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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
FEBRUARY 11, 2024



6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to him, "See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them." The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly.  
- Mk 1:44-45b

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Recently I had a skin rash, and it was awful. (Please don't tell anyone.) I am embarrassed to admit that I didn't handle it well. Complaining, whining, begging for sympathy, and crying were my responses to the merciless itching and burning. In the aftermath, a silver lining emerged. I feel a new heartfelt sympathy for all those vexed with chronic skin problems. If you've ever had a seemingly unending skin problem, you know how that sympathy flows up from deep inside.

This gut-level compassion is something like what the Gospel describes in Jesus when the sore-covered leper says, "**If you will it, you can make me clean.**" At this, just before the healing, Jesus was "**moved with compassion.**" The Greek word used here is strong and earthy, closer to "his bowels and guts trembled with the deepest emotions of sadness, pity, and love." In Jesus, God heals our infirmities not from a divine distance but by learning what it *feels like* to be us. He acquires first-hand experience of what it costs us to be afflicted and still be faithful to God. He sympathizes with the burning, itching, and blistering of human existence in the deepest, first-hand way. To discover that is to touch Jesus' heart.

What in your life, right now, is breaking out like diseased skin? What is getting worse the more you try to soothe it? Perhaps only you feel it. Or maybe it's exposed to all. A bad habit, broken relationship, loneliness, fear of failure, self-hatred? Name it, and then find a way to bring it confidently to Jesus who will *feel what we are feeling*, and thereby heal us.

— 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.

## SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**February 10 — 11, 2024**

Ushers Group I

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**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10****3:30 P.M. Knights of Columbus Rosary** (in the Cry Room)**4:00 P.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners**  
of St. Maurice Church**Chaplet of Divine Mercy** (in the Cry Room)**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11****7:30 A.M. Mass offered for the Soul of †Christine Carlone**  
requested by Cathy Depathy**Chaplet of Divine Mercy** (in the Cry Room)**8:00 A.M. TRIPLE PLAY CAFÉ PANCAKE BREAKFAST**  
Parish Center from 8:00A.M. to 10:00A.M.**9:00 A.M. FAITH FORMATION CLASSES****10:00 A.M. Mass offered for Viola Sobol on her birthday**  
requested by Cathy Depathy**Chaplet of Divine Mercy** (in the Cry Room)**5:30 P.M. Evening Prayer** from the Liturgy of the Hours**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12 — No MASS****TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13 — No MASS****7:15 P.M. Choir rehearsal** in church.  
New voices are always welcome!**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14 — ASH WEDNESDAY****9:00 A.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners**  
of St. Maurice Church  
**Rosary after Mass****7:00 P.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory****THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15****9:00 A.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory****FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16****4:00 P.M. — 6:30 P.M.****Lenten Fish Dinner**Dine in or take out  
In the Parish CenterSponsored by St. Maurice Knights of Columbus  
Council 6199**7:00 P.M. MASS AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17****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)**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: Joe, Catherine, Carolyn, young man, Carol, JB, Isabella, Wyatt, Stephen, Katie, Mark, Seva, Ginny, Keith, Dom, Christine.

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

**The Sleigh Bells Ring Fair Group** will be starting to meet on Wednesday, February 28 from 9 AM till noon at the parish center. We are eagerly looking for new volunteers to share in the craft making. Experienced really isn't necessary – we will explain as we go along but welcome your help. Please call Sharon Scorso 860-729-4399 with questions.**SNOW DAY NOTICE****Reminder: on weekdays when schools are closed due to snow etc. there will be no morning Mass at St. Maurice.****STEWARDSHIP****Offertory: February 4 — \$3,723****Projected Amount needed — \$3,670***"After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God...." - MARK 1:1*

Have you ever thought about how difficult it must have been for Jesus to go to Galilee, knowing that John had just been arrested for teaching the same message that He was proclaiming. It took great love and trust for Jesus to do what the Father had sent Him here on earth to do. In the same way, living a stewardship lifestyle takes great love and trust from us. We must be willing to surrender completely to God, trusting that He will always give us all that we need to fulfill His plan for us.

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

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We can help out as: Altar server \_\_\_\_\_ Lector \_\_\_\_\_ Usher \_\_\_\_\_ Eucharistic Minister \_\_\_\_\_ Choir \_\_\_\_\_ Crafts workshop \_\_\_\_\_

## FROM ST. MAURICE PARISH


**Knights of Columbus Council 6199  
LENTEN FISH DINNER**

All the Fridays of Lent except Good Friday  
**DINE IN OR TAKE OUT**

Time: 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Place: Ryba Hall, Parish Center

What: Dinner of baked fish and chips; cole slaw, roll w/ butter, and coffee, tea, or lemonade.

Cost: \$10.00 (\$5.00 cheese pizza alternative)

**Profits support a variety of charitable activities.**

Contact: Bill Hebert, Grand Knight (860) 550-4258 cell


**VIRTUAL LENTEN MISSION**

The Virtual Lenten Mission is an opportunity for us to deepen our faith, take time for reflection, and pray. This Lent, speakers Fr. Brian Romanowski, Judy Kosteini- Director of the

New England Biblical School, Fr. Michael Phillippino, and Mary Ellen Mahon- Retired Secretary for Catholic Formation in Manchester will reflect on the upcoming scriptures for our Mission. The mission will begin on **Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 – 7:45pm and continue weekly with the last session on Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup>.**

To register, contact Marianne at (860)848-2237 ex. 304 or email her at [manicholas@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:manicholas@norwichdiocese.net)


**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](mailto:imhofda@aol.com)

Sign up at this link:

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/ITB\\_02-17-24](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.

## FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH



**FOR LENT  
FOR LIFE**

**Operation Rice Bowl: Our Lenten Program:  
For Lent For Life**

On Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2024, our parish with parishes across the Diocese of Norwich is beginning a program of prayer and sacrifice called Operation Rice Bowl (ORB). For 51 years, Operation Rice Bowl has helped to feed the hungry poor. Through our participation in this program, we bring hope and healing to another person or family living halfway across the globe. Money saved during Lent is then brought to the parish family Rice Bowl on Palm Sunday, March 24, 2024. 75% of Operation Rice Bowl funds will feed the hungry poor overseas, the remaining 25% will be used in the diocese to feed the needy. This Lent, gather in prayer and sacrifice as a family to pray and to care for the hungry poor.


**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, February 20<sup>th</sup> following the noon mass at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich.



**The Way of the Cross:** The Office of Faith Events invites you to join us virtually Friday nights in Lent as we pray together the Stations of the Cross through a different focus each week.  
**February 16:** Through the eyes of the suffering, ill and disabled

**February 23:** Through the eyes of the bereaved

**March 1:** Through the eyes of marriage

**March 15:** Through the eyes of Mary

**March 22:** Through the eyes of Jesus

The stations will begin at 7 P.M. The stations take place online and require participants to have an internet connection. Registration is required. You can register for just one evening or all five.

To register call Mary-Jo McLaughlin, at 860-848-2237, Ext 312 or email her at [mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net).  
**Note, we will not be holding the stations on Friday, March 8.**



**A DAY OF ENRICHMENT  
FOR MARRIED COUPLES  
Celebrate Marriage**

Give your Valentine something special this year – the gift of your time. Come celebrate your marriage at a day-long enrichment that will renew your dreams, increase your passion and refresh and celebrate your marriage. This marriage enrichment aptly entitled, "**Celebrate Marriage**," will take place on **Saturday, February 17 from 9 A.M to 3 P.M.** at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish Hall, 1600 Main St., Coventry, CT.

The cost is \$35 per couple, which includes workbooks and lunch. Registration is required.

**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](mailto:mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net)**



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