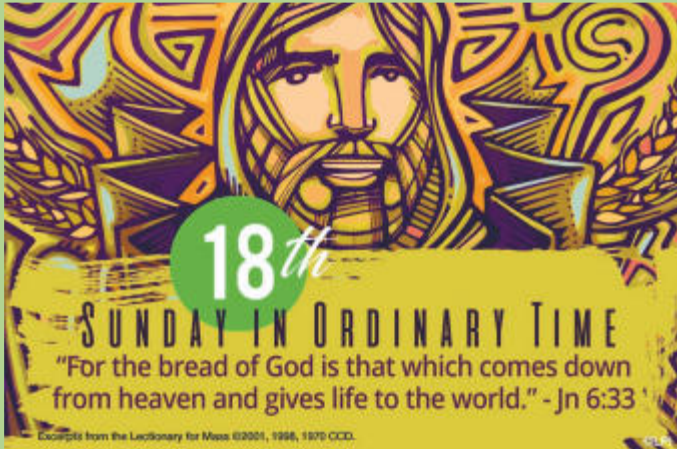


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"You cannot see the forest for the trees" is a widely known saying that can bring wisdom to our understanding of our journey. Often, our sight becomes limited to what is immediately before us. We lose touch with lessons and experiences from the past and promises and hope for the future. As human beings, we have the privilege of being able to choose things. What I like and don't like, want, and don't want can be major preoccupations of our minds and hearts. Our preferences and desires begin to define us more than the simple fact of our being. Who we are matters more than what we are or what we have. If we don't move beyond the external and superficial stuff to what really is of essence, we risk becoming very unsettled, disorientated, angry, and unhappy. We fail to see the bigger picture of hope and promise that lies ahead and the Divine Presence that has sustained and carried us before.

We like it when the "now" time of our lives satisfy us. Even the people who witnessed Jesus feed the five thousand got confused and distracted. It felt good when thousands of people were able to eat. They wanted to know what they could do to get this to happen again! But Jesus quickly reminds them that this is not the point of this sign. As much as the now time of our lives is of concern, it is not what is ultimately important. We need to learn the difference between being and doing, drawing more strength from who we are and who God is rather than what is happening around us and the choices we can make. Jesus is the true bread that came down from heaven. Jesus is the very incarnate presence of God who sustains life and assures us that we will not perish. This is not easy to understand and feel. We have to practice being in the presence of ourselves, others, creation, and God. We are brought to a holy place when we encounter the sacredness of being. This is real prayer.

Then, we learn to trust. It is when we cease trusting that we start to become afraid, uncertain, apprehensive, and doubtful, and overly self-concerned. We even start to grumble. God has our back. That is the essential powerful message of the living bread come down from heaven. God, who is alpha is also omega, the beginning and the end, and has everything in between in his care as well. A woman once remarked that her most powerful God moment happened when she and her husband cuddled with their new baby for a time. Without exchanging words and using only the affection communicated through sight and touch, they rested in being with each other. This brought them to the sacred, where they realized that a greater Being was with them. It was real. They knew that they were part of something bigger, intimate, and profound. When we rest in the Living Source of life, we will find that our souls are no longer hungry or thirsty.



EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 1, 2021

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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:

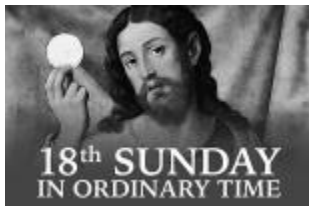
Arrangements must start more than 6 months before marriage. Necessary interviews, a pre-cana course and plenty of paperwork is required. We strongly urge you to contact us to begin the Diocesan preparation course as soon as you are engaged to get the most out of it without rush.

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.



EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 31—AUGUST 1, 2021

Usher Group I

SATURDAY, JULY 31

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 1

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for Special Intention
request of Mary Anne Murphy

10:00 A.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners
of St. Maurice Church

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 2 — No Mass

TUESDAY, AUGUST 3 — No Mass

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 5

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

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6 — No Mass

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7

11:00 A.M. MEMORIAL MASS FOR MARY SIMMONS

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**



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MEMORIAL MASS FOR MARY SIMMONS

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

FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH



ST. MAURICE PRAYER LINE

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

New requests this week: Catlin, Judy, Jen-
nifer, Richard.

Candle Intentions: Rose, Nicholas, Bill, Beth, Chrissy, Lori,
Joan, Dee, Doris, Kathy, Fay and her Family.

Thank you, Mary Ann

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 cre-
ate 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.



STEWARDSHIP

Projected Amount needed — \$3,130

Offertory: July 25 — \$3,623

*"Each day the people are to go out and gather
their daily portion; thus will I test them, to
see whether they follow my instructions or
not."*

- EXODUS 16:4

When the Israelites gathered more than their daily portion
of manna, the surplus became wormy and rotten. In the
same way today, self-reliance, pride and ego leads to hoard-
ing and excessive surplus of goods and money. Living a
stewardship lifestyle helps us discern our "wants" from our
"needs". Living a grateful and generous lifestyle reminds us
that God will provide all that we need and that we have
plenty to share.

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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**BAPTISM OF AUBREY ANN CROPLEY
at St. Maurice Church on July 25**

From left to right: Alex Cropley, Andrea Cropley, Heather Walsh, Aubrey Ann, Matthew Walsh.



From left to right: Timothy Walsh, Alex Cropley, Andrea Cropley, Matthew Walsh, Heather Walsh, Aubrey Ann, Ann Walsh and Joan Walsh



From left to right: Pam Cropley, Alex Cropley, Andrea Cropley, Matthew Walsh, Heather Walsh, Aubrey Ann, Jim Cropley.

**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/>.

Do you hunger for a deeper love in your marriage? Let Jesus fill your hunger by participating in the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience.

WELCOME BACK TO MASS

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.

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

**Diocese of Norwich Parish Services / Accounting Clerk Position Available**

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Norwich seeks a part time accounting clerk with at least 3 years of experience. The position will require approximately 15 – 18 hours per week.

Duties include providing services to parishes in a cloud based QuickBooks environment, spreadsheet analysis of investment activity, invoicing, and other related duties. Must be proficient in all phases of QuickBooks, especially payroll and related taxes, all MS programs, have strong interpersonal skills and an understanding and respect for the hierarchy of the Catholic Church.

Send resume and cover letter with salary expectations to: Finance Search Committee, 201 Broadway, Norwich, CT. 06360, or email to sgg@norwichdiocese.net.

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