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A TITHING AND M-E-R-C-Y PARISH

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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
JULY 23, 2023



## Patience is rooted in Hope

Life, like the church, is often burdened with evil, smallness, and impurities. The Lord's parables give us a hope-filled perspective on all three.

**Evil:** in Jesus' parable about the good farmer whose enemy plants weeds at night, Jesus tells us that God is not the cause of evil but permits evil to exist with good out of his patient love. He *will* finally deal with it, but his love lets things stay messy for a time.

**Smallness:** It's funny that Jesus says his kingdom looks like ... wait for it ... a bush. What a letdown! Yet this little shrub still somehow has room for all the birds of the sky. The smallness of the Church, and even our own little lives, still provides plenty of room for all whom God sends.

**Impurities:** divisions and hypocrisies in the Church and our own hearts exasperate us. Recall that Jesus compares his kingdom to a lump of dough with impure leaven eating away at it and therefore making it expand. It's the secret of the Cross. Not how we'd prefer it. But finally, great news.



The field, the bush, the loaf: all three parables invite us to embrace a patience rooted in hope: one day the field will be weeded, the bush filled with birds, and the risen loaf leaven-free.

— 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.

## SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 22 — 23, 2023

Ushers Group IV

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

requested by the Family

**Chaplet of Divine Mercy** (in the Cry Room)SUNDAY, JULY 23**7:30 A.M.** Mass offered for the Soul of †Keith Depathy  
requested by Cathy Depathy**Chaplet of Divine Mercy** (in the Cry Room)**10:00 A.M.** Mass offered for the Soul of †Joyce Eber  
requested by Joe Eber**Chaplet of Divine Mercy** (in the Cry Room)**5:30 P.M.** **Evening Prayer** from the Liturgy of the HoursMONDAY, JULY 24 — No MASSTUESDAY, JULY 25 — No MASSWEDNESDAY, JULY 26**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for All Souls in PurgatoryTHURSDAY, JULY 27**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for All Souls in PurgatoryFRIDAY, JULY 28**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for All Souls in PurgatorySATURDAY, JULY 29**4:30 P.M.** **Rosary** (in the Cry Room)**5:00 P.M.** Mass offered for All the Parishioners of  
St. Maurice Church**Chaplet of Divine Mercy** (in the Cry Room)

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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 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: 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 16 — \$2,679**

**Projected Amount needed — \$3,670**

*"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field...He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom." - MATTHEW 13:24, 37-38*

As children of God, we are all "good seeds". We are blessed by God with the potential to accomplish much good in the world. We fulfill God's plan when we spend time in prayer every day, use our skills to help others and share our financial gifts to help build God's kingdom on earth. Through our example of gratitude and generosity we sow "good seeds" on earth and ultimately help each other get to Heaven!

^ 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

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](http://parishraffle.com)

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

1st PRIZE: \$30,000 American Express Gift Card  
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3rd PRIZE: \$8,000 American Express Gift Card

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The Young Adult Ministry of the Blessed Sacrament Parish based in Rockville and Tolland 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).



## Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Matt 13:31-32: *Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that a person took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is larger than all the garden plants and becomes a tree. The birds of the air come and make their nests in its branches."* Have faith and you can make your relationship strong. Come and rest in its branches. Come experience a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience where the faith of a mustard seed will grow. The dates are:

June 2-4, 2023 in Upton, MA

Jun 23-25, 2023 in Huntington, NY

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/>

## 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!

## 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](http://immaculateconceptioncenter.org).

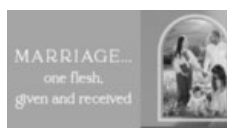
For questions, please email:

[admin@immaculateconceptioncenter.org](mailto:admin@immaculateconceptioncenter.org)

or call: 860-928-7955.

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

Application Due Date: September 1, 2023



"Marriage: One Flesh, Given and Received, Natural Family Planning, Supporting God's gifts of love and life in marriage" is the theme of this year's

national **Natural Family Planning Awareness Week (July 23-29, 2023)**.

As an educational campaign of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), "NFP Week" celebrates God's design for married love and the gift of life and raises awareness about Natural Family Planning (NFP) methods. "NFP," as the U.S. bishops have written, are supportive of Catholic beliefs about married love because NFP "respects the God-given power to love a new human life into being".

Visit the Natural Family Planning on the Diocesan Website:

<https://www.norwichdiocese.org/Stay-Informed/Catholic-Family-Services/Natural-Family-Planning>



## 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.



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