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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
SEPTEMBER 17, 2023



24TH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME

“Should you not have had  
pity on your fellow servant,  
as I had pity on you?”  
- Mt 18:33-35

When I was in second grade, my prized possession was a metal Star Wars-themed lunch box. After school one day, another student ripped it from my hands. I helplessly watched in horror as my classmate threw it to the ground and violently stomped it into an unrecognizable heap of junk. I came home covered in tears of shame and rage. After a few months, I never thought about it again ... until I was almost thirty years old and on a retreat to prepare for ordination to the priesthood.

That childhood memory — and the attendant outrage — came back afresh. My spiritual director helped me in the process of acknowledging that I was angry because that kid *owed* me my lunch box. Then she helped me, through the grace of Jesus, to forgive the debt. Almost immediately I felt a new peace. I was amazed that I hadn't forgotten what I had lost, even from years before. Aren't we human beings simply amazing at remembering what people owe us?

We see this week in Jesus' parable a servant who is forgiven much but then commands another servant: “Pay back what you owe!” He can't forget or let go of how he was wronged. He *remembers* — and he becomes a monster because of it. If only he had remembered not only the debts owed to him, but also his greater debt owed to — and forgiven by — his master. It's natural for us to remember what others owe us. But when we contextualize those offenses in Jesus' mercy toward us and them, we're free to be merciful like the Master and less like a monster who never forgets.

— 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-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**SEPTEMBER 16 — 17, 2023**

Ushers Group IV

**CATECHETICAL SUNDAY**

**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)

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17**

- 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 Soul of †Kenneth Caya requested by Cinea Family
- Blessing of the Catechists**
- Chaplet of Divine Mercy** (in the Cry Room)
- BLESSING OF THE CATECHISTS**
- 5:30 P.M. **Evening Prayer** from the Liturgy of the Hours

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 — No MASS**

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 — No MASS**

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

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20**

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

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21**

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

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22**

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

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23**

- 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)



**JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST AT THE TRIPLE PLAY CAFE**



**Time:** 8:00 A.M. — 10:00 A.M.  
**Date:** Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>  
**Location:** St. Maurice Parish Center  
\$6.00 / Person \$18.00 / Family

**Sponsored by St. Maurice Knights of Columbus**

**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: Tory, Bernice, Janna, Eric, Paulette, Erin, Noah.

Candle Intentions: Special prayers for the Intentions in the Candle Note Book.

Please call Carol Zabielski at 860- 643-2837

**Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me, For you are my rock and my fortress. Psalm 71:3 RSV**

**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



**47<sup>th</sup> Annual Craft & Harvest Fair at St. George's Episcopal Church,**

1150 Boston Turnpike, Route 44 – Bolton  
Saturday, September 23, 2023, - 9:00 a.m. to 300 p.m. Information – 860-643-9203 or [www.facebook.com/StGeorgesBolton](http://www.facebook.com/StGeorgesBolton)



**Catechetical Sunday**

**STEWARDSHIP**

**Offertory: September 10 — \$2,723**

**Projected Amount needed — \$3,670**

*“For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord’s.”*

— ROMANS 14:8

This is the essence of stewardship – everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God. We aren’t “owners” of anything, we are merely “stewards” of the gifts that God has given us, especially our very own lives. Pray to God, daily, and ask Him how He is calling you to the life that He intended for you.

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**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 \_\_\_\_\_

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Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

Check enclosed \_\_\_ Envelope No. \_\_\_\_\_ We will Donate Online \_\_\_ (Customary donation \$10 weekday, \$20 weekend)

**FROM ST. MAURICE PARISH**



**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**

- 09/17/2023 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](mailto:saintmauriceccd@gmail.com) or via cell phone at (860) 212-3901.



**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.

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP**

**WEDNESDAYS STARTING OCTOBER 4TH 10:15AM - 11:45AM**

**ST. BERNARD PARISH CENTER (ST. JOSEPH'S ROOM)**

Living through grief is not easy but it does not have to be done alone. Blessed Sacrament Parish will offer a 9 week support program called, "New Day", for those who have suffered the loss of a loved one. The goal of this program is to provide a sense of community where support is given and received.

The program is led by trained facilitators and includes prayer, discussion, and journaling. Although "New Day" is a faith-based program, it is not restricted to Catholics and all are welcome. In order to accommodate individual needs, the group size is limited to a minimum of 6 persons and a maximum of 9. It is recommended it has been at least 6 months since the death of your loved one before attending the sessions. The next support group will run October 4<sup>th</sup> thru December 6<sup>th</sup>.

**The deadline for registration is September 27th.**

For further information or to register for the program, please call: Deacon Ron @ (860) 872-0200 Ext 310 or Carol Freedman @ (860) 268-0966



**ST. EDMUND'S RETREAT**  
**1 ENDERS ISLAND, MYSTIC CT. 06355**  
**WE ARE GOD'S INSTRUMENTS: HOW GOD WORKS THROUGH US**  
**September 27, 2023.**

Sister Theresita Donach CSFN: Member of the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth. Program Price: \$65. Sign up now at [enders.is/programs](http://enders.is/programs) or call 860.536.0565.

**FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH**



The Norwich 40 Days-For-Life Campaign will begin with a Vigil Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 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. 27<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>. 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.



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)



**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](http://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.



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



Help the Office of Faith Events decorate two trees for the Wadsworth Athenaeum Festival of Trees 2023! Our two trees' themes will be "Warm and Toasty Christmas" and "Mental Health Awareness".

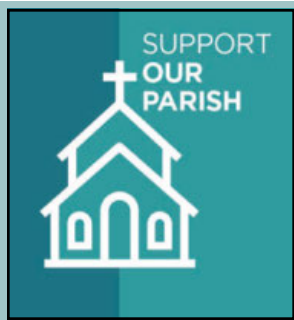


**Handmade** hats and scarves of all sizes, shapes and colors needed - the brighter the better as well as ornaments that show Hope, Understanding, and Support and Donations of BRIGHT GREEN ribbon.



Any contributions can be mailed or delivered to the Office of Faith Events, 199 Broadway, Norwich. Questions? Call 860-848-2237 ext. 203 or ext. 304





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