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TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 15, 2023



I confess that I have a soft spot for the scary things Jesus says because they are usually ignored. But there's gold in them thar hills, if we have courage to look. This week Jesus gives us a terrifying warning in his parable about the king who gives a marriage feast for his son and promptly goes berserk when people don't respond. The point: those who do not properly respond to God's generous invitation will face totally devastating consequences. The invitees who don't show up get their city burned to the ground. The poor homeless man is tortured for not wearing the correct clothes. Scary indeed.

Is Jesus trying to intimidate or bully us into following him? No, because that is certainly not how he treats anyone in the Gospels. A better view is this: to Jesus, your life *matters*. The universe is not an empty wasteland where anything goes. It is a theater of love offered and either accepted or rejected. How easy it can be to glide through life thinking my life doesn't make a difference. But it does. It really does.

This should not only be sobering but exhilarating. The positive side of the negative in Jesus' scary parables is the thrill and joy that he is inviting us, therefore our lives matter a great deal. There *is* a reason to get up in the morning. God's generous love is relentlessly calling us. True, obstinately saying no through our indifference is a catastrophe for us and those around us. But how wonderful must the consequences of our 'yes' be?

— 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-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 14 — 15, 2023

Ushers Group IV

ST. MAURICE FUEL FUND COLLECTION

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)

6:00 P.M. OKTOBERFEST
Sponsored by Knights of Columbus
(In the Parish Center)



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for All the Parishioners of
St. Maurice Church
Chaplet of Divine Mercy (in the Cry Room)

9:00 A.M. FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

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)

5:30 P.M. Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16 — No Mass

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17 — No Mass

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18 — No Mass

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19 — No Mass

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20 — No Mass

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

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)



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

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: James, Rachel, Judy, Roger, Brenda, Debbie, Alicia, Kate, Jackie, Pam, Carolyn, Liz, Ann, Cecile.

Candle Intentions: Special prayers for the Intentions in the Candle Note Book. Please call Carol Zabielski at 860-643-2837



We Join in Prayer for Peace

The violence and warfare between Gaza and Israel impacts us. The reports are tragic, and we unite in prayer for peaceful resolution.



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

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory: October 8 — \$2,287

Projected Amount needed — \$3,670

“My God will fully supply whatever you need...”

- Philippians 4:19

God really does provide for those who are grateful and generous. This is very difficult for people that don't live a stewardship lifestyle to believe. People are skeptical and say it's just coincidence. If you are skeptical, try living a stewardship lifestyle for just one month – be generous with your gifts of time in prayer, talent in charitable works, and treasure, then see how God provides for your needs.

^ 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

October 15 is **National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day**. It was established in 2002 and passed in the United States House of Representatives in 2006, to honor, celebrate, and remember babies who have passed away due to miscarriage, stillbirth, neonatal death, and other causes of infant loss. The aim of this day is to raise awareness of the estimated 1 in 4 individuals and families whose lives are altered by the death of their children, during pregnancy, at birth and in infancy.

Below is a prayer written by Mother Angelica, a sister of the Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration and founder of the Eternal Word Television Network, EWTN. It was written to comfort parents who have suffered a pregnancy or infant loss.

Prayer by Mother Angelica

My Lord, my baby is dead! Why, my Lord – dare I ask why? My child will not hear the whisper of the wind or see the beauty of its parents’ face – he/she will not see the beauty of Your creation or the flame of a sunrise. Why, my Lord?

“Why, My child – I will tell you why. You see, the child lives. Instead of the wind your child hears the sound of angels singing before My throne. Instead of the beauty that passes, your child sees everlasting Beauty – your child sees My face. Your child was created and lived a short time so the image of his/her parents imprinted on his/her face may stand before Me as their personal intercessor. Your child laughs with a special joy that only the innocent possess. My ways are not the ways of humans. I create for My Kingdom and each creature fills a place in that Kingdom that could not be filled by another. Your child was created for My joy and his/her parents’ merits. Your child has never seen pain or sin. He/She has never felt hunger or pain. I breathed a soul into a seed, made it grow and called it forth.”

Worldwide Marriage Encounter



"My God will supply whatever you need."

Philippians 4:13 and 19 "I can do all things in Him who strengthens me. My God will fully supply whatever you need." Make your requests known to God and he will bless your marriage and your life. Check out

a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. You can find one by looking up WWME.org.

Some of the dates to sign up are:

October 20-22, 2023 in Barre, Vermont

November 10-12, 2023 in Huntington, NY

Registration is limited; there is a \$100 application fee.

For more information or to apply, call Frank & Margie Pearson at 860-337-2447 or <https://wwmectw.org/>.

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

Last weekend the Mission Combined Collection for the World Mission Appeal, U.S. Bishop’s Appeal for Latin America, Black and Indian Missions, and the Catholic Home Mission Appeal was taken up in our Parish.

If you were unable to bring your gift envelope, extras are available at the ushers’ tables. Your support of the missionary needs of the Universal Church is greatly appreciated. This collection is an opportunity to share your faith and strengthen the church at home and abroad.

Your contribution can be placed in the collection basket or mailed directly to the parish. Thank you for your generosity and helping our missionaries continue the work of Christ.

Join us for the **Diocesan Virtual Book Club!** Streaming Thursday nights, October 19th, 26th, November 2nd and 9th, 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 or 860-848-2237 ext. 304



How To Be an Evangelizer...

Tiny neighborhood “Book Houses” as popping up in all different neighborhoods. Free books for people to donate and enjoy. Place some small prayer books/religious materials,

for kids and adults, in your neighborhood “Book House” to help spread the good news!


Go Green Parish

What can you do with old magazines other than throw them in the recycle bin? Donate them to your local schools, convalescent facilities or daycares to use for crafts. The magazines will help defray the cost of supplies while at the same time be a source of fun.

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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