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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — JULY 16, 2017

The word of God  
is a light to the mind  
and a fire to the will.

—St. Lawrence of Brindisi

"But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold." In the parable of the sower that Jesus tells in today's Gospel, the ideal is to be "the seed sown on rich soil" that yields an abundant harvest. As Jesus explains, this means we should strive to be "the one who hears the word and understands it." So how do we place ourselves in this category? How do we assure that we will hear God's voice (i.e., the word) and actually understand what he's saying to us? The answer comes in the parable itself. Jesus explains what we need to avoid in order to make sure our seed bears fruit.

First, we must beware of "the evil one" who comes and steals away the seed of God's word. Faithfully praying the Lord's Prayer, with its request to "deliver us from evil," is a good starting point here. Placing ourselves under God's protection every day is like taking up a shield against the forces that would seek to derail us.

Secondly, we must be committed enough to God's word that "tribulation or persecution" do not uproot us or make our faith wither and die. Here, too, sincerely praying the petition in the Lord's Prayer—"Thy will be done"—can prepare us to accept whatever comes our way without waffling or wavering. Finally, we must be careful that "worldly anxiety and the lure of riches" do not "choke" us. Again, we turn to the Lord's Prayer and find an antidote built in: "Give us this day our daily bread." We pray not for a new car or a winning lottery ticket, but for our basic needs.

So let us embrace the prayer Jesus gave us, indeed the words he himself gave us to say, as we seek to truly hear and understand God's word.

## Prayer Line

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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.

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 15 — 16, 2017

USHERS GROUP II

2ND COLLECTION — MAINTENANCE COLLECTION

SATURDAY, JULY 15

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for †Evannie Yarnott request of Irene Kehl

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

SUNDAY, JULY 16

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church

Altar Servers: Shirley Holbrook
Lector: Judy Trzcinski
Eucharistic Minister: Linda Richardson

10:00 A.M. Mass offered for †Vincenty Szwed request of Lucy Szwed and Family

Altar Servers: Alex Czercowy
Lector: Rita Sheetz
Eucharistic Minister: Rita Sheetz

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

5:30 P.M. EVENING PRAYER

MONDAY, JULY 17

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for †Thomas Grunske request of Hope Grunske

TUESDAY, JULY 18

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church

7:00 P.M. BIBLE STUDY AT THE PARISH CENTER

THURSDAY, JULY 20 — NO MASS

FRIDAY, JULY 21 — NO MASS

SATURDAY, JULY 22

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



BIBLE STUDY
A Comparative Review of the Gospels with Father Leon

In the Parish Center every other Wednesday through September
Next session July 19th 7:00 p.m.

Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ.

St. Jerome



Baptism of Janie Evelyn Broneill - July 9, 2017

Father Andrew, mother Greta, big sister Ingrid, and the newly baptized Janie Evelyn.

Godparents were Charley and Cristina Hewes.

STEWARDSHIP

Last week's Offertory: July 9 — \$2,725
Projected Amount needed \$2,980

The parable of the sower speaks about the word of God that gets planted in our hearts. If that soil is rich, then the word will grow and change us. If that soil is rocky or full of weeds, the word will lie there without any impact, bearing no fruit. This parable can be applied to the stewardship way of life. We have been given the seeds of our time, talent, and treasure. We have a choice of where to plant these gifts. We are called to plant them prudently.

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

Send offertory envelopes \_\_\_\_\_ Send form for EFT (electronic donation) \_\_\_\_\_ We will Donate Online \_\_\_\_\_

We can help out as: Altar server \_\_\_\_\_ Lector \_\_\_\_\_ Usher \_\_\_\_\_ Eucharistic Minister \_\_\_\_\_ Choir \_\_\_\_\_ Crafts workshop \_\_\_\_\_

**FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH**



**ST. MAURICE PRAYER LINE**

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

Prayer Line - Margaret, Father Leo, Jude, David, Sandra.

Special prayers for Sandra, Our Country, Frank .

Special prayers for those who are attending Mass at our church for the first time. May they and their families be blessed and their prayer requests be granted.

Special prayers that all people of the Diocese of Norwich will move forward together into the future, helping one another through difficulties, rejoicing together over our abundant blessings, and being confident always of God's love and mercy.

**Prayer shawls are available upon request**

Thank you. Carol & Mary Ann



**5<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL ST. MAURICE PILGRIMAGE**

**SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA SUNDAY, AUGUST 13<sup>TH</sup>**

leave church parking lot at 11:30 am Parishioners and their guests are invited on a spiritual journey to the

**SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA**

located on 23 acres in Holliston, MA.

Sites include: Way of the Cross; Fatima and Calvary Hill; and a 950 foot Rosary made of "granite" beads. **3:00 pm Mission Rosary and Benediction.** Gift shop open until 6:00 pm. Transportation will be determined by the # of registrants. Sign-up sheets located on both back tables of the church. For more information please contact Fr. Leon, Rich Carpenter or Patti Cinea.



Faith Formation

**TEACHERS NEEDED**

We are in need of teachers and substitute teachers for the 2017/2018 CCD year. We would like enough volunteers to allow two teachers per class so the responsibilities can be shared. Classes are held on Sunday mornings from 9:00 - 9:45 a.m. Currently, there are 23 classes scheduled to run from September 24, 2017 through April 29, 2018. All teaching materials will be supplied and training will be available. For more information please contact Amie Tillmann (saintmauriceccd@gmail.com) if you think that the Lord may be calling you to this valuable service in the faith of our children.

**ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED**

We need new servers for our parish. Youth who have made their First Holy Communion are encouraged to serve. We will offer training classes and mentoring by an experienced server. If interested there are sign-up sheets in the vestibule. Please contact Fr. Leon or Amie Tillmann (saintmauriceccd@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

**FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH**



**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

"... my word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it." Discover how God's loving words can help us show his love for us and the world by attending a Worldwide

Marriage Encounter Weekend.

The next WWME Weekends are Nov 3-5, 2017 in Manchester, CT and Aug 11-13, 2017 in WAPPINGERS FALLS, NY.

For more information, call Dennis & Jane Lamondy at 860-481-3720 or visit us at <https://wwmectw.org/>.

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP**

A Catholic-based Bereavement Support group meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at three alternating diocesan parishes. The next meeting is **Thursday, July 20** from **7-8:30 P.M.** at **St. Mary's Parish Center, 1600 Main St., Coventry, CT.** For more information, contact Catholic Family Services at 860-848-2237, ext. 306.

**SAVE THE DATE** – All couples married 25 & 50 years or celebrating any significant anniversary year are invited to attend a **Silver and Gold Jubilee Anniversary Mass** at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 2 P.M. Come and renew your commitment to live your marriage in holiness in a Pontifical Mass celebrated by Bishop Michael R. Cote. Family and friends are invited to share in this special testimony and witness to love and marriage. Light refreshments will be served following the Mass in the Cathedral Hall. Register through your parish. For more information call the Catholic Family Services Office at 860-848-2237, Ext. 306.

**Defending Our Religious Liberty**

In June, the bishops from the United States voted to establish a permanent Committee for Religious Liberty. Currently, the USCCB's Committee for Religious Liberty seeks to strengthen and sustain religious freedom by assisting the U.S. bishops, individually and collectively, to teach about religious freedom to the faithful and the broader public, and to promote and defend religious freedom in law and policy. Let us pray that the committee can encourage lawmakers to protect this First Amendment right as they re-vamp the HHS mandate.

**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.**



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