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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
AUGUST 25, 2024



21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME

Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." - Jn 6:67-69

The famous Russian novelist Fyodor Dostoyevsky said, "Love in action is a harsh and dreadful thing." In the Gospel reading this week, Jesus does something harsh and dreadful — he watches his own disciples abandon him. What could possibly be loving about that?

Well, we notice the context is Jesus' teaching about eating and drinking his body and blood. His followers hear this and say, "**This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?**" (John 6:60). We shouldn't imagine we'd do anything different, because not even the ones who stay, like Peter, seem to understand what Jesus is saying. Then we hear this devastating line, "**Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him**" (John 6:66). Besides the night of the Last Supper, only now do Jesus' disciples abandon him. And, painfully, Jesus just lets them go.

The best way to make sense out of this is love. Jesus is God's love in action. He wants to become one with those whom He loves. He wants to love them as His own body. Yes, the oneness manifested in the Eucharist sounds harsh and dreadful because it is rooted in love which is willing to risk abandonment and separation to attain its goal: to be one body with the beloved. It is both terrifying and wonderful that Jesus will risk losing us in order to be one with us. Our response? Lord, we cannot grasp a love so great, but please help us never to abandon it, either. — *Father John Muir*

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Tuesday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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(For phone calls only. The office in Bolton is not staffed.)

Please call for an appointment to visit in person.)

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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.

**SUNDAYS**  
ARE BETTER IN COMMUNITY

**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**


**August 24 — 25, 2024**

Ushers Group I

**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 the Parishioners of**  
St. Maurice Church  
**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

**MONDAY, AUGUST 26— No MASS**

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 27— No MASS**

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28**

- 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, AUGUST 29**

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

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 30**

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

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 31**

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

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1**

- 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 All Souls in Purgatory**  
**Chaplet of Divine Mercy** (in the Cry Room)
- 5:30 P.M. **Evening Prayer** from the Liturgy of the Hours



**CHOIR PRACTICE**

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

**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



St. Maurice Council 6199

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

**THIS SUNDAY 11:00 AM — 1:00 PM**

**RETIREMENT BBQ AND PARISH PICNIC**  
**FOR FR. BILL AND THERESA CISCON**

Join us for a time of fun, food, and fellowship at our Parish Picnic! 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. Everyone is welcome. Come be a part of this joyful gathering! We look forward to seeing you there!

**STEWARDSHIP**

**Offertory: August 18 — \$3,737**

**Projected Amount needed — \$3,670**

*"If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve...As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." JOSHUA 24:15*

When we commit to serve the Lord, we become a disciple in the work of the Lord. A disciple is a person who spends time in prayer every day, joyfully participates in charitable works and generously supports their local parish and Church mission. If we say we serve God, our words and actions should reflect the Gospel message to others.

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**Parish Membership Form**

Drop in collection ^

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

Adults \_\_\_\_\_

Children (under 18) \_\_\_\_\_

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**FROM ST. MAURICE PARISH**



**FAITH FORMATION NEWS**

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](mailto:saintmauriceccd@gmail.com)



**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

Ephesians 5:21-22, 25-26, 28: "Be subordinate to ne another out of reverence for Christ. Wives should be subordinate to their husbands as to the Lord. Husbands,

love your wives, even as Christ loved the church and handed himself over for her to sanctify her. He who loves his wife loves himself." The call of marriage is to love, to be at peace with one another, to live according to God's will. Check out a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience today. You can find one by looking up WWME.org. Some of the dates to sign up are: September 20-22 in Huntington, NY  
October 18-20, 2024, Sunapee, NH  
November 1-3, 2024, Glen Rock, NY

Worldwide Marriage Encounter sponsors a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences, some on weekends and some on seven weekdays. Couples explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church. Registration is limited; there is a \$100 application fee. For more information or to apply, call Frank & Margie Pearson at

860-337-2447 or <http://www.mectw.org/>.

**Safe Environments Abuse Prevention Training**

In the Diocese of Norwich, all volunteers who have regular contact with minors, all employees, all clergy, and all religious, are required to complete safe environments training. This training is monitored by the **Office for Safe Environments (OSE)**

In addition, this training is also available to any parishioner, or parent of a parochial school child, regardless of whether or not they wish to volunteer at their parish or school. **It contains important information about keeping our children and youth safe.**

The Diocese of Norwich offers two Praesidium programs. Both cover the same material, just in different formats. You can take the on-line program, **Praesidium**, or attend a one-time DVD presentation, **Called to Protect**.

The in person **Called to Protect** training classes are available on a very limited basis. **Praesidium** on line is available and the preferred training at this time. For more information about in person training availability, contact the **OSE**. If you received training as a presenter of **Called to Protect** and are willing to conduct classes, please contact the Office for Safe Environment as soon as possible.

The **OSE** can be contacted to provide adult programs for parents, parishioners and all interested in keeping our youth safe, such as Setting Boundaries. A convenient time can be arranged. Please contact the **Child Advocate** at your parish or school office in order to be enrolled, or for more information.

Kathy D'Amelio, Director OSE, 860-848-2237 ext.212

**FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH**



National Combined Collection

**2024 NATIONAL COMBINED COLLECTION**

Next weekend we will conduct the National Combined Collection encompassing: The Retirement Fund for Religious, The Annual Appeal for the Holy Father (Peter's Pence), The Catholic Communication Campaign, and Catholic University of America. Please read the letter for the National Combined Collection by

Bishop Cote included in this week's parish bulletin. Bring your gift envelope to Mass next weekend, August 31<sup>st</sup> & September 1<sup>st</sup>, or, if you are unable to attend Mass please mail or deliver the envelope to your parish office by the end of September. Your support of these needs of the Universal Church will truly make a difference.



**Diocese of Norwich Outreach to Haiti**

hosts its 9th Annual Charity Golf Tournament—*For the Love of a Child*—on **Saturday, September 14, 2024**, at the Wintonbury Hills Golf Course, Bloomfield, CT. – Third Best Golf Course in CT

Cand 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! 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 are welcomed & appreciated!

**For nearly 40 years** the Diocese of Norwich Outreach to Haiti has helped thousands of families living in poverty-stricken neighborhoods of the Archdiocese of Port-au-Prince and in the Christ-Roi neighborhood, home to our Operations Center. Your gifts support our ministry by helping us to provide Medical Aid and Healthcare Services; Food and Nutritional Supplement Programs, especially for malnourished infants and children; and Education Sponsorship Programs. **Come for a fun day** to enjoy outdoor activities in a beautiful setting with scenic views all while helping our Haitian brothers and sisters. **Thank you** for your support and may God bless you!

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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