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"The weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil." This is not a pretty picture. Jesus shares a parable in today's Gospel that reminds us of a truth we would rather forget: evil is real, and the devil is at work. The bountiful harvest of our faith is something that Satan wants to destroy. And he has a host of diabolical tactics to help him carry out his wicked plans. But there is one strategy in particular that we must be on guard against.

As the French poet Charles Baudelaire put it, "The devil's finest trick is to persuade you that he does not exist." Sneaky as it may be, this approach is effective! And, unfortunately, the attitude of our modern era is very conducive to buying the lie. Too often we dismiss the idea of the invisible spiritual reality of angels and demons. It doesn't seem "scientific" enough for us because it can't be seen or "proven." But neither can our faith! We believe in a host of invisible realities starting with God himself. We should not be fooled into thinking that the devil is a make-believe cartoon character with red horns and a pitchfork on his shoulder. Alas, no. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us, "Scripture witnesses to the disastrous influence of the one Jesus calls 'a murderer from the beginning'' (CCC 394) and, as we read in the Bible, "Indeed, the Son of God was revealed to destroy the works of the Devil" (1 Jn 3:8). This is not pretend, and so it must be taken seriously. But so too, the reality of Satan must be situated within the broader context of God's supreme power. The devil "cannot prevent the building up of God's reign" (CCC 395). The influence of evil can never defeat the power of our faith, unless we let it do so.



SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — JULY 23, 2017

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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.

ST. MAURICE CHURCH BOLTON, CT

# SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

<u>JULY 22 — 23, 2017</u>

#### **USHERS GROUP III**

**SATURDAY, JULY 22** 

5:00 P.M. <u>Mass offered for All Parishioners</u>

of St. Maurice Church

Altar Servers: TBD Lectors: Bert Flynn

Eucharistic Minister: Georgette Pelletier

**SUNDAY, JULY 23** 

7:30 A.M. <u>Mass offered for All Parishioners</u>

request of Lynn Mancino

Altar Servers: Shirley Holbrook

Lector: Judy Knox

Eucharistic Minister: Arlene Giglio

10:00 A.M. Mass offered for †Kelly Reopel

request of Deanna and Anne Pullo

Altar Servers: LeeAnn & Ben Snuffer

Lector: Lee Snuffer

Eucharistic Minister: Kathleen Smythe

**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** after Mass

5:30 P.M. EVENING PRAYER

FROM THE LITURGY OF THE HOURS

**MONDAY, JULY 24** 

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for Adam Mancino

request of Lynn Mancino

**TUESDAY, JULY 25** 

**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners

of St. Maurice Church

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 26** 

**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners

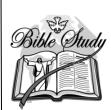
of St. Maurice Church

THURSDAY, JULY 27 — NO MASS

FRIDAY, JULY 28 — NO MASS

SATURDAY, JULY 29

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 August 2<sup>nd</sup> 7:00 p.m.

"Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ."

St. Jerome



# 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.

#### STEWARDSHIP

Last week's Offertory: July 16 — \$2,322 Projected Amount needed \$2,980

"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field...He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom." MATTHEW 13:24, 37-38

As children of God, we are all "good seeds," blessed by God with the potential to accomplish much good in the world. We fulfill God's plan when we share our talents and our financial gifts to help build God's kingdom on earth. Through our stewardship we sow "good seeds" on earth to ultimately help each other get to Heaven!

^ Tear off	<b>Parish Membership Form</b>	Drop in collection ^
Please enroll the following as members o	f the Church of St. Maurice:	
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Children (under 18)		
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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.

Especially the new requests for this week: Margaret, Sandra, Larry, Sean, Sandy, Eva, Father Frank, The Church and people of Haiti,

Bill, Mary, Father Burns

And for candle intentions: Beth, Dot, Vic, Dorothy, Linda, prayers for 20 special families.

Special prayers for Emily Hand who was recently Baptized and prayers for her family.

Special prayers for Janie Broneill who was recently Baptized and prayers for her family

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

## **TEACHERS NEEDED**

We are in need of teachers and substitute teachers for the 2017/2018 CCD year. We would like enough volunteers to Faith Formation 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.

#### **UPCOMING WORKSHOP**

## For New Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Saturday, September 30, 2017 from 9:30 to 11:30 AM At St. Patrick Parish Hall

47 W. High Street, East Hampton, CT 06424 Register by September 23 at worship@norwichdiocese.net or call 860-848-2237x302

Fee: \$10

#### 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.

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



#### RESTORE - REKINDLE - RENEW MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT

The Catholic Family Services Office and Worldwide Marriage Encounter of Connecticut are sponsoring an 8-week marriage enrichment called Restore - Rekindle - Renew that aims to enhance a married couple's

communication, renew their commitment to one another and rekindle romance. The program will meet for eight Wednesday nights August 9 through September 27 at 7 P.M. at St. Mary's Parish Center in Putnam. Couples will explore individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited. A \$50 application fee is required.

For more information or to register, call or email Frank and Margie Pearson at 860-742-6934 or MarriageEncounterCT@gmail.com or call the Catholic Family Services Office at 860-848-2237, Ext. 306.

#### 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**

Critics who say the Catholic Church is against universal health care are misinformed. The Catholic Church is founded on the Corporal Works of Mercy and helping others. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has always advocated for health care. The Catholic Church is opposing the health care mandate, because it violates the First Amendment, which is supposed to safeguard freedom of religion.

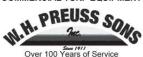


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