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TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — OCTOBER 8, 2017



"Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit." The chief priests and elders listening to Jesus must have been furious. After telling the parable about the tenants who abused the owner's property and killed his son, Jesus had a tough lesson to teach. He compared the Jewish leaders to these terrible tenants. They, like the selfish workers in the vineyard, were guilty of not respecting proper authority and of trying to seize control--not of grapes, in this case, but of religious matters. In short, they were not bearing fruit for God's kingdom, but only for their own prestige and privilege.

Before we spend too much time criticizing them, however, we would do well to examine ourselves. If Jesus were standing in our midst right now, would he have a similar warning for us? We may not be religious leaders, but we are like those tenants in many ways because we have been made stewards of the gifts of God. We receive his help and grace through the sacraments, for example. Are we good stewards of this grace, or do we take it for granted and fail to nourish it to produce good fruit?

And what about the personal gifts that God has entrusted to each of us? We all have certain skills, talents, experiences, and opportunities thanks to God's work in our lives. Do we make the most of these things or do we settle for the easy road? Do we thank God for them or consider them to be our own?

God has trusted us with a place in the world, HIS world. He is the ultimate authority here and all things we enjoy come from his hands. May we have the humility and gratitude to use his gifts for his glory and not just our own.

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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 SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 7 — 8, 2017
USHERS GROUP II**

2ND COLLECTION — MISSION COMBINED COLLECTION

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

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

Altar Servers: Emilia Herasimowicz
Lectors: Bert Flynn
Eucharistic Minister: Georgette Pelletier

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

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

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

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY *after Mass*

NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

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

Altar Servers: Alex Czercowy
Lector: Lee Snuffer
Eucharistic Minister: Betty Aitkin

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY *after Mass*

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9 — NO MASS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10 — NO MASS

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11 — NO MASS

9:00 A.M. **CHRISTMAS FAIR WORKSHOP** *in the Parish Center*

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12 — NO MASS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13 — NO MASS

100th Anniversary date of the Miracle of the Sun
Church will be open from 11:30 am - 1:00 pm and again from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm for Devotion to Our Lady of Fatima to obtain the Anniversary Indulgence.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

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

**SIXTH APPARITION OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA:
THE GREAT MIRACLE OF THE SUN**

October 17, 1917



Enormous crowds estimating 70,000 arrived at the Cova da Iria to witness the supreme power of God. Rainfall soaked the bystanders and the roads were deep in mud. The apparition began as before, with Lucia asking simply, "What do you want of me?" Our Lady instructed to build a chapel on that site in her honor. She identified herself as, "**I am the Lady of the Rosary.**" She instructed to pray the rosary daily and that World War I would soon end. Lucia presented petitions from the many sick. Our Lady stated that those who sought God's blessing must ask forgiveness of their sins and reform their lives. Looking sad, Our Lady stated not to offend God anymore. Our Lady then opened her hands and ascended into the firmament. The rain stopped. The sun broke through the storm clouds. She then appeared next to the sun in a white robe and blue mantle. As promised, St. Joseph with the Child Jesus appeared and blessed the world. Afterwards, she appeared again as Our Lady of Sorrows with Our Lord as He blessed the world; they vanished, and she then appeared as Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. Lucia then cried out to look towards the sun. The people then witnessed an extraordinary phenomena as the sun grew in size, changed color, and began spinning. It plummeted to the earth amidst the cries of the people. The sun then returned to its normal position in the sky, the mud and clothing of the bystanders instantaneously dried, and there was no damage to anyone's eyes. An explosion of joy erupted as the crowd offered praise and thanksgiving to Our Lady of Fatima.

STEWARDSHIP

Last week's Offertory: October 1 — \$2,969

Projected Amount needed \$2,980

"The stone the builders rejected has become the corner stone..."
Matthew 21:42

Jesus was the corner stone and He was rejected by the religious and political leaders of his day, as well as ordinary citizens. Living a stewardship lifestyle may cause you to be "rejected" by others in today's society. For example, saying grace before a meal in a restaurant may attract some strange looks from some. But to others it is sign that God is alive and well!

^ Tear off

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:

Rob, Marge, Fr. Leon, Mary, Michael, Irene, Maria, Bob, Grace, John, Nick, Alie, Max, Vickie, Nick
Candle Intentions: John, Adam, Bob, Grace.

That those parishioners who are isolated and alone due to sickness and age, may they know the love we have for them through Eucharistic visitors.

The husbands and wives may always be aware of the special bond they share with Jesus and thereby develop their mutual love.

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.
Thank you — Carol & Mary Ann

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

The Mission Combined Collection this weekend supports missionary works in Latin America, Asia, Africa and parts of the United States.

Generous gifts made to today's Collection will fund catechesis, seminarian formation and pastoral programs for the Church in Latin America, assist poor mission dioceses here at home in the United States by funding essential ministries, including seminary education and lay ministry training with the Catholic Home Missions Appeal, help proclaim the Gospel and offer hope in countries devastated by war or natural disasters through the World Mission Appeal, and provide grants to dioceses to operate schools, parishes and other missionary services that build the Body of Christ in Native American, Alaska Native, and African-American Catholic communities. Please give today with a joyful and generous heart. Your support will truly make a difference.

8th Annual Seton Scholarship Dinner

Please join Bishop Cote at the Eighth Annual Seton Scholarship Dinner honoring the recipients of the Most Reverend Michael R. Cote, D.D. Award for Contributions to Catholic Education to be held at 4 PM on Sunday, October 29, 2017 at The Riverhouse at Goodspeed Station, 55 Bridge Road, Haddam Connecticut. This year's honorees are: Ms. Sharon Briere, Principal, St. Joseph School, North Grosvenordale, CT; Mrs. Robin Holtsclaw, Claims/Risk Manager, representing Catholic Mutual Relief Society; and Mr. James Leone, Theology Teacher, St. Bernard School, Uncasville, CT. Tickets are \$150/person and will be available for purchase until October 16, 2017. All proceeds benefit Catholic elementary school students within the Diocese in the form of tuition assistance. For tickets and more information, please contact Kathy Gaito at 860-886-1928 ext. 15, kgaito@norwichdiocese.net or visit www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

The Annual Diocesan Mass of Remembrance to honor children who have died from stillbirths, miscarriages or abortions, whether recently or years ago, will take place Tuesday, October 10, at 7 P.M. at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich. Bishop Michael Cote will be the main celebrant. The Mass of Remembrance is an opportunity for family members to memorialize and honor the dignity of the precious lives of pre-born children. Light refreshments will be served following the Mass. For more information, call the Catholic Family Services Office at 860-848-2237, Ext. 306.

Defending Our Religious Liberty

The HHS mandate tries to force faith-based employers — including religious charities, schools and pro-life advocacy organizations such as the March for Life — to facilitate the coverage of drugs and devices that go against our moral mandate to respect the dignity of every human person, born and unborn. If a solution is not reached, these nonprofit organizations could face millions of dollars in fines from the federal government for non-compliance with the HHS mandate.

Let us pray that in revising the HHS mandate, religious rights of the Catholic Church will be safeguarded.

FROM SLEIGH BELLS RING CHRISTMAS FAIR GROUP



The St. Maurice Fair Group is meeting every Wednesday at 9 a.m. in the Parish Center. New members are always encouraged and invited. No particular artistic skills are needed just an ability to 'learn from others'. Questions, please call Sharon Scorso at 860-646-1423. Hope to see you there.

***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.

East Catholic High School

Come visit **East Catholic High School** during our **Open House this year on**

Thursday, November 2, 2017 at 6:45 p.m.

The Entrance Exam for eighth graders will be given on the following **Saturday, November 11, 2017 at 8 a.m.** at East Catholic High School.

Pre-registration for the exam is advised but not required. Visit www.echs.com or call our Admissions office at **860-649-5336 x6456** for more information!

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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