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16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The righteous will
shine like the sun in
the kingdom of their
Father." - Mt 13:43a



SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JULY 19, 2020

Grace and sin, belief and unbelief, good and evil all exist together. While we wrestle with these two dimensions of reality inwardly, they are also witnessed in the actions and words of others. Many, all too often, beat themselves up because of their sin. We are also all too quick to pass judgment on others whom we perceive to be in error and walking down a wrong path. God does not make rash judgments, nor should we. Patience is the order of the day as is an understanding that God is ultimately the caller of the shots.

Our faith tells us that while God allows the wheat and the weeds to coexist, the wheat will always triumph. As long as we can cultivate even a little faith and a small measure of desire for God, He can produce abundant blessings and good things. Even when the weeds seem to have triumphed, there still may be a small measure of faith remaining that can be cultivated and grown. It doesn't take much! Unless a person totally allows the weeds to reign, there is always to be found at least a small measure of faith, good, light, and love. With even this small portion, God can produce abundant growth.

Admittedly, it is easy to give into the weeds, and they grow very quickly. Any gardener knows this to be true. Sometimes, the weeds even seem more attractive and vibrant. Dealing with weeds can quickly become a losing battle, and they can look healthier and grow faster than the very plants we are trying to protect. It's easy to give into them and let them win. While God will deal with all things in due time, we are responsible for keeping things in check in the short term. It is our task to keep our eyes fixed on God's presence and mercy. We are asked to avoid judgment. And, it is not our responsibility to deal with the weeds in someone else's garden, only our own. One garden is enough responsibility for anyone.

Weeds have power. We have to realize this. While they can appear attractive and healthy, they can quickly choke us off from God's presence. Our task is one of maintenance and cultivating a desire for God. Even the smallest kernel of faith can grow into something wonderful. In God's time, the eternal harvest will come, and we will no longer have to worry about the weeds.

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Note: during the pandemic office hours are not regular as stated above, but you can continue to call the telephone number and leave a message.

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WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturdays at 5:00 p.m.

Sundays at 7:30, 9:15 and 11:00 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):

by appointment only

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.



SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 18 — 19, 2020

2ND COLLECTION — MAINTENANCE COLLECTION

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, JULY 18

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

SUNDAY, JULY 19

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for the soul of Adam Mancino request of Lynn Mancino

9:15 A.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory

11:00 A.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory

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

6:00 P.M. ROSARY Glorious Mysteries

MONDAY, JULY 20 — No Mass

TUESDAY, JULY 21 — No Mass

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22

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

THURSDAY, JULY 23

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

FRIDAY, JULY 24 — No Mass

SATURDAY, JULY 25

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory

Livestream Masses:

From the Cathedral of Saint Patrick in Norwich

<https://www.norwichdiocese.org/Masses>

Sunday 9AM

Daily Mass from Blessed Sacrament Parish

<https://www.blessedsacramentct.org/>

Monday 8AM / Tuesday 9AM / Wednesday 8AM /

Thursday 9AM / Friday 8AM and Sunday 10AM

STEWARDSHIP

Projected Amount needed \$2,980

Offertory: July 12 — \$2,072

Offertory: July 5 — \$2,857



"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field...He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom."

- MATTHEW 13:24, 37-38

As children of God, we are all "good seeds". We are blessed by God with the potential to accomplish much good in the world. We fulfill God's plan when we spend time in prayer every day, use our skills to help others and share our financial gifts to help build God's kingdom on earth. Through our example of gratitude and generosity we sow "good seeds" on earth and ultimately help each other get to Heaven!

FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH



ST. MAURICE PRAYER LINE

Please remember all the special intentions on the St. Maurice Prayer Line and Faith Formation Students Prayer Requests.

New requests this week: "The President and leaders of our nation". Thank you, Mary Ann

Weekend Masses:

Saturday — 5:00 p.m.

Sunday — 7:30 a.m., 9:15 a.m., and 11:00 a.m.

Weekday Masses:

Wednesday and Thursday at 9:00 a.m.



The celebration of Mass will continue **Saturday, Sunday, Wednesday, and Thursday throughout July.** The following steps are taken to safeguard the health of our pastor and

parishioners:

- Attendees will be required to wear masks and are also asked to provide their own hand sanitizer. Appropriate seating for social distancing will be marked.
- For those wishing to receive communion, distribution will take place immediately after mass has ended. Those wearing gloves must remove them before receiving as the Eucharist must not be placed in a gloved hand.
- During this period there will be no choir.
- Those in vulnerable populations, e.g. the elderly, those with underlying health conditions, or those with any symptoms of illness are asked to remain at home. They are encouraged to watch Mass on television or via the internet.
- Our church will be cleaned and disinfected following each Mass.
- The obligation to attend Sunday Mass continues to be dispensed for all the faithful in the Diocese of Norwich until further notice.



BAPTISMS AT ST. MAURICE CHURCH - JULY 6, 2020

Logan Ramiro Merlin

- parents Ramiro and Bethany Merlin
- Godfather Cliff Manzone and Godmother Angela Manzone

Bennett Cruz Merlin

- parents Ramiro and Bethany Merlin
- Godfather Christian Drouin and Godmother Dawn Drouin

Macallister Crandall Manzone

- parents Cliff and Angela Manzon
- Godfather Jeffery St. George and Godmother Julie St. George

Nora Grace Manzone

- parents Cliff and Angela Manzone
- Godfather Ramiro Merlin and Godmother Bethany Merlin

REFLECTIONS



Simplified explanations by St. Patrick, St. Cyril, and St. John Maria Vianney: Since the Holy Trinity is a mystery, all these examples are only the shadows of the shadows of the Truth. The shamrock, a kind of clover, is a leguminous herb that grows in marshy places. St. Patrick, the missionary patron saint of Ireland, used the shamrock to explain the Holy Trinity. The story goes that one day his friends asked Patrick to explain the Mystery of the Trinity. He looked at the ground and saw shamrocks growing amid the grass at his feet. He picked one up one of its trifoliate leaves and asked if it were one leaf or three. Patrick's friends couldn't answer - the shamrock leaf

looked like one, but it clearly had three parts. Patrick explained to them: "The mystery of the Holy Trinity - one God in Three Persons: The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit - is like this, but more complex and unintelligible." St. Cyril, the teacher of the Slavs,



tried to explain the Mystery of the Most Holy Trinity using sun as an example. He said, "God the Father is that blazing sun. God the Son is its light and God the Holy Spirit is its heat - but there is only one sun. So, there are three Persons in the Holy Trinity, but God is One and indivisible." St. John Maria Vianney used to explain the Holy

Trinity using lighted candles and roses on the altar and water in the cruets. "The flame has color, warmth and shape. But these are expressions of one flame. Similarly, the rose has color, fragrance and shape. But these are expressions of one reality, namely, rose. Water, steam, and ice are three distinct expressions of one reality. In the same way one God revealed Himself to us as Father, Son



and the Holy Spirit." Watch https://www.youtube.com/watch?v:KQLfgaUoQCw&feature=player_detailpage

The Mystery of man created by a mysterious Triune God: How complex and mindboggling is our physical construction! Chemically, the body is unequalled for complexity. Each one of its 30-trillion cells is a mini chemical factory that performs about 10,000 chemical functions. With its 206 bones, 639 muscles, 4 million pain sensors in the skin, 750 million air sacs in the lungs, 16 million nerve cells and 30 trillion cells in total, the human body is remarkably designed for life. And the brain! The human brain and nervous system is the most complex arrangement of matter anywhere in the universe. One scientist estimated that our brain, on the average, processes over 10,000 thoughts and concepts each day. Three billion DNA pairs in a fertilized egg control all human activities, 30,000 genes making 90,000 proteins in the body. Bill Bryson in his book *A Short History of Nearly Everything*, says it is a miracle that we even exist. Trillions of atoms come together for approximately 650,000 hours (74 years calculated as the average span of human life), and then begin to silently disassemble and go off to other things. There never was something like us before and there never will be something like us again. But for 650,000 hours the miracle or mystery that is uniquely us, exists. One could spend years just dealing with the marvelous intricacies and majesty of God's creation. We are, as the Psalmist states "fearfully and wonderfully made." No wonder we cannot understand the mystery of a Triune God!

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

2020 Annual Catholic Appeal — Launch Weekend

Just as we have done in years past our Annual Catholic Appeal letter and brochure was mailed out in February. A special thank you to all of those who have responded. Due to Covid-19 the Commitment Weekend traditionally held in March was postponed but will now take place July 25/26, 2020, which is next weekend. As we all reflect on our many blessings during these difficult times, remember God calls each of us to be generous in thought, word, and deed. At this time, we ask that

as members of one family of faith your much-needed gift/pledge be put into the mail or given to the parish next weekend. For those who have not received a pledge envelope and brochure they are located on the ushers' tables in the back of the church. You can also donate online at St. Maurice Church website: <http://www.saintmauricebolton.org/>. The 2020 ACA "One Faith, One Family" Commitment Weekend, now more than ever, continues to depend on your support and is greatly appreciated.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

SUNDAY OBLIGATION

The obligation to attend Sunday Mass continues to be dispensed for all the faithful in the Diocese of Norwich until further notice. Those who are considered "high risk" due to age or underlying health condition, are encouraged to stay home. Stay home also if you are experiencing symptoms of illness or not feeling well. Since Sunday is still the Lord's Day, the faithful are encouraged to do one of the following while unable to attend Mass: Read and reflect on the Sunday scriptures; Pray the rosary reflecting on the Glorious Mysteries; Watch the Sunday Mass on TV, or via the internet.



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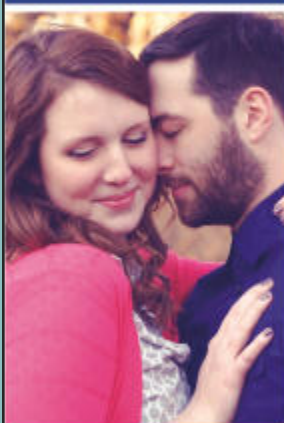
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