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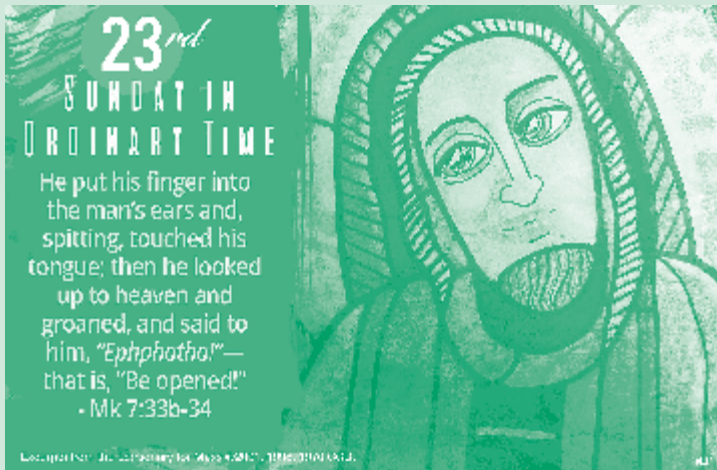
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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — SEPTEMBER 9, 2018



23<sup>rd</sup>

SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME

He put his finger into  
the man's ears and,  
spitting, touched his  
tongue; then he looked  
up to heaven and  
groaned, and said to  
him, "Ephphotha!"—  
that is, "Be opened!"  
- Mk 7:33b-34

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"Jesus ? went by way of Sidon ? into the district of the Decapolis." For most of Jesus' ministry, he remains in Galilee and areas with a predominantly Jewish population. Today, however, we see Jesus traveling through a heavily pagan area. This makes the utterance of faith in today's Gospel all the more astounding. "He has done all things well."

In this story, a deaf man is brought to Jesus. This man is not without community! Despite communication difficulties due to a speech impediment, his people bring him before Jesus. Jesus lays hands upon the man and commands his broken body to change. "'Be opened!' Immediately the man's ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly." The community is stunned. They can't stop telling the story. The more Jesus asks them to settle down, the more they proclaim! The Jewish people expected a Messiah but a Messiah with very particular qualifications. The Greeks and pagans anticipated no such savior. There were no expectations to meet. They had a special capacity to be completely, utterly surprised.

As Catholics, it can be easy to become accustomed to the songs and the prayers, to the routine of religious education drop-offs and Sunday Mass attendance. By now, we may have very particular expectations. When was the last time you allowed yourself to be surprised by God? Sometimes we are all like the deaf man in today's Gospel. God wants to speak to us, but we can't hear clearly. In your prayer this week, go before God honestly. Give yourself permission to drop your expectations and assumptions. Ask Him to renew your faith to show you how, in your life, "He has done all things well."

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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 8 — 9, 2018

USHERS GROUP II2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION — CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOLS CAMPAIGNSATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for the repose of the soul of  
James C. Veithch  
request of The Family

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY *after Mass*SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for the repose of the soul of  
Donald Knox  
request of Laurie Chamberlain

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY *after Mass*

8:30 A.M. CHILDREN COIR REHEARSAL

10:00 A.M. Mass offered for the repose of the souls of  
Michael, Helena and Henry Sobczak  
request of Lucy Szwed



BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY *after Mass*ICE CREAM SOCIAL *after Mass*

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 — NO MASSTUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 — NO MASS

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 — NO MASS

9:00 A.M. SLEIGH BELLS RING  
CHRISTMAS FAIR WORKSHOP

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 — NO MASS

7:00 P.M. FELLOWSHIP CIRCLE COMMISSION MEETING  
in the Parish Center

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 — NO MASSSATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

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

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for the repose of the soul of  
Ken Caya  
request of The Caya Family

## FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH

## ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus  
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Please join us for an ice cream social on **Sunday, September 9th**. It will take place **after the 10 a.m. Mass in the Parish Center**. Everyone is invited, so feel free to bring a friend.

## FAITH FORMATION NEWS



Faith Formation

Religious Education Classes  
for grades K-10

begin on Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

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

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 basket 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 parish by volunteering to teach, please contact Amie Tillmann at saintmauriceccd@gmail.com.**

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

## STEWARDSHIP

Last week's Offertory: September 2 — \$1,964  
Projected Amount needed \$2,980

*"Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?"* (JAMES 2:5)

What is more important – being rich in faith or rich in possessions? Society teaches us that possessions are most important. God teaches a different lesson. When we are rich in faith, we keep God first in all things and realize that material things really don't matter and that it's more important to share with those who have less.

^ 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.**

Let us pray for Prayer Line Intentions, especially the new requests for this week:

Kileen, Joanne, Margaret, Irene, Marge, Bert, Mary, Rob, David, Francis, Viola, Kyle, Rick, Nancy, Joshua, Martha. Candles Intentions: Joshua, Noah, Nick, Grace, Bob.

Special prayers for Father Leon who is traveling.

Special prayers for Matthew Paul Heritage who was recently Baptized and for his parents.

That we may learn to see all of our blessings as abundant gifts from God so that we may use them for the benefit of all God's people.

That we have the courage to do the work God has sent to do, knowing that this is the true path to peace and joy.

**Prayer shawls are available upon request**

Thank you. Carol & Mary Ann

**FROM SLEIGH BELLS RING CHRISTMAS FAIR GROUP**



**Mark your calendar for  
48<sup>th</sup> Annual "Sleigh Bells Ring"  
St. Maurice Church Christmas Fair**

**Saturday, November 17, 2018 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.**

**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 the cooler air is coming from the North to us we are beginning to realize that fall is coming and we need to think about the Fair. We have been busy picking berries and making jam and pickles. We would like to remind people to do the same.

**Please check our "needs" list on the church bulletin board.** Baby food jars and jam jars is our largest need that is ongoing every year as we use 400 of them. We also need Xmas mugs. Please leave your contributions in the church or Parish Center. Most of all, remember the date November 17<sup>th</sup>. We ask all to plan to attend to support this parish wide project. The money raised will be used to continue our project of replacing the Parish Center windows. We also support the food drive and holiday gifts.

Thank you.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**



Let Jesus heal any disappointments in your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter 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://www.mectw.org/>.

**FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH**



National  
Combined  
Collection

**2018 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's not too late to give! Extra envelopes are available at ushers tables 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 you can. Thank you.**



**The Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 16, 2018.**

The 2018 theme will be

**"Enlisting Witnesses for Jesus Christ."**

Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith. Please offer a special "Thank You" to someone in your parish teaching the youth and children. Let them know you appreciate their sacrifice of time and talent!

**The Most Reverend Michael R. Cote, Bishop of Norwich, will host and celebrate the 28th Annual Red Mass on Sunday, October 7, 2018, at 10:30 a.m. in St. Patrick Cathedral, 213 Broadway, Norwich, for judges, lawyers, paralegal, law students - all involved in administration of justice: legislators, public officials, civic leaders, and all interested persons are invited.** The Very Reverend Ted Tumicki, Judicial Vicar, Diocese of Norwich, will concelebrate the Red Mass and deliver the homily this year. Bishop Cote will also host the Breakfast Reception at his Residence, 274 Broadway, Norwich. Reservations are required. Please RSVP to Terri at The Chancery – at 860-887-9294.

**If you are seeking to find hope, strength and comfort from a loss, burden or sorrow, join us for A Journey with Mary Through Her Seven Sorrows, a seven-week program that will explore each of the seven sorrows of Mary's life and the message of strength and encouragement each one contains.** The program will run in two sessions in two locations: Wednesday mornings **September 26, October 10, 17, 24, 31, November 7, 14 from 10-11:30 A.M.** at St. Mary Parish Hall, 1600 Main St., Coventry, CT; or, Thursday evenings **September 27, October 11, 18, 25, November 8, 15 and Tuesday, November 6 from 7-8:30 P.M.** at St. Patrick Parish Hall, 47 W. High St., East Hampton, CT. Each week will include a reflection on one of Mary's sorrows, guided prayer imagery and discussion. The program is free, but registration is required. To do so, or, for more information, contact the Catholic Family Services Office, 860-848-2237, Ext. 306, or email [mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net).





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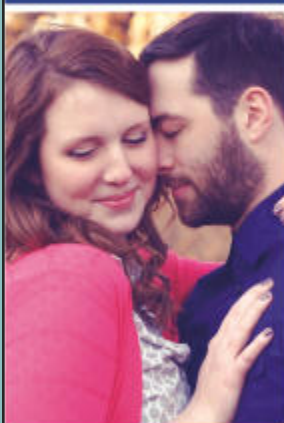
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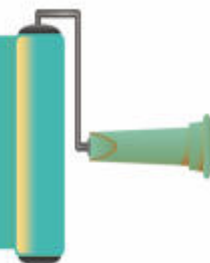
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