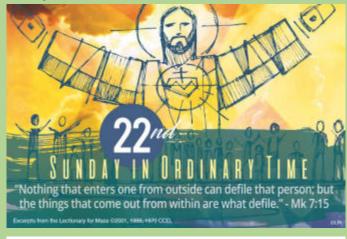
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Albert Einstein said that the "true measure of intelligence is not knowledge but imagination." Being a disciple of Jesus Christ requires a great deal of imagination. It is not enough to simply attend to facts, rules and rituals and consider the job done. Quite contrarily, the Gospels demands creativity, of trying to discern how to put flesh on the Beatitudes and properly serve God's children. Jesus never doled out a top down agenda. Not once did he ever demand conformity over conversion or sacrifice over mercy. The Gospel is always about putting people in touch with their compassionate, forgiving, and unconditionally loving God and meeting them where they are.

For Jesus, it often meant breaking a few rules. Well respected and time-honored traditions had to be set aside in order to attend to what really mattered. God's compassion, mercy and true conversion were always the trump cards. The story of the Good Samaritan, healing on the Sabbath, and bypassing of purification rituals all display this theme. Human beings can get too hung up on protocol and tradition. This is so much so that often preserving all of these things is of greater concern than the beggar knocking on our door or the sinner looking for mercy. It is no wonder, then, that we can easily become hypocritical. Many can see us on our knees in prayer while our true heart and actions, rooted in judgment and self-preservation, are hidden from others. It is a trap into which we can easily fall. Who cares how we live our lives as long as our hands are properly washed!

Here enters the need for imagination and the distinction of truly being a wise and intelligent person. It takes a good measure of creativity and a lot of guts to really be a doer of God's word and not merely a hearer. Being a person who doesn't just tell people about God but shows people God requires courage and ingenuity. That's why people like St. Francis of Assisi and St. Teresa of Calcutta are timeless. Their genuineness speaks volumes generation to generation. It's risky business taking the step to allow God into our hearts. Permitting God to release us from the grip of our evil thoughts, infidelity, greed, malice, sexual improprieties, licentiousness, envy, arrogance, folly, and the like takes courage. That's why we prefer to spend our energy rearranging the future rather than take measures to secure a foundation that is most certainly crumbling.



TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 29, 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. $\label{eq:property}$

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.

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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 28 — 29, 2021

Ushers Group I

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29

7:30 A.M. <u>Mass offered for All Parishioners</u>

of St. Maurice Church

10:00 A.M. Mass offered for the Souls of Michal, Helena and

Henry Sobczak

requested by Lucy Szwed and Family

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

6:00 P.M. Rosary (Glorious Mysteries)

MONDAY, AUGUST 30 — No Mass

TUESDAY, AUGUST 31 — No Mass

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

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

Rosary after Mass

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

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

Rosary after Mass

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

7:00 P.M. <u>Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory</u>

Eucharistic Adoration after Mass

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

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



FRIDAY MASS AND ADORATION

Starting September 3RD.

First Friday Mass and Adoration will resume at 7:00 P.M. and every First Friday of the month.

All other Fridays, Mass will be at 9:00 A.M. beginning this September.

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: Anna, Barbara, Butch,

Ron, Mana, Vivian, Avalon, Rose.

Candle Intentions: Mana, Ron, Dom, Faydra, Tim, Sam, Bill, Beth, Joan, Leila.

Thank you, Mary Ann

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.



STEWARDSHIP Projected Amount needs

Projected Amount needed — \$3,130 Offertory: August 22 — \$2,649

"Religion that is pure and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their affliction and to

keep oneself unstained by the world."

JAMES 1:27

All good giving and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no alteration or shadow caused by change. Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls. Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves.

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We can help out as: Altar server	Lector	Usher	_ Eucharistic Minister	Choir	Crafts workshop

FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Religious Education Classes for grades K-10 begin on Sunday, September 26th.

There will be a welcome meeting for parents and students at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Center.

Knights of Columbus pancake breakfast available from 8:00 -10:00 a.m.

Registration forms are available in the back of the church and on the parish website.

Classes will be held Sunday mornings from 9:00-9:45 a.m. in the Parish Center classrooms. If you would like your children to attend, please complete and return your registration form. Forms can be found in the back of the church or on-line. Completed forms can be returned to the Parish Office, dropped in the collection basket during any mass, or brought to the Ice Cream Social on September 12th.

We are always in need of teachers. If you are interested in sharing your faith with the young people of our parish by volunteering to teach, please contact Amie Tillmann at saintmauriceccd@gmail.com.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Please join us for an ice cream social on Sunday, September 12th at 11 a.m. in the Parish Center. This event is sponsored by the St. Maurice Faith Formation Group and we will be registering students for CCD during this event. Everyone is invited, so feel free to bring a friend.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

A special blessing to all those who are going back to school will take place on Sunday, September 12th at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Please bring your backpacks and place them near the Divine Mercy painting before Mass.

Choir rehearsals will resume on Tuesday, September 7, 2021, at 7:15 p.m. in the Upper Church. New voices are always welcome!

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/. "Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves." Have a holy marriage by participating in the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience.

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

THE HOPE AND FAITH SERIES BEGINS IN SEPTEMBER

Grow in your relationship with God through our weekly Hope and Faith Video Series which take place weekly throughout the year. The Office of Faith Events creates videos that are less 3 minutes long which delve into monthly topics like love, church knowledge, Saints, and spiritually. We encourage you to dedicate just a few minutes weekly to enliven your faith. To enroll, send a text—(Phone Number) TO: 81010 (Text) Message:

(a) hopenfaith (one word) It will then ask you to reply with your name. Those who are not text savvy do not need to feel left out, you can receive them by e-mail by contacting Marianne Nicolas at:

manicholas@norwichdiocese.net Already enrolled? You do not need to enroll again!

VIRTUAL BINGO FOR ALL AGES

The Office of Faith Events invites people of all ages to participate in Virtual Bingo! Bingo will take place on Sunday, September 19th and June 13th from 3:30 – 5pm. You will receive your cards online, mark them and even remark them for the next game or you can print them and play. Through video conferencing, we will call the numbers and play different BINGO games from regular bingo, double bingo, picture frame, and finally black out! It will be great fun with lots of gift certificates for prizes! We are only selling 200 cards, so act fast! The cost is \$6 per card for the whole Bingo event! To register for your Bingo card, go to: https://bit.ly/2Laol7Y or call Marianne at (860) 848-2237 ex. 304.

100 th Anniversary

Calling All Golfers!

Be sure to join us for Catholic Charities 16th Annual Golf Tournament Monday September 13, 2021 at Great Neck Country Club, Waterford. Bishop Cote will be in attendance! Registration begins at 11:00 am. Kick off your day with an all-you-can-eat BBQ lunch and an on-sight cigar roller! Also

featuring a beverage tent along the course. Shotgun start at 12:30 pm, concluding after play with delicious small bites, raffle results, and award winners.

Visit ccfsn.org or call Sally at (203) 556-0115 for more information and to sign up. What a great way to enjoy 18 holes of golf, lunch and awards while also assisting the works of Catholic Charities throughout the Diocese. Sponsorships available!

Catholic Elementary School Collection

This September 11th and 12th the Annual Catholic Elementary School Collection will be conducted throughout the Diocese. This will only be an in-pew collection however informational flyers and donation envelopes are available in church. Appropriately titled, *Faith for the Future*, the collection recognizes that our futures truly do belong to the children we are educating in our schools today. Our 9 Diocesan elementary schools offer families a safe and nurturing environment in which to entrust their children's academic, social and moral growth, preparing them to become the future leaders of our church and communities. We truly appreciate whatever sacrifice you can make to support their children's schools. Your contribution will help provide a Christ-centered and academically excellent Catholic education.

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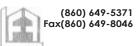
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