

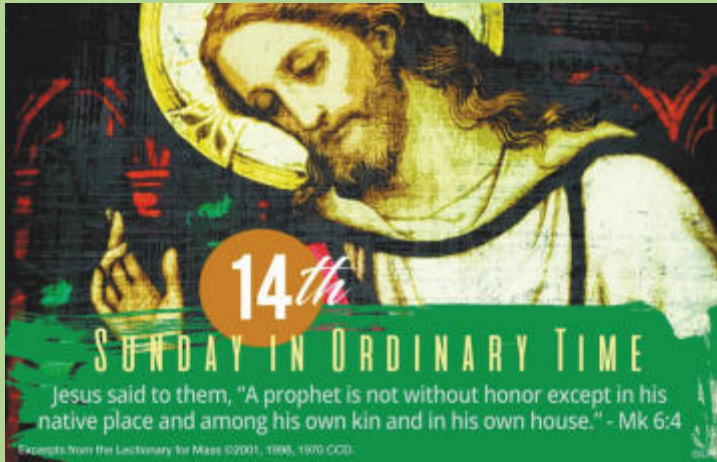
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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JULY 4, 2021



It's all so ordinary that we can easily miss it. The seagulls hunting and diving for mollusks at the beach offer a display of determination and precision as they gather their food for the day. It's simply what these creatures do. Yet, there's a magical artfulness and skill to their work that speaks volumes about the One who breathed life into their being. This is pretty much the way it is with God's presence. God comes in common ways through common things and ordinary people. Sadly, we are so engulfed in our little worlds of order and ideas to notice the beauty and wonder of it all. Many have numbed themselves to the Divine spark at the essence of all life because that's just the way it is. What's so special about it? A sunset is a sunset and a seagull is a seagull. That's precisely what they thought about Jesus too. After all, isn't he just the carpenter's son? What merit can his words possibly have?

If we're looking for God to come in an event that is so dramatic and intense that it knocks our socks off, then think again. When pondering God's relationship with His people and God's action in our lives, we have to go back to the stable and the recurring, creative, unending power of God's presence. It was a quiet, run of the mill kind of night. There was nothing spectacular or extraordinary. To the naked eye, a woman gave birth to a child and there wasn't anything extraordinary to see. We have a hard time understanding God's ordinary-ness. Jesus grew up in an ordinary town, had neighbors and did normal human things. Perhaps that's why we don't always like the Gospel. It doesn't dazzle us with extraordinary things but simply challenges us to take a different look at our ordinary stuff. That makes us uncomfortable. We prefer things as they are. Our lack of faith can even cause us to take offense at what Jesus says and does, dismissing it as folly.

God's life-giving presence continues to sustain that seagull in flight and keep all things in being regardless of whether we have the faith to see and understand this. Our personal agendas, preconceived ideas, misconceptions, and expectations can often cause us to be hardened and blinded to what God is doing or desiring to do. While God continues to do what he has done for all eternity, faith is needed for God's presence to bear fruit. The blinders we wear and the expectations we bring to life can often prevent us from seeing graced moments that radiate with God's graceful presence. They also prevent God's transforming, healing, and hope filled vision for our world from being realized. Without faith, God won't be able to do much for us either.

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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 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 4:25 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.



**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

JULY 3 — 4, 2021

Usher Group I

SATURDAY, JULY 3

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

SUNDAY, JULY 4

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners
of St. Maurice Church

10:00 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 5 — No Mass

TUESDAY, JULY 6 — No Mass

WEDNESDAY, JULY 7

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

THURSDAY, JULY 8

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

FRIDAY, JULY 9 — No Mass

SATURDAY, JULY 10

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**



ST MAURICE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



Members of the Prayer Shawl Ministry are making full size prayer shawls for our long term care parishioners. Also, mini pocket prayer shawls are available for everyone.

If you can help in any way in this Ministry, please call:

Linda Wiley at 860-643-8684 or

MaryAnn Murphy at 860-649-5449

Thank you.

FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH

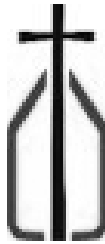
ST. MAURICE PRAYER LINE



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

New requests this week: Ray, Mary, Laurie.

Thank you, Mary Ann



Volunteers Urgently Needed!

Catholic Charities is looking for dependable volunteers to unload and put away cases of food for our emergency food pantry in Norwich. Must be able to lift boxes up to 30 pounds and can make a regular commitment to help two Fridays a month from 10-12. Receptionist for the Norwich office, answer phones, greet clients, some data entry. If you are interested in helping us help others, please contact Terri Fontaine at

860-889-8346 ext. 263 or email terrifontaine@ccfsn.org.

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace" 1Pet 4:10



USHERS NEEDED

Anyone interested in being an usher please email Kathy Perlitz kperlitz@comcast.net or call her at 860-798-5495.



STEWARDSHIP

Projected Amount needed — \$3,130

Offertory: June 27 — \$2,766

"As the Lord spoke to me, the spirit entered me and set me on my feet, and I heard the one who was speaking say to me, 'Son of man, I am sending you...'"

EZEKIEL 2:2-3

God has a plan for each of us. He calls us to do something for Him. But, He doesn't leave us on our own to figure it out. He gives us the resources we need to do His work. Are you listening for God's call? When you hear it, do you get on your feet and do the work He asks of you? Do not be afraid. God doesn't call the equipped, he equips the called. Answer His call.

^ Tear off

Memorial Mass Form

Drop in collection ^

Father Bill, please offer a weekend ____ (or) weekday ____ Mass for the soul ____ (or) intentions ____ (as applicable) of:

Name _____

Person requesting _____

Street Address _____ E-mail Address _____

City State Zip _____ E-mail Address _____

Home phone _____ Cell phone _____

Check enclosed ____ Envelope No. ____ We will Donate Online ____ (Customary donation \$10 weekday, \$20 weekend)

I will bring up the gifts at the Mass celebrated. Yes ____ No ____

FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH**Sunday Mass Obligation Resumed**

All pews are available for seating.

The celebration of Mass will continue with relaxed restrictions.

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

- The Precious Blood will not be distributed. There will be no Sign of Peace. Attendees will be required to wear masks if they have not been vaccinated.
- 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.

Live-streaming of Sunday Masses will continue. Visit NorwichDiocese.org/Masses for details.

**MISSION CO-OP; JULY 10/11, 2021**

The Haitian Health Foundation (HHF) was founded in 1982 by Dr. Jeremiah Lowney, who visited Haiti with a group organized by Bishop Daniel Reilly of the Diocese of Norwich. Dr. Lowney carried in dental instruments and supplies and spent ten days extracting diseased, infected, and often very painful teeth in the slum clinics of Port-au-Prince operated by Mother Teresa of Calcutta's sisters. Each day they would extract up to 400 teeth, usually under a tree, or in an alley way, or another makeshift arrangement.

The Haitian Health Foundation asks for your help in bringing food, medicine and survival to all the families that are in need in rural Haiti.

Make checks payable to: St. Maurice Church

**FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH****YOUNG ADULTS TO HELP START YOUNG CATHOLIC PROFESSIONALS**

The Office of Faith Events is looking at the possibility of starting a chapter of Young Catholic Professionals (YCP) in the Diocese of Norwich. We are seeking dedicated young adult Catholics from our diocese who would have a vested interest in starting a local YCP. YCP mission is to challenge, train, and inspire young adults working in various professions to work in witness for Christ. YCP brings together young adults and seasoned business professionals in a variety of programs to foster Catholic identity, encourage community and inspire action. If you are interested, please contact Liza Roach at lroach@norwichdiocese.net or call (860)848-2237 ex. 305.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and are seven sessions on weekdays from 7:00pm to 9:30pm. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required.

For more information or to apply, call Frank & Margie Pearson at 860-337-2447 or visit them at <https://wwmectw.org/>.

It is our trust and faith in God that allows him to heal us and gives us peace. Is God in charge of your marriage? Deepen your communication, rekindle your romance and renew your sacrament by attending the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience on Thursdays/Mondays Jul 8-29

YOUNG ADULT HIKE

The Blessed Sacrament Parish is happy to announce the launch of the 4:12 Society, our new Young Adult Ministry. We are a faith-based community of young adults between the ages of 21 and older interested in engaging with our faith and community through service, spirituality, and social events. We invite all young adults to our first event: **A Young Adult Hike & Mass on July 17th** starting at 10 AM (rain date of July 24th). We will be hiking through Case Mountain Park in Manchester to experience the beauty of Creation and the celebration of Mass with our pastor, Fr. Rick. Please RSVP by emailing yam@cath-comm.org and we will provide more details about the event as it approaches.

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