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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time • July 24, 2011

Good News!

July 24, 2011

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12 / Rom 8:28-30 Mt 13:44-52
or 13:44-46

You know you're turning into your parents when you start talking like them. The phrase of my mother's I've recently started spouting is, "My time is worth something!" She tends to use that phrase after shopping extensively for the best price among several stores, then realizing that the five dollars she'll save isn't worth it. I use that phrase when contemplating a project that would provide extra spending money but ultimately would require too much time away from my family.

Learning the value of time seems to be a gift of growing older and growing in wisdom.

Today's Scriptures ask us to consider what we value most. 1 Kings describes Solomon's request for a wise and understanding heart to lead God's people. He doesn't ask for less valuable gifts, such as riches or an enemy's death, and his choice immensely pleases God. In the Gospel, Jesus again reflects in parables about the value of the kingdom of heaven. He compares the reign of God to an extraordinarily rare pearl a merchant buys with all his savings because he knows its true value.

If someone asked what is most valuable to us, we would quickly name our family, friends, and God. But do the choices we make every day truly reflect what we hold dear? Or does making money or a name for ourselves at work trump time spent with our children? Do we play online games or get lost in TV when we could extend a hand to a struggling friend? Are we willing to put God—and bringing about God's kingdom—at the center of our days rather than just at church on Sunday?

It may be time to reevaluate how to better treasure the pearls of great price in our lives.

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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 our Coffee Social or Pancake Breakfast after the Sunday Mass, both 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 from 3:15 to 3:45 p.m.; also by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Please call the rectory (860-643-4466) 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 860-643-4466.

THIS WEEK
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME
July 23rd - July 24th
USHER'S GROUP II

SATURDAY, JULY 23

4:30 p.m. Rosary before Mass
5:00 p.m. Mass offered for **+Paul Gidius Sr**
request of Richard, Gail & Terri
Gidius

SUNDAY, JULY 24

7:30 a.m. Mass offered for **+Dale Smith** request
of Dorli and Lou Cloutier

Chaplet of Divine Mercy after Mass

10:00 a.m. Mass offered for **+Marion & Bill
Miller** request of the Family

5:30 p.m. Liturgy of the Hours

MONDAY, JULY 25 NO MASS

TUESDAY, JULY 26

9:00 a.m. Mass offered for **+Adam Mancino**
request of Lynn Mancino
Rosary after Mass

WEDNESDAY, JULY 27

9:00 a.m. Mass offered for **+Frank Murphy**
request of Irene Kwiatkowski

**Due to repairs/maintenance by Northeast Utilities,
the Parish Center will be without electricity on
Wednesday, July 27th. There will be NO Christmas
Fair Workshop.**

3:00p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

THURSDAY, JULY 28

9:00 a.m. Mass offered for **+Giuseppina and
Giovanni Quagliano** request of
Mr. & Mrs. Maratta

FRIDAY, JULY 29 NO MASS

SATURDAY, JULY 30

4:30 p.m. Rosary before Mass
Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment. You can
call Fr. Wojciech early on Saturday for a 3:30 p.m.
confession.

NEXT WEEK
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 30th - July 31st
USHER'S GROUP III

SATURDAY JULY 30

5:00 p.m. Mass offered for **+Frank Delany**
Altar Servers: Kyle Toce, Josh Meyers
Minister of the Word: Georgette Pelletier
Eucharistic Minister: Ted Lloyd

SUNDAY JULY 31

7:30 a.m. Mass offered for **+Dale Smith**
Altar Servers:
Minister of the Word: Judy Knox
Eucharistic Minister: Arlene Giglio

Chaplet of Divine Mercy after Mass

SUNDAY

10:00 a.m.
Mass offered for **+Elizabeth Lewie**
Altar Servers: Angelica & Alex Czercowy
Minister of the Word: Paul Brown
Eucharistic Minister: Clifford Scorso

5:30 p.m. LITURGY OF THE HOURS

MONDAY, AUG. 1 NO MASS

TUESDAY, AUG. 2

9:00 a.m. Mass offered for **+Frank R. Murphy**

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 3

9:00 a.m. Mass offered for **+Dale Smith**



**Christmas
Fair
Workshop
Wednesday
August 3rd**

3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

THURSDAY, AUG. 4 Mass offered for **+Helen Wang**

FRIDAY, AUG. 5 NO MASS

SATURDAY, AUG. 6

4:30 p.m. Rosary before Mass
Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment. You
can call Fr. Wojciech early on Saturday for 3:30p.m.
confession.

GOD'S PLAN FOR TITHING

Last week's offertory \$ 2,495
 Last year's offertory \$ 1,993

"We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purposes."... Romans 8:28

Do you really trust God? Do you believe that all things work for good? Faith is a challenge for everyone at times. However, when we wholeheartedly place our trust in God we will never be disappointed.

SUMMERTIME



**THANK
 GOD!!!!**

Marriage Encounter Weekend



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To register for the next weekend in Groton, Ct on September 16-18 or for more information call 860-644-7260....or Website wwme.org

Consider your talents, offer your help

The Care and Share program is in need of willing hands to cook and/or bake for St. Maurice's Care and Share ministry. or if that is not your forte, helping with set/clean ups is always an option.

This ministry's mission is to offer the families of our newly deceased parishioners the comfort and consolation they need in the time of their sorrow by providing a luncheon at the Parish Center for family and friends after funeral services held at St. Maurice Church.

The luncheon is the work of many hands in our parish. Through their donation of time and dishes they extend their love and concern for our parish family.

If you have the time and the talent, please consider Care and Share. For more information call the rectory office at 860-643-4466.

God's Love, Our Love, Our Family, Discover Natural Family Planning, NFP Awareness Week July 24-30, 2011

NFP is an umbrella term for certain methods used to achieve and avoid pregnancies, easily learned, is 98% effective and does not use dangerous hormones or chemicals.

NFP reflects the dignity of the human person, respects the love and life giving natures of marriage and enriches the bond between husband and wife. Read more on NFP at www.usccb.org/laity and [family/NFP](http://www.usccb.org/family).

NFP classes and home study are available in our diocese. Questions about NFP? Call: Susan Williams, Office of Family Life, at 860-889-8346 ext. 283

Gentle Reminder.....parents, have you sent in the Faith Formation registration form for The 2011 - 2012 school year? September / October is fast approaching.....

Parish news.

Five youth altar servers from St. Maurice attended the festivities at Dodd Stadium on June 30th. This event was sponsored by the Diocese of Norwich in appreciation for another year of service by this ministry group to the church. A BBQ picnic with all you can eat frankfurters, hamburgers, barbecued chicken and assorted cold salads, washed down with a variety of cold drinks was served. This feast was followed with ice cream and giant, chewy cookies!! Afterwards, this group welcomed the minor baseball league team, the Connecticut Tigers as they challenged the Vermont Lake Monsters. Despite the home team's loss, it did not dampen the enthusiasm of our youth. An expression of gratitude goes to Mary Mumford for coordinating this event, the Diocese of Norwich, and especially for ALL altar servers for the dedication in assisting with Mass this past year. Any child 3rd grade and up, who has received the Sacrament of First Communion, and would like to become an altar server, please contact Fr. Wojciech after Mass.

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