

# THE PARISH COMMUNITY OF saint maurice

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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
SEPTEMBER 1, 2024



## 22<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He summoned the crowd again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile." - Mk 7:14-15

Excerpt from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1979 CCD. WPA

Purity isn't popular at the moment. Or is it? Look at a rack of health magazines or at popular podcasts. You'll see an infinite ocean of regulations and rituals of diets, intermittent fasting, morning sun rituals, intense juice detox practices, lists of dangerous foods, mental practices, as well as long lists of dos and don'ts for the proper cleaning of clothes, dishes, cars, houses, pets, and children. Like it or not, we long to be pure, clean, and without blemish.

This question of purity haunted people in Jesus' day, too. The Pharisees and scribes (the leading purity authorities of the day) criticize Jesus, asking, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" (Mark 7:5). Jesus responds by saying, "There is nothing outside the person that can defile him if it goes into him; but the things that come out of the person are what defile the person" (Mark 7:15). What does he mean, and how can it help us be pure?

We've probably all heard the somewhat shopworn interpretation that Jesus replaces the ritual, exterior notion of purity with a moral, interior one. Christianity is thus seen as a kind of moral re-tooling, as if religion doesn't make us pure. Good moral intentions do. But this doesn't take the rest of Jesus' ministry seriously enough, nor our obsession with purity. The better reading is that Jesus audaciously offers himself as the ultimate source of human purity — from *within* each human heart. Both our religious ritual practices and our moral actions are meant to flow from this encounter with Jesus the Lord. When we are in friendship with him, everything becomes pure for us.

— Father John Muir



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### Office Hours

Tuesday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
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If you need a priest for an emergency  
at St. Maurice Church, please call: 860-288-4129

### 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 sponsor 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.

**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**August 31 — September 1, 2024**

Ushers Group II

**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

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2— No MASS**

*Happy Labor Day*

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3— No MASS**

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

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4**

- 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, SEPTEMBER 5**

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

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6**

- 7:00 P.M. **FIRST FRIDAY MASS AND ADORATION** offered for All Souls in Purgatory



**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7**

- 4:30 P.M. **Rosary** (in the Cry Room)
- 5:00 P.M. **Mass offered for All the Parishioners of St. Maurice Church**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8**

- 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 Souls in Purgatory**  
**Blessing of the Backpacks**  
Ice Cream Social (in the Parish Center)  
**Chaplet of Divine Mercy** (in the Cry Room)
- 5:30 P.M. **Evening Prayer** from the Liturgy of the Hours

**JOIN THE PARISH CHOIR**

**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: James, Samantha, Tiffany, Tommy, Bertha, Dominic, Pat, Phil, Kathleen, Nina, Natasha, Hannah.

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



**Thank you on behalf of the Benedictine Sisters of St Agnes**

Dear Parishioners of St. Maurice Catholic Church, Sincere thanks to Father Bill for representing us on behalf of our community, the Benedictine Sisters of St Agnes and for your generosity. I can assure you

that the Sisters will benefit greatly from your support, and hold you all in prayer as you are now among our donors. If you wish to know a bit more about our community here is our website: <http://www.chipolebenedictines.org/>

Blessings,  
Sr. Gloriosa Komba, OSB  
Community Representative.

**St. Maurice donated \$6,447 for the Benedictine Sisters**

**STEWARDSHIP**

**Offertory: August 25 — \$2,772**

**Projected Amount needed — \$3,670**

*"Be doers of the word and not hearers only..." JAMES 1:22*  
It's easy to understand the definition of stewardship – living a grateful and generous life. The hard part is doing it! How do your words and actions reflect God's word? Do you share your time in prayer with God daily? Do you use your talent to help those in need without expecting anything in return? Are you generous with your financial resources? If not, what are you waiting for?

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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**



**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)



**Saint Maurice Church  
First Friday  
Eucharistic Adoration  
September 6<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 pm – 8:00 pm**

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**  
*“O Most Holy Trinity, I adore You; my God, my God, I love You in the Most Blessed Sacrament.”*

*Our Lady of Fatima*

**New Child Advocate/Coordinator Training and or Refresher**



OSE and Faith Events, Liza Roach and Kathy D’Amelio are offering training again for any new advocates at any school, ministry or Parish. You can also repeat this training again if you want to refresh your skills. This training is about 45-50 minutes long. We will also send you slides and papers that show and explain all that we will be teaching you. This is a great way to learn what’s important and see and meet other advocates. It is all online and easy to attend. The sign up link is below. Pick a morning or evening time. Please make sure you fill out the form, your email is needed so we can send you the class link the day before the meeting <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C4DAEAF2AA7FB6-50485145-newchild>



St. Maurice Knights of Columbus Council 6199 want to extend our warm thanks for your attendance at our Retirement BBQ and Parish Picnic for Fr. Bill and Theresa Ciscon this past Sunday. Your presence and support made this event truly special. It was a wonderful event of fun, food, and fellowship, made all the more memorable by the community spirit that everyone brought with them. The delicious salads, desserts, and side dishes contributed by parishioners were a delightful addition to the burgers and hot dogs provided by the Knights. Thank you for being a part of this joyful gathering and for helping us celebrate the many years of dedicated service from

*Thank You.*



Fr. Bill and Theresa. It was a time filled with laughter, good food, and warm memories that we will cherish for a long time.

**FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH**



National Combined Collection

**2024 NATIONAL COMBINED COLLECTION**

Today we will conduct the National Combined Collection (NCC) which benefits: The Retirement Fund for Religious, The Annual Appeal for the Holy Father, The Catholic Communication Campaign, and Catholic University of America. Please support our aging religious, join our Holy Father in charitable efforts to assist victims of war, oppression, natural disasters, and others most in need, connect people with Christ through communication resources, and help provide a Catholic based education to university students. Your generous support is greatly appreciated.



**The monthly Diocesan Pro-Life Mass** will take place at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on **Saturday, September 7 at 8:30 A.M.** Please join our celebrant **Rev. Brian Maxwell** at Mass as we pray to end abortion and for the healing for those who have had an abortion. Following the Mass, the

Rachel Rosary will be prayed at the Cathedral. A brunch in the Cathedral Hall will follow the Rosary this month.

The **14th Annual Seton Scholarship Dinner**, celebrating Catholic education in the diocese honoring Laurie A. Barrette, Teacher – Saint James School, Danielson, Cindy Powden, Teacher – Sacred Heart School, Groton, and Ana Rosa Tejera, R.N., School Nurse – Saint Joseph School, New London will be held on Sunday, October 27, 2024, at Lake of Isles, 1 Clubhouse Dr, North Stonington, CT 06359 Cocktail hour starts at 4pm followed by dinner at 5pm.

Tickets are \$150/person and \$100 for Priests, Religious, Ministry Directors, & current Diocese of Norwich Catholic School Faculty & Staff. All proceeds benefit students attending our diocesan Catholic elementary schools. For tickets and more information about placing an ad to congratulate our honorees, or becoming a sponsor, please contact Gina Foster at 860-886-1928 ext. 115, [gfooster@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:gfooster@norwichdiocese.net) or visit us at: <https://www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org/Stewardship>.

**Catholic Elementary School Collection**

This September 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> the Annual Catholic Elementary School Collection will be conducted throughout the Diocese. This will only be an in-pew collection however informational flyers and donation envelopes are available in church. Appropriately titled, *Faith for the Future*, the collection recognizes that our futures truly do belong to the children we are educating in our schools today. Our 9 Diocesan elementary schools offer families a safe and nurturing environment in which to entrust their children’s academic, social and moral growth, preparing them to become the future leaders of our church and communities.


Please make checks payable to your parish and in the memo type Catholic Schools/FFF. We truly appreciate whatever sacrifice you can make to support their children’s schools. Your contribution will help provide a Christ-centered and academically excellent Catholic education.



OUTREACH TO HAITI

**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 and 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!

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