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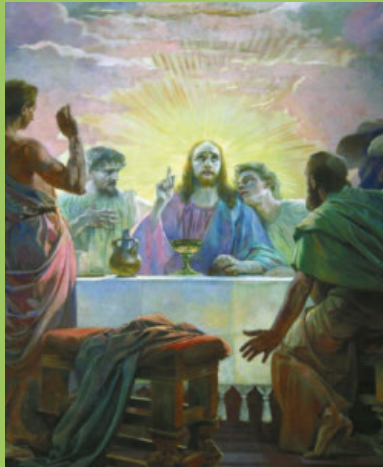
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TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 18, 2024



20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me."
- Jn 6:56-57

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1979 CCD

A priest I know was asked by a door-to-door evangelist, "Do you believe in Jesus?" He answered, "Yes, I do. But if I may ask you," he continued, "Where do you experience Jesus' body and blood?" His interlocutor responded somewhat confusedly, "I don't. I just believe in him. That's all that is needed." Later my priest friend would relate to me, "The more I thought about it, that response struck me as totally inadequate. As human beings, we need to encounter Jesus' body and blood, not just hear about him and mentally believe. Otherwise, Jesus is just a ghost."

This week we see this central point as we arrive at the climactic moment of Jesus' teaching on the Eucharist. Jesus has established the importance of believing in him as the "bread of life come down from heaven." Belief deeply matters because it leads to a real, bodily encounter with Jesus through eating and drinking. That's why Jesus emphasizes to an almost outrageous degree the non-metaphorical necessity to "eat my flesh and drink my blood" (John 6:54). The real presence of Jesus' body and blood — he himself, truly, really, substantially — has been the Church's treasure since Holy Thursday. Internal belief in the heart *and* the ritual act of eating and drinking the Eucharist, the Church has stubbornly insisted on *both*, not just one or the other.

This is not meant to criticize non-Catholic Christians who deeply trust and love Jesus, nor is it a triumphal elitist claim about the Catholic Mass. Rather it is a humble, trusting acknowledgement that God in Jesus comes to us in a way most proper to human beings: in our hearts *and* our bodies, faith *and* the Eucharist.

— 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.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 17 — 18, 2024

Ushers Group IV

**Mission Appeal Collection for
Benedictine Sisters of Saint Agnes, Tanzania**

ST. MAURICE MAINTENANCE COLLECTION

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17

4:30 P.M. Rosary (in the Cry Room)

**5:00 P.M. Mass offered for All the Parishioners of
St. Maurice Church**

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

**7:30 A.M. Mass offered for the Soul of
†Antoni Magnuszewski**
requested by Agata & Janusz Herasimowicz
Chaplet of Divine Mercy (in the Cry Room)

**10:00 A.M. Mass offered for the Souls of †Frank
and †Anna Zesk**
requested by Joseph Maciora
Chaplet of Divine Mercy (in the Cry Room)

There will be no Evening Prayer this Sunday

MONDAY, AUGUST 19— NO MASS

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20— NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21

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)

7:30 P.M. KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BUSINESS MEETING
(in the Parish Center)



THURSDAY, AUGUST 22

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

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24

4:30 P.M. Rosary (in the Cry Room)

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

**7:30 A.M. Mass offered for the Soul of
†Marian Herasimowicz**
requested by Agata & Janusz Herasimowicz
Chaplet of Divine Mercy (in the Cry Room)

10:00 A.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory
Chaplet of Divine Mercy (in the Cry Room)

**11:00 A.M. RETIREMENT BBQ AND PARISH PICNIC
FOR FR. BILL AND THERESA CISCON**

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

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: Diane, Lauren, Cathleen, Cherry, Tony, Val, Paul, Teddy.

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

**MISSION APPEAL FOR BENEDICTINE SISTERS
OF SAINT AGNES, TANZANIA**

The Benedictine Sisters of St. Agnes community has over 500 Benedictine Sisters who serve in a wide variety of ministries and pastoral work in 15 dioceses in Tanzania. These include health care, including free medical care for the needy and schools from K-12, technical training institutions and religious education programs. Please assist this community of dedicated Sisters who represent the face of Christ to those most in need.

More information about Sisters' Community and their ministries can be found on the website: chipolebenedictines.org.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
ST. MAURICE COUNCIL 6199
BUSINESS MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21, 7:30 P.M.**

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory: August 11 — \$2,784

Projected Amount needed — \$3,670

"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him." - John 6:56

This line from Scripture is what ultimately separates Catholics from our Protestant brothers and sisters. Jesus is really present in the bread and wine that are consecrated at Holy Mass. It is His actual body and blood that we consume. This is the greatest gift that we can receive. The Eucharist shows us how great of love that Jesus has for each of us.

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Parish Membership Form

Drop in collection ^

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

Adults _____

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FROM ST. MAURICE PARISH

B B Q P A R T Y



St. Maurice Council 6199
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
August 25th 11:00 AM — 1:00 PM
Retirement BBQ and Parish Picnic
for Fr. Bill and Theresa Ciscon

Knights will be providing burgers, hot 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 sheet is posted in the back of the church near St. Joseph statue. 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.



FAITH FORMATION NEWS



Faith Formation

Registration forms and the calendar for the 2024-25 school year are available in PDF on the parish website. Completed PDF forms can be returned by e-mail.

- 09/08/2024 Blessing of the Backpacks, Fall Registration, Ice Cream Social
 - 09/15/2024 Blessing of the Catechists
 - 09/22/2024 First Session (Parents & Students)/ Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast
- We always need teachers.

If you are interested contact Director of Faith Formation Amie Tillman at saintmauriceccd@gmail.com



CHOIR PRACTICE

Choir rehearsals resuming on **Tuesday, September 3 at 7:15 p.m.**
 New members most welcome.



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.



Our Lady of Calvary
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Hope & Healing Retreat

September 27 @ 5:00 pm - September 28 @ 4:00 pm

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Join us for a rejuvenating women's retreat in September, filled with workshops, activities, and self-care. Bring a friend along!

Learn more at

<https://www.ourladyofcalvary.net/event/hope-healing-retreat/>

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

THE NORWICH DIOCESEAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN PRESENTS A DAY OF REFLECTION



SAVE THE DATE!

FOOD FOR THE SOUL III

Celebrating the Eucharistic Revival

SPEAKER: Susan Conroy

SEPTEMBER 14, 2024

ST. MARY'S - GROTON, CT

FAUNA AND FLORA: SIGNS AND SYMBOLS OF PLANTS AND ANIMALS IN CHRISTIAN ART

August 25-30, 2024 with Richard Berger

Program Price: Private - \$1,485, Shared - \$1,335, Commuter - \$1,010. Join us for this week-long course of animal drawing and floral study, including discussion as to their signs and symbols. Our days will be spent drawing and painting from live animals and from the plentiful flora found here on Enders Island. Sign up now at enders.is/programs or call 860.536.0565 x0

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How to EVANGELIZE

Jesus met the woman while he was on a journey, but he could have made the trip in a way that avoided Samaria. Instead, he intentionally takes a route into enemy territory so that he can connect with people who need him. Try adjusting your routine. Join a sports club, start going to a new café every week, shop at a different store, or sit next to someone new in a lectures. If you're not regularly getting to talk to people who need Jesus, make some small changes, so that you can meet new people.

On Wednesday, September 18, 2024 the annual *Mass Praying for Mental Health: Awareness and Actions for a Culture of Acceptance*, will take place at 6 PM at St. Joseph Church in New London. St. Joseph Church in New London was chosen for the Mental Health Awareness mass because it houses a unique statue of St. Dymphna, patroness of mental health, depression, and nervous disorders. This mass grows each year as a great gathering of many faithful and it is our hope to fill the church even more for 2024.


For more information, please contact the Office of Faith Events at 860-848-2237, ext. 304 or 203.



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

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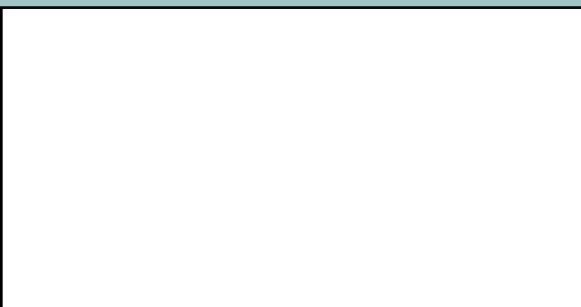
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