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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — JULY 30, 2017



"When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it." Jesus today gives us the image of a merchant who knows he has discovered a great treasure. In fact, its value is so tremendous that the man is willing to sell everything else in order to possess it. Why? Because he knows it will all be worth it. He knows that the pearl will bring him more reward than anything else he has ever owned, more even than all his possessions combined.

This Gospel story is meant to help us understand the unfathomable value of the kingdom of heaven. Nothing else can compare to it. No material item, no honor or success, can compete with this pearl of great price. Everything we have, short of this, is finite: limited, temporary, and ultimately fleeting. Eternal happiness, on the other hand, is infinite. It never ends. This is the deep contentment, the satisfaction, the peace, and happiness that we crave, the kind that doesn't disappoint.

Like the merchant in the parable, we too should understand the value of this discovery. As Christians, we have "found" the treasure beyond all other treasures! Life in Christ, both now and in heaven, is truly the pearl of great price. The only question is whether we are willing to "sell" all that we have to obtain it. In other words, are we willing to release the other things that claim hold on us? Are we ready to put Christ first in our lives? All of us need to take pause from time to time and examine our attachments and priorities. Money, pleasure, success, or comfort can often seem so important to us that we falsely begin to imagine these things will bring the happiness we so desire. But the message is loud and clear today: the kingdom of heaven is the true treasure we long for.

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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.

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 29 — 30, 2017

USHERS GROUP IV

SATURDAY, JULY 29

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church

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

SUNDAY, JULY 30

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners request of Lynn Mancino

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

10:00 A.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church

Altar Servers: Emilia & Marta Herasimowicz
Lector: Jeffrey Monroe
Eucharistic Minister: Janusz Herasimowicz

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

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

MONDAY, JULY 31

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2

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

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3 — NO MASS

FRIDAY, AUGUST 4 — NO MASS

7:00 P.M. EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AND BENEDICTION

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5

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



Saint Maurice Church First Friday Eucharistic Adoration

August 4th 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 'O Most Holy Trinity, I adore You; my God, my God, I love You in the Most Blessed Sacrament.' Our Lady of Fatima



5th ANNUAL ST. MAURICE PILGRIMAGE SHRINE

OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA SUNDAY, AUGUST 13th

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 23 — \$2,773

Projected Amount needed \$2,980

'We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.'

- 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. Putting our trust in God, in everything we do, means that God's plan for our lives may be different than our plan. When one door closes, another one opens. Trust in God, His plan is always better.

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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

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH



BIBLE STUDY — A Comparative Review of the Gospels with Father Leon in the Parish Center every other Wednesday.



ST. MAURICE PRAYER LINE

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

Especially the new requests for this week:

Sandra, Vicki, Matt, Francesco, Alle, Alex, Dot,

Nick, Erna, Debbie, Brigid

And for candle intentions: Dot, Vic, Alie, Dorothy, Linda, a safe family trip.

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



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.

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.

The monthly Diocesan Pro-Life Mass will take place at The Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on Saturday, August 5 at 8:30 A.M. Please join our celebrant Rev. Walter Nagle at Mass as we pray to end abortion and for the healing for those who have had an abortion. Following the Mass, the Rosary will be prayed both at the Cathedral and Planned Parenthood. A brunch in the Cathedral Hall will follow the Rosary this month.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

“Give your servant, therefore, an understanding heart.”

Help encourage understanding hearts in your marriage 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/>.

Praise, Worship, and Healing Prayer Service

Nothing uplifts the soul like praising and worshipping God! Come and rejoice for answered prayer, seek prayer for yourself or for a burden you're carrying for someone else. Join us on Thursday evening, August 3rd, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Andrew Church. 128 Norwich Ave. in Colchester, CT, for an evening of praising and worshipping God with music, teaching, witnessing, and prayer. If desired, you may also meet with a prayer team for personal, intercessory, or healing prayer. This service will be held on the first Thursday every month, immediately following Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Defending Our Religious Liberty

Those who say that the Catholic Church is discriminating against poor women by opposing the health care mandate are misinformed. The Catholic Church is against requirements contained in the mandate that would force them to pay for surgical procedures such as: sterilization, abortion-inducing drugs, and contraception that go against its moral convictions, and therefore, impede religious freedom.

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