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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — JANUARY 28, 2018



"The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes." Those gathered in the synagogue where Jesus taught had never heard anything like this before. They were used to the preaching of the well-educated scribes, but Jesus possessed something that those men lacked: authority. Instead of merely interpreting the laws of the prophets, Jesus presented a new vision, indeed, he shared the good news of the Gospel with his listeners.

We do not have the opportunity to stand in the presence of Jesus in the same way that those first-century Jews did, but nonetheless we can also stand in awe of his authority. His teachings are available to us through the sacred Scriptures that the Church has preserved and through the sacred tradition that the Church carries on. And in a special way, Christ's authority continues to inspire and guide us through the ministries of the papacy, episcopacy, and priesthood that Jesus established on our behalf while he was yet on earth.

As Catholics, we have a special share in the astonishing authority of Jesus through the hierarchy of the Church. Although this structure is often misunderstood or misinterpreted, it is actually an authority rooted in service and modeled after Christ who told his apostles, "The greatest among you must be your servant" (Mt 23:11).

This humble exercise of authority is contrary to the worldly search for power. And whenever we find ourselves in a position of authority, we too should strive to lead and direct others in the true spirit of Christian love and service. Chances are, if we truly imitate Christ in this way, people will be astonished at what they see.

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WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturdays at 4:00 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 3:15 p.m. — 3:45 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.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 27 — 28, 2018

USHERS GROUP II

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

4:00 P.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY *after Mass*

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for †Christine Carlone request of Catherine DeParthy

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY *after Mass*

8:30 A.M. **BREAKFAST FOR FAITH FORMATION**

9:00 A.M. **FAITH FORMATION CLASSES**

10:00 A.M. **MASS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH**
Mass offered for †Carolyn FitzHenry request of Jonathan and Sharon VanDine

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY *after Mass*

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 29

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for †Charles and †Florence Stiller request of Annedda Stiller

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1 — NO MASS

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2 — NO MASS

7:00 P.M. **FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AND BENEDICTION**

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3

3:30 P.M. **ROSARY BEFORE 4:00 P.M. MASS**

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 SAINT MAURICE PARISH

Looking for nurses to help with blood pressure screening at the parish Knights of Columbus monthly breakfasts. Please contact Rita Sheetz at 860-646-1176. Your response would be much appreciated.



- Study LENT 2018**
- ◆ **Alternate Wednesdays**, next session February 7 at 7:00 pm at Parish Center
 - ◆ **45 minute sessions led by Fr. Leon** ending with 15 minutes of general questions/ sharing.
 - ◆ Focus on comparative review of all four Gospels with emphasis on the Passion Narrative of Jesus.
 - ◆ Improve your understanding of both the historical framework, the intention of the human author, and what the **Divine Author is telling us**.
 - ◆ **Basic Evangelization Training:** Improve your understanding to better live out the Catholic faith and evangelize others through personal witness.
 - ◆ **Audience: older teens and adults.**



STEWARDSHIP

Last week's Offertory: January 21 — \$2,371
Projected Amount needed \$2,980

"Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties." - 1 Corinthians 7:32

How much anxiety do we bring upon ourselves by constantly worrying about not having enough or attaining more things? God won't necessarily give you everything you want, but He will provide everything you need. Try this – use the word "pray" instead of the word "worry" in the future.

^ 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 _____

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: Vicki, Alie, Nick, Dorothy, Nick, Arlene,

Sheila, Mary, Marge, Margaret, Francis, Anne, Kyle.

Special prayers for Margaret Maneggia who has died recently and for her family.

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

For all who exercise authority whether in religion, business, education, or government: that they may recognize God as the source of all authority and use their power for promoting justice and the good of all.

Prayer shawls are available upon request

Thank you. Carol & Mary Ann

Eucharistic



Adoration

Saint Maurice Church

First Friday

Eucharistic Adoration

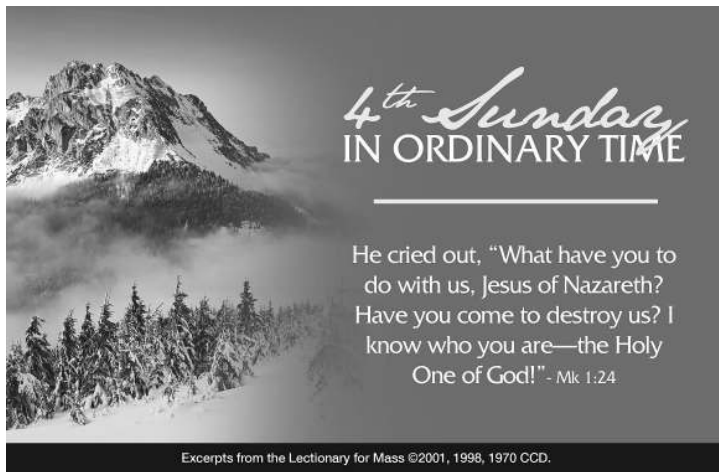
February 2nd

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



4th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

He cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!” - Mk 1:24

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Defending Our Religious Liberty

Religious freedom is a fundamental right, not a political football. Freedom belongs to us by human nature, not by government dictate. A government that serves its citizens is one that respects the right to religious freedom.

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

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

Celebrate Marriage – Now that the holiday rush is through, it’s not too early to begin thinking of Valentine’s Day. Give your Valentine something special this year – the gift of your time. Come celebrate your marriage at a day-long enrichment that will renew your dreams, increase your passion and refresh and celebrate your marriage. This marriage enrichment aptly entitled, **“Celebrate Marriage,” will take place on Saturday, February 10, 2018, from 9 A.M to 3 P.M. at Christ the King Parish, 1 McCurdy Rd., Old Lyme.** The cost is \$35 per couple, which includes workbook and lunch. Registration is required. To register, call the Diocesan Catholic Family Services Office at 860-848-2237, Ext. 306.

On Sunday, February 4, 2018, the 21st

Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Gift of Consecrated Life

will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m., in the Cathedral of Saint Patrick, Norwich. All are invited to join Bishop Cote in thanking God for the gift of consecrated life and for the sisters, brothers, and religious priests who enrich the Church and build up God’s Kingdom with the witness of their religious commitment. The homilist will be Father Peter Grover, O.M.V., Rector of Saint Clement Eucharist Shrine in Boston.

All are invited to participate in the Mass.

Women’s Conference 2018: Called to Joy! The Office of Faith Events and the Norwich Diocesan Council of Catholic Women welcome women of all ages. Offering workshops on parenting, relationships, prayer, scripture and more. Keynote speaker ValLimar Jansen, and Mass with Bishop Cote...**Saturday, April 14, 2018, 8:30-3:30, St. Bernard High School, Uncasville.** Find the registration form at www.norwichdiocese.org under the Office of Faith Events- Upcoming Events. Or contact us at 860-848-2237. Register today!

The monthly **Diocesan Pro-Life Mass** will take place at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on

Saturday, Feb. 3 at 8:30 A.M.

Please join our celebrant **Rev. Walter Nagle** 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.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

“Brothers and sisters, I should like you to be free of anxieties.” Let us learn to calm our anxieties about our spouses by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Feb 2-4, 2018 in Manchester, CT and Jul 6-8, 2018 in MANCHESTER, CT. For more information, call Dennis & Jane Lamondy at 860-481-3720 or visit them at <https://wwmectw.org/>.

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