

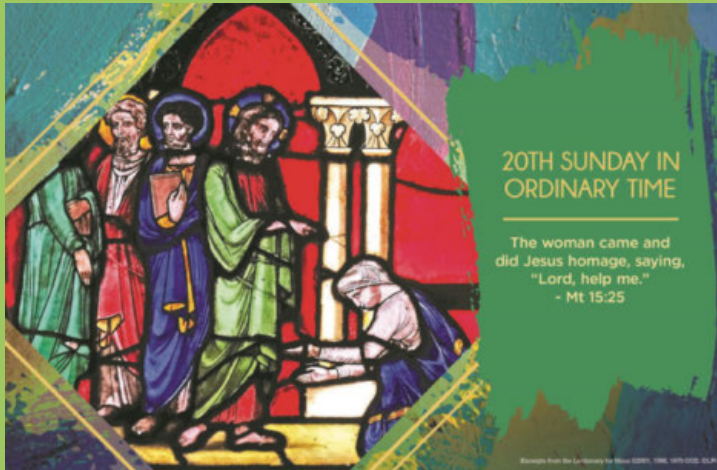
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TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 20, 2023



The suffering of a child symbolizes uniquely terrible evil as well as despair about the future. This week's Gospel gives a "limit" case in which Jesus encounters this evil in the form of a mother with a suffering daughter. What he does is stunning and massively helpful for us if we bravely ponder the details.

The Canaanite woman comes to Jesus and begs his mercy. "My daughter is tormented by a demon," she declares to him. Shockingly, he responds first with silence, then with a dismissive comment, and only then finally accedes to her third request. Is this simply a lesson in perseverance in our petitions to God, who is like a genie in a bottle? Does that justify the humiliation and pain this woman suffers? Is the Lord cruel?

I don't think so. Notice how the encounter ends. She compares herself to a dog at the table of a master. Jesus responds by praising her great faith and fulfills her deep desire. Somehow this non-Israelite woman intuits that this harrowing situation is not dumb suffering. She senses that the door of God's family is, in Jesus, being opened to her and her loved ones. She trusts she is at the Lord's table, and her desires will be fulfilled and that all her sufferings — and her daughter's, too — will lead a great banquet. In our sufferings this week, the Lord wants us to treat him less like a genie in a bottle and more like the Master who has taken us — lost little dogs that we are — into his home forever. Trust that and keep praying in the face of evil.

— Father John Muir ©Lpi

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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.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 19 —20, 2023

Ushers Group I
Maintenance Collection

SATURDAY, 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)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory
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 Hours

MONDAY, AUGUST 21 — No Mass

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22 — No Mass

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24

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

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

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: Kathleen, Donna, Ukraine, Haiti, Cecile, Mary, Janinia.
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 News ****

Missing Gingerbread House Cookie Cutters

A set of metal cookie cutters has gone missing from where they were stored at the Parish Center. If anyone saw or moved them,

reply to saintmauricechurchbolton@gmail.com. They are needed to make gingerbread house kits for the Christmas fair. We are praying for a quick recovery. Thank you.

The Fair Group

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory: August 13 — \$2,983

Projected Amount needed — \$3,670

"Thus says the LORD: 'Observe what is right, do what is just, for my salvation is about to come, my justice, about to be revealed.'" - ISAIAH 56:1

Revenue from Joint Parish Raffle: August 12 — \$3,900

Mission Co-op to benefit Haiti: July 9 — \$11,132

Thank you for your generosity!

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Parish Volunteer Form

Drop in collection ^

I am _____ You may contact me at: _____
Street Address _____ E-mail Address _____
City State Zip _____ E-mail Address _____
Home phone _____ Cell phone _____

I would like to build the kingdom of God at St. Maurice as:

Altar server ___ Lector ___ Usher ___ Eucharistic Minister ___ Choir ___ Prayer Line ___ Flowers & Linens ___
Crafts workshop ___ Christmas Fair ___ Fellowship Circle ___ Knights of Columbus ___ Faith Formation ___
Parish Council ___ Finance Council ___ Property Management ___ Evangelization (publicity) ___ Stewardship ___

FROM ST. MAURICE PARISH



An Editorial from the Substitute Publisher

You have seen this message before:

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.

When Rev. Susaimanikim was Administrator at St. Maurice he suggested the forms that you see on the opposite page for Parish Membership and Mass Memorials. To support the last sentence above, I created a new form to make it easier to Volunteer. We can use volunteers in many areas of parish life, not just Mass and the Liturgy. I know that life is hard, even for those blessed to live in and around Bolton, and I don't want to make it harder. I look at volunteering the same as I look at babies: a lot of work but also a lot of fun. Let's have some fun! There is much I don't like doing. I do it when I must, but I choose to do what I like. What do you like to do? Do it for St. Maurice.



Christmas Fair Needs

The Christmas Fair Group requests donations of crockery to make into flowerpots for herbs. We will be growing plants suitable for windowsill 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.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter:
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
"My salvation is about to come."**

Psalm 67:1-2 "May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us, so that His ways may be known on earth; His salvation among all nations." God can bless your marriage. One way you can add blessings and graces to your marriage is by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience.

The dates to sign up are:
August 25-27, 2023 in Derby Line, 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://wwmectw.org/>

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

Seton Scholarship Dinner

The 13th Annual Seton Scholarship Dinner, celebrating Catholic education in the diocese honoring Sister Mary Cabrini S.C.M.C. – Sacred Heart School, Taftville, LTC (RET) Larry Fitzgerald – Sacred Heart School, Groton/ Saint John Paul II Catholic School, Middletown, and Jayne Anne Vitale – Xavier High School, Middletown, will take place on Sunday, November 5, 2023, at the Riverhouse at Goodspeed Station, Haddam with cocktails at 4:00 pm followed by dinner at 5:00 pm.

Tickets are \$150/person and \$100 for Priests, Religious, Ministry Directors, & current Diocese of Norwich Catholic School Faculty & Staff. All proceeds benefit students attending our diocesan Catholic elementary schools. For tickets and more information about placing an ad to congratulate our honorees, or becoming a sponsor, please contact Gina Foster at: (860) 886-1928 x115, gfoster@norwichdiocese.net or visit: <https://www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org/Stewardship>.

**PLAY LIKE A CHAMPION TODAY
COACH'S WORKSHOP**

Play Like a Champion Today provides leadership in an effort to renew the culture of youth sports. The *Coach's Clinic of Play Like a Champion Today* is centered around the principles of coaching as a ministry. The program is supported by research on character development & faith formation in sports. *Play Like a Champion Today* is designed to bring the best athlete-centered practices to your community. *Coaches are required to attend the Play Like a Champion Today Workshop prior to volunteering at Catholic Schools for K-8.*

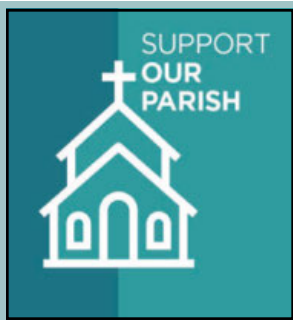
There are two upcoming Coach's Clinics:
Saturday, August 26th from 10:00 am - 12:30 p.m.
(Hall of the Cathedral of St. Patrick, Norwich)
- Or -
Sunday, August 27th from 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
(the Gym of St. John's School, Old Saybrook.

To register please go to:
<https://forms.office.com/r/VK4d3K9c2Y>

PARENT LIKE A CHAMPION TODAY

Parent Like a Champion takes parents through a program designed to help them partner with coaches in the development of their *Child* and empowers them to create a better youth sports culture. *Play Like A Champion Today Educational Series* programs are research-based and child-centered approaches to youth and high school sports. *Parents are required to participate in a Workshop to register their child in K-8 for sports in Catholic Schools.* There are two upcoming Parent workshops: Saturday, August 26th from 8:30 - 9:30 am in the Hall of the Cathedral of Saint Patrick, Norwich or Monday, August 28th from 7:00 - 8:00 pm in the Gym of St. John's School, Old Saybrook.

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