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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 13, 2020



24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times."
- Mt 18:21-22

What right do we have to limit the amount and degree of forgiveness we show to others when we are so desperately in need of it ourselves? In not wanting someone who hurt us to downplay or forget the gravity of their wrong, we cling to anger, resentment, and wrath as a way of maintaining control. It is a way to acknowledge and express our deep hurt. We fail to realize that in doing so we hold ourselves hostage to these destructive feelings and actually become mired in the bondage of sin. All we gain is further alienation from ourselves, others, and especially God. We are no longer free but tethered to all of this unresolved negativity. Don't we really want to let it go? The fact is that we need to.

A good self-reflective posture will quickly show us that when the shoe is on the other foot and we are the ones in need of forgiveness, we desire it above anything else. This is especially true with our relationship with God. It is hypocritical to want one thing for ourselves and something else for another. Yet, many act in precisely this way.

Perhaps we think that in offering forgiveness, even for the most grievous of wrongs, somehow excuses the person of their wrong and makes it almost acceptable. This is what makes revenge, retaliation, and punishment so attractive. We see forgiveness as being an eraser that easily wipes away the offense without consequence. Or, we may believe that in offering forgiveness I must somehow forget the wrong and open myself as a victim of even greater possible hurts in the future. In fact, forgiving my sister or brother of their wrongful actions or attitudes involves none of this. It does not erase anything or position me vulnerably as a doormat to be walked on.

Forgiveness is an act of freedom that restores honest dialogue, shares true, and heartfelt feelings and acknowledges the consequences of an action. It admits that the wrong has caused a hurt that must be healed and squarely positions responsibility on the offender. The act of forgiveness recognizes our sinfulness and brokenness. It also admits that the most saintly among us is capable of doing very grave and deep harm to another person. It sees that we all can be victims of our passions and works in progress that deserve unlimited chances to get it right. With forgiveness, I release myself from the bonds of negativity and pursue a path of restoration, wholeness, and healing. I do not forget the wrong nor do I dismiss it. Sometimes, we have to stay far away from the one who hurt us. But we can still heal internally and be free.

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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 (860-643- 9553) 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.



**TWENTY-FOURTH
SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**
SEPTEMBER 12 — 13, 2020

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 125:00 P.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13**7:30 A.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners
of St. Maurice Church9:15 A.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory11:00 A.M. Mass offered for the Souls of Barbara and
Donald Sullivan — request of Patrick and Daniel Sullivan5:30 P.M. Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours6:00 P.M. **ROSARY****MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14** — No Mass**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15** — No Mass**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16**9:00 A.M. Mass offered for the intentions of Steffanie Sarris
request of Daryl and Bruce Bonadies**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17**9:00 A.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18** — No Mass**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19**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 8 AM / Tuesday 9 AM / Wednesday 8 AM /
Thursday 9 AM / Friday 8 AM / Saturday Vigil 5 PM /
Sunday 10 AM****WEEKLY PRAYER****READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2020****SUN 9/13** Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8]/Rom 14:7-9/
Mt 18:21-35**MON 9/14** Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 [cf. 7b]/Phil 2:6-11/
Jn 3:13-17**TUE 9/15** 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 31:2 and 3b, 3cd-4, 5-6, 15-16, 20
[17]/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35**WED 9/16** 1 Cor 12:31—13:13/PS 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22 [12]/Lk 7:31-35**THR 9/17** 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28 [1]/Lk 7:36-50**FRI 9/18** 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b and 15 [15b]/Lk 8:1-3**SAT 9/19** 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14 [14]/Lk 8:4-15**SUN 9/20** Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 [18a]/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/
Mt 20:1-16a**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: Renee, Diane.

Thank you, Mary Ann

2020 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

update as of 8/27/2020



◆ Parish Goal of \$9,848 represents a decrease of \$365 from 2019. Current pledges total \$9,270.00, or 94.13% of our goal. This was given by 53 donors in a parish list of 177, or participation of 29.94%. Thank you for your generosity! Please consider repeating your gift in 2020.

◆ If you have not pledged before, consider giving \$5 to increase our participation rate.

Thank you to everyone for your support!

ST. MAURICE BIBLICAL COMMISSION

initiatives for the fall are under way following our meeting of 9/3/2020:

- **Preparation for Consecration of the Parish to St. Joseph** through daily recitation of the rosary will begin on Wednesday, September 30, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Upper Church and continue for 33 days until November 1, 2020. Join us when you can in church or at home.
- **Coast to Coast Rosary Rally** on Sunday, October 11, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. in the upper church. We will recite all four sets of Mysteries: Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful, and Glorious.
- **Consecration of the Parish to St. Joseph** at Masses during the weekend of November 1, 2020, All Saints Day.
- **Weekly Bible Study** will begin on November 4, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Upper Church. We will continue with the Acts of the Apostles which was interrupted in March. Those who wish to participate but are still uncomfortable due to the pandemic will be able to join via FreeConferenceCall.com.
- A showing of the movie *Love and Mercy: Faustina* is planned, but no date has been set.

**STEWARDSHIP**

Projected Amount needed \$2,980

Offertory: September 6 — \$2,602

"For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's." — ROMANS 14:8

This is the essence of stewardship – everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts that God has given us, especially our very own lives. Pray to God, daily, and ask Him how He is calling you to live the life that He intended for you.

FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH

Prayer to End Abortion

Lord God. I thank you today for the gift of my life, and for the lives of all my brothers and sisters.

I know there is nothing that destroys more life than abortion, yet I rejoice that you have conquered death by the Resurrection of Your Son.

I am ready to do my part in ending abortion.

Today I commit myself

Never to be silent,

Never to be passive,

Never to be forgetful of the unborn,

I commit myself to be active in the pro-life movement, and never to stop defending life until all my brothers and sisters are protected, and our nation once again becomes a nation with liberty and justice not just for some, but for all. Through Christ our Lord. Amen!



Faith Formation 2020-2021

• Virtual classes will be held starting in October and continuing through January. Information and materials will be distributed before classes begin.

• How classes will be held after January 2021 will be re-considered based on experience in the public schools and in Eastern Connecticut generally.

• Spring 2020 sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion are being rescheduled.

We always need teachers. Contact **Director of Faith Formation Amie Tillman** if you are interested at saintmauriceccd@gmail.com or via cell phone at **(860) 212-3901**

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.

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH



National Combined Collection

Last weekend the **National Combined Collection** which benefits: The Retirement Fund for Religious, The Annual Appeal for the Holy Father, The Catholic Communications Campaign, and Catholic University of America was taken up in our Parish. To all those who made a gift, thank you for your generous response. If you did not bring your gift envelope to Mass last weekend or if you

were away, it’s not too late to give! Extra envelopes are available in church. Your contribution can be placed in the collection basket or mailed directly to the Parish. Please be as generous as you can. Thank you.



Norwich 40 Days-For-Life

campaign will begin with a Vigil Mass at St. Patrick’s Cathedral on Tuesday, September 22, at 7

PM. Following Mass, the 40 Days for Life Team will be available to answer any questions and distribute campaign signage and materials.

This year, The 40 Days for Life Campaign runs from Wednesday, Sept. 23rd through November 1st. It is hoped that you will join our Parish by signing up to *Peacefully Pray* OUTSIDE the planned parenthood facility at 12 Case St. in Norwich. Thank you!

Now available from the Diocesan Square and Prayer Ministry, Individually wrapped, knitted “prayer squares” with prayer cards. For distribution to convalescent homes, hospitals, etc. “Prayer squares” are free of charge and on a first come first serve basis.

If you are interested in distributing squares or volunteering your crocheting/ knitting skills please contact Marianne at the **Office of Faith Events** at **860-848-2237 ext. 304** or manicholas@norwichdiocese.net





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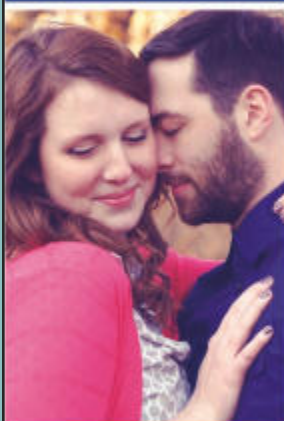
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