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25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“For the children of this world
are more prudent in dealing
with their own generation
than are the children of light.
No servant can serve two
masters. He will either hate
one and love the other, or be
devoted to one and despise
the other. You cannot serve
both God and mammon.”
- Lk 16:8b, 13

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**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 18, 2022**

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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.

“You cannot serve both God and mammon.” Merriam-Webster defines mammon as material wealth or possessions, especially having a debasing influence. While God does not take issue with our need to use money for the business of our lives, there can be a problem with the attitudes we bring to it. We can easily become so preoccupied and obsessed with money that it becomes the real “god” we worship. Do we serve mammon instead of God? In their book, Wealth, Riches and Money, Craig Hill and Earl Pitts outline symptoms of mammon’s influence in our lives. Some of these are worry and anxiety over money, money mismanagement, fear over “never having enough,” an “I can’t afford it” mentality, impulse buying, stinginess, greed, debt, and discontent.

Many of the things on that list can consume us to the point that we are distracted from what we really need to be doing. Many people spend an inordinate amount of time worrying about money and it becomes the source of their worst fears. If we are honest with ourselves, we need to admit that we place far more emphasis on our material securities than we ought. In fact, we have actually convinced ourselves that we cannot live without it. Are we that certain about the presence of God? Many of the world’s problems, especially those involving inequity and injustice, result from conflicts about money. Many equate money with happiness. Those successful in accumulating large amounts of it quickly realize just how wrong they are.

“Your ultimate allegiance is not to the government, not to the state, not to nation, not to any man-made institution. The Christian owes his ultimate allegiance to God, and if any earthly institution conflicts with God’s will it is your Christian duty to take a stand against it. You must never allow the transitory evanescent demands of man-made institutions to take precedence over the eternal demands of the Almighty God (Martin Luther King, Jr.)” This is the point Jesus is trying to make. Unfortunately, when we look around our man-made kingdoms are far more prevalent than God’s kingdom. When we start seeing greater evidence of justice, equity, dignity, respect, opportunity, gentleness, holiness, solidarity, honesty, simplicity, care for creation, and a decrease in ambition, then we will know that God’s kingdom is being served. We will be doing what we are supposed to do.

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 17 — 18, 2022

Ushers Group IV

SECOND COLLECTION FOR MISSION CO-OP

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for the Soul of †Peter Klein
 requested by The Family

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 — Catechetical Sunday

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for the Souls
 of †William and †Ann Cosgrove
 requested by their daughter Ann

10:00 A.M. Mass offered for the Souls
 of †Michal, †Helena and †Henry Sobczak
 requested by Lucy Szwed.

BLESSING OF THE CATECHISTS

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

6:00 P.M. Rosary

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 — No Mass

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 — No Mass

7:15 P.M. Choir rehearsal in church.
 New voices are always welcome!

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for the Souls
 of †Martha and †George Aufman
 requested by Eleanor Aufman

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

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

50th YEAR ANNIVERSARY

We are planning a celebration of

Theresa's 50th Anniversary

of dedicated service as the church secretary.

A **potluck dinner** will be held in the Parish Center
 on **Saturday, October 22, 2022**, after the Vigil Mass. Sign-
 up sheets are posted in the back of the church. For our
 planning purposes, if you are interested in attending,
 please sign up **ASAP**.

Hope to see you all there!

Friendship Circle

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: Barbara and her family, Jerry and his family, Joshua, Amy, Leo, Pat, Claude, Lou, Sophie, Rayan, Jerry, Paul, Bill, Linda.

Candle Intentions: Special prayers for the Intentions in the Candle Note Book. Thank you, MaryAnn

ST. MAURICE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



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

If you can help in any way in this Ministry, please call: Linda Wiley, Irene Zdrojowy 860-533-1733 or Mary Ann Murphy at 860-649-5449

Thank you.



FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Registration forms and the calendar for the 2022-23 school year are available in PDF on the parish website and in paper on the ushers' tables at the back of the church. Completed paper registration forms can be mailed or dropped in the Sunday collection. Completed PDF forms can be returned by e-mail.

Upcoming Events

- 09/18/2022 Blessing of the Catechists
- 09/25/2022 First Session (Parents & Students)/
Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast

We always need teachers.

Contact Director of Faith Formation Amie Tillman
 if you are interested at saintmauriceccd@gmail.com
 or via cell phone at (860) 212-3901.

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory: September 11 — \$3,062

Projected Amount needed — \$3,470

"No servant can serve two masters. He will hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon (wealth)."
 - LUKE 16:13

Jesus knows that for many of us, God and money run "neck and neck" as top priority. Is money a "god" that you put before God? Giving money to support the Church and other charity is a pillar of our faith, just like attending Mass every Sunday and participating in parish ministry. Giving money frees us from becoming a slave to money. It increases our dependence on God and our trust that God will provide all that we need.

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Parish Membership Form

Drop in collection ^

Please enroll the following as members of the Church of St. Maurice:

Adults _____

Children (under 18) _____

Street Address _____ E-mail Address _____

City State Zip _____ E-mail Address _____

Home phone _____ Cell phone _____

Send offertory envelopes _____ Send form for EFT (electronic donation) _____ We will Donate Online _____

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

FROM ST. MAURICE PARISH

JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST AT THE TRIPLE PLAY CAFE



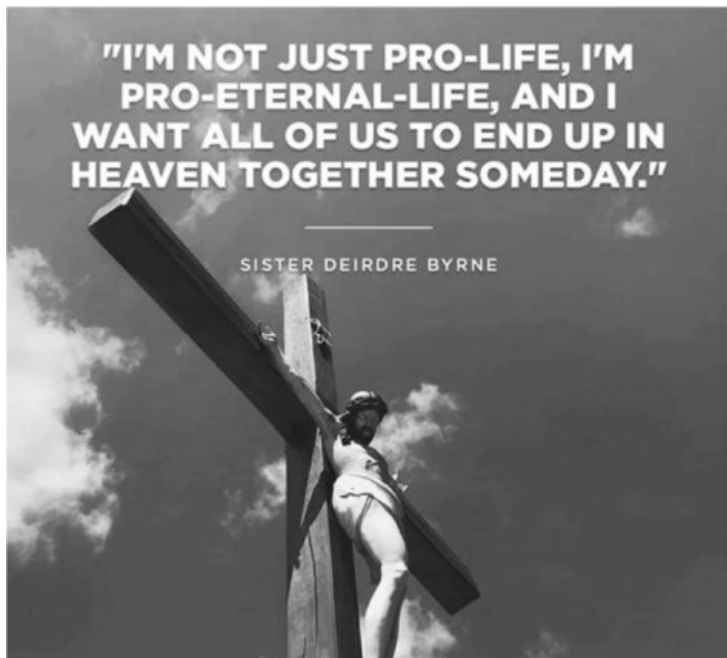
Time: 8:00 A.M. — 10:00 A.M.

Date: Sunday, September 25th

Location: St. Maurice Parish Center

\$6.00 / Person \$18.00 / Family

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Deirdre "Dede" Byrne is a Roman Catholic religious sister, missionary, surgeon, and retired U.S. Army Colonel.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences, some on weekends and some on seven weekdays. Couples will explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church. 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/>.

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes. Remember your wedding day sacramental vows. Learn how important these are at a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience:

September 23-25 In-Person in Huntington, NY at Seminary of the Immaculate Conception Center

October 14-16 In-Person in Barre, Vermont at Millstone Hill Lodge

October 14-16 In-Person in Concord, NH at Christ the King Parish Center



The Norwich 40 Days-For-Life Campaign will begin with a Vigil Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Tuesday, September 27, at 6:30 PM. Bishop Michael R. Cote will be the principal celebrant and homilist.

This year, The 40 Days for Life Campaign runs from Wednesday, Sept. 28th through Nov. 6th. Please join-in with your fellow parishioners by praying, fasting, and signing-up to participate in this peaceful prayer vigil.

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH



**ANNIVERSARY MASS
REGISTRATION DEADLINE**

The deadline for registering for the 2021 Silver and Golden Jubilee Anniversary Mass is fast approaching. If you haven't yet registered and are planning to do attend this year's Mass, please do so by **September 19. This is a firm date.** All couples married 25 & 50 years or celebrating any significant anniversary year are invited to attend the Mass celebrated by Bishop Michael R. Cote at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on Sunday, **October 16, 2022, at 2 P.M.** Register by sending the following information: **husband and wife's name, address, telephone number, wedding date, anniversary being celebrated and parish** to: Mary-Jo McLaughlin, Catholic Family Services Coordinator, 199 Broadway, Norwich, CT 06360, call 860-848-2237, Ext 312, or email at mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net. Couples may also email a **recent digital photo** of themselves in a **jpeg format** to this address to be included in a gallery of pictures on the Diocesan Website.

15th Annual Connecticut Catholic Men's Conference

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2022

7:30 am – 4 pm Vigil Mass

(Mass celebrated by Archbishop Blair)

Northwest Catholic HS, West Hartford, CT

Featuring dynamic speakers, exhibitor, confession, adoration, food, and fellowship.

Speakers include Fr Chris Alar, Fr Wade Menezes, Fr Larry Richards, Bishop Frank Caggiano.

BUY TICKETS ONLINE www.ctcatholicmen.org

Questions? 860-484-7950

Early bird Cost: \$45 (includes lunch) Please buy in advance online. Tickets available at the door.



The Diocesan Partnership on Disability and the Office of Faith Events would like to invite you to St. Joseph's Parish, 149 Montauk Ave, New London as we celebrate a

**Mass of Healing: praying for Mental Health
Awareness and Action for a Culture of Acceptance.**

Wednesday, September 21, 2022, at 6:30 PM. All are welcome!!



Faithfully Loved, Faithfully Remembered

Because of their great concern for the welfare of others, each year, many of our dearly departed family and friends generously supported our **Annual Catholic Appeal**. In honor of their devotion to the Church and all its good works, we invite you to make a donation to the 2022 ACA, *Faithfully Loved, Faithfully Remembered*, and have their name(s) listed in our Book of Remembrance. These intentions will be included in the Mass of All Souls' Day, celebrated by Bishop Michael R. Cote, D. D. at the Cathedral of St. Patrick, Norwich on November 2, 2022, at noon. Paper forms can be picked up from the ushers' tables at the back of the church. The form in PDF can be downloaded from the home page of our website.

To have your departed included in the Book of Remembrance, please complete the form and donate a minimum of \$25, either online or via a check payable to the Annual Catholic Appeal and mail to ACA, 197 Broadway, Norwich, CT 06360.

To donate online please go to norwichdiocesedevelopment.org, click the DONATE button and select All Souls Donation option. All submissions with full payment must be received by October 10th and will be applied to the 2022 Annual Catholic Appeal. Previous gifts do not qualify.

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