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TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — OCTOBER 15, 2017



"My friend, how is it that you came in here without a wedding garment?" Today's Gospel parable is unsettling in several ways. The various images of rejection, mistreatment, and violence paint an unpleasant picture. Guests refuse to come to a feast, servants are killed, troops are dispatched. The King continues to try to fill his dinner hall, and then when someone finally does show up, the King throws him out for wearing the wrong clothes. What is going on here? The message would have been a poignant one for his Jewish listeners. As the chosen people, they were the first to receive the "invitation" to share in the kingdom of God. But the chief priests and elders were uninterested in accepting Jesus and his authority; thus they didn't show up for the feast. But what about those who did come? Something is expected of them as well. Donning a "wedding garment" is like being properly prepared to enter God's kingdom. Just showing up isn't enough.

Here it's important to pay attention to the details. The King first calls his poorly dressed guest "friend." The approach begins with mercy and kindness. But the man gives no defense for himself, and displays no desire to change. It's as if he doesn't really care to be there at all.

The question this raises for us is whether or not we are "dressed" appropriately. We may hang around the banquet hall--going to church, professing to be Christian--but are we sincere guests of the King of kings? Do we truly accept Christ's teachings and live by them, or are we just showing up? The splendors of the invitation Christ gives us should not be taken for granted. We are called to share in a royal feast. May we all be grateful guests.

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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 4:15 p.m. — 4:45 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Please call the rectory (860-748-4560) 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 860-748-4560.



**TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 14 — 15, 2017
USHERS GROUP III**

**2ND COLLECTION — ST. MAURICE FUEL FUND
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14**

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for †Dorothy Keith
request of Richard and Christine Carpenter

Altar Servers: Patti Cinea
Lectors: Patti Cinea
Eucharistic Minister: Patti Cinea

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for †Christina (Carelli) Michele
request of Antonio Michele

Altar Servers: Shirley Holbrook
Lector: Judy Trzcinski
Eucharistic Minister: Arlene Giglio

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

8:00 A.M. TRIPLE PLAY CAFÉ BREAKFAST
Parish Center from 8:00AM to 10:00AM

9:00 A.M. FAITH FORMATION CLASSES
First session — parents and students

10:00 A.M. Mass offered for †Marian Herasimowicz
request of The Herasimowicz Family

Altar Servers: Marta Herasimowicz, Gio & Nico Girasoli
Lector: Evelyn O'Connor
Eucharistic Minister: Janusz Herasimowicz

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

**5:30 P.M. EVENING PRAYER
FROM THE LITURGY OF THE HOURS**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 16 — NO MASS
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17 — NO MASS**

7:15 P.M. CHOIR REHEARSAL
New members are most welcome

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18 — NO MASS

9:00 A.M. CHRISTMAS FAIR WORKSHOP *in the Parish Center*

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19 — NO MASS

7:00 P.M. KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BUSINESS MEETING

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20 — NO MASS

6:30 P.M.— 8:00 P.M. CUB SCOUTS — Church basement

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

4:30 P.M. ROSARY BEFORE 5:00 P.M. MASS

Delicious
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Breakfast**

JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST AT THE TRIPLE PLAY CAFÉ



Time: 8:00 A.M. — 10:00 A.M.

Date: Sunday, October 15

Location: St. Maurice Parish Center

\$6.00 / Person \$18.00 / Family

Sponsored by St. Maurice Knights of Columbus

East Catholic High School

Come visit **East Catholic High School**

during our **Open House this year on**

Thursday, November 2, 2017 at 6:45 p.m.

The Entrance Exam for eighth graders will be given on the following **Saturday, November 11, 2017 at 8 a.m.** at East Catholic High School .

Pre-registration for the exam is advised but not required. Visit www.echs.com or call our Admissions office at **860-649-5336 x6456** for more information!

Worldwide Marriage Encounter



“On this mountain he will destroy the veil that veils all peoples.” Learn how to put aside the veils and masks that prevent true intimacy with your spouse by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend.

The next Weekends are Nov 3-5, 2017 in Manchester, CT and Feb 2-4, 2018 in Manchester, CT. For more information, call Dennis & Jane Lamondy at 860-481-3720 or visit them at <https://wwmectw.org/>.

STEWARDSHIP

Last week's Offertory: October 8 — \$2,790

Projected Amount needed \$2,980

“My God will supply whatever you need...” - Philippians 4:19 God really does provide for those who are grateful and generous. This is very difficult for people that don't live a stewardship lifestyle to believe. People are skeptical and say it's just coincidence. If you are skeptical, try living a stewardship lifestyle for just one month – be generous with your gifts of time, talent and treasure and see how God provides for your needs.

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Memorial Mass Form

Drop in collection ^

Father Leon, please offer a weekend ___ (or) weekday ___ Mass for the soul ___ (or) intentions ___ (as applicable) of:

Name _____

Person requesting _____

Street Address _____ E-mail Address _____

City State Zip _____ E-mail Address _____

Home phone _____ Cell phone _____

Check enclosed ___ Envelope No. _____ We will Donate Online ___ (Customary donation \$10 weekday, \$20 weekend)

I will bring up the gifts at the Mass celebrated. Yes ___ No ___

FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH



ST. MAURICE PRAYER LINE

Please remember all the special intentions on the St. Maurice Prayer Line.

Especially the new requests for this week: Austeen, Steve, John, Grace, Bob, Marge,

Mary, Fr. Leon.

Candle Intentions: Nicholas, John, Bob, Grace, Tadeusz, Andrzej.

That those parishioners who are isolated and alone due to sickness and age, may they know the love we have for them through Eucharistic visitors.

For all who struggle, especially those who are ill, depressed, or live in fear of abuse or violence: that God's gracious love will sustain and protect them.

Prayer shawls are available upon request

Thank you. Carol & Mary Ann

FROM SLEIGH BELLS RING CHRISTMAS FAIR GROUP



The St. Maurice Fair Group is meeting every Wednesday at 9 a.m. in the Parish Center. New members are always encouraged and invited. No particular artistic skills

are needed just an ability to 'learn from others'. Questions, please call Sharon Scorso at 860-646-1423. Hope to see you there.

***SLEIGH BELLS RING
CHRISTMAS FAIR NEEDS***

As we move toward our Fair we ask for your help with our needs. We are asking for your help by donating flour, sugar and Crisco for the pies. We use sugar, sur-gel and paraffin for the jams. We also use flour and sugar for our mixes. As always, we need jam jars, and baby food jars. Please leave your contributions in the church or Parish Center.

Pray A Rosary

October

Month of the Holy Rosary

Defending Our Religious Liberty

Religious freedom is a fundamental right, not a political football. Freedom belongs to us by human nature, not by government dictate. A government that serves its citizens is one that respects the right to religious freedom.

Let us pray that in revising the HHS mandate, religious rights of the Catholic Church will be safeguarded.

Father Leon is available at all times for any Spiritual needs, to call or meet with him personally, you're always welcomed. Reach him direct at (860) 748-4560.

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

Last weekend the **Mission Combined Collection for the World Mission Appeal**, U.S. Bishop's Appeal for Latin America, Black and Indian Missions, and the Catholic Home Mission Appeal was taken up in our Parish.

If you were unable to bring your gift envelope, extras are available at the ushers' tables in the back of the church. Your support of the missionary needs of the Universal Church is greatly appreciated. This collection is an opportunity to share your faith and strengthen the church at home and abroad.

Your contribution can be placed in the collection basket next weekend or mailed directly to the parish. Thank you for your generosity in the past and thank you for what you will do now to help our missionaries continue their vital work.

Greetings Men of God! It's time for the

10th Annual Connecticut Catholic Men's Conference

at St. Paul Catholic High School in Bristol, CT,
on SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2017.

The ticket price is \$45, includes lunch and may be purchased at our website www.CTCatholicMen.org or at the door. Registration starts at 8 AM. Don't forget to buy tickets today online.

We have brought several new wrinkles into the program, besides a new location, and more exhibitors than ever!

We're calling all men of the parish to join us for a day of dynamic speakers, deep spirituality, incredible worship, and great food, fellowship, and fun! Our lineup is phenomenal, including Connecticut Bishop Frank Caggiano from the Diocese of Bridgeport. And of course, Marty Rotella of Spirit-Power Music.org will return as our Master of Ceremonies.

Don't miss out on this wonderful event for Catholic men from all over Connecticut!

Questions? Email: ctcatholicmensconference@gmail.com

Caregivers Spirituality Support Group: People who are caregivers need a spiritual support network! Unfortunately most caregivers are unable to get to a meeting because there is no one to take care of their loved one for an evening. So the Office of Faith Events will be moving to an on-line program where people can access information, inspiration and eventually share their thoughts and frustrations in a blog format. We expect to have the information link available soon with the blog format to follow sometime in early 2018. For more information contact Andrea Hoisl, 860-848-2237, ext.312 or ahosil@norwichdiocese.net.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE WEEKEND ~ If you are widowed, separated or divorced and want help in resolving the pain and grief of losing the marriage relationship and create a more peace-filled future, consider attending a Beginning Experience weekend October 27-29 at St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield, CT. The fee for the Catholic-based weekend is \$235, which covers food, lodging, materials and a follow-up event. For more information, contact Victoria at 860-993-2384 or Maureen at 860-285-8685 or visit www.beginningexperience.org/connecticut.

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