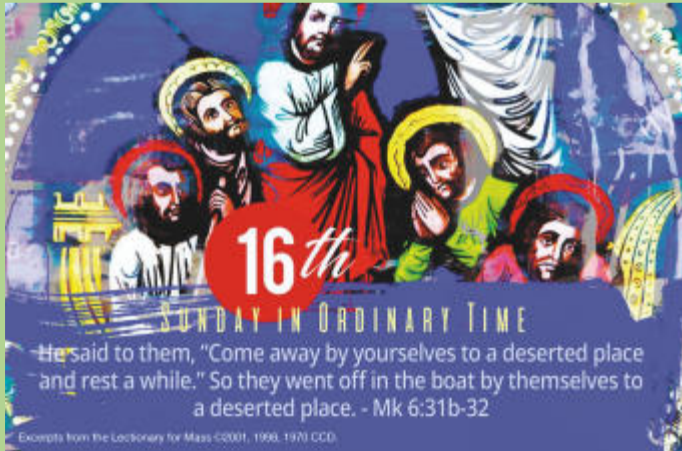


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There's an ordinary pine grove located on a tree farm not too far from town where life's stresses and demands seem to melt away. It is here that all that seemed so important out there no longer is and one can get lost in the rows of trees and majestic beauty. God is here and all is good. We need to connect with the Divine Source of all that is in order to understand what it is we are doing and why we are doing it. Otherwise, things stop making sense and bitterness can overcome one's spirit. It's okay to play once in a while and to discover that place of profound life and peace. People always have needs and there is constantly something to do. And while all of that is necessary and we are needed, there is also that inner solitude within that needs to be celebrated and released.

We all need a pine grove. It's that little place we can go and leave all that consumes us behind. It's a place where technology can be set aside and wonder, and awe given some time. We don't have to text, calculate, or orchestrate anything in the pine grove. It is a somewhat deserted place where all of that can be set aside and we can just be. The anger, frustration, exhaustion, discouragement, helplessness, and occasional apathy, all can fall to the ground like all of those pine needles that once held their place on the branch of a Frasier Fir. The needles can let go. We can let go. We are beings connected with Being and we all need to remember what really matters, who really matters and what life is truly all about. We need to find that place where we can rest and let go of all of the barnacles we accumulate. Rest, breathe, seek, and love.

The world will need us again when we leave the pine grove. It will all be waiting for us, beckoning for our attention. But we will have prayed and will have marveled at the silence and the beauty of goodness. We can go back, ready, and eager to listen, to help, to heal, to cry, to embrace, and attend to all that is asked of us. But, having let go of the distractions in that deserted place we will have a renewed sense of purpose. We will know better Who it is we serve and what we are meant to do. It will all be clearer now that we have been Divinely touched and refreshed.



SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JULY 18, 2021

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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.



SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 17 — 18, 2021

Usher Group III

SECOND COLLECTION — MAINTENANCE COLLECTION

SATURDAY, JULY 17

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

SUNDAY, JULY 18

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for a Special Intention requested by
Mary Anne Murphy

10:00 A.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory

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

MONDAY, JULY 19 — No Mass

TUESDAY, JULY 20 — No Mass

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21

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

THURSDAY, JULY 22

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

FRIDAY, JULY 23 — No Mass

SATURDAY, JULY 24

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for the Souls of Marion and Bill
Miller — requested by The Family

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: Shirley, Lillian, Johanna.

Candle Intentions: Nicholas, Grandpa, Babci E. C.

Thank you, Mary Ann



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://www.norwichdiocese.org/Masses) for details.



STEWARDSHIP

Projected Amount needed — \$3,130

Offertory: July 11 — \$3,413

"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**USHERS NEEDED**

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

**MISSION CO-OP collection was last weekend.**

If you were unable to bring your gift you can still donate online at

<http://www.saintmauricebolton.org/>

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.

Your support of the needs of Haitian Health Foundation is greatly appreciated.

**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 said, "Come away and rest awhile". Give your marriage new life by participating in 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 and do not hesitate to contact Admissions at 860-649-5336, ext. 6238 or 6456.

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH**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 or call (860)848-2237 ex. 305

Leave Your Legacy

June is "Leave a Legacy" month in the Diocese of Norwich. It is a wonderful time for parishioners to reflect on the value of charitable estate and planned giving. Some people choose to mark their legacy by requesting gifts made in memoriam to their parish, school, ministry or the Diocese in lieu of flowers upon their passing. Others include a bequest in their Will to the Annual Catholic Appeal or their favorite Catholic organization. Still others are interested in establishing an endowment within the Catholic Foundation of the Diocese of Norwich to benefit a Diocesan organization. If you are interested in learning more about how you can leave your legacy and support all the good works that the Church is involved with, please contact Mary Ellen Mahoney, Executive Director of Development, at (860) 886-1928 or memahoney@norwichdiocese.net.

**Its time "FORE" Catholic Charities**

16th Annual Golf Tournament
Get your friends together and join us Monday September 13, 2021 at Great Neck Country Club, 28 Lamphere Rd., Waterford, CT

Registration & BBQ lunch-11:00AM, Shotgun Start 12:30PM. Appetizers & Awards to follow!

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