

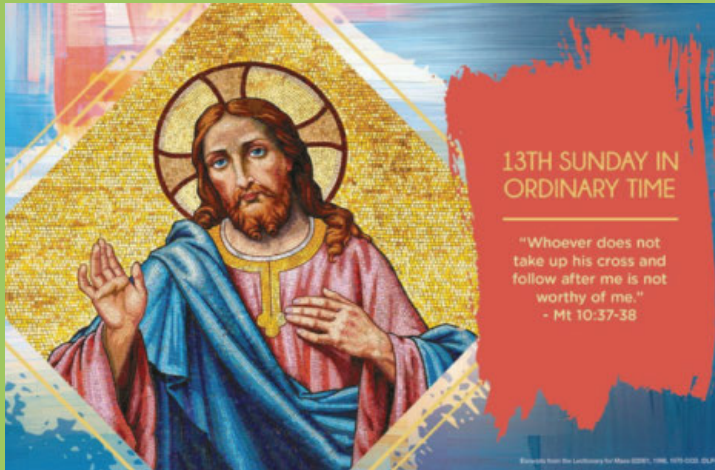
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TIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JULY 2, 2023



As a boy my favorite board game was “Chutes and Ladders.” The players roll dice to move from the start to the finish, from the bottom of the board to the top. If you land on a chute, you slide back and down. It was a bummer. Land on a ladder, and you jump well up the board and near the goal. It was a thrill to find a ladder and draw closer to the goal. That’s life, isn’t it? At every moment, we’re either moving closer or farther from the goal of our lives.

How do we win? Jesus tells us the secret of life’s chutes and ladders hinges on getting our loves rightly ordered. What we love in life is meant to be a ladder, drawing us up into God’s love — including our family, friends, work, play, food, and drink. Even to give your water to someone out of love for Christ leads to a sure reward.

But those ladders of our loves can become chutes. If we love even our family members more than Christ, we slide down and back. If we love the persons and things in our life for the sake of Christ, He says we **“surely will not lose our reward.”** The key difference between a chute and ladder, between our spiritual regression and advancement, is our willingness to renounce everything — even our own life — for the love of Jesus. To allow everything and everyone we love to draw us to love him more — that’s the difference between chutes and ladders.

— Father John Muir



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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.

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 1 — 2, 2023

Ushers Group I

SATURDAY, JULY 14:30 P.M. **Rosary** (in the Cry Room)5:00 P.M. Mass offered for the Soul of †Robert W. Eber
requested by Joe Eber**Chaplet of Divine Mercy** (in the Cry Room)SUNDAY, JULY 27:30 A.M. Mass offered for the Souls of †George and
†Agnes Murphy and Family
requested by MaryAnne Murphy**Chaplet of Divine Mercy** (in the Cry Room)10:00 A.M. Mass offered for All the Parishioners of
St. Maurice Church**Chaplet of Divine Mercy** (in the Cry Room)5:30 P.M. **Evening Prayer** from the Liturgy of the HoursMONDAY, JULY 3 — No MASSTUESDAY, JULY 4 — No MASSWEDNESDAY, JULY 59:00 A.M. Mass offered for All Souls in PurgatoryTHURSDAY, JULY 69:00 A.M. Mass offered for All Souls in PurgatoryFRIDAY, JULY 77:00 P.M. **First Friday Mass and Adoration**
offered for All Souls in Purgatory
Rosary after MassSATURDAY, JULY 84:30 P.M. **Rosary** (in the Cry Room)5:00 P.M. Mass of Thanksgiving offered by Sheila Rydzien**Saint Maurice Church**
First Friday**Eucharistic Adoration**
JULY 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 PARISHST. 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 4th. I am also doing a prayer shawl collection for Alzheimer patients. Any assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Thank you, Irene Zdrojowy

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 25 — \$3,222****Projected Amount needed — \$3,670***"...whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me."*

- MATTHEW 10:38

Pope Benedict XVI said "The world offers you comfort. But you were not made for comfort, you were made for greatness". "Comfort" puts me first. "Picking up your cross and following Jesus" puts God and others first. Why settle for comfort when you can achieve greatness! Pick up your cross, ask Jesus for guidance on using your gifts and live the life God intended for you!

^ 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 _____

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

**The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**

"The term 'Sacred Heart of Jesus' denotes the entire mystery of Christ, the totality of his being, and his person... Devotion to the Sacred Heart...calls for a fundamental attitude of conversion and reparation, of love and gratitude, apostolic commitment and dedication to Christ and his saving work" (Directory of Popular Piety and the Liturgy 166, 172). "The essential nucleus of Christianity is expressed in the Heart of Jesus, in Christ the whole of the revolutionary newness of the Gospel was revealed and given to us: the Lord that saves us and already makes us live in God's eternity. Even our shortcomings, our limitations, and our weaknesses must lead us back to the Heart of Jesus. His divine Heart calls to our hearts, inviting us to come out of ourselves, to abandon our human certainties to trust in him and, following his example, to make of ourselves a gift of love without reserve"

(Pope Benedict XVI).

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

Matt 10:37-42 *"Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever...whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.whoever gives a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink ... he will surely not lose his reward."* For a spouse to sacrifice himself for the other and to give without expecting a reward, and gives of himself with unconditional love to their spouse, he/she will receive their reward. Let us find out how to give and love unconditionally for our spouse by signing up for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience.

The dates are:

August 11-13, 2023 in Storrs, CT

August 25-27, 2023 in Vermont

September 22-24, 2023 in Huntington, NY

October 20-22, 2023 in Vermont

Worldwide Marriage Encounter sponsors a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences, some on weekends and some on seven weekdays. Couples explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church. Registration is limited; there is a \$100 application fee. For more information or to apply, call Frank & Margie Pearson at 860-337-2447 or <https://www.mectw.org/>.



SISTERS OF CHARITY
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Holy Family Summer Day Camp 2023
Theme: *Catch the Fire*

A five-day summer day camp for girls, ages 9-15

Dates: Monday, July 24, to Friday, July 28

Times: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Place: Holy Family Motherhouse

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Contact: Sister Mary Kathleen, SCMC 860- 887-4363 or srmmarykathleen@gmail.com

or Sister Rafael, SCMC
860-822-8241

All forms will be available on our website:

www.sistersofcharity.com

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

BECOME A CERTIFIED SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR: *The Immaculate Conception Center in Putnam CT, in partnership with Franciscan University of Steubenville, is offering a three-year training program for those who feel called to serve as Spiritual Directors. Classes are taught during a two-week winter training session each year. We invite you to prayerfully consider joining our program to begin accompanying brothers and sisters in Christ on their journey with our Lord. Application materials can be found at: immaculateconceptioncenter.org.*

For questions, please email:

admin@immaculateconceptioncenter.org

or call: 860-928-7955.

Winter Intensive 1 (of 3): January 28-February 10, 2024.

Application Due Date: September 1, 2023

Banns of Ordination

The following men will be called to the Order of Permanent Deacon on Saturday, July 8, 2023:

Mr. Joseph Delaney

Mr. Mark Desrosiers

Mr. Christopher Hammond

Mr. David Imhof

Mr. Ronald Krystofik

Should you know of any reason why these men should not be ordained Permanent Deacons

please write to:

The Most Reverend Michael R. Cote, Bishop of Norwich
201 Broadway
Norwich, CT 06360

ANNIVERSARY MASS REGISTRATION

All couples married 25 & 50 years or celebrating any significant anniversary are invited to attend the 2023 Silver and Golden Jubilee Anniversary Mass celebrated by Bishop Michael R. Cote at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on Sunday, **September 10, 2023, at 2 P.M.** Registration is required. To do so, send 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.

The deadline for registering is **Monday, August 14. This is a firm date, so please register early.** Couples may also email a **recent digital photo** of themselves in a **jpeg format** to the email address to be included in a gallery of pictures on the Diocesan Website.

**Brothers in Christ**

A Men's Virtual Faith Group Meets monthly on the second Thursday of the month. Join this gathering of men who will share faith, personal experiences, and discussion. If you are interested in developing fellowship and discipleship with other men devoted to Christ, register by emailing

Liza Roach at

lroach@norwichdiocese.net
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