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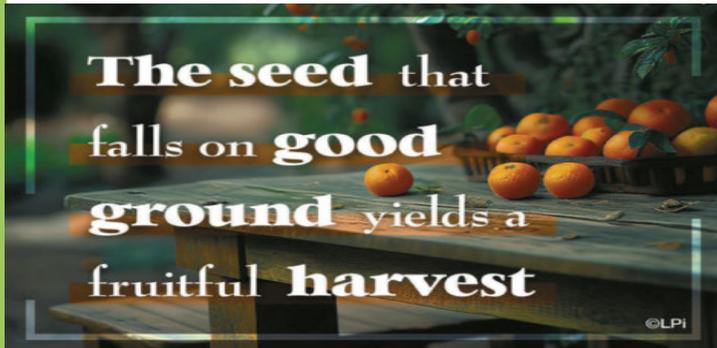
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
JULY 16, 2023



It's not uncommon to hear people complain that we Catholics often fail in communicating our faith. Fair enough. We can and should improve there. But it's interesting to notice that Jesus himself was implicitly accused by his disciples of a similar failure. This week in Matthew's gospel they are perplexed that he speaks to the crowds in ambiguous parables. The Lord's riddles leave many people more confused than before. He responds by pointing out that his parables have an intentional dual purpose: to hide (for some) and to reveal (for others) his Gospel: "Because knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven has been granted to you, but to them it has not been granted" (Matthew 13:11). Is Jesus being unnecessarily difficult, obscurantist, or, worse, elitist?

No. We have to remember that all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge lie hidden in him (c.f., Col. 2:3). He is the word of God from heaven to be planted in the earth of our humanity to bear great fruit. However, like a lover delicately pursuing his beloved, we're dealing with a relationship, not new data. When we aren't willing to personally accept Jesus into our lives, the "info" of the Gospel will simply not make sense to us. It'll seem bizarre, esoteric, or like incoherent religious-speak. But when we are willing to accept Jesus into our lives, everything else starts to make sense. When others don't understand the Church or the Lord, let's be patient. Love is patient. Sometimes it has to hide before it is revealed.

— *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.

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JULY 15 — 16, 2023

Ushers Group III

MAINTENANCE COLLECTION

SATURDAY, JULY 15

- 4:30 P.M. Rosary (in the Cry Room)
5:00 P.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory
Chaplet of Divine Mercy (in the Cry Room)

SUNDAY, JULY 16

- 7:30 A.M. Mass offered for All the Parishioners of St. Maurice Church
Chaplet of Divine Mercy (in the Cry Room)
10:00 A.M. Mass offered for the Souls of Barbara and Donald Sullivan
Chaplet of Divine Mercy (in the Cry Room)
5:30 P.M. Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours

MONDAY, JULY 17 — No MASS

TUESDAY, JULY 18 — No MASS

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19

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

THURSDAY, JULY 20

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

FRIDAY, JULY 21

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

SATURDAY, JULY 22

- 4:30 P.M. Rosary (in the Cry Room)
5:00 P.M. Mass offered for the Souls of Marion and Bill Miller
Chaplet of Divine Mercy (in the Cry Room)



We are in need of Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers and Ushers for all Masses. If you are interested, please speak with the Lector or Eucharistic Minister or Usher or contact the Parish office. You can also put your name and contact information in the collection basket and we will contact you.

WE ♥ OUR VOLUNTEERS

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: James, Donna, Barbara, Family, Rosenda, David, Peter, Rudolph, Marlene, Dianna, Edmund, James, Joe, Noah, Trudy, 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

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: July 9 — 3,717

Projected Amount needed — \$3,670

The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word but then the cares of the world and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit. - MATTHEW 13:22

Does the lure of riches and material goods choke God out of your life? Are you so caught up in earthly activities that you have no time for God? Gratitude and generosity are virtues that we should strive to do on a daily basis. Every decision we make either takes us one step closer to God or one step further away. What we receive at Mass every Sunday should be shared with others all the other days of the week as well.

^ 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**

**2023 PARISH RAFFLE**

**THE JOINT PARISH RAFFLE**

Twenty-three (23) prizes to be awarded totaling \$68,000.00

**1st PRIZE: \$30,000 American Express Gift Card**

**2nd PRIZE: \$10,000 American Express Gift Card**

**3rd PRIZE: \$8,000 American Express Gift Card**

**AND Twenty (20) \$1,000 American Express Gift Card PRIZES!**

Our parish will receive 50% of our total ticket sales. You should've received your tickets. The left half of the ticket, along with the payment should be placed in the enclosed envelop and returned by August 1st. Please include any unsold tickets in the return envelope.

Please consider purchasing these tickets for yourself or selling them to family members, friends, or neighbors. If anyone would like additional tickets please contact the rectory.

The raffle will be drawn on Saturday, August 12, 2023 at 8:00 PM and can be viewed live at parishraffle.com



We would like to extend our appreciation to Leon Zapadka, owner of Woodland Gardens, Manchester, and his crew, for the generous donation and placement of summer flowers and fresh potting soil in our two planters in front of the church. It enhances the beauty of our parish grounds. He has provided this service to our parish for many, many years and we are grateful!

**Summer Solos**

Perform a solo at Mass some weekend during the summer, either vocal or instrumental. Contact Music Director Don Benevides to arrange a date for practice and performance.

New musicians are always welcome!



**OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL**

The origins of this feast reach all the way back to the Old Testament. In the book of Kings, we read the story of the prophet Elijah. Much of his prayer, fasting, and public ministry occurred from Carmel, a mountain in Israel. Christian hermits -- seeking solitude -- made their homes on the mountain during the first millennium. Over time, the hermits assembled into a community and were given a Rule of Life. They named their church after Mary -- Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Political upheaval forced the Carmelite order out of the Holy Land and into Europe, where they established monasteries for both men and women across the continent. Many great saints and doctors of the Church have come from the Carmelite order, including St. Teresa of Avila, St. John of the Cross, St. Therese of Lisieux, and St. Edith Stein. Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Pray for us!

**FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH**



2023 ACA update: As of July 5, 2023, Saint Maurice Parish, Bolton has donated \$9,581.25 or 81.91% of its goal, and 26.77% 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!**



The **Young Adult Ministry** of the Blessed Sacrament Parish based in Rockville and Toland is hosting a **Hike & Mass on July 29th**, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM at Case Mountain Park in Manchester, CT; we invite all young adults to join us! We will complete a short hike through the park and have Mass at the summit with our clergy. Please RSVP by visiting our website or by emailing [yam@cath-comm.org](mailto:yam@cath-comm.org).



**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](mailto: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.



It's time to get ready for the 16th Annual Connecticut Catholic Men's Conference at Northwest Catholic HS, West Hartford, CT on **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2023.**

**BUY TICKETS ONLINE [www.ctcatholicmen.org](http://www.ctcatholicmen.org)**

Doors open 7:30am and the event concludes with the Vigil Mass at 4pm. We're calling all men of the parish to join us for a day of dynamic speakers, Exhibitors, incredible worship, Confession, Adoration, fellowship, and food!



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