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## Good News!

September 4, 2016

*Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)*

Wis 9:13-18b / Phlm 9-10, 12-17 / Lk 14:25-33

In my family, three members like to plan for what's ahead: What are we going to do? How will it get done? How are we going to get there? What will happen when we do? I can tolerate certain changes up until the day we leave, but after that, change is difficult for me. My daughter hates change at any point and does not rest until a revised plan is made. My husband lies somewhere in between. Our other daughter is a much more freewheeling spirit. "I never make plans that far in advance," she would say when I asked her what she was doing that evening. We would often just stare at each other in wonder. After thirty years, we have also rubbed off on each other in some ways.

Becoming a disciple of Christ takes both planning and flexibility. The planning comes in preparing ourselves to let go of anything that gets in the way of our service to the Lord. For most of us, that will not be our parents, but it might be something or someone in our society or culture. Jesus' challenge comes in the realization that nothing can come between Christ and us—not even our parents—and if they did, we would need to turn from them in order to follow him. The flexibility comes in the understanding that we do not know what or who we might have to give up, or the moment and manner in which Christ will ask us to pick up our cross and follow in his footsteps. All we can do is pray for the grace and courage to do what he asks when he asks it.

—*Mary Katharine Deeley*

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**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — SEPTEMBER 4, 2016**

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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 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):**

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 WEEKTWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMESEPTEMBER 3 — 4, 2016USHERS GROUP I2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION — NATIONAL COMBINED COLLECTIONSATURDAY, SEP 3**5:00 P.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners  
of St. Maurice Church*Altar Servers:* Emilia Herasimowicz  
*Lectors:* Georgette Pelletier  
*Eucharistic Minister:* Annedda Stiller**COFFEE SOCIAL** after Mass in the Church BasementSUNDAY, SEP 4**7:30 A.M.** Mass offered for †Lena C. Bloznalis  
request of The Dean & Bloznalis Families*Altar Servers:* Shirley Holbrook  
*Lector:* Judy Knox  
*Eucharistic Minister:* Linda Richardson**10:00 A.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners  
of St. Maurice Church*Altar Servers:* Marta Herasimowicz  
*Lector:* Katherine Monroe  
*Eucharistic Minister:* Janusz Herasimowicz**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** after Mass**COFFEE SOCIAL** after Mass in the Church BasementMONDAY, SEP 5**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for James and Patricia Hurst  
on their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary  
request of The Family  
CONGRATULATIONS!TUESDAY, SEP 6**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners  
of St. Maurice Church**7:00 P.M.** **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING****7:15 P.M.** **ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL RESUMES**WEDNESDAY, SEP 7**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners  
of St. Maurice ChurchTHURSDAY, SEP 8 — NO MASSFRIDAY, SEP 9 — NO MASSSATURDAY, SEP 10**4:30 P.M.** **ROSARY BEFORE 5:00 P.M. MASS****STEWARDSHIP****Last week's Offertory: August 28 — \$2,725****Projected Amount needed \$3,370***"Everyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple."* *LUKE 14:33*

When we first hear this statement, it seems that Jesus is making an unrealistic demand upon us. How can we renounce all of our possessions? We need them to live. However, what we must renounce is the belief that they belong to us. Everything that we have belongs to God alone. All of our resources are entrusted to us not only for our own use, but also so that we can help others. Once we renounce the idea that we possess or are entitled to anything, it is much easier to share the many gifts that God has given us. Then we truly are His Disciples.

NEXT WEEKTWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMESEPTEMBER 10 — 11, 2016USHERS GROUP II2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION — MAINTENANCE COLLECTIONSATURDAY, SEP 10**5:00 P.M.** Mass offered for Rita Benevides  
request of Tom and Dottie Curtiss*Altar Servers:* Emilia Herasimowicz  
*Lectors:* Patti Cinea  
*Eucharistic Minister:* Bert Flynn**COFFEE SOCIAL** after Mass in the Church BasementSUNDAY, SEP 11**7:30 A.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners  
of St. Maurice Church*Altar Servers:* Shirley Holbrook  
*Lector:* Judy Trzcinski  
*Eucharistic Minister:* Arlene Giglio**10:00 A.M.** Mass offered for Michal, Helen and Henry Sobczk  
request of Lucy Szwed and Family*Altar Servers:* LeeAnn & Ben Snuffer  
*Lector:* Lee Snuffer  
*Eucharistic Minister:* Kathleen Smythe**BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS AFTER MASS****CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** after Mass**SAINT MAURICE  
PARISH FAMILY PICNIC**  
*after 10:00 AM Mass in the Parish Center*MONDAY, SEP 12**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners  
of St. Maurice ChurchTUESDAY, SEP 13**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners  
of St. Maurice Church  
*Rosary recited after Mass***7:15 P.M.** **ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL**WEDNESDAY, SEP 14**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for †Lena C. Bloznalis  
request of The Dean & Bloznalis FamiliesTHURSDAY, SEP 15 — NO MASSFRIDAY, SEP 16 — NO MASSSATURDAY, SEP 17**4:30 P.M.** **ROSARY BEFORE 5:00 P.M. MASS****Readings for the Week of September 4, 2016****Sunday:** Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-6, 12-17/Phlm 9-10,  
12-17/Lk 14:25-33**Monday:** 1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-7, 12/Lk 6:6-11**Tuesday:** 1 Cor 6:1-11/Ps 149:1-6, 9/Lk 6:12-19**Wednesday:** 1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-17/Lk 6:20-26**Thursday:** Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6/Mt 1:1-16,  
18-23 or 1:18-23**Friday:** 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3-6, 12/Lk 6:39-42**Saturday:** 1 Cor 10:14-22/Ps 116:12-13, 17-18/Lk 6:43-49**Next Sunday:** Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19/1  
Tm 1:12-17/Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10



**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.

Thank you. Carol and MaryAnn.

**PARISH FAMILY PICNIC**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>**

**PARISH CENTER**

(following 10:00 am Mass)

**Please join us for a good ole fashion end-of-the-summer picnic!**



We will thank and honor Fr. Wojciech for his years of service and accomplishments to this parish, and offer him farewell and God's blessings for his future. Provided will be hot dogs/hamburgers and a celebratory cake! Please use the sign-up sheet on the back table of the church. This will give us a count of how much food is needed. Gladly accepted is your contribution of a favorite side dish, or bag of chips! A bowl will be placed to put cards of well wishes. Please contact **Theresa** at the **Parish Office** for more information.

**FAITH FORMATION NEWS**



Blessing of the Backpacks

On Sunday, September 11th at the 10:00 am Mass Fr. Wojciech will offer a **special blessing to all those who are going back to school.**

Please bring your backpacks and place them near the Divine Mercy painting before mass.

**Catechetical Sunday** will be celebrated on Sunday, September 18th at the 10:00 am mass. Catechists will be announced during mass and receive a blessing.



**The first day of faith formation classes** is September 25<sup>th</sup> 2016! There will be a welcome meeting for parents and students at 9:00 am. Please place your registration forms in the offertory basket at any mass.



Confirmation Class

**The Youth Explosion VIII** will be on Sunday October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 12-7:00 pm at St. Bernard High School, Uncasville CT! Tickets will be purchased for all students in the confirmation class. Any

other youth in grades 7-12 who wish to attend the Youth Explosion are asked to contact Sherry Snuffer by September 18<sup>th</sup> b21ssnuf@hotmail.com.

The cost is 20.00 and it promises to be a great event!

**FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH**

**Twenty-sixth Annual Blue Mass**

**For All Law Enforcement Officers**

**Sunday, September 25, 2016, at 10:15 a.m.**

All law enforcement officers (federal, state, and municipal, active and retired) and their families are invited to the Twenty-fifth Annual Blue Mass and Reception, Sunday, September 20, 2015, in the Cathedral of Saint Patrick, 10:15 a.m. All parishioners are cordially invited to attend this Mass. Bishop Cote, the Bishop of Norwich, will celebrate the Mass and Deacon Clifford Thermer of Saint Brigid and Saint Helena Parishes, in West Hartford, Connecticut in the Archdiocese of Hartford will serve as the homilist, will deliver the homily.

Norwich Police Chief Louis J. Fusaro, Sr. (Ret.), and Groton Town Police Chief Louis J. Fusaro, Jr., are the Blue Mass Co-Chairs. For more information, please call Chief Louis Fusaro, Chief L.J. Fusaro, or Monsignor Brown at 860-887-9294, ext. 232.

**Twenty-First Annual Mass for Those Dedicated to Education**

**September 11, 2016, at 8:45 a.m.**

The Twenty-First Annual Diocesan Mass for Those Dedicated to Education will be celebrated on Sunday, September 11, 2016, in the Cathedral of St. Patrick, at 8:45 a.m.

Bishop Cote will celebrate this Mass for all teachers and support staff, public, parochial, and private, active and retired, of all faiths. Monsignor James P. Carini will be the homilist.

**ANNUAL DIOCESAN MASS OF REMEMBRANCE**

The Annual Diocesan Mass of Remembrance in memory of children who have died from stillbirths, miscarriages or abortions, whether recently or years ago, will take place Tuesday, September 20, 2016, at 6 P.M. at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich. Bishop Michael Cote will be the main celebrant. The Mass of Remembrance is an opportunity for family to recognize the gift of life and the loss of the life of their children. Light refreshments will be served following the Mass. For more information, call the Catholic Family Services Office at 860-848-2237, Ext. 306.

**For all who are divorced, widowed, or separated** - there

is a special heartache in finding oneself alone again. **DIVORCED, SEPARATED AND WIDOWED MEN AND WOMEN** of all ages are encouraged to attend a Beginning Experience® weekend designed for those who wish to resolve the pain and grief of losing the marriage relationship and create a more peace-filled future. The Beginning Experience Weekend will be held September 30 – October 2 at the Archdiocesan Conference Center at St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield. The weekend begins Friday evening, September 30 and continues through Sunday afternoon, October 2, concluding with Mass. The weekend fee is \$235/person, which includes the program and materials, all meals on Saturday and Sunday and two nights' stay, as well as a follow-up event. For more information and an application for yourself or for a friend, please call Victoria at 860-993-7866.

For more information, go to: [www.beginningexperience.org/connecticut](http://www.beginningexperience.org/connecticut)

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