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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 28, 2024



5TH SUNDAY
OF EASTER

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit." - Jn 15:1-2

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My friend and fellow pastor, Father Paul, noticed unsightly, overgrown trees near his parish church. He asked the maintenance crew to cut back the growth, which they happily did, telling him the trees would be much healthier and even fuller after a good pruning. A few days later, Father Paul received a letter from an irate man in the neighborhood who wrote, "Jesus would never prune trees like that. He loves trees, unlike you."

I suspect that the neighbor was not familiar with this week's Gospel in which Jesus says of his Father, "**He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit**" (John 15:2) I don't mean to pick too much on that fellow. He was perhaps ignorant of arboriculture. But I'd wager his main confusion was the pruning and removing quality of God's love. That confusion afflicts us all to some degree, doesn't it? It is just so darn easy to react negatively when God cuts something out of our lives and assume it's not his work at all. In the moment, all we see is the loss, and not the loving desire for future flourishing.

The cross is the great pruning of Christ's body. Jesus' rising is the brand-new growth. It is God's promise to us that all the painful pruning in life is leading us somewhere beautiful. What has been cut back or out in your life? A friend, an opportunity, a sense of certainty, a job, health, a relationship? This week, offer those dry branches to the one who lovingly prunes us in order to make our lives burst with verdant growth.

- Father John Muir



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WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturdays at 4:00 p.m. / 5:00 p.m. starting on May 4th
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. / 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. starting on May 4th

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Please call the Parish Office (860-643-4466) to arrange for a meeting with the Pastor.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Please call the Parish Office (860-643-4466) to arrange for a meeting with the Pastor.

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 860-643-4466.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 27 — 28, 2024

Ushers Group IV

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

- 3:30 P.M. **Rosary** (in the Cry Room)
 4:00 P.M. **Mass offered for All Parishioners**
of St. Maurice Church

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

- 7:30 A.M. **Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory**
Chaplet of Divine Mercy (in the Cry Room)
 8:00 A.M. **TRIPLE PLAY CAFÉ PANCAKE BREAKFAST**
Parish Center from 8:00A.M. to 11:30A.M.
 9:00 A.M. **FAITH FORMATION CLASSES**
LAST SESSION (Parents and Students)
 10:00 A.M. **Mass offered for the Soul of †Roman Karas**
 requested by Urszula Zielinski
Chaplet of Divine Mercy (in the Cry Room)
 5:30 P.M. **Evening Prayer** from the Liturgy of the Hours

**MONDAY, APRIL 29 — No MASS****TUESDAY, APRIL 30 — No MASS**

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

- 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, MAY 2

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

FRIDAY, MAY 3

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

**SATURDAY, MAY 4**

- 8:00 A.M. **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TAG SALE**
AT THE PARISH CENTER
 4:30 P.M. **Rosary** (in the Cry Room)
 5:00 P.M. **Mass offered for All Parishioners**
of St. Maurice Church

SUNDAY, MAY 5

Ushers Group I

- 7:30 A.M. **Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory**
Chaplet of Divine Mercy (in the Cry Room)
 9:00 to 9:45 A.M. **Practice for First Communion** (in the Church)
 10:00 A.M. **Mass offered for Mary Maynard and Ronald**
Maynard — requested by Catherine Maynard
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: Sudip, Mark Angie,

Donna, Alissa, Mary.

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

**TAG SALE AT THE PARISH CENTER, MAY 4TH**

The Knights of Columbus will be participating in the town-wide tag sale on Saturday, May 4. The Knights will have items for sale inside Ryba Hall at the Parish Center. **Breakfast and lunch items will be offered**

for sale. Parishioners who have items they wish to part with may secure a table for a nominal donation to the Knights. All proceeds will benefit local charities.

Deadline for participation is Sunday, April 28.

Contact Michael Harney at 860-209-9367 for information.

**HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS**

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

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.

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory: April 21 — \$3,904

Projected Amount needed — \$3,670

"I am the good shepherd...and I lay down my life for the sheep... and they will heed my voice." — JOHN 10:14-16

When you pray, do you only ask Jesus for the things that you want? Do you ever ask Jesus what He wants from you? How do you listen for His response? Many times Jesus responds in "quiet whispers" that are not so obvious. So, take time every day, in silence, to actively listen for His voice.

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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) _____

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City State Zip _____ E-mail Address _____

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 _ Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion _ Choir _ Crafts workshop _

FROM ST. MAURICE PARISH

Dear Parish Family,

As of May 1st Theresa Cisson, our parish secretary for fifty-two years, will be stepping away from her duties at St. Maurice Church. She has been a blessing to our parish and someone we all admire and trust. As the new Administrator, I would like to personally thank her for her welcoming personality, professional work ethic, and kind spirit. All the staff and clergy that have worked with her have nothing but good things to say about her.

The good news is, she isn't moving to some faraway state but instead staying right here in her much-beloved town of Bolton. I thank Theresa for all she's done for St. Maurice, and I wish her a very happy and healthy retirement.

With Peace,

Fr Rick

Delicious Pancake Breakfast

JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST AT THE TRIPLE PLAY CAFE



Time: 8:00 A.M. — 11:30 A.M.

Date: Sunday, April 28th

Location: St. Maurice Parish Center

\$6.00 / Person \$18.00 / Family

Sponsored by St. Maurice Knights of Columbus

**ON MAY 4TH THE SATURDAY VIGIL MASS TIME
WILL GO BACK TO 5PM
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
WILL BE FROM 4:00PM TO 4:45PM**



**Saint Maurice Church
First Friday**

**Eucharistic Adoration
May 3rd**

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

St. Bernard Women's Guild Summer Fun Potluck

All St. Matt's & St. Maurice's Women are invited!

Tuesday, May 7, 5:30pm, St. Bernard Church Hall
Dress for summer, enjoy summer hors d'oeuvres, games,
& an ice cream sundae bar.

Disposable plates of finger food appreciated.

RSVP by May 1 to Pat at PCardin25@yahoo.com or
Lynn at lynnobrien57@gmail.com

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Sunday, May 5th

9 - 9:45 am: Practice for First Communion in
the Church

Saturday, May 11th

10 am: Special mass for the Celebrants of First Holy Eucharist
Saturday, May 18th

11 am: Confirmation at Saint Bernard church in Rockville

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

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.



ST. PHILIP PARISH

USED BOOK SALE

May 4-26

Sat — Sun 8AM—7PM

Mon — Fri 2PM-7PM

**64 Pompey Hollow Road
Ashford**



All women are cordially invited to attend
**The Norwich Diocese Council of Catholic
Women's 46th Annual Layette**

at St. Sebastian Church, 155 Washington St., Middletown, CT. on Sunday, June 2nd from 1pm to 3pm. Items needed are diapers, food, formula, wipes, new baby clothes up to size 3T, blankets, baby items etc. These items will be distributed to the districts of the Norwich Diocese Catholic Charities.

For more information contact: Nancy Russo (860) 690-8713



**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!



**Young Catholic Professionals
St. Joseph Saturday Morning Retreat
in Waterbury**

Come join Young Catholic Professionals Central CT for our St. Joseph Saturday Morning Retreat! Come enjoy a morning of rest and reflection with Our Lord. Holy Mass and Confession will be offered. Let's take a moment to reflect on the Eucharist and our work as we close out the Easter season. We look forward to meeting you there!

Where: St. Michael the Archangel Church, 62 St Michael's Dr, Waterbury, CT 06704

When: Sat, May 4th from 9AM - 1PM

Who: All professionals from 18-39.

RSVP via QR code or https://ycp.glueup.com/event/st-joseph-saturdays-retreat-waterbury-102259/?pk_campaign=widget-event-list

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



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