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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
JULY 30, 2023



## 17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field."  
- Mt 13:44

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Our culture seems more polarized and divided than ever. Into this wounded situation, our Catholic faith has a healing remedy to offer: the gift of wisdom. When the Lord offers to give King Solomon anything the monarch desires, he requests "an understanding heart" (1 Kings 3:9). In his polarized situation, the King doesn't ask for power to defeat his enemies. He asks for a wise and understanding heart to judge right from wrong. This wisdom is elevated and fulfilled in Jesus who teaches us to bring forth "both the new and the old" (Matthew 13:52).

In our fractured society, we Christians should stop pining for political power to crush our perceived enemies. That often just makes things worse. Rather, it's much more useful to beg for the grace of true wisdom which transcends both sides of the aisle. This places us in a fresh position from which we can help our culture see what is true and good all across the ideological spectrum. Sometimes we'll look like liberals (e.g., in our love for the poor and marginalized) and other times like conservatives (e.g., in our sexual ethics and views on religious freedom). Because this wisdom is free from ideological narrowness, it will help to heal these painful fractures. Lord Jesus, this week, pour into us your healing wisdom.

— 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.

## SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**JULY 29 — 30, 2023**

Ushers Group I

**SATURDAY, 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)**SUNDAY, JULY 30****7:30 A.M.** Mass offered for the Soul of †Rose Dunlap  
requested by Cathy Depathy**Chaplet of Divine Mercy** (in the Cry Room)**10:00 A.M.** Mass offered for the Soul of †Raymond Tuohey  
requested by the Christmas Fair Group**Chaplet of Divine Mercy** (in the Cry Room)**5:30 P.M.** **Evening Prayer** from the Liturgy of the Hours**MONDAY, JULY 31 — No Mass****TUESDAY, AUGUST 1 — No Mass****WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2 — No Mass****THURSDAY, AUGUST 3 — No Mass****FRIDAY, AUGUST 4 — No Mass****SATURDAY, AUGUST 5****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)**Readings for the week of July 30, 2023****Sunday:** 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128,  
129-130 (97a)/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46**Monday:** Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/  
Mt 13:31-35**Tuesday:** Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11,  
12-13/Mt 13:36-43**Wednesday:** Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9/Mt 13:44-46**Thursday:** Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11/  
Mt 13:47-53**Friday:** Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4, 5-6,  
10-11ab/Mt 13:54-58**Saturday:** Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8/Mt 14:1-12**Observances for the week of July 30, 2023****Sunday:** 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**Monday:** St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest**Tuesday:** St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of  
the Church**Wednesday:** St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop;  
St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest**Friday:** St. John Vianney, Priest**Saturday:** The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary  
Major**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: Carolyn, Liz, Melissa, Floss, Tory, Alice, Debbie, Bob, Barbara, Noah, Shea, boy.

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 23 — \$3,805****Projected Amount needed — \$3,670***"We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose."*

- ROMANS 8:28

Do you really trust God? Do you really believe that God will provide all that you need? Faith is a challenge for everyone at times. Putting our trust in God, in everything we do, in good times and in bad, means that God's plan for our lives may be quite different than what we planned.

When one door closes, another one opens. Trust in God, His plan is always better.

^ 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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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



**St. Maurice Council 6199  
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At the business meeting held on July 19, 2023, Grand Knight Ted Lloyd and Council 6199 honored Past Grand Knight Bill Hebert as its first Knight of the Month in Recognition of his service in four terms as Grand Knight. Bill Hebert also ushers at the 7:30 Mass on Sunday, serves at Pancake Breakfasts, and prepares his special coleslaw at Fish Dinners. Congratulations Bill!



## Windham Area Interfaith Ministry

Windham Area Interfaith Ministry's long-time executive director Victoria Nimirowski is retiring in November 2023. WAIM is in the process of searching for a new director. For a full profile of the position, and contact information for the search, please see the WAIM website [www.waimct.org](http://www.waimct.org)



## 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

## Worldwide Marriage Encounter



Romans 8:28-30: "We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose."

Trust in God. God calls you. He can help make your relationship strong, thriving, and loving. Come experience a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience where God will work all things out for the good. **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/>

## FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH



The monthly Diocesan Pro-Life Mass will take place at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on **Saturday, August 5 at 8:30 A.M.**

Please join our celebrant **Rev. Walter Nagle** at Mass as we pray to end abortion and for the healing for those who have had an abortion. Following the Mass, the Rachel Rosary will be prayed at the Cathedral. A brunch in the Cathedral Hall will follow the Rosary this month.



## 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



## World Youth Day 2023

will be a Catholic festival held in Lisbon, Portugal, 1-6 August 2023.

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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