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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — SEPTEMBER 3, 2017



"You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Peter had expressed horror at the prophetic words announcing that Jesus' suffering and death were imminent. Peter didn't want his friend and teacher to undergo this terrible ordeal. He wanted "no such thing" ever to happen to his Lord. But Jesus sharply rebuked Peter's response, comparing it to that of the tempter, Satan. Just as temptation becomes an obstacle to our doing what is right, so Peter was presenting an obstacle to Christ's mission. Suffering was part of it, like it or not. To deny this difficult element of Christ's work would be to deny the bigger plan of God. And so Jesus rightly told Peter that he wasn't thinking like God thinks.

Of course, since we are human, it's only natural that we should think as human beings do. We, like Peter, tend to recoil at the idea of facing unpleasant or painful circumstances. But clearly God sometimes allows such situations to take place for a greater good. Jesus understood this; even as he prophesied about his death, he also mentioned his resurrection.

Today's Gospel challenges us to think "as God does" by holding both of these elements together. Unlike Peter who only focused on the sad part of the story, we are called to recognize the Resurrection on the other side of the cross, and to be willing to do whatever is necessary to get there. In fact, Jesus tells us later in this Gospel to take up our cross and follow him. That is not the "human" way of thinking. It's the Godly way. Our natural response is to reject and scorn the trials and tribulations that we face, but Jesus wants us to embrace them patiently and "come after" him on the (sometimes rough) road to eternal life.

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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 SECOND SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

SEPTEMBER 2 — 3, 2017

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**2ND COLLECTION — NATIONAL COMBINED
COLLECTION**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

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

Altar Servers: TBD

Lectors: Georgette Pelletier

Eucharistic Minister: Bert Flynn, Annedda Stiller

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

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

Altar Servers: Shirley Holbrook

Lector: Judy Knox

Eucharistic Minister: Linda Richardson, Arlene Giglio

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY *after Mass*

10:00 A.M. Mass offered for †Eva Morra
request of Margaret Maneggia

Altar Servers: LeeAnn & Ben Snuffer

Lector: Rita Sheetz

Eucharistic Minister: Rita Sheetz, Betty Aitkin

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY *after Mass*

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

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

7:15 P.M. **CHOIR REHEARSAL RESUMES**
New members are most welcome

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 — NO MASS

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 — NO MASS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

9:00 A.M. **CHURCH GROUNDS CLEAN UP**
Please come to help for a successful clean up

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

**2017 NATIONAL COMBINED COLLECTION
PROGRAM**

Today we will take up the National Combined Collection (NCC) which benefits: The Retirement Fund for Religious, The Annual Appeal for the Holy Father, The Catholic Communication Campaign, and Catholic University of America. Please indicate on your NCC collection envelope how you wish your gift to be used. If you need a gift envelope, extra envelopes are available in the back of the church. Please support our aging religious, join our Holy Father in providing essential relief to the most disadvantaged, connect people with Christ through communication resources, and help provide a Catholic based education to university students. Your generous support is greatly appreciated.

HELP NEEDED

On Saturday morning, September 9, at 9:00 a.m., Rich McDonald will come with equipment to trim and groom the church grounds. **Many hands are needed** for a successful clean up of all beds and grounds. The weeds and grass in the parking lot cracks need to be sprayed with Ortho Ground Clear or Round-up. Please volunteer and come to help next Saturday morning.

Thank you!

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 27 — \$2,027

Projected Amount needed \$2,980

"What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?" - Matthew 16:26

St. Francis of Assisi once said, "Remember, you are what you are in the eyes of God, and nothing else." We often forget this stewardship wisdom when we spend all of our time, talent and treasure to gain more of the world's riches. We need to set our priorities based on God's values and not the values of the material world.

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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 _____

Street Address _____ E-mail Address _____

City State Zip _____ E-mail Address _____

Home phone _____ Cell phone _____

Check enclosed ___ Envelope No. _____ We will Donate Online ___ (Customary donation \$10 weekday, \$20 weekend)

I will bring up the gifts at the Mass celebrated. Yes ___ No ___

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: Jacky, John, Francis, Amy and her family,

Eddie, Bob, Joseph, John, Maria, Dakata.

And for Candle intentions: Beth, Elaine, Edie, the military and their family, Molly, Bob, Grace.

For the spirit of understanding, compassion, and forgiveness in our relationship with others, that we may follow the action of Jesus in our daily association with those whom we meet on the path of life.

For all who will begin college soon: that God will help them to make good choices, build new friendships and learn about themselves and the world around them.

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 NEWS



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



Defending Our Religious Liberty

In a letter to the U.S. Senate, the United States Conference for Catholic Bishops (USCCB) stated that it stands ready to work with Congress to address problems with the Affordable Care Act in ways that protect the most vulnerable among us. They said, "The Catholic Church remains committed to ensuring the fundamental right to medical care, a right which is in keeping with the God-given dignity of every person, and the corresponding obligation as a country to provide for this right. Health care debates must not be reduced to only those elements which appear most politically expedient; those without a strong voice in the process must not bear the brunt of attempts to cut costs."

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.

CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COLLECTION

This September 9th and 10th the Annual Catholic Elementary School Collection will be conducted throughout the Diocese. Last year over \$90,000 was raised from this in-pew collection. Appropriately titled, *Faith for the Future*, the collection recognizes that our futures truly do belong to the children we are educating in our schools today. Our 11 Diocesan elementary schools offer families a safe and nurturing environment in which to entrust their children's academic, social and moral growth, preparing them to become the future leaders of our church and communities.

PICNIC AT SACRED HEART CHURCH, VERNON

Father Stan Szczapa is inviting everyone from St. Maurice Church to attend a Parish Picnic to honor Fr. Ed Dempsey on his 50th Anniversary to the Priesthood.

Picnic will take place Sunday, September 10 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. on the church ground at 550 Hartford Tpke, Vernon. Please call Sandy, Tuesday - Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at 860-875-4563 or Fr. Stan at 860-841-0221 and let them know if you plan to come and number of people.

FROM SLEIGH BELLS RING CHRISTMAS FAIR GROUP



SLEIGH BELLS RING CHRISTMAS FAIR NEEDS

As we move toward our Fair we ask for your help with our needs. We are asking for your help by donating flour, sugar and Crisco for the pies. We use sugar, sur-gel and paraffin for the jams. We also use flour and sugar for our mixes. As always, we need jam jars, and baby food jars. Please leave your contributions in the church or Parish Center. Thank you.

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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