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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
SEPTEMBER 3, 2023



Isn't it easy to relate to Peter? One moment Jesus announces Peter's deep communion with God the Father. The very next, when he rejects the logic of Jesus' suffering and death, Jesus calls Peter Satan. We Christians shouldn't be too shocked when we experience both spiritual highs and lows, when we perceive breathtaking contradictions in our hearts.

Like the great apostle, you and I are recipients of unfathomable graces. God dwells in us, calls his beloved children, and takes care of our every need. And we also continually fail to embrace our sufferings with trust in Jesus. We know the truth of the creed, but we easily scorn the weight of the cross.

The good news is that, like Peter, we are never abandoned by the Lord even at our worst moments. Peter will eventually learn the beauty of the cross when he is willingly crucified. But it took time for him to get there. And it takes time for us, too. This week let's not be too shocked at these divisions in our hearts but accept them and patiently seek to be more obedient to Jesus' cross-shaped plan for us.  
— *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-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**SEPTEMBER 2 — 3, 2023**

Ushers Group II

**NATIONAL COMBINED COLLECTION**

**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)

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3**

- 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 All Souls in Purgatory  
**Chaplet of Divine Mercy** (in the Cry Room)
- 5:30 P.M. **Evening Prayer** from the Liturgy of the Hours

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 — No MASS**  
**LABOR DAY**



**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 — No MASS**

- 7:15 P.M. **Choir rehearsal** in church.  
 New voices are always welcome!

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6**

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

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7**

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

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8**

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

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9**

- 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 †Irene Kwiatkowski  
 requested by Patti Cineca Family  
**Chaplet of Divine Mercy** (in the Cry Room)



**\*\* 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](mailto: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**

**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: Erin, Mary, preteen, Tom, Charlene, Claude, Janice, Pat, Beth, Francis, Tory, Gerry, Viola .

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: August 20 — \$3,285**  
**August 27 — \$3,686**
- Raffle profit was — \$3,900**
- Mission Co-op to benefit Haiti — \$11,132**
- Projected Amount needed — \$3,670**

*"What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?" - MATTHEW 16:26*

St. Francis of Assisi said, "Remember, you are what you are in the eyes of God, and nothing else." We often forget this stewardship wisdom when we spend all of our time, talent and treasure to gain more of the world's riches. We need to set our priorities based on God's values and not the values of the material world.

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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.

**FAITH FORMATION NEWS**



Faith Formation

Registration forms and the calendar for the 2022-23 school year are available in PDF on the parish website and in paper on the ushers' tables at the back of the church. Completed paper registration forms can be mailed or dropped in the Sunday collection. Completed PDF forms can be returned by e-mail.

**Upcoming Events**

- 09/10/2023 Blessing of the Backpacks
- 09/17/2023 Blessing of the Catechists
- 09/24/2023 First Session (Parents & Students)/ Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast

**We always need teachers.**

Contact Director of Faith Formation Amie Tillman if you are interested at [saintmauriceccd@gmail.com](mailto:saintmauriceccd@gmail.com) or via cell phone at (860) 212-3901.

This September 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> the Annual Catholic Elementary School Collection will be conducted throughout the Diocese. This will only be an in-pew collection however informational flyers and donation envelopes are available in church. Appropriately titled, *Faith for the Future*, the collection recognizes that our futures truly do belong to the children we are educating in our schools today. Our 9 Diocesan elementary schools offer families a safe and nurturing environment in which to entrust their children's academic, social and moral growth, preparing them to become the future leaders of our church and communities.

Please make checks payable to your parish and in the memo type Catholic Schools/FFF. We truly appreciate whatever sacrifice you can make to support their children's schools. Your contribution will help provide a Christ-centered and academically excellent Catholic education.



**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](mailto: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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Today we will conduct the National Combined Collection (NCC) which benefits: The Retirement Fund for Religious, The Annual Appeal for the Holy Father, The Catholic Communication Campaign, and Catholic University of America. Please support our aging religious, join our Holy Father in charitable efforts to assist victims of war, oppression, natural disasters, and others most in

need, connect people with Christ through communication resources, and help provide a Catholic based education to university students. Your generous support is greatly appreciated.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES DIOCESE OF NORWICH

Catholic Charities is collect-

ing "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.



**BROTHERS IN CHRIST WITH BISHOP COTE**

**Brothers in Christ would like you to join us on Thursday-September 14<sup>th</sup> from 7pm – 7:45pm for our opening virtual session with Bishop Michael Cote.** Brothers in Christ is a gathering of men who share faith, personal experiences, and discussion. Brother in Christ fellowship meetings are held the second Thursday of the month either virtually or on-site. If you are interested in developing fellowship and discipleship with other men devoted to Christ, please register for the group by email Liza Roach at

[lroach@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:lroach@norwichdiocese.net) or call (860)848-2237 ex. 305.



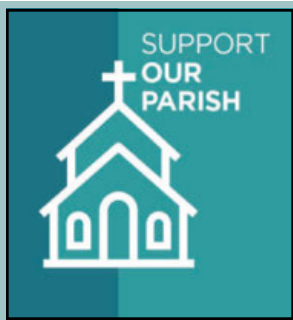
From September to June the Office of Faith Events Hope and Faith video series will ask the question, "What is your favorite part of mass and why?" If you would like to share your answer to this question in a short 2 minute video that would be shared with the

whole diocese, please contact

Marianne at 860-848-2237 ext. 304 or email at [manicholas@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:manicholas@norwichdiocese.net)



Join us for the **Diocesan Virtual Book Club!** Streaming Thursday nights, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, November 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, 6:30- 7:30 PM. We will be discussing **Stolen Blessing**, by Jim Sano. Space is limited, for details and to register please contact Marianne at [manicholas@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:manicholas@norwichdiocese.net) or 860-848-2237 ext. 304



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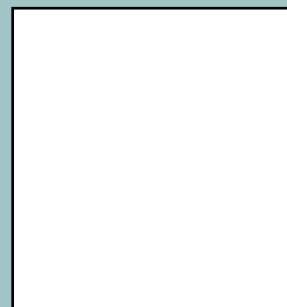
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