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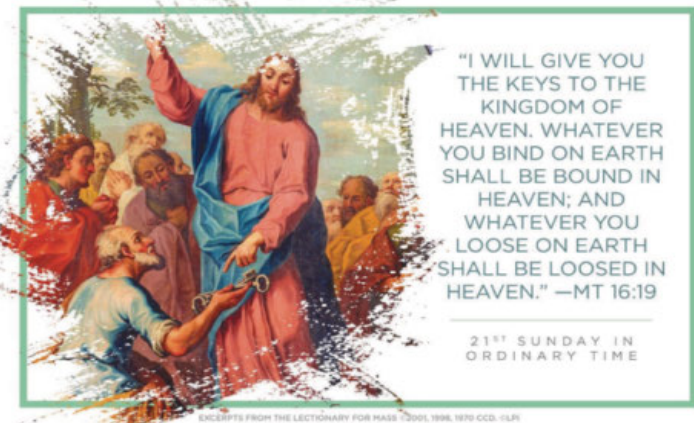
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 27, 2023



Isn't it a bit weird that Catholics call the Pope "papa," father? This Sunday provides us with essential Scriptural background on the papacy, the petrine office. Jesus gives Peter the "keys to the kingdom of heaven," after witnessing to the special grace Peter has to know Jesus' true identity. Many have pointed out that the "keys" refer back to the figure of Eliakim, King David's prime minister. True enough. But notice this is not mere authority or power. It's a family relationship. The Lord says to Eliakim, "He shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem" (Isaiah 22:21). David's prime minister was a spiritual *father* to the family of Israel. Peter, and his successors, will be spiritual fathers in the family of the Church.

This means we have a serious obligation to not only recognize the Pope's authority, but also to love him with the affection of children for their papa. We should never speak about him with disrespect or rancor. We should listen to him with trusting hearts, and ignore the slander thrown at him in various media. When we show the world we are loving and obedient to our Holy Papa, perhaps they'll see more clearly that the Church is indeed God's beloved family.

— *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.

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 26 —27, 2023

Ushers Group II

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

- 4:30 P.M. **Rosary** (in the Cry Room)
- 5:00 P.M. Mass offered for the Soul of †Marian Herasimowicz
requested by Janusz and Agata Herasimowicz
- Chaplet of Divine Mercy** (in the Cry Room)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

- 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 28 — No MASS

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29 — No MASS

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

- 7:00 P.M. **First Friday Mass and Adoration** offered for All Souls in Purgatory
Rosary after Mass



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

- 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)



Saint Maurice Church
First Friday
Eucharistic Adoration
SEPTEMBER 1st
7:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
“O Most Holy Trinity, I adore You; my God, my God, I love You in the Most Blessed Sacrament.”
Our Lady of Fatima

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 20 — TBD
Projected Amount needed — \$3,670

“Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?”
 - ROMANS 11:35

St. Paul reminds us of a central fact of stewardship. We cannot give God anything - He already owns it all. God made everything, including us. Since we are made in His image, we too, are called to be generous. How we use our God-given gifts becomes our gift back to Him. Gratitude for all we have been given opens our hearts to joyful generosity! And, through our generosity, we just may be the answer to someone else’s prayer.

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Parish Membership Form

Drop in collection ^

Please enroll the following as members of the Church of St. Maurice:

Adults _____

Children (under 18) _____

Street Address _____ E-mail Address _____

City State Zip _____ E-mail Address _____

Home phone _____ Cell phone _____

Send offertory envelopes _____ Send form for EFT (electronic donation) _____ We will Donate Online _____

We can help out as: Altar server _____ Lector _____ Usher _____ Eucharistic Minister _____ Choir _____ Crafts workshop _____

FROM ST. MAURICE PARISH



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.

SUMMER OFFERTORY

Donate Online



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.



The monthly **Diocesan Pro-Life Mass** will take place at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on **Saturday, Sept. 2** at 8:30 A.M. Please join our celebrant Rev. Brian Maxwell 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.

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
gfooster@norwichdiocese.net or visit:

<https://www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org/Stewardship>.



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 THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH



National Combined Collection

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Next weekend we will conduct the National Combined Collection encompassing: The Retirement Fund for Religious, The Annual Appeal for the Holy Father (Peter's Pence), The Catholic Communication Campaign, and Catholic University of America. Please bring your gift envelope to Mass next weekend, September 2nd & 3rd, or, if you are unable to attend Mass please mail or deliver the envelope to your parish office by the end of September. Your support of these needs of the Universal Church will truly make a difference.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES DIOCESE OF NORWICH

Catholic Charities is collecting "Back to School Supplies" for our students this

school year and we are hoping you will help us bring smiles to the families we serve. If you would prefer to write a check, put on the Memo line "School Supplies" and mail the check to Catholic Charities Catholic Charities, 331 Main Street, Norwich, CT 06339. Donations of backpacks, crayons, pens, pencils, glue, notebooks etc. can be delivered to all 4 offices, 331 Main Street, Norwich. 28 Huntington Street, New London, 88 Jackson Street, Willimantic, CT and 16 Stack Street, Middletown, CT. Thank you.

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.* Coach's Clinic:

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>

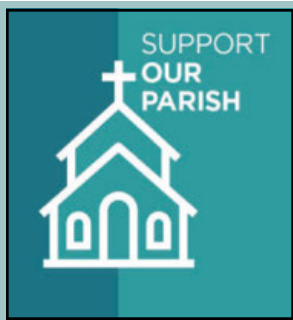
PARENT LIKE A CHAMPION TODAY

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 is an upcoming Parent workshop: **Monday, August 28th from 7:00 - 8:00 pm** in the Gym of St. John's School, Old Saybrook.

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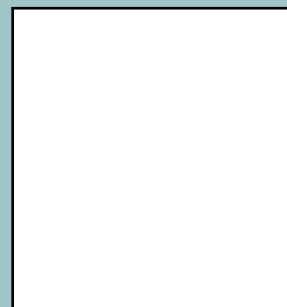
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