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TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 2, 2022



27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith." The Lord replied, "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you." - Lk 17:5-6

Excerpts from the Lectorian for Mass 62007, 1996, 1999 CCD

As adults, unless we are dealing with children, "obedience" is not a word we typically like to hear. It often brings connotations of military protocols, deference to superiors at work, or conforming to laws and practices. In a culture that has learned to challenge authority, being obedient is understood more as something I "have" to do, not "want" to do. Do you ever see merit in wanting to be obedient? Encouraged to develop independent, self-sufficient egos and personas, we learn to focus on our own wills and merits as we strive for success and achieve a sense of well-being. Giving ourselves over to the will of another, especially when done blindly, can sometimes carry more risk than we are willing to take. Also, blindly following orders without any deference to ethics or morality can lead to atrocious crimes and violence against humanity.

St. Ignatius of Loyola states, "There are three sorts of obedience; the first, obedience when a strict obligation is imposed upon us, and this is good; the second when the simple word of the superior, without any strict command, suffices for us, and this is better; the third, when a thing is done without waiting for an express command, from a knowledge that it will be pleasing to the superior, and this is the best of all." St. Ignatius sees obedience as an act of love. When the person we are obeying genuinely has our best interest in mind, acting themselves with love and integrity, then what St. Ignatius says makes excellent sense. When mutual trust and a bond of love and respect are present, obedience can lead to freedom and truth.

We ask God to increase our faith. In other words, increase our trust that God knows best how to live and act in this world. We desire the same confidence, determination, and patience Jesus had that the fulfillment of God's vision would one day come. Nurturing a deep love of God and trusting in his providence, we obediently do what we know is pleasing to God: love, repent of sin, show mercy, be compassionate and fight injustice. As we willingly give witness to our faith, we do only what we are obliged to do, expecting nothing in return. Spared from the task of having to figure it all out for ourselves, we discover freedom.

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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.

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OCTOBER 1 — 2, 2022

Ushers Group II

CRADLE FUND COLLECTION

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15:00 P.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2**7:30 A.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church

9:00 A.M. FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

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

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

6:00 P.M. Rosary

MONDAY, OCTOBER 3 — No MASS**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4 — No MASS**7:15 P.M. Choir rehearsal in church.
New voices are always welcome!**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5**9:00 A.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6**9:00 A.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7 — First Friday**

6:00 P.M. ROSARY RALLY— reciting 3 Mysteries

7:00 P.M. First Friday Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory

Adoration after Mass

During Adoration, the 4th Mystery will be recited**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8**5:00 P.M. Mass offered for Bill Miller
Birthday Remembrance requested by the Family**Saint Maurice Church**
First Friday**Eucharistic Adoration**
October 7th

7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
"O Most Holy Trinity, I adore You; my God, my God, I love You in the Most Blessed Sacrament."**Our Lady of Fatima****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: Carol, Ronnie and Family, Lauren, Carla, Amy, Sandy, Betty, Connor.

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.

**THANK YOU THERESA**
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Reminder to sign up and bring a favorite dish to share.

We have listed some suggestions previously – if any questions, please call MaryAnn at 860-649-5449 (H) or Marilyn at 860-649-1282 (H)

Background music will be provided by Don.

Looking forward to this celebration.

Fellowship Circle

STEWARDSHIP**Offertory: September 25 — \$4,001****Projected Amount needed — \$3,470***"For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control."*

2 TIMOTHY 1:7

Many of us compartmentalize our Faith, we bring it out only when we attend Mass or when we attend a parish event. Being a good steward requires discipline and striving to put God first in everything - all the time. The next time you are at a neighborhood party or at work or out shopping, would your words and actions signal to others that you are a good and faithful servant of our Lord?

^ Tear off

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 _____

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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



OCTOBER ROSARY RALLY

The Catholic Church dedicates the month of October to the Holy Rosary. At St. Maurice, we started an October tradition of honoring Our Lady by gathering as a group in the church, and reciting the 4 Mysteries of the Rosary (Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful, and Glorious). This year, the **Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary**, falls on the **First Friday of the Month**.

At 6 pm, we will begin reciting 3 Mysteries, followed by **Mass at 7 pm** and **Adoration at 7:30 pm**. During Adoration, the 4th Mystery will be recited.

The intentions for this Rosary Rally are for the legal defense and protection of all human life, an end to the war in Ukraine, restoration of our nation and world back to God, and YOUR personal intentions. Let us draw closer to Jesus and Mary by meditating on the mysteries of our salvation.

Safe Environments Abuse Prevention Training

In the Diocese of Norwich, all volunteers who have regular contact with minors, all employees, all clergy, and all religious, are required to complete safe environments training. This training is monitored by the **Office for Safe Environments (OSE)**.

In addition, this training is also available to any parishioner, or parent of a parochial school child, regardless of whether or not they wish to volunteer at their parish or school. **It contains important information about keeping our children and youth safe.**

The Diocese of Norwich offers two Praesidium programs. Both cover the same material, just in different formats. You can take the on-line program, *Praesidium*, or attend a one-time DVD presentation, *Called to Protect*.

The in person *Called to Protect* training classes have been postponed until further notice. *Praesidium* on line is available and the preferred training at this time. For more information about in person training availability, contact the **OSE**.

The **OSE** can be contacted to provide adult programs for parents, parishioners and all interested in keeping our youth safe, such as Setting Boundaries. A convenient time can be arranged. Please contact the **Child Advocate** at your parish or school office in order to be enrolled, or for more information.

Our children's safety is the responsibility of all Catholics.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS



Faith Formation

Classes started on Sunday, September 25th. You can still register. 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.

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.



You are invited to join the "Sleigh Bells Ring" Christmas Fair Workshop on Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to noon at the Parish Center. Call Sharon Scorso at (860) 646-1423, Beth Harnay at (860) 649-1331 or Dorli Cloutier at (860) 649-6255

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH



2022 MISSION COMBINED COLLECTION PROGRAM

The Mission Combined Collection will be held next weekend. Your contribution will aid the World Mission Appeal, U.S. Bishop's Appeal for Latin America, Black and Indian Missions, and the Catholic Home Mission Appeal. Please read the letter for the Mission

Combined Collection by Bishop Cote included in this week's parish bulletin. Please bring your gift envelope to Mass next weekend, or if you are unable to attend Mass please mail or deliver the envelope to your parish office by the end of October.

Your support is greatly appreciated.



LEARN MORE ABOUT THE EUCCHARIST

The Eucharistic Revival - The Eucharist, did you know?

What do we mean by presence? In its most general sense, presence means being with another. We all experience presence in several familiar ways. It might be local, when we are in the same physical place as another. It can also be temporal, when we are with another at the same time. Local and temporal presence usually go together, but sometimes we can be temporally present to another without being physically with them, for example when talking over the phone or via the internet. A third kind of presence might be called personal – how we experience “being with” another person – even when that person is not physically with us but is with us through our memory, imagination or emotions.

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The Eucharistic Revival - The Eucharist, did you know?

Why is personal presence different from local and temporal presence? Personal presence often goes beyond the experience of just being with another in a certain place and time. In these two types of presence, our senses are always engaged. But personal presence goes beyond sense perception. When someone lives far away from us or when a loved one dies, for example, that person can continue to be present with us when we remember the person, recall their words to us, or let the feeling of their presence affect us. Personal presence, because it goes beyond what the senses provide, relies on an inner or spiritual connection and so is most like what we experience in relation to God. This kind of personal connection allows us to have a spiritual experience of God's presence - a presence that goes beyond anything our physical senses can detect.

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Why is God present to us? The only explanation is that God loves us and wants to be in a relationship with us. Like every personal relationship, the partners freely choose not just to be present locally or temporally, but to open up their inner selves to one another through communication that leads to deeper communion. God chooses to be with us so that we can participate in God's own life and so live beyond our death in an eternal life of loving relationship. By our sharing in the intimate communion of Christ with us in the Eucharist as our food, we nourish ourselves and become united to God for eternal life.

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