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TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — AUGUST 20, 2017

"O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." This woman was an outsider. She was a Canaanite, not an Israelite, and as such she would have been considered ritually unclean. But she approached Jesus nonetheless and asked for his help. And Jesus used this opportunity to teach his disciples an important lesson.

In the verses directly before today's passage, Jesus had told Peter that what defiles a person comes from the heart, not from ignoring external purity practices. Then, Jesus traveled with his disciples from Galilee to the region of Tyre and Sidon where they were much more likely to encounter someone considered to be unclean.

At first it appeared that Jesus wasn't going to acknowledge the woman who begged for help. His comment, "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs," was a common comparison between Jews (the children) and Canaanites (the dogs). But, in fact, Jesus said this only to go right ahead and break this social code! He showed by his actions that it did not matter whether someone was Jewish or not, what mattered was the faith in a person's heart. And this woman proved to Jesus and the doubting disciples that she had great faith. How many others would have even approached Jesus to ask for his help? How many others would have persevered when he appeared unresponsive? By pausing in his response, and first mentioning the standard reply, Jesus gave this woman the opportunity to demonstrate her great faith. And then, he answered her request and praised her extraordinary faith. What a lesson for his prejudiced disciples! And what a lesson for us, both to persevere in faith, and never to judge others on mere appearances.

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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.



**TWENTIETH
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 19 — 20, 2017
USHERS GROUP III**

2ND COLLECTION — ST. MAURICE MAINTENANCE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

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

Altar Servers: TBD
Lectors: Bert Flynn
Eucharistic Minister: Linda Wiley

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

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

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: Alex Czercowy
Lector: Lee Snuffer
Eucharistic Minister: Janusz Herasimowicz

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY *after Mass*

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 21

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for †Eva Morra request of Pauli

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for †Eva Morra request of Mark and Melanie Hurlburt

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24 — NO MASS

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25 — NO MASS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

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

FAITH FORMATION NEWS



If you are planning to have your child attend our faith formation program in September please complete your registration forms as soon as possible. You can simply drop them in the collection basket at any mass. If you were a teacher and want to continue in this role or would like to teach for the first time please notify Amie Tillmann at saintmauriceccd@gmail.com



On Sunday, September 10th at the 10:00 AM Mass Fr. Leon 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 17th at the 10:00 am mass. Catechists will be announced during mass and receive a blessing.



The first day of faith formation classes is on Sunday, September 24th! There will be a welcome meeting for parents and students at 9:00 am. Knights of Columbus pancake breakfast available from 8 - 10 am

STEWARDSHIP

**Last week's Offertory: August 13 — \$2,297
Projected Amount needed \$2,980**

"For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable."

- ROMANS 11:29

God has a special mission in mind for each of us. He has given us the gifts we need to accomplish that mission. We are called to be good stewards by using those gifts to do the work that He has planned for each of us. If we deny our gifts or fail to use them as God calls us to use them, then some part of His work will be left undone.

^ Tear off

Memorial Mass Form

Drop in collection ^

Father Leon, please offer a weekend ___ (or) weekday ___ Mass for the soul ___ (or) intentions ___ (as applicable) of:

Name _____

Person requesting _____

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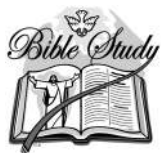
FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH



ST. MAURICE PRAYER LINE

Please remember all the special intentions on the St. Maurice Prayer Line. Especially the new requests for this week: Eva, Rose, Bob, Pete, Chris, Gabriella And for Candle intentions Cody, Georgette, Edie, Bob. Special prayers for Eva Morra who has died recently and for her family. 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



BIBLE STUDY
A Comparative Review of the Gospels with Father Leon

In the Parish Center every other Wednesday through September
Next session September 6th 7:00 p.m.

“Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ.”
St. Jerome



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.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Help increase your faith in your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next WWME Weekends are Nov 3-5, 2017 in Manchester, CT and Sep 15-17, 2017 in Huntington, NY. For more information, call Dennis & Jane Lamondy at 860-481-3720 or visit us at <https://wwmectw.org/>.

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

TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL MASS FOR THOSE DEDICATED TO EDUCATION
September 10, 2017, at 8:45 a.m.

The Twenty-Second Annual Diocesan Mass for Those Dedicated to Education will be celebrated on Sunday, September 10, 2017, 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. Reverend Peter Langevin, Parochial Vicar, Cathedral of Saint Patrick, will be the homilist. All are welcome.

Currently, the Planning Committee for this Mass is seeking additional members to assist in preparing this very meaningful tribute to Educators and to become an active member of the planning committee.

The next meetings of the Mass Committee will be held on August 28, 2017, and September 11, 2017, at 4:00 p.m. in the Bishop Hines Conference Room of the Chancery. Please join us in planning the 23rd Annual Mass for Those Dedicated to Education.

For information or if you wish to help, please call Monsignor Brown or Rebecca McDougal at 860-887-9294.

TRUST IN THE MERCY OF GOD'S LOVE

If you are carrying the grief and sorrow of past abortions and seek healing and forgiveness, call **Project Rachel**, a post-abortion healing ministry. Priests in the **Project Rachel** ministry are there for you with God's Grace and Mercy. Call **860-861-4439**. All calls are confidential.

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Saturday, October 21, 2017

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Defending Our Religious Liberty

According to USCCB President Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, “The Catholic Church teaches that religious freedom has to do with immunity from coercion. Immunity from government coercion is a right that all citizens in this country should enjoy. So, in asking for an exemption to the HHS mandate to fully accommodate deeply held moral and religious beliefs, the USCCB is asking that the government give us the space to fully participate in American life.”
Let us pray that efforts to change the health care bill protect our First Amendment rights.

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