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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
AUGUST 2, 2020



## 18<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said the blessing,  
broke the loaves, and gave  
them to the disciples,  
who in turn gave them  
to the crowds. They all ate  
and were satisfied.  
- Mt 14:19c-20

Many people in our world are hungry and thirsty. This hunger and thirst go well beyond physical needs for food, security, and shelter. Many are emotionally and spiritually parched, too. Behind every act of violence is a soul who hungers. People live with relationships that actually starve them. They are abused, exploited, disrespected, laughed at, and marginalized. There is a lot of confusion and inner pain that needs to be acknowledged and expressed. We all long to be understood and loved, even when our inner demons or who I am make it difficult to be. Do you live with inner confusion and pain? Folks often wander through life without any real direction or purpose and take their cues from what seems satisfying or popular at the moment. The deeper dots of our lives can easily remain unconnected, and we can find ourselves without grounding, purpose, or real happiness. Life becomes shallow and without real purpose as we hunger and thirst for an ultimate love.

It's easier to see the physical hungers and thirsts. We try to respond to these as best we can. Much more needs to be done. With all that God's earth can provide, nobody ought to face sleep at night with a belly that's empty. It's sinful. It's unjust. But isn't all hunger unjust? It doesn't need to be, and it should not be. Just as no one ought to be physically hungry and thirsty, there is really no need to be emotionally or spiritually deficient either. If we have more privileges at our fingertips, it is easier to try to satisfy our emotional and spiritual hungers and thirst by acting on impulse or self-indulgence, carelessly following passions, or by seeking self-destructive ways to dull the ache of emptiness.

Folks need to know where to look for nourishment and need the right friends to help them find it. We may not think that we have enough to respond to and to satisfy all of the needs, but we do. It doesn't take much. Five loaves and two fish provided for a huge crowd. With God, all things are possible. Our faith provides the direction for where God's children must go to find the nourishment they seek. It also tells us how to structure life so that justice and equity can be a reality for all. It also tells us how to respond to pain, sinfulness, and confusion. Come to the water and then help another get there.

### Prayer Line

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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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### Website

[www.saintmauricebolton.org](http://www.saintmauricebolton.org)

### 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):

Saturday 4:20 p.m. to 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 860-643-9553.

**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME  
AUGUST 1 — 2, 2020**

**2020 Annual Catholic Appeal — Follow up weekend**

**MASS SCHEDULE**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 1**

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

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 2**

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

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

**MONDAY, AUGUST 3 — No Mass**

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 4 — No Mass**

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5**

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for the Soul of Stella Orzel request of Linda Chamberland

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 6**

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

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 7 — No Mass**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 8**

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**

**WEEKLY PRAYER**

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 2, 2020**

<b>SUN 8/2</b>	Is 55:1-3/Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/Rom 8:35, 37-39/ Mt 14:13-21
<b>MON 8/3</b>	Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102 [68b]/Mt 14:22-36
<b>TUE 8/4</b>	Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 [17]/ Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
<b>WED 8/5</b>	Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 [cf. 10d]/Mt 15:21-28
<b>THR 8/6</b>	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 [1a, 9a]/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9
<b>FRI 8/7</b>	Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41 [39c]/ Mt 16:24-28
<b>SAT 8/8</b>	Hb 1:12—2:4/Ps 98:9, 10-11, 12-13 [11b]/Mt 17:14-20
<b>SUN 7/26</b>	1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/Rom 9:1-5/ Mt 14:22-33

**OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 2, 2020**

<b>Sunday:</b>	18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time
<b>Tuesday:</b>	St. John Vianney, Priest
<b>Wednesday:</b>	The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major
<b>Thursday:</b>	The Transfiguration of the Lord
<b>Friday:</b>	St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest
<b>Saturday:</b>	St. Dominic, Priest
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	19 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**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: Judy, Liz, Dave, Margaret, Avalon.

Candle Intentions: Nicole.

Thank you, Mary Ann

**USHERS NEEDED**

Anyone interested in being an usher please contact

Kathy Perlitz

[kcperlitz@comcast.net](mailto:kcperlitz@comcast.net)

or by phone at 860-649-1210.

**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 August.** The following steps are taken to safeguard the health of our pastor and parishioners:

- Attendees are required to wear masks and are also asked to provide their own hand sanitizer. Appropriate seating for social distancing have been 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 is 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.



**WASH YOUR HANDS**



**DON'T TOUCH YOUR FACE**



**KEEP YOUR DISTANCE**

**STEWARDSHIP**

**Projected Amount needed \$2,980**

**Offertory: July 26 — \$2,314**

*“Jesus said to them, ‘There is no need for them to go away; give them some food yourselves’.”*

MATTHEW 14:16



**GIVE ONLINE**

This is what Jesus said right before he fed the five thousand men. How often do we really place our trust in Jesus when the situation looks grim? With Jesus, no gift is too small or insignificant when offered with love. But, we have to do our part. We should trust that Jesus will provide all that we need. We need to believe that Jesus has a better plan in



# REFLECTIONS

**WORK, PLAY, LOVE and WORSHIP:** The Mayo Clinic announced a sure cure for getting rid of that tired feeling. Tests revealed that people are chronically tired because they live unbalanced lives. And so, they took Dr. Richard Clark Cabot's famous formula for life - WORK, PLAY, LOVE and WORSHIP. These are the ultimates of life that must be held in proper balance - work, play, love and worship. The Mayo Clinic made them a symbol, four arms of equal length. They said that whenever one or more of those arms becomes a stub, then the result in unhappiness, and unhappiness is usually the forerunner of fatigue. Thus, a businessman's arm may be long on work but short on play and worship. A debutante's arm may be long on play and short on work. A spinster may be long on work and worship and short on play and love. The old saying that "all work and no play make Jack a dull boy" is psychologically sound. And so, "all work and no worship" leads to chronic fatigue. It's a simple, psychological and physical fact.



**We need to unload our burdens on the Lord:** This "unloading" is the main purpose of our personal and family prayers and is one of the functions of Divine Worship in the Church. During our daily prayers in the evening, we ask God's forgiveness for the sins and failures of day and receive the consoling assurance that we are reconciled with God and our fellow human beings. During the Holy Mass in our parish Church, we place our stress-filled lives on the altar and allow Jesus to cool down the overheated radiators of our hectic lives. We also unload the burdens of our sins and worries on the altar and offer them and ourselves to God during the Holy Mass.

## FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH



### 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal Follow up weekend

As the 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal "One Faith, One Family" continues, we are grateful to the parish families that have already made their gift or pledge. For us to achieve our overall goal, it will require the personal sacrifice of all members of our faith community.

If you have not yet responded to the appeal, please know your gift, no matter how big or small, will help enable the diocese to provide essential pastoral, educational, and humanitarian needs to many. Pledge envelopes are located in the back of the church or you may visit [www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org](http://www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org) for other ways to give. Thank you for your prayers and generosity.

St. Maurice has reached 89.10% of its goal (\$8,775.00 gifts/pledges out of the \$9,848.00 goal). The participation rate is 27.68% (49 gifts/pledges out of 177 families).

**ANNIVERSARY MASS** – Because of uncertainties surrounding Covid-19, the Annual Silver and Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass will not take place this year. Bishop Cote will offer a private Mass for the intentions of all couples celebrating specific anniversaries this year. Each couple who registers will receive a signed certificate from the Bishop. The names of all registrants and their anniversary dates will also be listed on a special Anniversary Page on the Diocese of Norwich Website. If you are celebrating a significant anniversary this year and would like to be recognized by Bishop Cote, please register by sending the following information: **husband and wife's name, address, telephone number, wedding date, anniversary being celebrated and parish** to: Mary-Jo McLaughlin, Catholic Family Services Coordinator, 199 Broadway, Norwich, CT 06360, telephone at 860-848-2237, Ext 312 or by email at [mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net). Couples may also email a **recent digital photo** of themselves to this address to be included in a gallery of pictures on the Diocesan Website. The registration deadline is September 2, 2020.

### 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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