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TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 8, 2023



Jesus' parables are much stranger than most people realize. This week is an attention-getting example. He tells the religious leaders a parable about a completely absurd situation. Blood-thirsty and insane tenants violently abuse and kill the servants of their landlord. Inexplicably, the owner keeps sending them more victims of increasing value — up to and including his own son. Weird.

Usually, we hear this parable and assume it's an allegory: Jesus is the murdered son, the servants the prophets, etc. Fair enough. But notice — and here is where the weirdness deepens — Jesus seems to disagree with the Pharisees' interpretation that the landowner should and will punish the inheritance-obsessed murderers. So, is Jesus praising the psychotic and greedy murderers?! You can imagine the furrowed brows and deriding laughter as the scoffing crowd shuffles away.

If we stay with this tough parable, perhaps this truth emerges: God wants us to have an over-the-top obsession with a totally undeserved inheritance. Of course, we are forbidden to use violence. But the parable's violence gets our attention because it highlights the crazy goodness of the landowner. Jesus reveals that God is not merely in the business of rewarding the good and punishing the bad. He is playing a much stranger game — one marked by a kind of over-the-top mercy, a breathtaking giving of what is not deserved. What would our week look like if we embraced this kind of desire for God's kingdom on earth, even if others think we're nuts? This week let's seek God's kingdom with a passionate confidence in God's desire to give the good things we don't deserve.

— *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-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 7 — 8, 2023

Ushers Group III

MISSION COMBINED COLLECTION

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

- 7:30 A.M.** Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory
- Chaplet of Divine Mercy (in the Cry Room)
- NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES**
- 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, OCTOBER 9 — No MASS
COLUMBUS DAY

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10 — No MASS

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11 — No MASS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12 — No MASS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13 — No MASS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

- 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 †Marian Herasimowicz requested by Janusz and Agata Herasimowicz
- Chaplet of Divine Mercy (in the Cry Room)

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory: October 1 — \$3,718
Projected Amount needed — \$3,670

"The stone that the builders rejected has become the corner stone..."
- Matthew 21:42

Jesus was rejected by the religious and political leaders of his day, as well as ordinary citizens, but he was still obedient to God, the Father. Similarly, living a stewardship lifestyle may cause you to be "rejected" by others, but we, too are called to be obedient. Saying grace before a meal in a restaurant may attract some strange looks from some. But to others it is a sign that God is alive and well!

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: Roger, Judy, James, Rachel, Carolyn, Marty.

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.

Month of August we donated 32 shawls to the Veterans in Rocky Hill Veterans Hospital and many thanks have been sent to all that helped make this happen.

For the month of November we are trying to get 25 shawls to go to assisted living of dementia and memory loss patients. Any help in this would be greatly appreciated.

If you can help in any way in this Ministry, please call:

Irene Zdrojowy 860-533-1733

Thank you, Irene Zdrojowy



PARISH GROUNDS CLEAN UP

There's an old saying, "many hands make light work." The parish landscape gardens are in dire need of attention. There is an overgrowth of weeds and saplings both around the Church and Rectory, as well as the signs in front. We need able parishioners willing to make just a two-hour commitment on **Saturday, October 14th, 9:00 am – 11:00 am**, rain or shine. Please bring garden gloves, and any tool you commonly use to pull weeds. Direction will be provided. Thank you.



St. Maurice Council 6199

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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This coming **Saturday, October 14, 2023, at 4:30 p.m.** in the Cry Room we will pray the first Second Saturday Knights Rosary. All are welcome to join. If there are too many to fit in the Cry Room, we will shout Hallelujah! and work out another location on the spot.

^ 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



The Knights of Columbus is an international Order of Catholic men who are called to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others, and defend values in a busy, changing world. Our local council is holding a membership drive at all Masses next weekend. **St. Maurice Council**

6199 is of, by, and for this parish. Members staff our ushers, help set up the Christmas Fair, get up early to make Pancake Breakfasts, offer Fish Dinners during Lent, and donate thousands of dollars each year to local charities. When you become a member of our council you will find that Knights of Columbus membership brings Catholic men together in a powerful way. If you would like to join today, fill out the card in the pew and hand it to the Knight in the vestibule as you leave.

You can also go online to KofC.org/joinus



St. Maurice Council 6199, Knights of Columbus is sponsoring **OKTOBERFEST** at 6 p.m. on Saturday, October 14, 2023, in the Parish Center. The cost is \$15 per person, \$5 for children 18 years old and under. The menu includes raw vegetables with crackers and cheese, rye and pumpernickel bread, garden salad with choice of dill or sweet pickles, potatoes. Sauerkraut, bratwurst, and apple pie with vanilla ice cream or melted cheddar cheese. Beverages include coffee, tea, apple cider, and ginger ale.

Please sign up on the sheets in the vestibules.



2023 ACA update as of September 29, 2023: Congratulations to **Saint Maurice Parish, Bolton** for surpassing its goal! The current amount donated is **\$11,861.29** with **30.81%** of our parishioners donating. We are striving for as close to 100% participation as possible. **THERE IS STILL TIME TO DONATE!** Our campaign year ends December 31, 2023. With your donation, our ACA supported ministries do the work of Christ every day. If you have not made your contribution to the 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal, "One Faith, One Family", or would like to make an additional gift, donation envelopes are still available within the church or you can contact the Development Office at (860) 886-1928 or go online to

www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org.

Thank you to everyone for your support!

FROM SLEIGH BELLS RING CHRISTMAS FAIR GROUP



It's pie season

During the month of October, I am looking for donations of flour, sugar, Crisco, can pumpkin and corn syrup for our church pies. Donations can be left in the church vestibules marked "Fair".

Save the dates:

- November 15th. Apple peeling from 2:30 p.m. till complete.
- November 16th. Pie assembly starting at 8:00 am. Any amount of your time would be greatly appreciated. Many hands make light work!



Sincerely, Betty Aitkin

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH



Mission Combined Collection

The Mission Combined Collection this weekend supports missionary works in Latin America, Asia, Africa, and parts of the United States. Your generous gifts today will allow our missions to bring the love of Jesus and our Catholic faith to those in Latin America, small mission dioceses in Africa and Asia, as well as support our Black and Indian Mission Office. In addition, through the Catholic Home Missions Appeal, the Church will reach isolated communities here in the U.S, thirsty for the Word of God. Please give today with a joyful and generous heart. Your support will truly make a difference.



project rachel
Peace starts here

Pray the Project Rachel Rosary at the Cathedral of St. Patrick-Norwich

The third Tuesday of each month at the Cathedral of St. Patrick following the noon Mass, join the Office of Faith Events as we pray the Project Rachel Rosary. The Project Rachel Rosary focuses on hope, healing, and forgiveness for those affected by an abortion and for an end to abortion. Please join us for an in-person Project Rachel Rosary on Tuesday, October 17th following the noon mass at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich. Questions, call Mary-Jo McLaughlin at 860-848-2237 ex.212

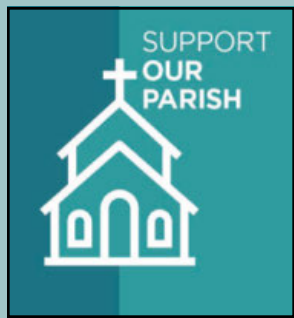
Brothers in Christ Virtual Meeting

Brothers in Christ is a gathering of men who share faith, personal experiences, and discussion. BIC fellowship meetings are held the second Thursday of the month either virtually or onsite. Thursday October 12th, Brothers in Christ will be Virtually from 7pm – 7:45pm. Deacon Dennis Dolan will be speaking on "Children who don't go to Mass". If you are interested in hearing great speakers as well as developing fellowship with other men devoted to Christ, please register by email Liza Roach at lroach@norwichdiocese.net or call (860)848-2237 ex. 305.



All women in the Diocese of Norwich are invited to join the Norwich Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (NDCCW), Membership is only \$5.00 a year. Our Membership Drive runs through the month of October. NDCCW was started in 1955 by Bishop Bernard J. Flanagan, the first Bishop of Norwich. Bishop Flanagan designated the NDCCW as the official women's organization of the Diocese. The money collected through the Membership Drive is divided up as follows: 60% of all dues collected is given to Catholic Charities; 15% of what is collected in each deanery is kept in that district (it is used for operating expenses); 20% of what is collected in the Diocese is given to the Diocesan Council for the operating expenses; 5% of the total collected is sent to the National Council of Catholic Women. NDCCW and its seven districts are all affiliated with the National Council of Catholic Women. You may drop your membership envelope in any collection basket. If your parish does not have NDCCW membership envelope in it, simply write your name, email address, phone number, and the name of the parish you belong along with the city or town it is located in and mark it NDCCW. Thank you, hope you will join us.

NDCCW Mission Statement: *The Norwich Diocesan Council of Catholic Women acts through its affiliated organizations to support, empower, and educate all Catholic Women in spirituality, leadership and service, NDCCW programs respond with Gospel values to the needs of the Church and Society in the modern world.*



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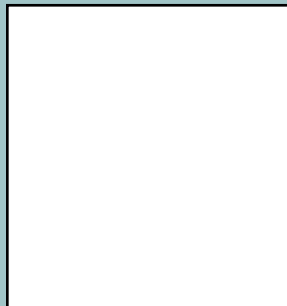
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