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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 12, 2023



6TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

"I say to you, whoever
is angry with his brother
will be liable to
judgment." - Mt 5:22a

It's often said that the Catholic Church lays heavy rules on her members, rules that can almost seem impossible. Mass *every* Sunday? No lying *ever*? Sexual purity *all the time*? I recently said to some non-Catholic friends that more than fifty adults were baptized at my parish at the Easter Vigil. One responded spontaneously with shock, "Why would anyone do *that*?" In other words, why would someone willingly place themselves in a system with such demanding and rigorous rules?

Of course, no one in the history of religions is more demanding and rigorous than Jesus himself. In the Sermon on the Mount, he says you have to be holier than pharisees or you're out. He says if you call someone a fool, you go to fiery Gehenna. He says you can't even look at a woman with lust or you're guilty of adultery (which was punishable by death). To top it all off, he says you can't even get divorced and remarried. Doesn't he know these are basically impossible demands? What world is he living in?

The new one, actually. He is the new world. Jesus' words aren't meant to condemn. They are meant to signal something new, a restored humanity. Jesus doesn't just give external laws; he gives us his Holy Spirit to internalize the law through love. He wants to fill us with his love. That's what the Church exists to do. Love demands extraordinary things. The "demands" of the Church only make sense because she is filled with Jesus' love. That wildly demanding love is why we are Catholic.

— *Father John Muir*

Pastor
Fr. Bill Olesik

Prayer Line

Temporarily, please call Carol Zabielski at 860-643-2837

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Note: during the pandemic office hours are not regular as stated above, but you can continue to call the telephone number and leave a message.

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Patricia Cinea 860-646-0564

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Website

www.saintmauricebolton.org

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 11 — 12, 2023

Ushers Group I

ST. MAURICE FUEL FUND COLLECTION

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

4:00 P.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12



7:30 A.M. Mass offered for the Soul of †Donald Holbrook requested by Gloria Holbrook

9:00 A.M. **FAITH FORMATION CLASSES**

10:00 A.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory

5:30 P.M. **Evening Prayer** from the Liturgy of the Hours

6:00 P.M. **Rosary**

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13 — No Mass

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14 — No Mass



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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18

4:00 P.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church

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: Dan, Abby, Julie, Viola, Amanda, Family.

Candle Intentions: Special prayers for the Intentions in the Candle Note Book.

Temporarily, please call Carol Zabielski at 860- 643-2837

Thank you, MaryAnn

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:

Linda Wiley, Irene Zdrojowy 860-533-1733 or

Mary Ann Murphy at 860-649-5449

Thank you.

Observances for the week of February 12, 2023

Sunday: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, World Marriage Day

Tuesday: Sts. Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop; Valentine's Day

Friday: The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory: February 5 — \$2,905

Projected Amount needed — \$3,670

"For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

MATTHEW 5:20

The Pharisees lived according to the letter of the law and they used this to elevate themselves above the other people. Jesus is clear – it's the love that you have in your heart, for God and others, that will get you to heaven. Simply following church rules to the letter and not out of love, does not necessarily put you on the path to heaven. Attending Sunday Mass and then gossiping about a fellow parishioner on the parking lot is an example of being a modern day Pharisee.

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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 _____

Home phone _____ Cell phone _____

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FROM ST. MAURICE PARISH

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Feelings and Shiny Things

A friend of mine has a tradition on the first birthday of her children. Three items — a coin, a shot glass, and a rosary — are placed in front of the one-year-old, and whatever object he grasps supposedly bears insight into his future. A coin promises wealth, the rosary indicates holiness, and the shot glass...well, I'm sure you can guess.

Of course, the kid just grabs whatever looks coolest.

They're not really choosing money or God or a party. Their choice is ruled by impulse.

These days, "I'm not feeling it," is a genuine excuse to avoid something. "I feel that," we say to indicate agreement. "I feel like..." is an acceptable way to offer our opinion.

Feelings carry a lot of weight.

Before Christ, there was only the law, and the law dealt primarily with actions. *Do this. Do not do this.* All well and good. But with the fulfillment of the law, Christ wants us to look inwardly. He wants us to consider the influence of our feelings on our actions, and to understand how our chosen actions can, in turn, inspire certain feelings.

I'm a millennial, so, depending on your age, you may think that I feel either too much or too little. One thing I have learned, though, is that when I give my feelings free rein, my instincts immediately turn into actions. I become the toddler grasping at shiny objects with no thought for what they represent. Anger becomes unkindness. Jealousy becomes cruelty. Fear becomes selfishness.

Free will, I have come to understand, means freedom from the tyranny of feelings. If a feeling is strong enough, it can build a prison.

"If your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away." — Matthew 5:30



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AFTER ABORTION

Virtual Project Rachel Rosary

The third Thursday of each month at 3pm, come and pray the Project Rachel Rosary online with the Office of Faith Events. The Project Rachel Rosary focuses on putting an end to abortion and healing for those who have been involved in an abortion. Our next Rosary will be February 21st, please join us:

Meeting link: <https://bit.ly/316zdeG>

Meeting number: 132 917 2663

Password: Rosary

Or Join by phone: 1-415-655-0001

Access code: 132 917 2663

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH**Operation Rice Bowl:
Our Lenten Program:
For Lent For Life**

For 50 years, Operation Rice Bowl has helped to feed the hungry poor. Through Operation Rice Bowl --- a program of prayer, fasting, learning, and giving --- what you give up for Lent can give hope to the poorest of the poor. Make this Lenten season one of awareness, compassion, and reflection. Operation Rice Bowl is sponsored by Catholic Relief Services and the Diocese of Norwich.

Details of this program will appear in next Sunday's Bulletin.

**MEN'S VIRTUAL FAITH GROUP
BROTHERS IN CHRIST**

Brothers in Christ is a Virtual Gathering of men who share faith, personal experiences, and discussion. The next virtual meeting of Brothers in Christ will feature Pat McLaughlin speaking about being a Faith filled Husband on Thursday February 9th from 7pm – 7:45pm. If you are interested in developing fellowship and discipleship with other men devoted to Christ, please register by email Liza Roach at lroach@norwichdiocese.net or call (860)848-2237 ex. 305.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

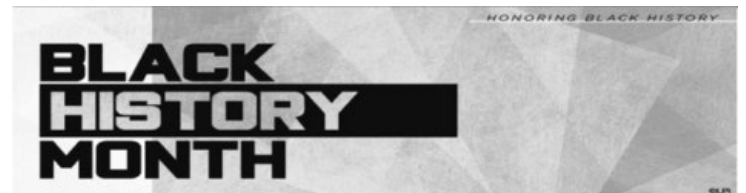
The scriptures say "Love on another." Valentine's Day is approaching. Give your spouse the gift of a loving relationship by applying for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience:

Mar 10-12, 2023 in Upton, MA

Jun 23-25, 2023 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/>

**Virtual Lenten Mission**

The Virtual Lenten Mission is an opportunity for us to deepen our faith, take time for reflection, and pray. We invite you to join us to enhance your Lenten Journey. The mission will begin on Thursday, March 2nd at 7:00 – 7:45pm and continue weekly with the last session on Thursday, March 30th. To register, contact Marianne at (860)848-2237 ex. 304 or email her at manicholas@norwichdiocese.net

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