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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 10, 2023



What are you supposed to do about the bad behavior of the people around you? You know who I'm talking about. That family member, friend, coworker, or acquaintance who is quite immoral. On this front there are two lively options in our culture: bash the person to others (probably online) or pretend everything's fine. The former damages the person. The latter ignores reality. What to do?

Jesus' strategy in the Gospel of Matthew is as wise as it is difficult: go directly to the person, and then gradually expand the circle of intervention. Simple, often effective, and hard. But what we often miss is the context of the Lord's strategy, "If your *brother* sins against *you*..." Notice the italicized words. Is the person in a Christian familial bond with you? And was the action in question against *you*? If so, proceed with the plan. Fine. But how often we fret over the sins of those who either aren't our spiritual siblings or have done nothing directly to us. This is not an invitation to ignore injustice in the world. Rather, we should build bonds of fraternal love, and carefully discern when and how others' sins are indeed our concern. Sometimes they are. Other times — frequently, perhaps — they simply are not.
— *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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 9 — 10, 2023**

Ushers Group III

CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COLLECTION

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

- 4:30 P.M. **Rosary** (in the Cry Room)
- 5:00 P.M. Mass offered for the Soul of †Irene Kwiatkowski requested by Cinea Family
- Chaplet of Divine Mercy** (in the Cry Room)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

- 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)
- BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS**
- Faith Formation Fall Registration and Ice Cream Social after Mass in the Parish Center**
- 5:30 P.M. **Evening Prayer** from the Liturgy of the Hours

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 — No MASS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 — No MASS

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

- 4:30 P.M. **Rosary** (in the Cry Room)
- 5:00 P.M. Mass offered for the Soul of †Eva Morra requested by Cinea Family
- 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: 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



**** 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: September 3 — \$3,216

Projected Amount needed — \$3,670

"You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel..." - EZEKIEL 33:7

Many of us are generous with our gifts. However, many of us are not generous in proportion to the gifts we have been given. How often do we give at the minimum level required? Remember, the Lord calls us to nurture and develop our gifts and to give back with increase. He calls us to be generous with all the gifts, especially the one that means the most to us.

^ 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)

FROM ST. MAURICE PARISH



**St. Maurice Council 6199
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At the business meeting held on August 16, 2023, Grand Knight Ted Lloyd and Council 6199 honored Financial Secretary Tom Manning as Knight of the Month in Recognition of his service in five terms as Recorder.

Tom also sings in the choir, makes the fruit salad at Pancake Breakfasts, teaches Confirmation Preparation, and cooks for our Fish Dinners.

Congratulations Tom!



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

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

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 at 10 a.m. Mass, Fall Registration, Ice Cream Social
- 09/17/2023 Blessing of the Catechists at 10 a.m. Mass
- 09/24/2023 9 a.m. 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 or via cell phone at (860) 212-3901.



Diocese of Norwich Outreach to Haiti hosts its **8th Annual Charity Golf Tournament** — For the Love of a Child — on **Saturday, September 23, 2023**, at the Wintonbury Hills Golf

Course, Bloomfield, CT. Third Best Golf Course in CT and ranked #6 Municipal Golf course in the USA by Sports Illustrated Golf.com. Check-in 11AM. Golf, lunch, and dinner, all included for the great price of \$175!

Dinner only \$50. You can register online at

www.outreachtohaiti.org

or call the Outreach office at (860) 800-3601. Come as a foursome or make new friends and join one. Tournament/Tee Sponsorships most welcome & appreciated.

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH



National Combined Collection

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Last weekend the National Combined Collection which benefits: The Retirement Fund for Religious, The Annual Appeal for the Holy Father, The Catholic Communications Campaign, and Catholic University of America was conducted. Your support of these missions is greatly appreciated. Your envelope

can be dropped in the collection box or mailed directly to the parish. Thank you.

CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COLLECTION

This weekend 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.



The Norwich 40 Days-For-Life Campaign will begin with a Vigil Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Tuesday, September 26th, at 6:30 PM. Bishop Michael R.

Cote will be the principal celebrant and homilist. This year, The 40 Days for Life Campaign runs from Wednesday, Sept. 27th through Sunday, Nov. 6th. Please join-in with your fellow parishioners by praying, fasting, and signing-up to participate in this peaceful prayer vigil for the end of abortion. Thank you.

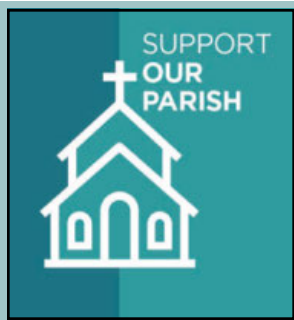


**BROTHERS IN CHRIST
WITH BISHOP COTE**

Brothers in Christ would like you to join us on **Thursday-September 14th 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

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