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SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 23, 2020



7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"I say to you, love
your enemies and pray
for those who
persecute you."
- Mt 5:44

The Gospels continue to challenge us to the core. This is especially true in the way our social relationships have developed. Feeling safe and secure in the world are not things that come easily these days. Actually, we may find ourselves feeling more reservation, caution, reluctance, and fear than ever before. In a moment's notice, life can drastically change. When someone has been intentionally and violently hurt, especially someone we love, we can all too easily find ourselves very attracted to the Old Testament philosophy of "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth."

Intellectually, we know this is not what Jesus wants us to do. But on some level it just seems to make practical or even political sense. After all, why should we allow someone to get away with a heinously violent act? Yet, Jesus cannot be any clearer than he is with this! Offer no resistance to one who is evil. Turn the other cheek as well. When pressed into service, go two miles. Do not turn your back on one who wants to borrow. Love your enemies. Now, take a moment to reflect on all of this. Consider a horrible act of violence committed against someone you love. Listen. Think. Be honest. Can you do as Jesus directs?

We want to be holy. But we are more comfortable with a definition of holiness that can keep us saying our prayers and on our knees in church. We are not comfortable with a definition of holiness that has something to say about to how we react to and negotiate life. We like to keep a sharp and strong line between the secular and the sacred. In fact, we would prefer that the doors between them be kept closed. God wants us to be holy as He is holy. If God sees this one way and we see it another, then where does this leave us on our journey to God?

Our minds like the practical, worldly, and secular answers to things. They are more black and white and at first glance appear to make more sense. Holiness wells up from our souls and is beyond reason. It cannot be explained. It is something we just simply know comes as a result of deep prayer. The truly contemplative eye knows inwardly that what Jesus asks is true and then willingly does it. It may not be easy.

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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 860-643-9553.

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 22 — 23, 2020

USHERS GROUP II

Rice Bowl distribution

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

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

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

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

Discussion session for the book "Rediscover the Saints" after 4:00 P.M. Mass in the church basement. Snow date February 29th..

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

8:30 – 8:50 A.M. Youth Choir Rehearsal. All youth are welcome

9:00 A.M. FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

9:00 A.M. Discussion session for the book

"Rediscover the Saints" in the Parish Center. Snow date March 1st.

10:00 A.M. Mass offered for intentions of Dorli and Lou Cloutier — request of Laurie Chamberlain

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

5:30 P.M. Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24 — NO MASS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25 — NO MASS

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

ASH WEDNESDAY

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

CHRISTMAS FAIR WORKSHOP after Mass

7:00 P.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory NO BIBLE STUDY SESSION

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

4:00 P.M. — 6:30 P.M.

FISH DINNER

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7:00 P.M. STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND MASS Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND BENEDICTION after Mass

7:00 P.M. EAGLE SCOUT COMMITTEE MEETING

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29

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

4:00 P.M. Mass offered for intentions of Patti Cinea and Family — request of Laurie Chamberlain



FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER

ST. PATRICK'S DAY POTLUCK DINNER

In celebration of St. Patrick's Day, the Fellowship Circle is hosting a potluck dinner on Saturday, March 21 at 6:00 pm in the Parish Center.

We are pleased to have St. Maurice organist and Choir director, Don Benevides and his band "Irish to the last Drop" perform at this event.

Let us support our Parish – Please sign up and bring a favorite main or side dish to share.

Sign-up sheets are in the back of the Church.



FELLOWSHIP CIRCLE FUNDRAISER

We will continue to accept donations for a limited number of CD's at a minimum \$20.00 donation. CD's will continue to be available after the weekend Masses.



St. Maurice Parish Stations of the Cross will be prayed during lent every Friday at 7:00 P.M.



Eucharistic Adoration Friday, February 28th after 7:00 P.M.

Stations of the Cross and Mass 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

STEWARDSHIP

February 16 offertory: — \$4,075

Projected amount needed: — \$2,980

"But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you..." MATTHEW 5:44

Love your enemies, easier said than done, no doubt. But, remember, the foundation of stewardship is prayer. When we are in close communication with God, it opens our heart and it turns our attention away from "me" and moves it towards God and others. It allows us to have a little more empathy for "our enemy". When we pray for others, even "our enemies", maybe it softens their hearts as well.

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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 _____

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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:

Jerry, Theresa, Grace, Bob, Mary-Jane, Grace, Dominic, Conrad, Barrett, Joshua, Viola, Annedda, David, Francis, Olga, Irene, Kyle, Laurie, Gloria, Mary, Irene, Maria.

Candle Intention: Keith, Joshua.

Special prayers for Ilona Lengyel who has recently died and prayers for her family.

Faith Formation Students Prayer Requests.

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, Mary Ann

LENT LENTEN REGULATION — FAST AND ABSTINENCE

These regulations unite the whole Catholic Church throughout the world in the Lenten journey of repentance and conversion of heart. Observed in a spirit of generosity, fast and abstinence remind us of our own frailty and make us more sensitive to the needs of others. Acts of penance find their completion in works of charity and justice.

Fasting: Those between the ages of 18 and 59 years old are obliged to observe the laws on fasting. Traditionally, to fast means limiting oneself to one full meal in the day and two smaller meals. The two prescribed days of fasting are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Abstinence: The law of abstinence obliges all those who are over the age of 14. On days of abstinence meat is not eaten at any meal. The prescribed days of abstinence are Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent, including Good Friday.

SNOW DAYS

Weekday morning Mass will be cancelled if Bolton schools are closed or postponed 2 hours because of weather or road conditions.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

"So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect." Encourage the Holy Spirit to perfect your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Mar 27-29, 2020 in Albany, NY and Jul 10-12, 2020 in East Windsor, CT. For more information, call Pat & Mary Jo McLaughlin at 860-315-2127 or visit them at <https://www.mectw.org/>.

**FISH DINNER AT TRIPLE PLAY CAFÉ
FRIDAYS OF LENT**

February 28th
March 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th
April 3rd

Parish Center

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

On Ash Wednesday, February 26, 2020, our parish with parishes across the Diocese of Norwich is beginning a program of prayer and sacrifice called Operation Rice Bowl (ORB). For 47 years, Operation Rice Bowl has helped to feed the hungry poor. Through our participation in this program, we bring hope and healing to another person or family living halfway across the globe. Money saved during Lent is then brought to the parish family Rice Bowl on Palm Sunday, April 5, 2020.

75% of Operation Rice Bowl funds will feed the hungry poor overseas, the remaining 25% will be used in the diocese to feed the needy. This Lent, gather in prayer and sacrifice as a family to pray and to care for the hungry poor.



The monthly Diocesan Pro-Life Mass will take place at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on **Saturday, March 7 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. A brunch in the Cathedral Hall will follow the Rosary this month.

**Please Join 2020 ACA Ministry Fair
Reservations Required**

The 2020 Ministry Fair showcasing our Diocesan ministries and programs will be held in Norwich on Sunday, March 15, 2020 from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm. We will offer a complimentary continental breakfast throughout this open house style event and there will be a kids corner as well. If you would like to attend to learn how donations to the 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal, "**One Faith, One Family**", support our ministries and programs please **RSVP by March 9th** to Rosela Precopio at 860-886-1928 ext. 110 or dodadm@norwichdiocese.net. Reservations are required due to space limitations.

FROM SLEIGH BELLS RING CHRISTMAS FAIR GROUP

The Christmas Fair group will resume their meetings on Ash Wednesday after 9am Mass.

The Fair Group is meeting every Wednesday at 9am in the Parish Center. New members are always encouraged and invited. No particular artistic skills are needed just an ability to 'learn from others'.

If you have any **jelly canning jars** or **pint jars** from the Fair or hidden in your basement we can put them to good use. Just leave them in the vestibule at church or at the Parish Center. If you bought products at the Fair we would love the jars to refill. We are thinking of spring and summer as the berries ripen and the large amount of **sugar** we need for these products.....so anytime you find a sale on sugar think of us and drop it off at church or the center. We use over 100 pounds of sugar in a season just for jam not to mention the mixes, candy and baking that fills the Fair with goodies. We also need **walnut shells** and metal **teaspoons**. **This is the Fair's 50th year so let us make it special. We want everyone to be involved.**

Thank you for your support — Dorli, Beth and Sharon

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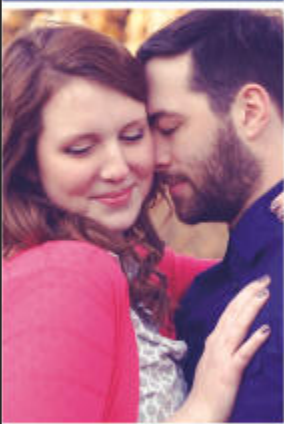
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