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

Peter said to him in reply,  
"Lord, if it is you, command  
me to come to you on the  
water." He said, "Come."  
Peter got out of the boat  
and began to walk on the  
water toward Jesus.  
- Mt 14:28-29

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1993 CCD

Be still and know that I am God. Silence is sacred. Silence speaks the language of the soul and is the foundation of all life and eternity itself. Silence takes us beyond the limits of our minds and allows us to seek and to love the essence of all love, perfect love, and being. In silence, we can be non-verbally present to things and to God in ways that words cannot accomplish. We can discover, encounter, and be present to truths that our minds struggle to conceive and then set aside the boxes we put around things when comprehending them is challenging. We can know the unknowable and touch eternity when we encounter the core silence in our souls.

We can do this even on a noisy street and in the midst of the greatest distraction. Once we have made friends with silence, the rambling noise of the world no longer seems to matter, and we can carry a deep forgiving peace within us, even when physical silence cannot be found. We know that we are loved, cared for, sustained, nourished, embraced, and carried. There is nothing to fear in silence, and I can be present to myself in the same way that God is present to me. I can see myself as God sees me. All of my faults, weaknesses, imperfections, failings, and sinfulness melt away in the abundance of God's mercy. All of the worldly things we see as being important no longer are. It is in silence that all of the barriers that divide us disappear. There is no more "yours" and "mine" but only the oneness of "ours." There is no longer a need to "figure things out," and we tap into our desire to simply let things be. Silence is creative and powerful and gives us hope. Silence is God's greatest blessing. God became one with humanity in silence. It allows us to be one with all of creation, with the moon and the stars and all of the creatures God has made. The smallest particle of creation radiates with beauty. Silence allows us to soar beyond ourselves and connect in ways that the mind can only imagine. When all is quiet, we begin to see that it is only our fear that keeps us from the Lord. It is our fear that causes us to sink and to fail. We can hear the gentle whisper that tells us to reach for God's hand. We discover that we yearn for the salvation and wholeness that only God can give to us. Be still my soul and be at peace.

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
AUGUST 9, 2020

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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):

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.



**NINETEENTH  
SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME  
AUGUST 8 — 9, 2020**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 8**

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

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 9**

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

9:15 A.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church

11:00 A.M. Mass offered for the Soul of Bill Miller request of The Family

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

6:00 P.M. ROSARY

**MONDAY, AUGUST 10** — No MASS

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 11** — No MASS

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12**

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

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 13**

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

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 14** — No MASS

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 15**

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**



Another scam to be aware of from saintmauricebolton@gmail.com:

Hello, Good Morning. Email me back when you get this please. I need a favor from you as soon as possible.

May God daily shower you with an abundance of His everlasting mercy. Amen.

Another scam via text message:

I need a favor. Text me as soon as you get this message.

God bless you, Fr. Bill Olesik.

**WEEKLY PRAYER**

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 9, 2020**

<b>SUN 8/9</b>	1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33
<b>MON 8/10</b>	2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 [5]/Jn 12:24-26
<b>TUE 8/11</b>	Ez 2:8—3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131 [103a]/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
<b>WED 8/12</b>	Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [4b]/Mt 18:15-20
<b>THR 8/13</b>	Ez 12:1-12/Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62 [cf. 7b]/Mt 18:21—19:1
<b>FRI 8/14</b>	Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [1c]/Mt 19:3-12
<b>SAT 8/15</b>	Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14 [8] 1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28. Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 [10bc]/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

**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: Viola, David, Sharon, Dorothy.

Thank you, Mary Ann

**BAPTISMS AT ST. MAURICE CHURCH**

**August 2, 2020**



**Jameson Donald Wentworth  
Lilia Louise Wentworth  
Maverick Charles Wentworth**

**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.



**2020 Annual Catholic Appeal**

“One Faith, One Family”

As of July 23, 2020 St Maurice has reached 89.10% of its goal (\$8,775.00 gifts/pledges out of the \$9,848.00 goal).

With a participation rate of 27.68% (49 gifts/pledges of 177 families.)



**STEWARDSHIP**

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

**Offertory: August 2 — \$2,524**

“He said, “Come”. Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus.”

- MATTHEW 14:29

When you hear Jesus calling, do you responded immediately and trust that He knows what He’s doing? If so, you are walking on water! When we say “yes” to Jesus, we feel the power of his presence in our lives. We can feel the freedom it gives us! Listen how Jesus is calling you to live the extraordinary life He has intended for you.

# REFLECTIONS



**We need to be freed from unnecessary burdens:** Jesus lays the light burden of his commandment of love on us and yokes us with himself, giving us his strength through the Holy Spirit to fulfill that commandment. Jesus is also interested in lifting off our backs the burdens that suck the life out of us, so that he can place around our necks his own yoke that brings to us and to others through us, new life, new energy, and new joy. We are called, not only to find peace, refreshment and rest for ourselves, but also to live the kind of life through which others, too, may find God's peace, God's refreshing grace, and the joy of placing their lives in God's hands.

**Disturbing statistics on stress:** A few years ago, Comprehensive Care Corporation of Tampa Florida published a booklet about stress in our modern world. The facts are disturbing. (1) One out of four (that's 25% of Americans) suffers from mild to moderate depression, anxiety, loneliness and other painful symptoms which are attributed mainly to stress. (2) Four out of five adult family members see a need for less stress in their daily lives. (3) Approximately half of all diseases can be linked to stress-related origins, including ulcers, colitis, bronchial asthma, high blood pressure and some forms of cancer. (4) Unmanaged stress is a leading factor in homicides, suicides, child-abuse, spouse-abuse, and other aggravated assaults. (5) The problem of stress is taking a tremendous toll economically, also. Americans are now spending \$64.9 billion a year trying to deal with the issue of stress. That is why Jesus shared the "Good News" with us a long time ago when He said: "*Come to me all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest*" (Matthew 11:28).



**Twenty-four hours' work:** Grandpa clocked in long hours on the railroad or in the mines, but when he came home there were no faxes waiting for him to answer, no cell phones or e-mail to interrupt his after-dinner smoke. Home was home, not a pit-stop for data-gathering before heading back to the office. Today, there is no downtime, no escape from other people. We have cell phones in the car and beepers in our pockets. We carry them to the Church, to the beach, and to the bathroom. Says Dr. Mark Moskowitz of the Boston Medical Center: "A lot of people are working twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, even when they're not technically at work. It's a guaranteed formula for breakdown."



## FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH



**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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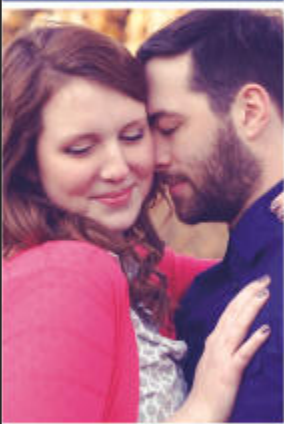


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