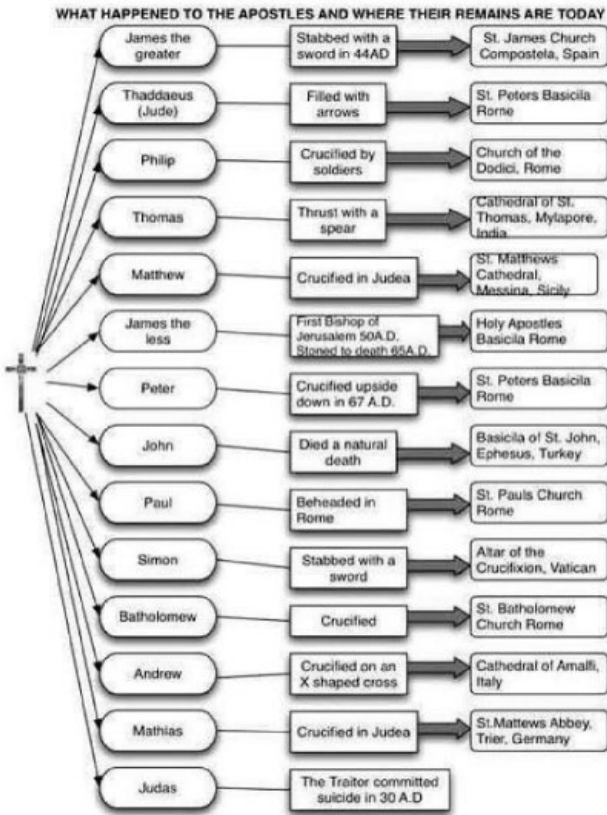


VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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.

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.



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 Pandolfe

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

VIRTUAL SUMMER MISSION.

The Virtual Summer Mission will begin on **Wednesday, May 31st** and continues weekly through June 14th from **7:00 – 7:45pm.** Our speaker is **Lori Dalhoff, EdD.** Lori has served in Catholic parish, school, and diocesan ministries for more than 25 years. She is passionate about forming people as Christian disciples in the Catholic way of life. Lori currently serves as the Director of Lifelong Faith Formation for the Diocese of Portland, Maine. The topic for the mission is “The Spirituality of Saints in the Making” where Lori will draw each of us into our own call to holiness and becoming a saint.

To register, please contact Marianne Nicholas at manicholas@norwichdiocese.net



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Peter 4: 13-16: *Beloved: Rejoice to the extent that you share in the sufferings of Christ, so that when his glory is revealed you may also rejoice exultantly.* In your marriage you will have good times and hard times. Marriage takes work! Learn how to sow good seeds in your relationship, to pray as a couple, and grow more in love than ever when you sign up for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. There, you and your spouse will come together to learn how to build the best relationship. The experiences are listed below.

June 2-4, 2023 in Upton, MA
 Jun 23-25, 2023 in Huntington, NY

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/>

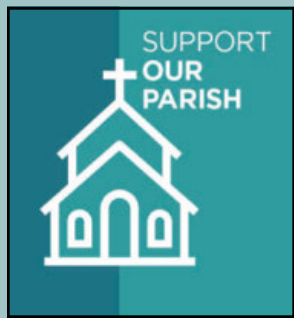


HOLY FAMILY
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 RETREAT CENTER

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



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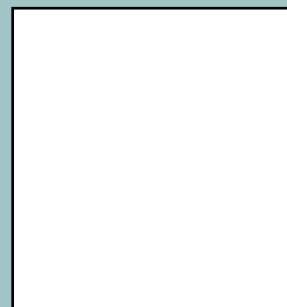
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