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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 8, 2024



23RD SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!"—that is, "Be opened!" - Mk 7:32-34

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One of the most touching YouTube videos I've ever seen is one in which a deaf woman receives new technology to heal her hearing. She hears her husband's voice for the first time — and her own, too — and bursts into tears of overwhelming joy. It must have been like an immovable wall between her and her loved ones came tumbling down.

We are all like this woman, to some degree. We believe in the presence of God's love, but we can't hear Him. We can't speak well about Him. The deaf man who can't speak properly in the Gospel today is an image of what God wants us to experience again and again. Jesus takes the man aside to a private place away from the crowd, touches his ears and tongue, and says, "Ephphata!" The man's ears are opened, and he speaks clearly. Contact with Christ has this effect on us.

This experience happens to us in our baptism, almost exactly. It happens to us in the liturgy. It happens in our private prayer. It happens when we hear the voice of God in our conscience. The more we engage these privileged channels of Jesus' healing, the more we are empowered to hear and speak of the presence of God's perfect love.

— Father John Muir



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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 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.

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 7 — 8, 2024

Ushers Group III

CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COLLECTION

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 — NO MASS

6:30 P.M. PARISH COUNCIL MEETING (in the Parish Center)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 — NO MASS

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

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 12

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

Rosary after Mass

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

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

Rosary after Mass

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

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

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



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 — Catechetical Sunday

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 Catechists

Chaplet of Divine Mercy (in the Cry Room)

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



**Choir rehearsals every Tuesday 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

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 (Catechetical Sunday)
- 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

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory: September 1 — \$2,736

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



The **Norwich 40 Days-For-Life Campaign** will begin with a Vigil Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Tuesday, September 24th, at 6:30 PM.

This year, The 40 Days for Life Campaign runs from Wednesday, Sept. 25th through Sunday, Nov. 3rd. Please join-in with your fellow parishioners by praying, fasting, and signing-up to participate in this peaceful prayer vigil for the end of abortion. Thank you.



St. Maurice Parish Council will meet on Monday, September 9 at 6:30 P.M. in the Parish Center.



Isaiah 35:4-7a: "Be strong, fear not! Here is your God who comes with vindication; with divine recompense he comes to save you." As the scripture says in verses

6-7, the lame will leap, the water will gush forth, the burning sand will become a pool, the thirsty ground bubbling springs. **Are you thirsty for springs of water in your marriage?** Attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience can help. 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. 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/>.



Young Catholic Professionals Executive Speaker Event in West Hartford

Come join Young Catholic Professionals Central CT for our Executive Speaker Series Event! Come enjoy light refreshments and networking along with a talk by John Ruffo, Financial Advisor & General Agent for the Knights of Columbus - Ruffo Agency. Let's be uplifted by how John has journeyed to working in witness for Christ. We look forward to meeting you there!

Where: 872 Farmington Ave, West Hartford, CT

When: Thurs, Sept 18th from 7 - 8:30PM

Who: All professionals from 18-39.

RSVP via QR code or https://ycp.glueup.com/event/executive-speaker-series-john-ruffo-117989/?pk_campaign=widget-event-list

E-mail info@ycpcentralconnecticut.org to learn more.



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 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!

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH



National Combined Collection

2024 NATIONAL COMBINED COLLECTION

Last weekend the National Combined Collection which benefits: The Retirement Fund for Religious, The Annual Appeal for the Holy Father, The Catholic Communications Campaign, and Catholic University of America was conducted. Your support of these missions is greatly appreciated. Your envelope can be dropped in the collection box or mailed directly to the parish. Thank you.



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MOST REVEREND
MICHAEL R. COTE, D.D.

September 3, 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I write to share with you that today our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has graciously accepted my letter of resignation, which I submitted on the occasion of my 75th birthday, June 19, 2024, in accordance with the norms of Canon Law. With deep gratitude, I thank the Holy Father for his acceptance of my resignation. The Holy Father has now appointed Archbishop Christopher J. Coyne as the Apostolic Administrator of our diocese.

Serving as your bishop for over two decades has been one of the greatest joys and privileges of my life. The opportunity to lead the Diocese of Norwich, to walk with you in faith, and to minister alongside so many dedicated clergy, ministry directors, and personnel has been a profound blessing that I will always cherish.

As I transition to the role of Bishop Emeritus, I pledge my full support and assistance to Archbishop Coyne during this period of transition. I also commit to praying fervently for him and for whoever may be appointed as my successor in due time. The future of our diocese is in God's hands, and we can trust in His providence.

Let us, as a diocesan family, unite in prayer for Archbishop Coyne and for the one who will be called to serve as our next bishop of Norwich. May the Holy Spirit guide them, and may our diocese continue to be a beacon of faith, hope, and love in the world.

With every good wish and prayerful blessing, I remain


Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Michael R. Cote
Bishop Emeritus of Norwich

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.

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