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SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
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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.

This Sunday, Jesus continues his challenging Sermon on the Mount. "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you? Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back." Words like these are challenging! Many of us have grown up in a culture of independence and retaliation against those who harm us. Today's Gospel reminds us that the way of the world is not necessarily the way of the disciple.

In many spiritual texts, saints describe the first stage of the spiritual life as mercenary love of God. That is, we love Him because he "pays" us with graces and good things. Consider for a moment, why do you do the good that you do? Take volunteering, for example. How often do we talk about the good feelings service evokes and how you "get so much more than you give." This is still based on an attitude of return on our investment. Would we volunteer if we knew it was good to do, but we didn't "feel" good afterward? What if the people we helped seemed ungrateful, or if someone at the food pantry stole \$20 out of our purse? It can be difficult to love people when we think we might not get anything back. "For if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you?"

As Christians, we are called to imitate God. We follow a God who loves not only His closest friends, but who loves betrayers, deniers, and crucifiers. The Christian walk is one of perseverance and sacrifice. What does your love look like?



M= Mass

E= Eucharistic Adoration

R= Rosary

C= Confession

Y= YOU Your commitment to your faith life

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 23 — 24, 2019

USHERS GROUP IISATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23

4:00 P.M. Mass offered for the repose of the soul of
Sharon Caruso — request of Bert Flynn

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY *after Mass*SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for the repose of the soul of
Iva Lindberg — request of Lynn Mancino

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY *after Mass*

8:40 A.M. YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSAL *in the church*

9:00 A.M. FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

10:00 A.M. Mass offered for the repose of the soul of
Joel Cohan — request of The Cinea Family

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY *after Mass*

FIRST COMMUNION PARENT MEETING
after Mass in the Church basement

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners
of St. Maurice Church — Mass in the Sacristy

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners
of St. Maurice Church — Mass in the Sacristy

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners
of St. Maurice Church — Mass in the Sacristy

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

7:00 P.M. ST. MAURICE BIBLE STUDY *in the Parish Center*

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28 — NO MASSFRIDAY, MARCH 1 — NO MASS

7:00 P.M. FIRST FRIDAY
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND BENEDICTION

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

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

4:00 P.M. Mass offered for the repose of the soul of
Dave White — request of The Camposeo Family

FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH



THE 2019 BIBLE SERIES

with Fr. Leon continues this winter.
Next session is on **Wednesday, February 27th**, at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center.



Saint Maurice Church
First Friday
Eucharistic Adoration
March 1st

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

ST. PATRICK'S DAY
POTLUCK DINNER MARCH
23, 2019

Sign-up for the dinner, even if
you haven't yet decided what
dish to bring.

We will be providing coffee, tea, water, and juice.
Please join us for a parish celebration!

STEWARDSHIP

Last week's Offertory: February 17 — \$2,316
Projected Amount needed \$2,980

“But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and
lend without expecting anything back.”

(LUKE 6:35)

Easier said than done, right? But, if we are to imitate
Christ, most of us need to practice mercy and compassion
more frequently. Start with the little daily annoyances that
we experience, the unkind word or hateful glance we re-
ceive. Instead of plotting revenge on that person, try say-
ing a quick prayer for that person. Mercy and compassion
will put us on the path to holiness.

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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:

Prayer Line Intentions: Joshua, Patricia-Ann, Roger, Mary, Viola, Olga, David, Kyle, Francis, Laurie, Joe, Bob, Grace, Mary-Jane, Grace, Joe.

Candle Intentions: Patrick, Lee.

Special prayers for Julianna Meagher who was Baptized last week and prayers for her family.

Special prayers for Thomas Godi who has died recently and prayers for his family.

For our companions on the faith journey, for family, friends, co-workers and fellow parishioners that we may be faithful witness to the work of God in one another's lives and honor our commitments to one another.

For a deepening of prayer in our lives: that, like Jesus, we may grow in our relationship with God through prayer and listening.

That we have the strength and courage to joyfully proclaim our faith, especially in uncomfortable situations.

Prayer Shawls are also available by the prayer request box located near the candle stand on the rectory side of the church. Please read the information on the sheet above the prayer shawls.

Thank you. Carol & Mary Ann

FAITH FORMATION NEWS**FIRST COMMUNION PARENT MEETING**

There is a Parent Meeting for **First Reconciliation/First Communion** parents and students on **Sunday, February 24**, in the church basement immediately following 10 a.m. mass. During this meeting we will meet with Father Leon to go over the requirements for making the sacraments of First Communion and Reconciliation and how we will be preparing your children.

Bring the whole family! This is not just a meeting for parents. Children that will be making these sacraments should be present, but siblings are welcome too.

FIRST COMMUNION RETREAT — Saturday, April 6, 10:00 a.m. in the church basement. Parents and children will make banners to mark their pews at the First Communion mass.

FIRST RECONCILIATION — Saturday, May 4, 10:00 a.m. in the church. Practice for First Communion will be immediately following Reconciliation.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION — Sunday, May 5, during the 10:00 a.m. mass.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Retreat: Our first and second year Confirmation candidates will be attending an all-day Confirmation retreat on **Saturday, March 9** at St. Bernard's in Vernon.

Confirmation mass will take place on **Saturday, April 13**, at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich.

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH**Operation Rice Bowl:
Our Lenten Program:
Encounter Lent**

For 46 years, Operation Rice Bowl has helped to feed the hungry poor.

Through Operation Rice Bowl — a program of prayer, fasting, learning, and giving — what you give up for Lent can give hope to the poorest of the poor. Make this Lenten season one of awareness, compassion, and reflection. Operation Rice Bowl is sponsored by Catholic Relief Services and the Diocese of Norwich. **Details of this program will appear in next Sunday's Bulletin.**

**RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT
WEEKENDS**

If you are silently grieving or suffering from an abortion, experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a **Rachel's Vineyard Retreat**. The weekend healing process includes discussions, Living Scripture with meditations, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service and Mass of Entrustment. Participation is confidential and offers an opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion. Both women and men have participated in past retreats.

Upcoming weekends are: **March 1-3 in Connecticut**, call Marie at 203-631-9030 or e-mail her at

mlaffin@prolifeministry.org;

and **March 15-17** in Stockbridge, MA, call 413-452-0661; or visit the national website at www.rachelsvineyard.org.

"PROJECT RACHEL" is our Diocesan ministry for anyone seeking healing and forgiveness from an abortion. Priests in the Project Rachel ministry are there for you with God's Grace and Mercy. Call 860-861-4439. All inquiries are confidential.

If you are seeking to find hope, strength and comfort from a loss, burden or sorrow, join us this Lent 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 Tuesday evenings from 7-8:30 P.M.

March 12, 26, April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

at the Cathedral of St. Patrick Hall, 213 Broadway, Norwich, 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. 312, or email mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net.

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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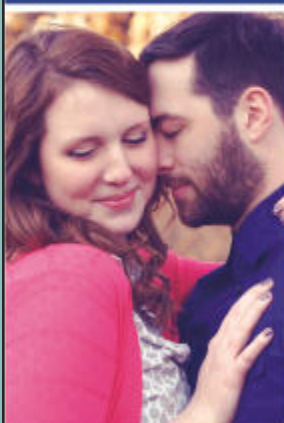


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