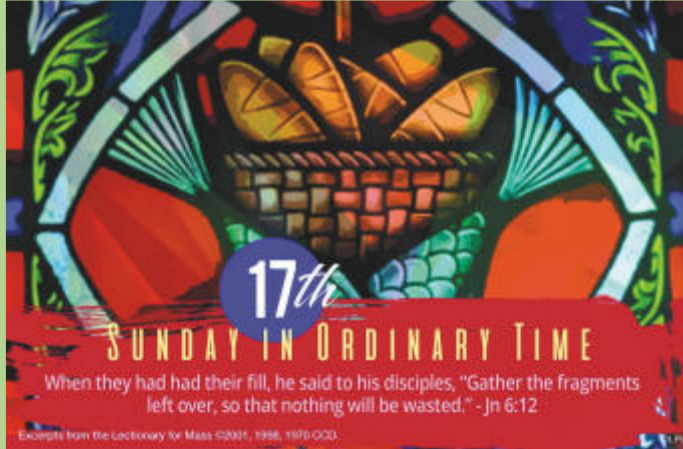


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St. Oscar Romero said, "We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. This enables us to do something and to do it very well. It may be incomplete, but it is the beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest."

There were a group of ladies many years ago who made quilts. They were beautiful creations reflecting inspirational designs artfully composed from the simple scraps of fabric each woman would bring to their individual pieces. There was no plan for the finished project as each finished work became the combined creation of what each woman contributed. They abounded in vibrant colors and dazzled the beholder with intricate patterns and their myriad textures. They were so beautiful that they became coveted family treasures passed from generation to generation. Those women never realized the power of their work. Countless babies rested in the comfort of those quilts warmly nestled in the legacy of tradition they were fortunate to inherit. They adorned countless homes with their beauty and brought joy and solace to many faces.

We cannot do everything. We are not meant to. Our work in life is to contribute our individual piece, a piece that reflects the unique thumbprint I claim as my own. We only have to do small things well. Then, as St. Oscar Romero reminds us, the Lord's grace will enter and do the rest. We have to trust that this is true just as those women trusted in the eventual beauty of their final work.

Eucharistic blessings are blessings that start small and multiply. We all come to life with only a few loaves of bread and a few fish. Not any single one of us has all that it takes to transform our world. Who knows what God will do with the little we have and how many will benefit from our kindness, compassion, wisdom, courage, conviction, love, warmth, zeal, faith, and hope? That young lad never dreamed that his few leftovers would do all that they did. God shows up in unexpected ways! Where would life's adventure and fun be if it were any other way? Being able to be part of bringing God's creative, transforming, healing to the world opens us up to wonder, awe, and excitement! We can all bring our little piece to the bigger work of God that can result in being a coveted jewel passed generation to generation. This is good news indeed!

Bread and wine transform into Christ's Body and Blood and we become what we eat. Trust that..



SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JULY 25, 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.



SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 24 — 25, 2021

Usher Group IV

SATURDAY, JULY 24

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

SUNDAY, JULY 25

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for the Soul of Adam Mancino requested by Lynn Mancino

10:00 A.M. Mass offered for the Soul of Joyce Eber requested by Joe Eber

BAPTISM OF AUBREY ANN CROPLEY
after the 10:00 a.m. Mass

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

MONDAY, JULY 26 — No Mass

TUESDAY, JULY 27 — No Mass

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28

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

THURSDAY, JULY 29

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for the Soul of James Lawless requested by Cheryl Kelley
Rosary after Mass

FRIDAY, JULY 30 — No Mass

SATURDAY, JULY 31

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for the Soul of Carl Caler, Sr. requested by Richard Carpenter

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/>:

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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: Francis, Ann, Bob, Stephanie, Dan.

Candle Intentions: Nicholas, Fay and Family, Joan, Bill & Beth, C. & L., Unborn babies. 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.



MEMORIAL MASS FOR MARY SIMMONS

Memorial Mass at 11:00 A.M. Saturday, August 7, 2021 at St. Maurice Church.



STEWARDSHIP

Projected Amount needed — \$3,130

Offertory: July 18 — \$2,534

"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?"
JOHN 6:9

The miracle of the Loaves and Fishes carries two important messages. First, no matter how little we have, we always have enough to share. Second, Christ can take our humble gifts and do great things with them if we are just willing to let Him. Nothing is impossible with God. All of our gifts, big or small, were given to us for a reason. No gift is too small or insignificant!

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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 _____

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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**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.

**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.

Thank You!

Thank you for your donation of \$500 to the Bolton Residence Assistance Fund. We appreciate your help.

The Senior and Social Services.

FROM SAINT MAURICE CHRISTMAS FAIR GROUP

We extend our sincere thanks to Jeff and Sue Monroe for many years of designing and printing tags for the products sold at the Fair. They have decided to move on to other projects after the 2021 Fair so we are looking for their replacement. We are looking for someone who would be interested in helping us produce various graphics for the fair, including product tags, legend cards, recipe cards, and more. Experience using a variety of online graphics programs and sources for clipart and other graphics is needed. Jeff and Sue will show you the ropes. It would be wonderful if the new volunteer(s) have their own computer and printer. The Fair Group will refund the cost of ink and the special papers needed to create what is needed.

If interested, please contact Dorli Cloutier at
860-649-6255 or dorliandlou@yahoo.com.

Thank you in advance for considering helping our fair group produce another successful event this November.

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

The monthly Diocesan Pro-Life Mass will take place at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on **Saturday, August 7 at 8:30 A.M.** Please join our celebrant **Rev. Brian Maxwell** at Mass as we pray to end abortion and for healing for those who have had an abortion. Following the Mass, the Rosary will be prayed both at the Cathedral and Planned Parenthood.

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Saturday, September 18, 2021

Rosary and Welcome 9:00 a.m.

MASS 10:00 a.m. (Refreshments to follow)

For more information please contact

Carolyn Besade (860) 848-0037 or

Carolyn Sagen (860) 918-6949

**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>

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