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TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
OCTOBER 6, 2024



27<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to them in reply,  
"What did Moses command you?"  
They replied, "Moses permitted a  
husband to write a bill of divorce  
and dismiss her." But Jesus told  
them, "Because of the hardness  
of your hearts he wrote you this  
commandment. But from the  
beginning of creation, God  
made them male and female."  
- Mk 10:3-6

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As a young pastor years ago, I met with a middle-aged couple who had been divorced and civilly remarried. They were frustrated that an annulment had to precede a Church marriage. Sympathizing with their plight, I promised to walk with them along their journey. Once as we sat in my office, the man said to me, "Why is the Church so difficult on marriage?" I replied, "Actually, Jesus' teaching is what's difficult." He furrowed his brow and asked what I meant.

We opened the Bible and together read today's gospel passage from Mark 10:12 in which Jesus says, "**Whoever divorces his wife and marries another, commits adultery with her...**" My two friends sat in silent astonishment. Surely Jesus understands the complexities of human life and sexual love. The words hung thick and heavy in the air. How could the merciful Lord be so seemingly unrealistic in his expectations, especially with so much divorce and remarriage in our world?

I didn't know what to say. So, we kept reading. Next, Jesus says, "**Let the children come to me.**" The innocence of children allows them to receive and give love, to trust unconditionally, to believe in love that endures. Most children aren't yet jaded by statistics, broken hearts, or dysfunctional relationships. Children remind us of the world to come. The couple and I began to talk about child-like trust in Jesus and his teaching, and we continued to move forward. When it comes to the Church's demanding teaching on marriage, it's best to approach it as trusting children, whatever situations in which we find ourselves. — *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.



**TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**October 5 — 6**

Ushers Group III

**MISSION COMBINED COLLECTION**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5**

- 4:30 P.M. **Rosary** (in the Cry Room)
- 5:00 P.M. Mass offered for the Souls of †Joey and †Nicole Scherr requested by Joe and Kathy Scherr

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6 — 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- 7:30 A.M. Mass offered for the Soul of †Helen Kurys requested by Maryanne Murphy  
**Chaplet of Divine Mercy** (in the Cry Room)
- 9:00 A.M. **FAITH FORMATION CLASSES**
- 10:00 A.M. Mass offered for All the Parishioners of St. Maurice Church  
**Chaplet of Divine Mercy** (in the Cry Room)
- 5:30 P.M. **Evening Prayer** from the Liturgy of the Hours

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 7 — No MASS**

- 7:00 P.M. **THE PATRIOTIC ROSARY** in the church

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8 — No MASS**

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

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9 — St. Denis**

- 9:00 A.M. Mass offered for special intentions of Fr. Richard  
**Rosary after Mass**

- 9:00 A.M. **CHRISTMAS FAIR WORKSHOP** (in the Parish Center)

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10 — Weekday in Ordinary Time**

- 9:00 A.M. Mass offered for the Soul of †Mary-Clare Mack  
**Rosary after Mass**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11 — Weekday in Ordinary Time**

- 9:00 A.M. Mass offered for the Souls of †Michael Ladino, †Roland Vigeant and †Jason Mendes

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12**

**Vigil — 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- 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, OCTOBER 13 — 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- 7:30 A.M. Mass offered for the Souls of †Joey and †Nicole Scherr requested by Joe and Kathy Scherr  
**Chaplet of Divine Mercy** (in the Cry Room)
- 9:00 A.M. **FAITH FORMATION CLASSES**
- 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

**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: Joshua, Cathy, Kathy, Katherine, Janice, Doris, Courtney, Special Prayers.

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

**OCTOBER 26**

**AFTER THE 5:00 PM MASS**

Come celebrate Fall and Oktoberfest and socialize with your fellow parishioners. The Knights of Columbus will be cooking up a feast of bratwurst, sauerkraut, potatoes, rolls and salad along with desert, soft drinks, coffee and tea. (BYOB)

Bring the whole family and don't miss this festive event. \$15 per adult, \$5 children under 12. Sign up sheets are in the back of the church or pre-purchase online."



**STEWARDSHIP**

**Offertory: September 29**

Weekly Collection — \$2,770.00

On-line Giving - \$768.64

**Total: \$3,538.64**

**Projected Amount needed — \$3,670**

*“So out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name.” (GENESIS 2:19)*

The creation story reminds us of two important points. First, since the start, God has put the entire world into our care. Second, stewardship has been around since the beginning of mankind, it isn't something recently invented by the Church. Just as past generations built our Church, it is now our responsibility to continue to nurture and develop these gifts for future generations.

^ Tear off

**Memorial Mass Form**

Drop in collection ^

Father Richard, please offer a weekend \_\_\_ (or) weekday \_\_\_ Mass for the soul \_\_\_ (or) intentions \_\_\_ (as applicable) of:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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**FROM ST. MAURICE PARISH**



**THE PATRIOTIC ROSARY**  
**Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**7:00 pm inside the Church**  
**Prayers for Divine Protection and**  
**Peace for Our Nation**

Please join us on the **Feast Day of OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY**, on **Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup>**, at **7:00 pm**, inside the Church, as we pray the **Patriotic Rosary for America**. The **Patriotic Rosary** is a powerful prayer asking for divine protection and mercy for our country. Intentions include reconciling ourselves, our families,

and our nation back to God.

We will pray the **Joyful Mysteries**. Each individual of the 50 States will be prayed for and represented in the 50 beads of Hail Mary's of the 5 decades. A written guide will be provided.



**Knights of Columbus Silver Rose Prayer Service**

Our Knights of Columbus district will have the Silver Rose prayer service on Saturday, October 12, 2024 at St. Thomas Aquinas Chapel, 46 N Eagleville Rd, Storrs Center. Mass will start at 8:30am.

All parishioners are invited to attend this mass.

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



**We need help at St. Maurice's Fair this year....**  
**Saturday, November 23, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

- We need volunteers to help us set up and decorate for the fair the week of November, 18<sup>th</sup> daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Lunch to be served.
  - We will also need help to move in the crafters on Friday, 11/22
  - Money counters
  - Volunteers to work at different booths
  - Help in the kitchen café
  - Help with parking during the day of the fair
  - Very important – please support our bake table. Items can be brought in either Friday or the day of the fair.
  - Betty Aitken and her crew will be making pies and will need donations of flour and Crisco and sugar. Items may be left in church foyer.
  - We will need help in trimming the bushes and shrubs around the church and parish center. Bonny Benevides and friends will be creating Christmas baskets for sale at the fair.
  - We meet regularly each Wednesday from 9 a.m. to noon. Please join us. We will put your talents to good use!
- Questions or to volunteer – please contact Sharon Scorso at [sscorso@comcast.net](mailto:sscorso@comcast.net) or 860-646-1423.



**It's pie season**

I am looking for donations of flour, sugar, Crisco, canned pumpkin and corn syrup for our church pies. Donations can be left in the church vestibules marked "Fair".

**Please mark your calendars:**

- November 20th. Apple peeling from 2:30 p.m. till complete.
  - November 21st. Pie assembly starting at 8:00 a.m.
- Any amount of your time would be greatly appreciated. We never have too many people.

Betty Aitkin 860-649-4078

**FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH**



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Collection

**2024 MISSION COMBINED COLLECTION**

The Mission Combined Collection this weekend supports missionary works in Latin America, Asia, Africa, and parts of the United States.

Your generous gifts today will allow our missions to bring the love of Jesus and our Catholic faith to those in Latin America, small mission dioceses in Africa and Asia, as well as support our Black and Indian

Mission Office. In addition, through the Catholic Home Missions Appeal, the Church will reach isolated communities here in the U.S, thirsty for the Word of God. Please give today with a joyful and generous heart.

Your support will truly make a difference.



**ANNIVERSARY MASS REGISTRATION**

All couples married 25 & 50 years or celebrating any significant anniversary are invited to attend the 2024 Silver and Golden Jubilee Anniversary Mass celebrated by Bishop Michael R. Cote at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in

Norwich on Sunday, **November 10, 2024, at 2 P.M.**

Registration is required. To do so, send the following information: **husband and wife's name, address, telephone number, email, wedding date, anniversary being celebrated and parish** to the Office of Faith Events, 331 Main St., 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Norwich, CT 06360, call 860-848-2237, Ext 203.

The deadline for registering is **Friday, October 11. This is a firm date, so please register early.** Couples may also email a **recent digital photo** of themselves in a **jpeg format** to the email address to be included in a gallery of pictures on the Diocesan Website.




**DONATIONS NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS TREES AT WADSWORTH**

The Office of Faith Events is seeking donations of new children's books and new gloves or mittens for their Annual Wadsworth Christmas Trees. These trees will be displayed at Wadsworth Atheneum's 50th Annual Festival of Trees and Tradition, happening from December 5th to December 15th. Donations can be dropped off at the Diocese of Norwich Chancery Office at 201 Broad St., Norwich.

For questions, please contact Andrea Hoisl at [ahoisl@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:ahoisl@norwichdiocese.net)

or call (860) 848-2237 ext. 312. Thank you for your generosity!

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