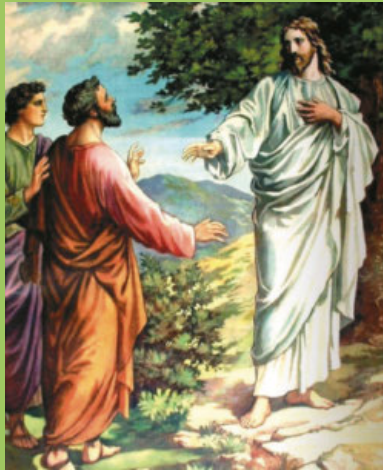


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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JANUARY 21, 2024



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He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him. - Mk 1:19-20

Excerpt from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1979 CCD

We start telling lies around the age of three, the experts tell us. It's understandable. Lying is a god-like power. Whatever I want, I need only *say* it, and the world rearranges itself accordingly. It's amazing at first. But soon reality snaps back and I'm faced with a dilemma. If I remain committed to my lie I start to fracture into pieces. My words and reality drift apart, and I find myself lost in a lonely world of further falsehoods and fear of being found out.

How marvelous, then, that Jesus begins his ministry by proclaiming: "**Repent!**" We tend to think it means "stop doing bad things" but it doesn't. It literally means "go beyond the mind you have." Think in a new way. It's painful to admit, but some portion of my mind is addicted to lie-telling, usually to protect my ego or make life easier. To repent means to admit this tendency, to say, "I'm done lying," and to move beyond my split mind into a complete commitment to the truth. Perhaps that's why at Mass we together proclaim, "I have sinned in my *thoughts*, and in my *words*..." Repentance and truth-telling work together.

Those who know the twelve-step process of addiction recovery know this process well. The fourth step requires radical truth-telling: listing our moral defects. This isn't being scrupulous. Rather it is freedom from falsehood, and entrance into the real world. This week, I invite you to join me in this practice. Get your phone or piece of paper. Answer the question: what are your true moral defects? Write them down. Remember, the Lord knows them already and loves you. We have a sacrament where this truth-telling is celebrated: Confession. Perhaps it is finally time to go beyond our childish lies.

— 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.

**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
January 20 — 21, 2024**

Ushers Group II

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

- 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
- BAPTISM OF THEODORE GARCIA AFTER 10:00 A.M. MASS**
Chaplet of Divine Mercy (in the Cry Room)
- 5:30 P.M. **Evening Prayer** from the Liturgy of the Hours

MONDAY, JANUARY 22 — No Mass



TUESDAY, JANUARY 23 — No Mass

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

- 3:30 P.M. **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 28

Ushers Group III

- 7:30 A.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners
of St. Maurice Church
- Chaplet of Divine Mercy** (in the Cry Room)
- 9:00 A.M. **FAITH FORMATION CLASSES**
- 10:00 A.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory
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: 2 yr. old, Bruce, Kate, Linda, Carol, Marty, June, Maynard, Jules, Maria, Amy, Seva, Matt, older man, Bill, Marion, Rose Marie, Fr. Bill, St. Maurice Parish, Alcoholic.

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

SAFE ENVIRONMENTS ABUSE PREVENTION TRAINING

In the Diocese of Norwich, all volunteers who have regular contact with minors, all employees, all clergy, and all religious, are required to complete safe environment training. This training is also available to any parishioner, or parent of a parochial school child, regardless of whether or not they wish to volunteer at their parish or school. The diocese offers an on-line program, *Praesidium*. Please contact the Child Advocate at your parish or school office in order to be enrolled, or for more information. Our children's safety is the responsibility for all Catholics.

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory: January 14 — TBD
Projected Amount needed — \$3,670

"Follow me and I will make you fishers of men."

- MARK 1:17

Jesus' call to "follow me" is a call to all Christians! The call is in the here and now, in our present circumstances, not when we think we are "ready" or have everything in order. Good stewardship of our God-given gifts means that things aren't always going to go according to our schedule, but that God has a much better plan in store for each of us.

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Parish Membership Form

Drop in collection ^

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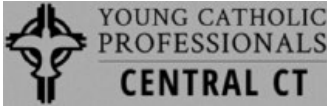
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FROM ST. MAURICE PARISH



Young Catholic Professionals Executive Speaker Series

Need a little jumpstart to your 2024? Come join Young Catholic Professionals Central CT for our 1st Executive Speaker Series Event! Come enjoy light refreshments and networking along with a talk by Peter Schwartz, Senior Vice President of Group General Counsel for Corporate Litigation at Travelers and President of Legatus. Let's be uplifted by how Peter has journeyed to working in witness for Christ. We look forward to meeting you there!

Where: Church of the Assumption, 21 Adams Street South Manchester, CT

When: Wed, Jan 24th from 7 - 9PM

Who: All professionals from 18-39.

RSVP via QR code or

[https://ycp.glueup.com/event/executive-speaker-series-93127/?](https://ycp.glueup.com/event/executive-speaker-series-93127/?pk_campaign=widget-event-list)

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MANCHESTER CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS FALL 2024 PROSPECTIVE FAMILY OPEN HOUSE EVENTS

St. Bridget School

Jan. 28, 2024

9:00am - 12:00pm

St. James School

Jan. 29, 2024

9:30am

Informational tours are also available by appointment.

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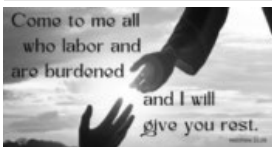
To learn more or RSVP for an Open House event, please

contact Kathy at St. Bridget School,

office@saintbridget-school.com, 860-649-7731,

or Amy at St. James School,

aguenther@saintjameschool.net, 860-643-5088.



Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened,

and I will give you rest.

-Matthew 11:28

Come join us for a Healing Mass & Healing Service 2 PM the third Sunday of every month

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For more information contact Andrea Hoisl at faithevents@norwichdiocese.net or 860-848-2237 ext. 203

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

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.

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.



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




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.

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