

# THE PARISH COMMUNITY OF saint maurice

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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — SEPTEMBER 10, 2017



"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." This is a fascinating promise. Jesus enlightens us today about the power of communal faith. He emphasizes that a gathering of like-minded believers, small though it may be, has a powerful effect. As he tells his disciples, "If two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father."

Alright then, what are we waiting for? We should take Jesus up on this amazing offer! Going to Mass is one way to do so. When we gather together every Sunday, we do more than listen to readings and receive the Eucharist. We also PRAY together. The priest leads us in these prayers, of course, but we are meant to join with him, as the Second Vatican Council put it, with "fully conscious, and active participation" (Sacrosanctum Concilium, #14). We are to make the prayers our own by attentively joining in with them from our hearts. Mindlessly reciting "Amen" or absently whispering the words of the Our Father likely loses the effect Jesus was talking about in today's Gospel. But truly praying together with our parish community certainly fits the bill.

We need not be at church to fulfill this kind of prayer, however. It only takes two! Those of us who live with others can exercise communal prayer every day in our own homes, just by joining each other for a few moments of petition or praise. Those who live alone may need to reach out more deliberately, but it only takes a phone call to "gather together" with another believer and offer up our prayers. May we have the courage to invite others to join us as we bring our needs to God.

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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 THIRD SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME  
SEPTEMBER 9 — 10, 2017**

**USHERS GROUP II**

**2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION — CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL CAMPAIGN COLLECTION**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9**

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

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**

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

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

**10:00 A.M.** Mass offered for †Barbara and †Donald Sullivan  
request of Patrick and Daniel Sullivan

**BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS**



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

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ICE CREAM SOCIAL**  
*after Mass in the Parish Center*

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

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11**

**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for †Rafael Cusano  
request of Mr. & Mrs. Antonio Cusano

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12**

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

**7:00 P.M.** **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

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

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13**

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

**9:00 A.M. - 10:30 A.M.** **CHURCH OPENED FOR DEVOTION TO  
OUR LADY OF FATIMA**

**6:30 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.** **CHURCH OPENED TO OBTAIN  
ANNIVERSARY INDULGENCE**

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

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 — NO MASS**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 — NO MASS**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16**

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



**THE FIFTH APPARITION OF OUR  
LADY OF FATIMA  
September 13, 1917**

As word continued to spread about the apparitions, an estimated crowd of 25,000 people gathered at the Cova da Iria for Our Lady's appearance. There were believers, disbelievers, and curiosity seekers alike. The customary flash of light followed by Lucia's simple request, "What do you ask of me?" Our Lady responded to continue to daily pray the Rosary for peace and end to the war. Our Lady informed the young visionaries that God was pleased with their daily sacrifices. Lucia offered petitions for the sick that many in the crowd had painfully requested. In preparation, Our Lady informed the children that in October, Our Lord would come, as well as, Our Lady of Sorrows, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, and St. Joseph would appear with the Child Jesus to bless the world. She again promised that a miracle would occur in October so that "all may believe."

**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**

**Projected Amount needed \$2,980**

*"You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel."*  
- EZEKIEL 33:7

Many of us are generous with our gifts. However, how often is our generosity at the minimum level required? We do just enough or give just enough. Remember, the Lord calls us to be generous with all the gifts He has given us, to grow them and return them with increase.

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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:  
Nick, Edith, Susan

Candle Intention - Bob, John, Nick, Edith

For all who are beginning a new academic year: that students and teachers may learn together as they grow in wisdom and love.

May peace come to all parts of our troubled world and may all people welcome God into their lives and live together in peace.

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

**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.

**FAITH FORMATION NEWS**



Faith Formation

**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.

**Defending Our Religious Liberty**

In a letter to the U.S. Senate, the United States Conference for Catholic Bishops (USCCB) urged them to respect life when changing the health care mandate. The USCCB says no health care reform plan should compel us or others to pay for the destruction of human life, whether through government funding or mandatory coverage of abortion. Long-standing "Hyde Amendment" protections must extend to any relevant health care plan in order to prevent federal funding of abortion and not as a temporary fix or future promise.

**FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH**



**2017 NATIONAL COMBINED COLLECTION PROGRAM**

Last weekend the National Combined Collection which benefits: The Retirement Fund for Religious, The Annual Appeal for the Holy Father, The Catholic Communications Campaign, and Catholic University of America was taken up in our Parish. To all those who made a gift, thank you for your generous response. If you did not bring your gift envelope to Mass last weekend or if you were away it is not too late to give! Extra envelopes are available in the back of the church. Your contribution can be placed in the collection basket next weekend or mailed directly to the Parish. Please be as generous as possible. Thank you.

**Pontifical Mass for the Diocesan Partnership on Disability**

Join us for a Celebration of the Liturgy for people living with disabilities; for their family, friends, care-givers, co-workers, support staff and health care professionals.

Principal Celebrant Bishop Michael R. Cote

Saturday September 30, 2017 @5:00 p.m.

The Cathedral of St. Patrick

213 Broadway, Norwich

\*sign language provided for Mass and reception presentation\*

Presentation & Reception to follow in Cathedral Hall

For more information or to RSVP for the reception, please contact the Office of Faith Events, 860-848-2237 x304 or [faithevents@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:faithevents@norwichdiocese.net)

**Unlocking the World of Jesus & the Bible**

Come for a day long presentation by Speaker Tom Smith, Director of the Denver Catholic Biblical School. Discover the meaning of discipleship, unlock the Gospels with a new understanding of idioms and images in the Bible. Saturday, October 21, 2017, Christ the King Church, Old Lyme, from 9 a.m. to 2p.m. \$35 (includes lunch)

For more information please contact the Office of Faith Events, 860-848-237 x304 or [manicholas@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:manicholas@norwichdiocese.net)



**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

"Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law." Discover how to more easily love one another 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://www.mectw.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.**

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