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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JANUARY 28, 2024



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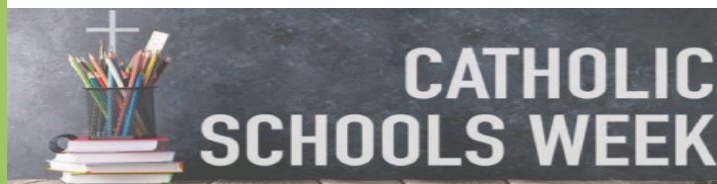
In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" Jesus rebuked him and said, "Quiet! Come out of him!" - Mk 1:23-25

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I love movies about exorcisms. Apparently, so do many others. The 2023 movie "Nefarious" features a possibly possessed inmate on death row. Critics were not impressed, but audiences scored it at 97% on the website Rotten Tomatoes. Most people have an appreciation for the demonic realm, even if cultural elites are generally embarrassed about it. As is standard in exorcism movies, the afflicted person (in this case, a man named Edward Brady) thinks and acts like *multiple* persons. He is someone besides himself. We know what that is like. We feel *fake* sometimes, not ourselves.

The same dynamic is on dramatic display this week in the Gospel. Jesus the Exorcist approaches a possessed man who utters, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth?" Notice the plural, *us*. The basic effect of the demonic is division. The man's identity is fractured, divided, and thus many. Jesus powerfully expels the spirit by saying, "Quiet! Come out of him!" Jesus' word has the power to restore the man's singularity — *him* — and indeed it does.

All this helps us to dismiss childish images of demons sporting red goat tails. Equally, it overcomes the cultured aloofness that dreams demons are mere metaphors for evil. We see instead that fallen angels are conscious and intelligent beings who orient their agency toward division. They bring about schism where there should be unity, e.g., in persons, families, communities, politics, and so on. Thankfully, Jesus commands demons to flee from all these places to restore wholeness and peace. What if we made room for his word where we need it?
— 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.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 27 — 28, 2024

Ushers Group III

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

- 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

MONDAY, JANUARY 29 — No MASS

- 6:30 P.M. **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** (in the Parish Center)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30 — No MASS

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2

- 7:00 P.M. **FIRST FRIDAY MASS AND ADORATION** offered for All Souls in Purgatory



Rosary after Mass



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3

- 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, FEBRUARY 4

Ushers Group IV

- 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: 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

Eucharistic



Adoration

Saint Maurice Church

First Friday

Eucharistic Adoration

February 2nd

7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

“O Most Holy Trinity, I adore You; my God, my God, I love You in the Most Blessed Sacrament.”

Our Lady of Fatima

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory: January 14 — \$5,179

January 21 — \$2,530

Projected Amount needed — \$3,670

“Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties.” - 1 CORINTHIANS 7:32

How much anxiety do we bring upon ourselves by constantly worrying about not having enough or attaining more things? God won't necessarily give you everything you want, but He will provide everything you need. Try this – use the word “pray” instead of the word “worry” in the future. Then spend your time praying instead of worrying.

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Parish Membership Form

Drop in collection ^

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FROM ST. MAURICE PARISH



Worldwide Marriage Encounter
For the New Year, 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/>.

**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. St. James School, 73 Park St., and St. Bridget School, 74 Main St, are now accepting new student applications for the 2024-25 school year. Come see the Catholic school difference! Our Catholic schools offer a traditional, accelerated, and innovative curriculum in a nurturing and respectful learning environment. Additional benefits include updated technology, school sports, and extra-curricular activities.

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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.



**A DAY OF ENRICHMENT
FOR MARRIED COUPLES**

The Diocesan Catholic Family Services Office, in conjunction with Connecticut World Wide Marriage Encounter, is sponsoring a day of enrichment for married couples of all ages and years married entitled:

“Celebrate Marriage”

Saturday, February 17, 2024, 9 A.M. to 3 P.M.
at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish Hall
1600 Main St., Coventry, CT

Escape from worldly pressures, commitments and worries for a few hours and focus on the most important person in your life – your spouse! This day will re-energize your marriage and deepen your faith! Discover practical insights to living a joyfilled marriage in today’s world.
Couple fee - \$35: includes workbooks and lunch.

Registration form due February 7, 2024

To register, call Mary-Jo McLaughlin at the Catholic Family Services Office at 860-848-2237, Ext. 312 or email her at mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net.

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH



The monthly Diocesan Pro-Life Mass will take place at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on **Saturday, February 3 at 8:30 A.M.**

Please join our celebrant **Rev. Walter Nagle** at Mass as we pray to end abortion and for the healing for those who have had an abortion. Following the Mass, the Rachel Rosary will be prayed at the Cathedral. A brunch in the Cathedral Hall will follow the Rosary this month.



**Beginning Experience
Healing Weekend**

Beginning Experience of Hudson Valley, invites men and women of all ages who grieve the end of a marriage or spousal relationship due to death, divorce, or separation to an in-person weekend retreat at St. Lawrence Retreat Center in Beacon NY. Upcoming dates are April 19-21, 2024, and October 18-20, 2024. For information or to register, please call *Phyllis* at 914 261 5812 or *Jim* at 845 220 7883. Visit their website at www.beginningexperiencehv.org.



INTO THE BREACH RETREAT
ST MARY CHURCH HALL,
5 HILLHOUSE, NEW HAVEN
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2024
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM



The **Into The Breach Retreat** is a one day examination of the spiritual battle that is currently going on in our world, country, the Church, our towns and our homes. **All men are invited to attend.** You will understand what this battle is, but more importantly, determine what you can do about it.

“Not only does God have a plan for your life, so does Satan”
Bishop Thomas Olmsted

Who should attend? All CATHOLIC MEN

Why go to an Into the Breach Retreat?

The focus of the Retreat is the understanding of what is the “Breach” that is impacting our world, the Church our parishes and our families. Once we understand this, we can begin to develop ideas as to what we can do to battle this spiritual “Breach” and why it is so important for men to engage in this battle. Time is limited during this one day, and we can’t cover all elements of this spiritual battle.

Activities: Mass, Prayer, Confessions, Talks, Participant Discussions.


For additional information contact: Retreat Program Director: Deacon David Imhof imhofda@aol.com
Sign up at this link:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/ITB_02-17-24

Cost: There is no cost for individual men for this Retreat. Continental Breakfast, coffee will be provided, as well as lunch.

Councils are encouraged to attend. In order to cover the expenses, we are asking councils to make a suggested donation of \$50 - \$100, payable to St Jude Council 4313 K of C.

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