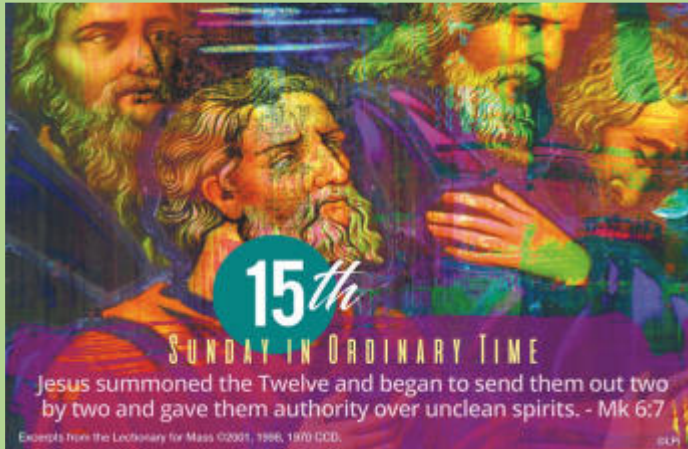


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Maybe the work is best left to the professionals. That's how many people view the preaching of the Gospel. That's the stuff priests, religious, deacons, lay ministers, and other professional Church people do. It has little to do with me. Well, that's not really true. The fact of the matter is that preaching the Gospel has everything to do with you, with all of us who are baptized members of the Body of Christ. Nobody gets off the hook from that job. The question is, however, how do we do it? Well, there's a safe way, which many choose, to preach the Gospel — and the risky way. The safe way pretty much keeps the Gospel in church and around like-minded people. I say my prayers, go to Mass, contribute to the food pantry, tithe, and attend Bible Study. That pretty much covers the bases, right? Wrong.

The risky way is the more challenging way and for many, the "road less traveled." Imagine those first disciples going out and into people's homes. They must have had some amazing conversations with folks about God's kingdom, changing their hearts, forgiving sins, and looking at the world differently. They must have met people who were hurting, exiled from their communities, neglected, lost, or living self-insulated lives in a society that served the rich and neglected the poor. While there were many who welcomed what they had to say and the conversations they had, there were others who no doubt rejected them and literally tossed them out on their ears! The Gospel, while being a message of joy and hope, is not always received well by those who are very comfortable keeping things as they are.

The risky way involves example and conversation. We have to take the Gospel from church and carry it with us wherever we go. What kinds of conversations do we have with others? We interact with those closest to us, in our work, social circles, institutions, corporations, in politics, and beyond. Our conversations with others reveal a great deal about how we see things and what we consider important. If we are really interested in seeing God's vision for the world succeed, then we will talk about it. It will become a part of our everyday conversation and find its way into our interactions with others. How will we preserve the dignity of human life and encourage others to have a relationship with God? We must be the example, live value centered, virtuous lives, stand against injustice, combating racism, and learn ways to resolve conflicts without violence.

If we are going to succeed going forward, we have to find a way to bring our prayer centered lives into the marketplace. Our conversations have to change. Not everyone wants to hear what the Gospel has to say. That's a risk God asks us to take.



**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
JULY 11, 2021**

## **Prayer Line**

Mary Ann 860-649-5449

## **Pastor**

**Fr. Bill Olesik**

## **Director of Faith Formation**

Amie Tillmann

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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.

## **Eucharistic Minister to Homebound**

Patricia Cinea 860-646-0564

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## **Website**

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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.



**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

**JULY 10 — 11, 2021**

Usher Group II

**SECOND COLLECTION FOR MISSION CO-OP.  
THE HAITIAN HEALTH FOUNDATION**

**SATURDAY, JULY 10**

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

**SUNDAY, JULY 11**

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

**10:00 A.M.** Mass offered for the Souls of Barbara and Donald  
Sullivan — requested by Patrick and Donald Sullivan

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

**MONDAY, JULY 12 — No Mass**

**TUESDAY, JULY 13 — No Mass**

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 14**

**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for the Souls of James and Patricia  
Hurst — requested by The Hurst Family

**Rosary after Mass**

**THURSDAY, JULY 15**

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

**Rosary after Mass**

**FRIDAY, JULY 16 — No Mass**

**SATURDAY, JULY 17**

**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**



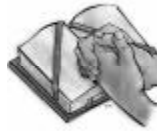
Members of the Prayer Shawl Ministry are making full size prayer shawls for our long term care parishioners. Also, mini pocket prayer shawls are available for everyone.

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: Joe, John, Maria, Carol.

Candle Intentions: Bob, Mergendahl and Kane Families.

Thank you, Mary Ann



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

**Make checks payable to: St. Maurice Church, or if you want to send direct make checks to Haitian Health Foundation and mail to 97 Sherman St., Norwich, CT 06360.**

The poor are our people. They are our opportunity, not our obligation. They give us the opportunity to reach out with caring and compassion, and to say, "Let me help you brother, let me help you sister!" Your gift to HHF is Matthew 25 in action – feeding, clothing, and housing the poor and vulnerable. If we avoid the needs of the poor, how do we claim any affinity for the Divine? As you consider helping, recall the words of a Persian poet, who said, "The only things that we carry with us when we leave this life are the things that we have given away."



**USHERS NEEDED**

Anyone interested in being an usher please email Kathy Perlitz [kperlitz@comcast.net](mailto:kperlitz@comcast.net) or call her at **860-798-5495**.



**STEWARDSHIP**

**Projected Amount needed — \$3,130  
Offertory: July 4 — \$2,910**

*"He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick – no food, no sack, no money in their belts."* **MARK 6:8**

Imagine taking nothing but a stick when you go on a trip. The Apostles must have really trusted in God's providential care. Think of all the material things "we can't live without" in today's world. We make our life's journey more difficult because of all the material baggage that we drag along. Putting God first in everything and putting our money and possessions second gives us freedom because we don't become "slaves" to wanting to acquire more things.

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**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](https://NorwichDiocese.org/Masses) for details.

**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://www.mectw.org/>.

Jesus is asking us to go out two by two and proclaim His good news. Learn how to make your Sacrament of Marriage shine on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience.

**East Catholic High School**

Hope everyone is enjoying the summer vacation. Although the start of the school year is almost two months away, its time to spring into action if you are thinking about attending East Catholic High School. We are open throughout the summer Mon. - Thurs. 8 am - 2:30 pm and continuing

with accepting applications for incoming freshmen, as well as transfer students.

Please check us out on [www.echs.com](http://www.echs.com) and do not hesitate to contact Admissions at 860-649-5336, ext. 6238 or 6456.

**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](mailto:lroach@norwichdiocese.net) or call (860)848-2237 ex. 305.

**VIRTUAL VACATION BIBLE CAMP COMES TO THE DIOCESE**

The Office of Faith Event's Virtual Vacation Bible School (VBS) is a 4-day summer program providing fun and faith about the workings of God for children through music, games and fun bible lessons. This year the VBS program will be called "Thankful", and will dive into the Old Testament by studying the prophet named Joseph. VBS will run Monday through Thursday, August 9 – 12th from 9:00 – 10:00 AM online; the cost is \$5 for one child or \$10 per family. We invite all children to join us, the camp is most suited for rising Grades 1 -5.

**To register please go to <https://bit.ly/2Laol7Y>**

If you have questions, please contact Liza Roach at [lroach@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:lroach@norwichdiocese.net) or call (860)848-2237 ex. 305

**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](mailto:yam@cath-comm.org) and we will provide more details about the event as it approaches.

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