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ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
JUNE 18, 2023



In the backyard of the house where I live with other priests, there is a lemon tree which produces a huge amount of fruit. One evening in the spring I needed some lemons for a chicken dish. I glanced from the kitchen and saw the tree bursting with large, bright, gorgeous lemons, hanging thick on seemingly every branch. Turning to Fr. Bob (I'll change his name to protect the innocent) who sat on the couch, I said, "Father, could you pick a few lemons for me?" He said sure and into the backyard he went. He returned a few minutes later empty-handed. "John, there's no lemons. Sorry." I said, "What are you talking about?" I looked again and saw the grapefruit tree on the other side of the yard, which had recently been picked clean of fruit. He didn't see the abundant fruit because he was looking in the wrong place!

Like Fr. Bob, we sadly don't see the fruit all around us. We think that the culture is spiraling down, young people avoid church, and the future looks bleak. Why go out into the world and work? The world looks like a fruitless tree.

Jesus doesn't see things that way. This week he tells us, "The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few." Look again: there is spiritual fruit hanging all around us! The lonely ready to be visited. The sick ready to be healed. The forgotten ready to be remembered. The poor ready to be treated with dignity. The sad ready to be consoled. The young ready for the Gospel. So, let's ask the Lord to send laborers to get to work. And he will. He might send you and me. Just remember to look at the correct trees.

— Father John Muir

The kingdom of God is at hand

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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.

**ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**JUNE 17 — 18, 2023**

Ushers Group III

**World Combined Collection**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 17**

**4:30 P.M. Rosary** (in the Cry Room)

**5:00 P.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church**

**Chaplet of Divine Mercy** (in the Cry Room)

**SUNDAY, JUNE 18**

**7:30 A.M. Mass offered for the Soul of †Beata Magnuszewska** requested by Janusz and Agata Herasimowicz

**Chaplet of Divine Mercy** (in the Cry Room)

**10:00 A.M. Mass offered for the Souls of †Barbara and †Donald Sullivan**

requested by Patrick and Daniel Sullivan

**Chaplet of Divine Mercy** (in the Cry Room)

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

**MONDAY, JUNE 19 — No Mass**

**TUESDAY, JUNE 20 — No Mass**

**7:15 P.M. Choir practice has ended for the summer**

*The first practice of the next season is on September 6, 2023*

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21**

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

**THURSDAY, JUNE 22**

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

**FRIDAY, JUNE 23**

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

**SATURDAY, JUNE 24**

**4:30 P.M. Rosary** (in the Cry Room)

**5:00 P.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church**

**Chaplet of Divine Mercy** (in the Cry Room)



**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: Lillian, June, Matthew, Kathy, Pete, Stephen, Pamela, Family, man, Morgan.

Candle Intentions: Special prayers for the Intentions in the Candle Note Book.

Please call Carol Zabielski at 860- 643-2837

**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: Irene Zdrojowy 860-533-1733

I would like to thank everyone who has knitted or crocheted prayer shawls/lap blankets, etc. I am running low on shawls and would like to make some prayer shawls for our veterans. If you are able, please make and bring prayer shawls in prior to July 4<sup>th</sup>.

I am also doing a prayer shawl collection for Alzheimer patients. Any assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated. Thank you, Irene Zdrojowy

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**Thanks for a special donation received in Memory of Dorothy Fleming. Also a special donation in Memory of Norma Pesce Tedford.**

**SUMMER OFFERTORY**

It will really help Father and Theresa to pay the bills during the summer if you would arrange to make your usual weekly donation by some electronic means, either through your bank or the Donate Online page of the parish website. You can also fill out and return an EFT Authorization Form available on the usher's tables in the back of the church.

**STEWARDSHIP**

**Offertory: June 11 — \$4,481**

**Projected Amount needed — \$3,670**

*"As you go, make this proclamation: 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.'"*

— MATTHEW 10:7

Many of us take our lives for granted. We think we have plenty of time to "repent." Maybe we should live with a little more urgency in making things right with God. This is the difference in living our discipleship out of obligation versus out of love. Obligation implies we do the minimum required. Love implies we want a relationship. God wants us to be with Him in Heaven forever, but He also wants to be in relationship with us right now, while we are on earth. Start this second – invite the Lord into your heart.

^ Tear off

**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 ST. MAURICE PARISH

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2023



Candidate: **Nicole McDonald**  
Confirmation Name: St. Maria Teresa Goretti  
Sponsor: Amanda Theriaque

Candidate: **Emily Meagher**  
Confirmation name: St. Cecilia  
Sponsor: Richard McDonald

The sacrament of Confirmation was administered by  
**Most Reverend Michael R. Cote, Bishop of Norwich,**  
at the Church of St. Matthew in Tolland  
on June 4, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.



**Nicole McDonald**  
and her  
Confirmation Sponsor  
Amanda Theriaque



**Emily Meagher**  
and her  
Confirmation Sponsor  
Richard McDonald



FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH



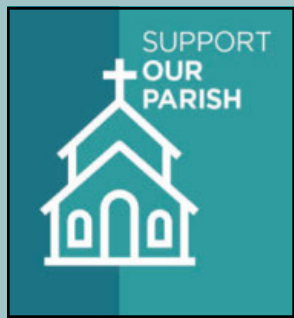
Combined  
Collection for  
World Charities

**2023 WORLD COMBINED COLLECTION**

The Combined Collection for World Charities which provides support to Catholic Relief Services (aids victims of persecution and natural disasters); The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (25% remains in diocese to help those in poverty); The Church in Central and Eastern Europe (renews all aspects of the Church and its people in this region); and the Holy Land Collection (works to sustain Christianity in the Holy Land) will be held this weekend.

This combined collection offers an excellent opportunity to support hands-on efforts helping people in need. Your gift does make a difference. Please be generous.

2023 ACA update: As of May 31, 2023, **Saint Maurice Parish, Bolton** has donated **\$8,586.25** or **73.41%** of its goal, and **23.62%** of your parishioners have donated. We are striving for as close to 100% participation as possible. **THERE IS STILL TIME TO DONATE!** Our campaign year ends December 31, 2023. With your donation, our ACA supported ministries do the work of Christ every day. If you have not made your contribution to the 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal, "One Faith, One Family", or would like to make an additional gift, donation envelopes are still available within the church or you can contact the Development Office at (860) 886-1928 or go online to [www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org](http://www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org).  
**Thank you to everyone for your support!**



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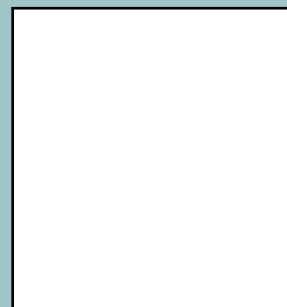
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