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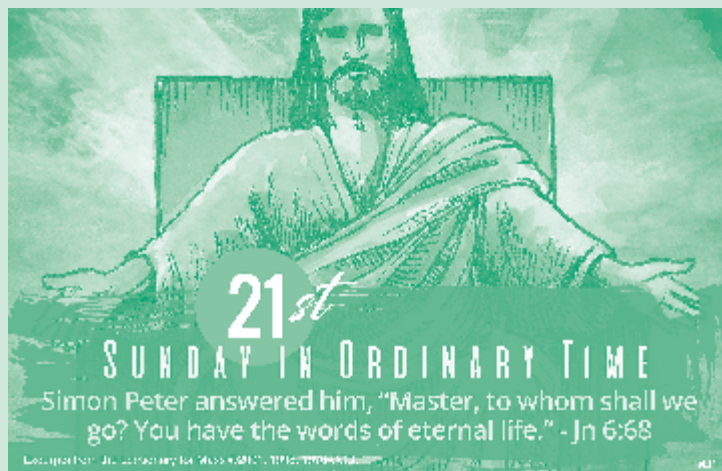
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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — AUGUST 26, 2018

"This saying is hard; who can accept it?" The words of Jesus' disciples in today's Gospel must sound familiar. At some point in our lives, you and I have said it about some article of our faith. Christianity makes firm demands on our ethical behavior and gives no easy answers for suffering. Many disciples were confused and dismayed by Jesus' words in the Bread of Life Discourse. Not all of them, however, had the same reaction.

When the disciples question Jesus' teaching, he confirms its truth. "The words I have spoken to you are spirit and life." For some, Jesus' reassurance was not enough. These disciples do not question Jesus further or wrestle with their lack of understanding. The mighty deeds Jesus has done fade to the background. "Many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him." For them, their doubt proves too much. Jesus turns to the Twelve, knowing that confusion lives in their hearts as well. Peter answers. "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." Notice this is not a confession of perfect understanding. It is a confession of faith in Jesus. The precise words may still confuse them, but they believe the One who said them.

In our own lives, we face doubt, confusion, and disillusionment in our Christian faith. The same choice available to the disciples is available to us. Do you have faith in Jesus, even when you lack perfect understanding? Will you stay or will you go? What do you do with your doubt?

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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 25 — 26, 2018**USHERS GROUP IV****SATURDAY, AUGUST 25**

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

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for the repose of the soul of
Donald Knox
request of The Hurst Family.

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

9:45 A.M. MEETING FOR ALL PARENTS OF ALTAR
SERVERS in the Church Sacristy

10:00 A.M. Mass offered for the repose of the soul of
Marian Herasimowicz
request of Agata and Janusz Herasimowicz

Baptism of MATTHEW PAUL HERITAGE
after the 10:00 a.m. Mass

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 27 — NO MASS**TUESDAY, AUGUST 28 — NO MASS****WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29 — NO MASS****THURSDAY, AUGUST 30 — NO MASS****FRIDAY, AUGUST 31 — NO MASS****SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1**

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

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

STEWARDSHIP

Last week's Offertory: August 19 — \$1,786

Projected Amount needed \$2,980

*"If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom
you will serve...As for me and my household, we will serve the
Lord."* (Joshua 24:15)

When we commit to serve the Lord, we must be willing to be-
come a partner in the work of the Lord. A partner is a person
who invests time in prayer every day, joyfully participates in
charitable works and generously supports the parish and Church
mission. If we say we serve God, we must actually do some-
thing and not merely talk about it!

FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH**FAITH FORMATION NEWS**

**Religious Education Classes
for grades K-10**

begin on Sunday, September 23rd.

There will be a welcome meeting for parents and students
at 9:00 A.M. in the Parish Center.

**Knights of Columbus pancake breakfast available
from 8:00 A.M - 10:00 A.M.**

Classes are held Sunday mornings from 9:00 - 9:45 A.M.
If you would like your children to attend, please complete
and return your registration form as soon as possible.
Forms can be found in the back of the church or online, and
you can simply drop completed forms in the collection bas-
ket at any mass or submit them to the office.

**We are always in need of teachers. If you are interested
in sharing your faith with the young people of our par-
ish by volunteering to teach, please contact Amie Till-
mann at saintmauricecd@gmail.com.**

Blessing of the Backpacks:

A special blessing to all those who are going
back to school will take place on Sunday,
September 9th at the 10:00 A.M. Mass.
Please bring your backpacks and place them
near the Divine Mercy painting before mass.



Catechetical Sunday will be celebrated on
Sunday, September 16th at the 10:00 A.M.
mass. Catechists will be announced during
mass and receive a blessing.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Peter said to Jesus, "You have the words of
eternal life". Discover God's plan for your mar-
riage by attending a Worldwide Marriage En-
counter Weekend.

**The next Weekends are Nov 2-4, 2018 in
Manchester, CT and Sep 14-16, 2018 in Huntington, NY.**
For more information, call Pat & Mary-Jo McLaughlin at
860-315-2127 or visit them at <https://wwmectw.org/>.

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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.

Let us pray for Prayer Line Intentions, especially the new requests for this week: Marge, Bert, Francis, David, Cecile, Corky, Mary, Kyle, Rob, David, Viola, Margaret, Irene.

Candle Intentions: Grace, Bob, Jess, Mike.

For all who are traveling: that God will watch over them and protect them from harm.

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.

Prayer shawls are available upon request

Thank you. Carol & Mary Ann



**SAVE THE DATE, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20th.
POTLUCK DINNER**

***organized by the Fellowship Circle
of St. Maurice Church.***



Bolton Pantry Low on Food

Please bring a bag of groceries to Mass next week and leave it in the vestibule. Our Service Commission will see that it gets to the Pantry at the Senior Center.



**A DAY OF PRAYER & REFLECTION:
WALKING WITH JESUS & MARY**

You are invited, along with all women of your parish, to join CT ACTS Women for A Day of Prayer & Reflection: Walking with Jesus & Mary.

This one day reflective retreat will be held on September 8, 2018, from 8AM to 8PM, at My Father's House, 39 N Moodus Road, Moodus, CT.

Fee is \$45 and includes breakfast, lunch & dinner. Registration forms may be found at <http://www.actsct.org>.

For more information, contact Elizabeth Percy at espercy@msn.com 860-648-2615 or Maureen Fleming at mfcoventry@charter.net 860-338-1392.

Note: Overnight accommodations are available based on double occupancy rooms; see registration form for details. Registration closes on 9/1/18.

Separated, Divorced Support Group

The Catholic Family Services Office is sponsoring a monthly support group for Separated and Divorced Catholics. It will meet the third Wednesday of each month from 7-8:30 P.M. beginning **September 19** at St. John the Evangelist Parish Hall, 22 Maple Ave., Uncasville. To register, or for more information, call 860-848-2237, ext. 306.

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH



National
Combined
Collection

**2018 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 connect people to Christ, here and around the world, 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 1/2, 2018. Gift envelopes and an informational brochure are also available in the back of the church. Your support of these needs of the Universal Church will truly make a difference.

Please be as generous as your means allow.

Blue Mass Steak Dinner Fundraiser

Friday, September 7, 2018 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

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488 New London Turnpike, Norwich

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\$20.00 Adults \$10.00 Children 12 and under

For more information or tickets please call

Father Peter Langevin at 860-887-9294, ext. 246 or Ms. Becky

Cady 860-887-9294, ext. 235.

The monthly **Diocesan Pro-Life Mass** will take place at

**The Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich
on Saturday, September 1 at 8:30 A.M.**

Please join our celebrant Rev. Ray Introvigne 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.

Twenty-eighth Annual Blue Mass

For All Law Enforcement Officers

Sunday, September 23, 2018, at 10:15 a.m.

All law enforcement officers (federal, state, and municipal, active and retired) and their families are invited to the Twenty-seventh Annual Blue Mass and Reception, Sunday, September 23, 2018, in the Cathedral of Saint Patrick, 10:15 a.m. All parishioners are cordially invited to attend this Mass. Bishop Cote, the Bishop of Norwich, will celebrate the Mass and Father Michael J. Drury, Pastor of Saint Luke Parish, Long Valley, New Jersey and Police Chaplain will be the Homilist.



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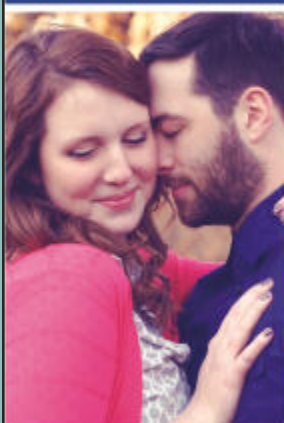
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