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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
MAY 5, 2024



6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY  
OF EASTER

“It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another.” - Jn 15:16-17

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Once a man came to the Vatican and asked to see Pope John Paul II, claiming that they had been friends in Poland. When told of the man, the Pope said, “He is mistaken about our friendship. I don’t recall ever having suffered with him.” As it turned out, the man had never known the Pope. Now, I’m not sure if the story is totally factual. But doesn’t the juxtaposition of *suffering* with *friendship* sound exactly like JPII? He understood that the deepest and most lasting friendships are forged in the fires of shared suffering. No suffering, no friendship. Amazing.

This week we hear Jesus say to the apostles and to us, “**You are my friends if you do what I command you**” (John 15:14). In Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection, God entered the world of human suffering and transformed it into an avenue of friendship with Himself. Following His command — to love, to lay down our lives for others — will always entail suffering. But this suffering only deepens our friendship with Him. His suffering is ours; ours is His. We have become friends of God.

This week, how might you share your suffering with the Risen Jesus? How might he be sharing his suffering with you, in the lives of those around you? Be attentive to that, and you’ll find that you are indeed a friend of God, because you’ve suffered together a great deal.

- Father John Muir



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**WEEKEND MASSES:**

Saturdays at 5:00 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 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

**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.

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**May 4 — 5, 2024**

Ushers Group I

**SEMINARY EDUCATION FUND COLLECTION**

**SATURDAY, MAY 4**

**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**

**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 the Souls of †Mary Maynard and †Ronald Maynard** requested by Catherine Maynard  
**Chaplet of Divine Mercy** (in the Cry Room)

No Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours

**MONDAY, MAY 6 — No MASS**

**TUESDAY, MAY 7 — No MASS**

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

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 8**

**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 9 — ASCENSION THE LORD**  
(Holy day of obligation)

**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**

**FRIDAY, MAY 10**

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

**SATURDAY, MAY 11**

**10:00 A.M. Special Mass for the celebration of First Holy Communion**



**4:30 P.M. Knight of Columbus Rosary** (in the Cry Room)

**5:00 P.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory**



**SUNDAY, MAY 12**

Ushers Group II

**7:30 A.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory Chaplet of Divine Mercy** (in the Cry Room)

**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: Rose, Karen, Mark.

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



**HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS**

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

**THURSDAY, MAY 16<sup>TH</sup> 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 28 — \$2,880**

**Projected Amount needed — \$3,670**

*"This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." - JOHN 15:12-13*

Do you love Jesus? Do you consider Him your friend? Jesus says that if we love Him we would be willing to offer whatever we have to Him, not because we want praise and glory, but simply because we love Him. Does your giving seem mechanical out of obligation or do you share freely out of love?

^ Tear off

**Parish Membership Form**

Drop in collection ^

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

Adults \_\_\_\_\_

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Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

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



St. Maurice Council 6199  
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At the business meeting held on April 17, 2024, Grand Knight Ted Lloyd and Council 6199 honored **Brother Jeff Monroe as Knight of the Month** in recognition of his service to the parish as a Lector and Usher, for making schedules for Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, and for graphic design services to Sleigh Bells Ring. Congratulations Jeff!

**FAITH FORMATION NEWS**



**Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> 10:00 A.M.**  
Special mass for the Celebrants  
of First Holy Eucharist  
**Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> 11:00 A.M.**  
Confirmation at Saint Bernard church in Rockville

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A  
GIFT BEARER AT MASS?**



If you would, before mass begins, please let the ushers know and they will give you instructions.



**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

1 John 4:7: *Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God.*

Check out a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience today. It will help your relationship and teach you tools to love one another more. This will transform your marriage. You can find one by looking up WWME.org. Some of the dates to sign up are:

**June 7-June 9, 2024 in Upton,, MA**  
**June 21-June 23, 2024 in Huntington, NY**  
**August 2-4, 2024 in Portland, CT**

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/>.



**ST. PHILIP PARISH  
USED BOOK SALE**

**May 4-26**  
**Sat — Sun 8AM—7PM**  
**Mon — Fri 2PM-7PM**  
**64 Pompey Hollow Road**  
**Ashford**

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**  
**SATURDAY FROM 4:00PM TO 4:45PM**  
**THE VIGIL MASS 5:00 PM**

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH



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](mailto:manicholas@norwichdiocese.net) to be added to the list today!



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

at St. Sebastian Church, 155 Washington St., Middletown, CT. on Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> 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



Brothers in Christ is a gathering of men who share faith, personal experiences, and discussion. Brothers in Christ fellowship meetings are held the second Thursday of the month

either virtually or in-person. If you are interested in developing fellowship and discipleship with other men devoted to Christ, please register for the group by email Liza Roach at [lroach@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:lroach@norwichdiocese.net) or call (860)848-2237 ex. 305.

**The St. Vincent de Paul Place May Raffle** is back and this year the prizes are even BIGGER prizes! The funds we raise with this event allow us to continue to do what we love and provide our patrons and surrounding communities the kindness, hope, and support they need. Tickets are on sale now through the end of April.

A winner will be chosen daily during the Month of May.

**St Vincent de Paul Place May Raffle**  
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**Go to [svdpp.org/Raffle](http://svdpp.org/Raffle) for more information or scan the QR code below**



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