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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — AUGUST 27, 2017



"And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church." Simon got a new name after his profession of faith. As soon as he declared to Jesus, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God," Jesus renamed him with a title that means "rock." And with that name he gave Peter the mission to be a solid foundation upon which he would build his church. Not Peter's church. Not James or Paul's church. Not Martin Luther's or John Calvin's or anybody else's. This is Jesus' church, the church of Christ himself, that we call the Catholic Church.

So it was Christ himself who desired to give authority in the church--"the keys to the kingdom of heaven"--to a human leader. Peter was thus established as the first pope. He exercised a special kind of headship, within the community of the apostles and the church at large, because Jesus gave him the power to do so, not because Peter claimed it for himself. And so too every pope since, right down to our Holy Father today, exercises this unique leadership within the Church.

What a gift this is to us! Jesus knew well the human tendency to squabble and disagree, to argue and compete. He knew that the church would be prone to all of this because of her members, and that providing a final voice of authority, saying in effect that "the buck stops here" would be helpful for maintaining unity. As Catholics, even in spite of the differing opinions and perspectives that are manifest in the Church, we nonetheless maintain a strong sense of identity and belief thanks in large part to the papacy. Today, may we give thanks for the pope and pray for him as he strives to lead all of us closer and closer to Christ.

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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.



**TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

**AUGUST 26 — 27, 2017**

**USHERS GROUP IV**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 26**

**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, AUGUST 27**

**7:30 A.M.** Mass offered for †Irene Kwiatkowski  
request of Patti and Maria Cinea

*Altar Servers:* Shirley Holbrook  
*Lector:* Judy Trzcinski  
*Eucharistic Minister:* Arlene Giglio

**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY *after Mass***

**10:00 A.M.** Mass offered for †Marian Herasimowicz  
request of Janusz and Agata Herasimowicz

*Altar Servers:* Emilia & Marta Herasimowicz  
*Lector:* Jeffrey Monroe  
*Eucharistic Minister:* Kathleen Smythe

**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY *after Mass***

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

**MONDAY, AUGUST 28**

**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for †Irene Kwiatkowski  
request of St. Maurice Prayer Group

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 29**

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

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30**

**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 31 — NO MASS**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 — NO MASS**

**7:00 P.M.** **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND BENEDICTION**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2**

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

**2017 NATIONAL  
COMBINED COLLECTION PROGRAM**

Next weekend our parish will take up the National Combined Collection which benefits: The Catholic Communication Campaign, The Annual Appeal for the Holy Father (Peter's Pence), The Retirement Fund for Religious, and Catholic University of America. These collections provide the Holy Father with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world; helps provide prescription medications, nursing care, and more for our senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests; and offers students an excellent education in a faith-filled atmosphere grounded in Catholic intellectual tradition. The communication campaign, of which half the proceeds stay in our Diocese, helps spread the Gospel message through Internet, television, radio, and print media. Registered parishioners will receive a mailing with more detailed information. Please read the material and if you are so inclined, bring your gift envelope to Mass next weekend, September 2/3, 2017. (Gift envelopes and an informational brochure are also available at the church.) Your support of these needs of the Universal Church will truly make a difference. Please be as generous as your means allow.

**Knights of Columbus Council 6199  
Ice Cream Social**

The Knights of Columbus of St. Maurice are sponsoring an ice cream sundae social for parishioners and friends on Sunday, Sept. 10. It will be after the 10 a.m. Mass in the Parish Center.



**STEWARDSHIP**

**Last week's Offertory: August 20 — \$2,409**  
**Projected Amount needed \$2,980**

*"Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?"*  
- ROMANS 11:35

St. Paul reminds us of a central fact of stewardship. We cannot **give** the Lord anything, because God already owns it all. God made everything. All that we can do is **return** a portion of God's many gifts back to Him. Sincere gratitude for our gifts opens our hearts to joyful generosity!

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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. Especially the new requests for this week: Jen & Family, Bob, John, Joe, Francis,

Alicia, Forester, Greg, Trish, Laurie.

And for Candle intentions Bob and John.

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

**Saint Maurice Church  
First Friday**

**Eucharistic Adoration**

September 1<sup>st</sup>

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*



**FAITH FORMATION NEWS**



Faith Formation

Registration forms are available for our faith formation program beginning in September. Forms can be found on-line or in the back of the church. You can simply drop completed forms in the collection basket at any mass.



Blessing of the Backpacks

On Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> 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

**Catechetical Sunday** will be celebrated on Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup>! There will be a welcome meeting for parents and students at 9:00 am.

Knights of Columbus pancake breakfast available from 8 - 10 am

**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**



**Blue Mass Steak Dinner Fundraiser**

Friday, September 8, 2017

East Great Plain Fire Department

488 New London Turnpike, Norwich

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Steak – Baked Potato – Salad – Bread & Butter – Soda & Water

\$20.00 Adults \$10.00 Children 12 and under

**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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

The monthly **Diocesan Pro-Life Mass** will take place at **The Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on Saturday, September 2 at 8:30 A.M.** Please join our celebrant Rev. Ray Introigne 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.



**Defending Our Religious Liberty**

For four years, the Little Sisters of the Poor and many other faith-based nonprofit groups have patiently asked the government to do the right thing and let them serve the poor. In a pluralistic society like ours, people should be free to serve the common good without compromising their moral or religious convictions. The HHS mandate requiring employers to cover contraceptive and abortion-inducing drugs and devices, has tested this country's commitment to a healthy pluralism.



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