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NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 13, 2023



19TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

He became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out: "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter. - Mt 14:30-31

A man at my parish was struggling to overcome a habitual sin. He said to me, "Father, I know the chance that I will commit sin again is really high. Why should I keep confessing my sins? Isn't that dishonest?" Anyone who has felt the tyrannical power of sin — and who hasn't? — has pondered this kind of question.

I responded to him, "What was the probability Peter would walk on the stormy water?" After some silence, he said, "Zero. But when Jesus called, he did it." I could tell my penitent friend was re-framing the question from his own weakness to the greatness of the Lord's love for him. The question for us should not be one of human probabilities about our sin, but rather whether or not we will trust the Lord's grace in our lives.

This week the Lord is calling you and me to do the impossible: overcome sin with love. The only way to do that is to trust *he* is calling, and then to walk with the eyes of faith locked on him. And if we sink, he will raise us up again and again. Of that, we can be 100% sure.

— 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.

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 12 — 13, 2023

Ushers Group III

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12

- 4:30 P.M.** **Knights of Columbus Rosary**
on the second Saturday (in the Cry Room)
- 5:00 P.M.** **Mass offered for the Soul of †Bill Miller**
requested by The Family
- Chaplet of Divine Mercy** (in the Cry Room)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

- 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
requested by Patrick and Daniel Sullivan
- Chaplet of Divine Mercy** (in the Cry Room)
- 5:00 P.M.** **Service to Honor Blessed McGivney**
- 5:30 P.M.** **Evening Prayer** from the Liturgy of the Hours

MONDAY, AUGUST 14 — No MassTUESDAY, AUGUST 15

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

- 9:00 A.M.** **Mass offered for All the Parishioners of**
St. Maurice Church
- 7:00 P.M.** **Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory**

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17

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

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18 — No MassSATURDAY, AUGUST 19

- 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)

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.

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: Lorraine, Vivian, Bennett, Margaret, Vicki, Jenny, Cathy, Angie, Tiffany, Matt. Noah.
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



Christmas Fair Needs

The Christmas Fair Group requests donations of crockery to make into flowerpots for herbs. We will be growing plants suitable for window-sill gardens. The pots may be chipped, but not broken. We will drill holes in the bottom for drainage. Teacups are too small, but teapots are great. Boxes for donations can be found in the two rear vestibules of the church.

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory: August 6 — \$3,444

Projected Amount needed — \$3,670

"He said, 'Come.' Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus." - MATTHEW 14:29

When you hear Jesus calling, do you responded immediately and trust that He knows what He's doing? If so, you are walking on water! When we say "yes" to Jesus, we feel the power of his presence in our lives. We can feel the freedom it gives us! Listen how Jesus is calling you to live the extraordinary life He has intended for you.

^ 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



**St. Maurice Council 6199
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This Sunday, August 13, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. in the Upper Church there will be a service to honor Blessed Michael McGivney, a priest from Connecticut and Founder of the Knights of Columbus. All are welcome to join. The service will include a brief memorial of his life and work, remembrance of the Knights recognized as saints before him, and discussion of the works that continue in his name.



2023 ACA update: As of August 2, 2023, **Saint Maurice Parish, Bolton** has donated **\$10,161.29** or **86.87%** of its goal, and **28.28%** 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.

Thank you to everyone for your support!



You Can Help Your Marriage – If communication in your marriage is a struggle, or things have become troubled, unloving, or uncaring, the **Retrouvaille** program can help. Retrouvaille provides tools to help you communicate better, resolve conflicts, and rediscover why you fell in love.

The next local weekend is **September 9-10, 2023**.

For information, call confidentially 1-800-470-2230, email 3002r@retrouvaille.org or visit the national website at: <http://helpourmarriage.org> for information and registration.

From September to June the Office of Faith Events Hope and Faith video series will ask the question, "What is your favorite part of mass and why?" If you would like to share your answer to this question in a short 2 minute video that would be shared with the whole diocese, please contact

Marianne at 860-848-2237 ext. 304

or email at manicholas@norwichdiocese.net

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

Trust in the mercy of God's love.

If you are carrying the grief and sorrow of past abortions, call

Project Rachel

a post-abortion healing ministry.

All calls are confidential.

860-861-4439

**ANNIVERSARY MASS
REGISTRATION DEADLINE**



The deadline for registering for the 2023 Silver and Golden Jubilee Anniversary Mass is fast approaching. If you haven't yet registered and are planning to do attend this

year's Mass, please do so by **Monday, August 14. This is a firm date.** All couples married 25 & 50 years or celebrating any significant anniversary year are invited to attend the Mass celebrated by Bishop Michael R. Cote at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on Sunday, **September 10, 2023, at 2 P.M.** Register by sending 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.

Couples may also email a **recent digital photo** of themselves in a **jpeg format** to this address to be included in a gallery of pictures on the Diocesan Website.

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