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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER — SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY
APRIL 7, 2024

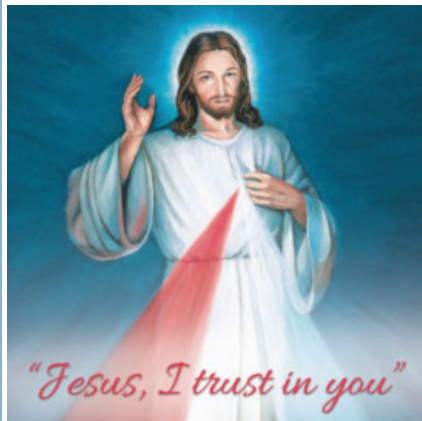


A protestant pastor friend of mine was invited to meet Pope Francis with a group of other pastors. He noticed the Pope's chair was especially ornate and set at the head of the group. He somewhat playfully said, "Holy Father, why do you get that special chair?" The group chuckled nervously at my friend's audacious chide.

The following year, the group was invited to return. They entered the room to find only simple chairs placed in a circle. Pope Francis entered, sat down in one of the humble chairs and, looking directly at my friend, with a twinkle in his eye, asked, "What do you think of my chair now?" My friend was stunned that the Pope remembered his concerns — and took the time to answer them.

Thomas the apostle was certainly stunned by the Risen Jesus displaying his wounds in person. But he also must have been equally shocked that Jesus knew and answered his particular questions, worries, and even demands related to his faith. How humbled — and perhaps a bit terrified — he must have been to realize God remembers his concerns and cares enough to answer them.

What questions or demands about Jesus do you find in your heart? Like Thomas, will you be bold enough to voice them this week? How wonderful to know that if we do so, God will remember and respond even to our most audacious desires.



— 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 3:00 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 OF EASTER
SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY**

April 6 — 7, 2024

Ushers Group I

ST. MAURICE MAINTENANCE COLLECTION

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

- 3:30 P.M. **Rosary** (in the Cry Room)
- 4:00 P.M. Mass offered for the Soul of †Andrew Carpenter
requested by Richard Carpenter

SUNDAY, APRIL 7 — DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

- 7:30 A.M. Mass offered for the Souls of †Anieli and †Michael Kurys — requested by Theresa Ciskon
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, APRIL 8 — NO MASS

TUESDAY, APRIL 9 — NO MASS

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

- 9:00 A.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory
Rosary after Mass
- 9:00 A.M. **CHRISTMAS FAIR WORKSHOP** (in the Parish Center)

THURSDAY, APRIL 11

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

- 9:00 A.M. Mass offered for the Souls of †Henry and †Mary Roy — requested by Joe Hriczo

Rosary after Mass

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

- 3:30 P.M. **Knights of Columbus Rosary** (in the Cry Room)
- 4:00 P.M. Mass offered in Memory of †Antonio, †Elizabeth, †Rocco and †Helen Fiano
requested by Larry Fiano and Family

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

- 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 the Souls of †Barbara and †Donald Sullivan
requested by Patrick and Daniel Sullivan
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: Sue, Brian, Trudy, Mark, Rhina, Noah, Kathering, Kate, Joshua, Bill.
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



St. Maurice Council 6199

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At the business meeting held on March 20, 2024, Grand Knight Ted Lloyd and Council 6199 honored our newest Brother Aiden Ives as Knight of the Month in recognition of his great service in helping us prepare our pancake breakfasts and fish dinners. Congratulations Aiden!



STEWARDSHIP

Offertory: March 31 — \$3,578

Projected Amount needed — \$3,6700

“The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own...”
- ACTS 4:32

All that we are and all that we have is a gift from God! Think of your family, your friends, your life, your talents and your money – these are all gifts from God! We aren't really owners of anything, we are merely “stewards” of the gifts God has blessed us with. We are called to be grateful and generous with all of our gifts for the benefit of others.

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Parish Membership Form

Drop in collection ^

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

Adults _____

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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



COME PRAY WITH US!
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
APRIL 7TH AT 3:00 PM
ST. MATTHEW CHURCH
& LIVE-STREAMED

“Where, if not in the Divine Mercy, can the world find refuge and the light of hope?” ~ St. John Paul II

On Divine Mercy Sunday, we will gather to recite the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

Jesus said to St. Faustina that He wanted to make this Feast Day a special refuge and shelter for the consolation of souls. He would pour a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of His mercy on that day. This feast day is a continuation of the hope of Easter and the call to prayer.

Please join us as we proclaim, "Jesus, I trust in you."

RECONCILIATION WILL BE AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE CHAPLET.

The Novena to Divine Mercy begins on Good Friday for nine days leading up to Divine Mercy Sunday. Those praying the novena are asked to say a prayer of special intentions on each of the nine days, followed by the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.



We will have pamphlets available at both churches to help you pray the Novena. You can also find links to the Novena prayers on our website or by scanning the QR code.



Young Catholic Professionals Executive Speaker Event in South Windsor
 Come join Young Catholic Professionals Central CT for our Executive Speaker Series Event! Come enjoy light refreshments and networking along with a talk by Michael Ciarrocchi, Chief Market Development Officer at Aetna, A CVS Health Company. Let's be uplifted by how Michael has journeyed to working in witness for Christ. We look forward to meeting you there!

Where: St. Maragaret Mary Church, 80 Hayes Road, South Windsor, CT 06074
When: Thurs, April 11th from 7 - 9PM
Who: All professionals from 18-39.
RSVP via QR code or https://ycp.glueup.com/event/executive-speaker-series-south-windsor-102258/?pk_campaign=widge-event-list



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E-mail info@ycpcentralconnecticut.org to learn more.



HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

Come join in praying a Eucharistic Holy Hour for Vocations led by Bishop Cote.

THURSDAY, APRIL 18TH
6:00PM — 7:00PM
ST. BERNARD CHURCH

THURSDAY, MAY 16TH
6:00PM — 7:00PM
ST. MAURICE CHURCH

These hours of adoration are a wonderful opportunity to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life, to pray for our seminarians, and for our priests and religious already serving our diocese.

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH



Diocese of Norwich

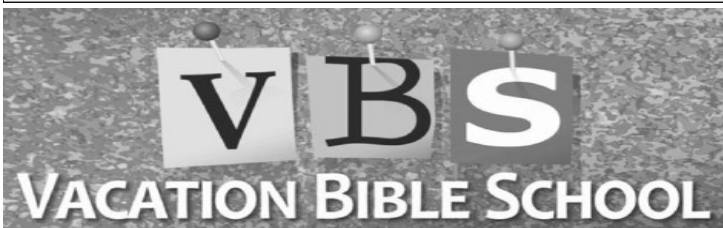
Outreach to Haiti Annual Fundraiser

Please join Bishop Cote at the Diocese of Norwich Outreach to Haiti Annual Charity Gala, Saturday, April 20, 6:30 pm at A Villa Louisa, Bolton CT. RSVP on-line www.outreachtohaiti.org or call Outreach to Haiti 860 800 3601. Proceeds benefit the Diocese's long-standing mission in the Archdiocese of Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Outreach provides nutrition & feeding programs, medical and healthcare aid, education sponsorship, parish twinning and more. The evening features a silent auction, cocktails, and dinner. The price is \$100. Thank you for your support!

Bereavement Support for Mothers ~ The Diocesan Catholic Family Services Office is sponsoring a day of support, reflection, and loving remembrance of 'A Child Who Was to Be,' a time of prayer and support for mothers who have lost a child to an ectopic pregnancy, miscarriage, stillbirth, or infant death on **Saturday, May 4** from 9 A.M. to 2:30 P.M. at Sacred Heart Church Parish Hall, 52 West Town St, Norwichtown.

There is no fee, but registration is required by April 26. A light lunch will be included. To register contact Mary-Jo McLaughlin at Catholic Family Services, 860-848-2237, ext. 312 or email her at mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net.

FROM ST. MAURICE PARISH



SAVE THE DATE
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2024

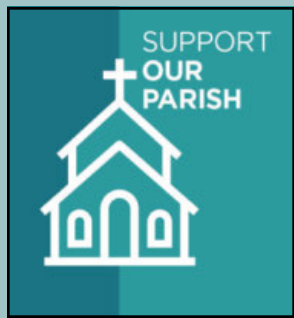
AT ST. BERNARD PARISH CENTER
July 15th - July 19th
 For kids in grades K-6

AND NEW THIS YEAR
August 12th - August 16th
 A Middle School Encounter week For kids in grades 6-8, with assistance from teens in grades 9-12

The Middle School Encounter Week will take place at St. Bernard Church August 12-14th, if there is interest we would travel to Lancaster, PA on August 15th-16th to tour the Amish countryside and see "Daniel" Live on Stage at the Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA.

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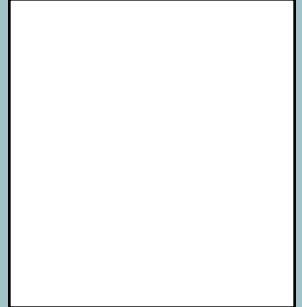
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