

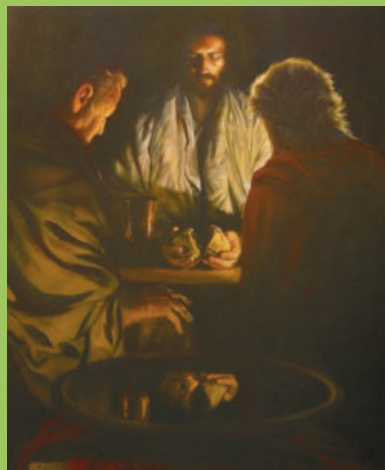
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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JANUARY 14, 2024



2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi"—which translated means Teacher—"where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see." - Jn 1:38-39a

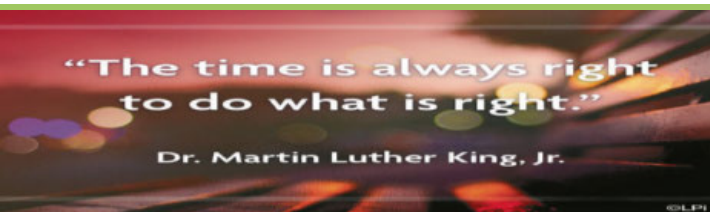
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As a priest, I'm amazed how happily married couples remember the tiniest details of their earliest encounters. They effortlessly report things like: "he wore a blue shirt," "we ordered brussels sprouts," "her hair was up in a bun," and "he spilled shrimp cocktail sauce at my family's open front door when it was ten degrees below zero," (that one's courtesy of my mom). We delight in remembering and speaking of when our new life of love began. The little details are glorious reminders that it's all *real*.

It's similar for John the Apostle. He tells us of the two disciples who followed Jesus into his house, "**...they stayed with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon.**" Why does that tiny detail matter? Because *that's the time of day when they encountered the love of Jesus the Messiah in their lives*. Our religion is not primarily about abstract truths about God, no matter how true or sublime. It is about God meeting and saving us in our human nature. It's about a *human* relationship.

What was the time of day when you first recall encountering Christ and his Church? Who was there? What did you feel? How did things look and smell? What happened? Take some time to recall it in detail. For me, it was inside an old, rickety church on a hillside in Jerome, Arizona. It was about 9 p. m. on a Saturday evening. I was with my friends Jenny, Brad, and Laura. We were praying, singing, and laughing. When was it for you? Remembering the details isn't empty nostalgia. It reminds us now that God's love for us in our humanity is real.

— *Father John Muir*



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WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturdays at 4:00 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 3:25 p.m. to 3:45 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 IN ORDINARY TIME

January 13 — 14, 2024

Ushers Group I

FUEL FUND COLLECTION

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

3:30 P.M. Knights of Columbus Rosary (in the Cry Room)

4:00 P.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory
Chaplet of Divine Mercy (in the Cry Room)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory
Chaplet of Divine Mercy (in the Cry Room)
NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

10:00 A.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners
of St. Maurice Church
Chaplet of Divine Mercy (in the Cry Room)

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 15 — No Mass



TUESDAY, JANUARY 16 — No Mass

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

3:30 P.M. Rosary (in the Cry Room)
4:00 P.M. Mass offered for the Soul of †Donna Rudliph
requested by Carol Henry
Chaplet of Divine Mercy (in the Cry Room)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

Ushers Group II

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory
Chaplet of Divine Mercy (in the Cry Room)

9:00 A.M. **FAITH FORMATION CLASSES**

10:00 A.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners
of St. Maurice Church
Chaplet of Divine Mercy (in the Cry Room)

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

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: Brian, Sister Mary Martin, Mary Beth, John, Dan, Susan, Barbara, Erin.
Candle Intentions: Special prayers for the Intentions in the Candle Note Book.

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: Irene Zdrojowy (860) 533-1733



STEWARDSHIP

Offertory: January 7 — \$3,574

Projected Amount needed — \$3,670

“Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, ‘What are you looking for?’” - JOHN 1:38

When we recognize who we are, it’s easier to find what we are looking for. Once we see ourselves, and others, as children of God, we spend less time looking for the material comforts of the world. Instead, our hearts long for something deeper that can only be filled by God. Ask God daily how He wants you to live the life He intended for you.

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Parish Membership Form

Drop in collection ^

Please enroll the following as members of the Church of St. Maurice:

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FROM ST. MAURICE PARISH



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

I Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20: "...Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ!

Whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one Spirit With Him. ...Do you not know that your body is a

temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own....therefore, glorify God in your body." One Way to Glorify the Lord is by enriching your marriage. Give your spouse a gift. Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. You can find one by looking up WWME.org. Some of the dates to sign up are:

January 26-28, 2024 in Derby Line, VT

February 8-March 21, 2024, Virtual (evenings twice a week)

February 9-11, 2024 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://wwmectw.org/>.



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Married Couples Day Retreat - 1/20/24 at St. Bernard Church, Rockville. "IT TAKES THREE": A MARRIED COUPLES RETREAT is Designed to renew & rejuvenate your relationship as a married couple & with God. The retreat's environment is one of acceptance, confidential sharing, music, & fun! We invite any married couple - newlywed or married for decades. The day includes morning Mass, a special mid-day dinner, & a full program of music, inspired talks by team couples, private couple sharing time, small group discussions, & a marriage blessing ceremony with special memento.

Cost is only \$25/couple payable by check to "CT State Council K of C" mailed to retreat leaders, Jim & Elizabeth Percy, 11 Kent Lane, South Windsor, CT 06074.

Join us & register at [SignUpGenius, \[signupgenius.com/go/MCR\]\(https://signupgenius.com/go/MCR\)](https://signupgenius.com/go/MCR)

or contact the Percys at tiggpercy@gmail.com or 860-648-2615. Space is limited and is filling up quickly.

Seven Sorrows of Mary

If you are seeking to find hope, strength and comfort from a loss, burden, or sorrow, join us for A Journey with Mary Through Her Seven Sorrows, a virtual seven-week program that will explore each of the seven sorrows of Mary's life and the message of strength and encouragement each one contains. The program will meet online Monday nights from 7-8:15 P.M. January 8, 15, 22, 29 and February 5, 12, and 19. Each week will include a reflection on one of Mary's sorrows, guided prayer imagery and discussion. The program is free, but registration is required. To do so, or, for more information, contact the Catholic Family Services Office, 860-848-2237, Ext. 312, or email

mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

Calling All Young Adults! Ages 18-39, Are you a young adult seeking authentic community? Are you looking for a place to deepen your relationship with Jesus and increase your understanding of the Catholic faith? Join one of **Crossroads for Christ** seven chapters today! Meeting in the greater Hartford area, Stamford, Middletown, Mystic, New Haven, Waterbury and Watertown. For more information go to www.crossroads4christ.org or email info@crossroads4christ.org

DEEPENING OUR FAITH THROUGH THE SACRAMENTS

Join us on Tuesday, January 25th from 7 – 8:15PM

virtually for a deepening of our faith through the Sacrament of Vocation- Holy Orders. Our keynote is Sr. Elissa Rinere, C.P. the former Diocesan Chancellor. The Catholic Church's sacrament of Holy Orders is a sacrament of apostolic ministry. It continues the mission that Christ entrusted to his apostles until the end of time. It includes three degrees: episcopate (*bishop*), presbyterate (*priest*), and diaconate (*deacon*). "Holy orders" means "set apart for a sacred purpose"; let's explore this purpose together.

To register, please contact Marianne at manicholas@norwichdiocese.net or call 860-848-2237 ext. 304.



PROJECT RACHEL ROSARY AT THE CATHEDRAL

The third Tuesday of each month at the Cathedral of St. Patrick following the noon mass, join the Office of Faith Events as we pray the Project Rachel Rosary. The Project Rachel Rosary focuses on hope, healing, and forgiveness for those affected by an abortion and also for an end to abortion.

Please join us for this in-person Project Rachel Rosary on Tuesday, January 16th following the noon mass at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich.




Please share your e-mail address with The Office of Faith Events of the Diocese of Norwich!

Be the first to know about all the faith enriching programs, virtual and live, that we offer throughout the year. This will also enable you to receive our bi-weekly Hope and Faith Video series. Email Marianne at manicholas@norwichdiocese.net to be added to the list today!

6TH ANNUAL YOUNG ADULT MASS WITH BISHOP COTE

On Sunday- January 21st, St. Thomas Aquinas in Storrs is delighted to host Bishop Michael Cote for the 6th Annual Diocesan Young Adult Mass & Reception. All Young Adults (ages 18 - 39, single and married) are invited and encouraged to attend and are encouraged to invite friends to join us! Mass with Bishop Cote will begin at 7:00pm and following the liturgy there will be a small reception in the Catholic Center.

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