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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JULY 14, 2024



15TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. The Twelve drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them. - Mk 6:7, 13

Excerpts from the *Lectionary for Mass* ©2001, 1998, 1978 CCD

Once I asked a fallen-away Catholic friend of mine what he remembered about the parish priest from his youth. He said, “He was a gentle, nice guy. Kind of vanilla. Kept to himself.” It struck me that he, perhaps like many, perceive Catholic priests as the following: lonely, harmless, and self-sufficient. As a challenge both to this perception (accurate or not) and to us priests who perhaps feel a pull in that uninspiring direction, stands the mighty image of what we see in the Gospel this Sunday.

Jesus sent out his apostles, “**two-by-two, with power over demons, and without money belts.**” **Two-by-two:** they enjoyed deep fellowship and brotherhood. **Power over demons:** they were anything but harmless. These men wielded enormous power against evil. **Without money belts:** they were not self-sufficient. They needed others to help them. Not lonely, but in community. Not harmless but armed with massive spiritual energy. Not self-sufficient, but poor and in need of help.

This is a challenge to me, and perhaps to all of us, living in a rich, secularized, and individualized culture. Do I embrace my priestly ministry in deep fellowship with other priests? Do I speak and act boldly to drive out evil where it is found? Do I live poorly and simply, trusting in the help of those around me even for basic needs? The fruitfulness of priestly ministry largely depends on these three traits. Let’s pray for all priests — and, by extension, all of us Christians — to live more like Jesus’ communal, poor, and powerful apostles.

— *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 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Please call the Parish Office (860-643-4466) to arrange for a meeting with the Pastor.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Please call the Parish Office (860-643-4466) to arrange for a meeting with the Pastor.

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 860-643-4466.

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 13 — 14, 2024

Ushers Group III

SATURDAY, JULY 13

- 4:30 P.M.** **Knights of Columbus Rosary** (in the Cry Room)
- 5:00 P.M.** **Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory**



SUNDAY, JULY 14

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

MONDAY, JULY 15 — No Mass

- 6:30 P.M.** **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion meeting at St. Matthew Church in Tolland**

TUESDAY, JULY 16 — No Mass

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17

- 9:00 A.M.** **Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory**
Rosary after Mass
- 9:00 A.M.** **CHRISTMAS FAIR WORKSHOP** (in the Parish Center)

THURSDAY, JULY 18

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

FRIDAY, JULY 19

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

SATURDAY, JULY 20

- 4:30 P.M.** **Rosary** (in the Cry Room)
- 5:00 P.M.** **Mass offered for the Soul of †Joyce M. Eber on the 10th Anniversary of her death**
requested by Joseph Eber

SUNDAY, JULY 21

- 7:30 A.M.** **Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory**
Chaplet of Divine Mercy (in the Cry Room)
 - 10:00 A.M.** **Mass offered for All the Parishioners of St. Maurice Church**
Chaplet of Divine Mercy (in the Cry Room)
- There will be no Evening Prayer on Sunday, July 21**

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: Aron, Abbey, Hongya, Katherine, Rhina, Noah, Barbara, Chris, Carolyn.

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

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Get together and workshops for all communion ministers from both of our parishes (Blessed Sacrament & St. Maurice) on **July 15th at 6:30 pm at St. Matthew Church in Tolland**



WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A GIFT BEARER AT MASS?

If you would, before mass begins, please let the ushers know and they will give you instructions.

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory: July 7— \$2,646

Projected Amount needed — \$3,670

“He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick – no food, no sack, no money in their belts.”
- MARK 6:8

Imagine taking nothing but a stick when you go on a trip. The Apostles must have really trusted in God’s providential care. Think of all the material things “we can’t live without” in today’s world. We make our life’s journey more difficult because of all the material baggage that we drag along. Putting God first in everything and putting our money and possessions second gives us freedom because we don’t become “slaves” to wanting to acquire more things.

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Parish Membership Form

Drop in collection ^

Please enroll the following as members of the Church of St. Maurice:

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FROM ST. MAURICE PARISH



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Register today! Registration Closes- Monday, July 22nd
Classes will be held at the Blessed Sacrament Parish Center
Monday 9:00 AM or Monday 7:00PM

Eight Sessions:

8/26, 9/9, 9/23, 10/7, 10/21, 11/4, 11/18, 12/2

Registration/Materials: Three options available

\$28.00 Workbook only, NO On-line access

\$35.00 Workbook AND On-line access

\$7.00 On-line access only- this includes On-line workbook and video. (The On-line workbook is not printable.)

Register on Blessed Sacrament Website:

www.blessedsacramentct.org

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or contact Mary Frances at 860-872-0200 X 107



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**August 25th 11:00 AM — 1:00 PM
Parish BBQ and Retirement Party
for Fr. Bill and Theresa Ciscon**

Knights will be providing burgers, dogs and soft drinks. Parishioners are welcome to bring salads, deserts and side dishes to share. The event is free to all parishioners to come out and socialize as a community while we celebrate the many years of service of our retirees.

While the event is free and open to all, we ask that you sign up to help us to plan the food for the number of attendees. Sign up sheets are posted in the church vestibules. You can also sign up at SignUpGenius from the fellowship page on the Church of St. Maurice website: saintmauricebolton.org or use the QR code.



**SAINT MAURICE SLEIGH BELLS RING
CHRISTMAS FAIR GROUP**



The Sleigh Bells Ring Fair group is looking for mason jar donations. Any size is appreciated. Please leave in the vestibule of church and they will be picked up. Thank you.

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH



2024 ACA update: As of July 2, 2024, **Saint Maurice Parish, Bolton** has donated **\$10,094.04** or **80.46%** of its goal, and **24.62%** of your parishioners have donated.

We are striving for as close to 100% participation as possible. THERE IS STILL TIME TO DONATE! Our campaign year ends December 31, 2024. With your donation, our ACA supported ministries do the work of Christ every day. If you have not made your contribution to the 2024 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!



Marriage Encounter Experience ~
Worldwide Marriage Encounter is offering a non-residential two-day experience **August 2-4** at St. Mary Church, Portland,

CT. Any married couple that desires a richer, fuller life together deserves a Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience. Worldwide Marriage Encounter is designed to deepen and enrich the joys a couple shares together whether they have been married a short time or many years. Over the course of the experience three couples and a priest provide new tools, using examples from their own lives, to help couples work through common themes of which all married couples can relate. To apply, contact Frank and Margie Pearson at 860-337-2447.



The monthly Healing Masses that take place every third Sunday of the month at Holy Family Church in Hebron/Amston, are suspended until further notice, due to circumstances beyond our control. We apologize for any inconvenience.
Office of Faith Events

How do I Evangelize?

Dedicate yourself to holy relationships. You are called to form good and holy relationships with others in your parish, where you work, where you go to school, in your neighborhood, in your community. Ask God to bless these relationships and encourage these friends of yours to share the Faith, their relationship with Christ with others. It’s God’s arithmetic! You share your faith in Christ and love for His Body the Church with two others. Each of them share it with two others. Each of them share it with two others and so on- that’s how we help our Church grow!


FROM ST. MAURICE PARISH

Mission Co-op Collection Weekend of August 17 and 18
Fr. Bill will be speaking about the work of the Benedictine Sisters of St. Agnes, Chipole in Songea, Tanzania. They provide health care, education, and food to the local community. For more about what they do, follow this link:

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