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Good News!

September 11, 2016

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Ex 32:7-11, 13-14 / 1 Tm 1:12-17 / Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

A preacher at a prayer service read the story of the Prodigal Son. The story was so familiar, I tuned out until he reached the part about the reaction of the elder son complaining about his brother's treatment. The preacher continued, "So the father responded, 'You are absolutely right: Let's send him away again.'" The congregation looked startled as this unfamiliar version rang in our ears. The preacher said, "That's the way I always thought the story should have gone." He continued to reflect on the passage and our all-too-human reaction to a father who seems to spoil his youngest kid rotten. The more he talked, the more I realized that there is a little of the eldest son in all of us. We want to be rewarded and we want those who are wrong to be punished.

I think today's Exodus account is written from that perspective. God, as we understand him, wants to strike down all those who made the golden calf—and rightfully so. But Moses reminds God of his promise to Abraham, a memory of love so powerful that God cannot destroy his children regardless of his anger. We don't see how the Prodigal's father responded when his younger son first left. Maybe he was angry or disappointed as we might have been. Rather, we do see that his love was so powerful, the son is welcomed back and falls to his knees in relief and contrition.

"It's pure grace that the father didn't react as we might have," said the preacher, "Thank God." And he read the rest of the passage as it had been written.

—*Mary Katharine Deeley*

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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — SEPTEMBER 11, 2016

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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 our Coffee Social or Pancake Breakfast after the Sunday Mass, both 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):

By appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Please call the rectory (860-643-4466) to arrange for a meeting with the Pastor.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Arrangements must start more than 6 months before marriage. Necessary interviews, a pre-cana course and plenty of paperwork is required. We strongly urge you to contact us to begin the Diocesan preparation course as soon as you are engaged to get the most out of it without rush.

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.

THIS WEEKTWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMESEPTEMBER 10 — 11, 2016USHERS GROUP II2ND COLLECTION — MAINTENANCE COLLECTIONSATURDAY, SEP 10**5:00 P.M.** Mass offered for Rita Benevides
request of Tom and Dottie Curtiss

Altar Servers: TBD

Lectors: Patti Cinea

Eucharistic Minister: Bert Flynn

*COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement*SUNDAY, SEP 11**7:30 A.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners
of St. Maurice Church

Altar Servers: Shirley Holbrook

Lector: Judy Trzcinski

Eucharistic Minister: Arlene Giglio

10:00 A.M. Mass offered for †Michal, †Helen and †Henry
Sobczk — request of Lucy Szwed and Family

Altar Servers: LeeAnn & Ben Snuffer

Lector: Lee Snuffer

Eucharistic Minister: Kathleen Smythe

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS AFTER MASSCHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY *after Mass***SAINT MAURICE
PARISH FAMILY PICNIC***after 10:00 AM Mass in the Parish Center*MONDAY, SEP 12**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners
of St. Maurice ChurchTUESDAY, SEP 13**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners
of St. Maurice Church*Rosary recited after Mass***7:15 P.M.** ADULT CHOIR REHEARSALWEDNESDAY, SEP 14**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for †Lena C. Bloznalis
request of The Dean & Bloznalis FamiliesTHURSDAY, SEP 15 — NO MASSFRIDAY, SEP 16 — NO MASSSATURDAY, SEP 17**4:30 P.M.** ROSARY BEFORE 5:00 P.M. MASS**STEWARDSHIP****Last week's Offertory: September 4 — \$3,479****Projected Amount needed \$3,370***"Everything I have is yours."*

LUKE 15:31

Our Heavenly Father gives us everything, including the chance to share in His eternal kingdom. Yet, like the Prodigal Son we are often lured away by the materialism of our society. Do we really want to turn our backs on all that God offers in exchange for a material wealth that has no lasting value?

NEXT WEEKTWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMESEPTEMBER 17 — 18, 2016USHERS GROUP III2ND COLLECTION — CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
CAMPAIGNSATURDAY, SEP 17**5:00 P.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners
of St. Maurice Church

Altar Servers: TBD

Lectors: Bert Flynn

Eucharistic Minister: Linda Wiley

*COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement*SUNDAY, SEP 18**7:30 A.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners
of St. Maurice Church

Altar Servers: Shirley Holbrook

Lector: Judy Knox

Eucharistic Minister: Linda Richardson

10:00 A.M. Mass offered for †Barbara and †Donald Sullivan
request of Patrick and Daniel Sullivan

Altar Servers: Alex Czercowy

Lector: Evelyn O'Connor

Eucharistic Minister: Betty Aitkin

BUS TRIP TO DEVEIN MERCY SHRINE**BLESSING OF THE CATECHISTS**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY *after Mass**COFFEE SOCIAL after Mass in the Church Basement*MONDAY, SEP 19**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for †Lena C. Bloznalis
request of The Dean & Bloznalis FamiliesTUESDAY, SEP 20**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners
of St. Maurice Church*Rosary recited after Mass***7:00 P.M.** BOLTON ECUMENICAL COUNCIL MEETING**7:15 P.M.** ADULT CHOIR REHEARSALWEDNESDAY, SEP 21**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners
of St. Maurice ChurchTHURSDAY, SEP 22 — NO MASSFRIDAY, SEP 23 — NO MASSSATURDAY, SEP 24**4:30 P.M.** ROSARY BEFORE 5:00 P.M. MASS**Readings for the Week of September 11, 2016****Sunday:** Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19/1
Tm 1:12-17/Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10**Monday:** 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Ps 40:7-10, 17/Lk 7:1-10**Tuesday:** 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 100:1-5/Lk 7:11-17**Wednesday:** Nm21:4b-9/Ps78:1-2,34-38/Phil2:6-11/Jn3:13-17**Thursday:** 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 28/Jn 19:25-27
or Lk 2:33-35**Friday:** 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:1, 6-8, 15/Lk 8:1-3**Saturday:** 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10-14/Lk 8:4-15**Next Sunday:** Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-8/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13
or 16:10-13

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FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH

ST. MAURICE PRAYER LINE



Please remember all the special intentions on the St. Maurice Prayer Line, especially the new requests for this week. Thank you. Carol and MaryAnn.

PARISH FAMILY PICNIC

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH
PARISH CENTER

(following 10:00 am Mass)

Please join us for a good ole fashion end-of-the-summer picnic!



We will thank and honor Fr. Wojciech for his years of service and accomplishments to this parish, and offer him farewell and God's blessings for his future. Provided will be hot dogs/hamburgers and a celebratory cake! Please use the sign-up sheet on the back table of the church. This will give us a count of how much food is needed. Gladly accepted is your contribution of a favorite side dish, or bag of chips! A bowl will be placed to put cards of well wishes. Please contact **Theresa** at the **Parish Office** for more information.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS



Catechetical Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday, September 18th at the 10:00 am mass. Catechists will be announced during mass and receive a blessing.

The first day of faith formation classes is September 25th 2016! There will be a welcome meeting for parents and students at 9:00 am. Please place your registration forms in the offertory basket at any mass.



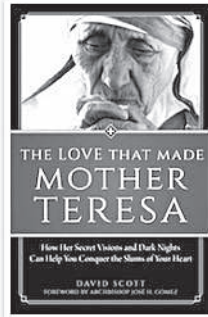
FROM SLEIGH BELLS RING CHRISTMAS FAIR GROUP



It is time for us to look forward to the food section of our Fair in November. We are asking for your help by donating some items flour, sugar and Crisco for the pies. We use sugar sur-gel and paraffin for the jams. We also use flour and sugar for our mixes. As always, we need jam jars and baby food jars, also canning jars. Please leave your contributions at the church or center. Thank you, Dorli.

FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH

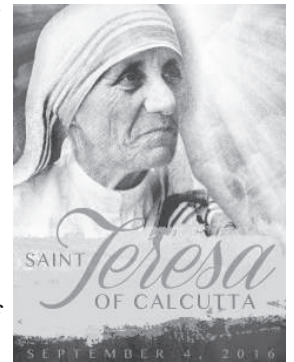
ST. MAURICE BOOK CLUB



In continuing with the **Jubilee Year of Mercy**, our next book read is, *The Love that made Mother Teresa*, by David Scott. Her canonization was on Sunday, September 4th. Founding the Missionaries of Charity, her witness in serving the "poorest of the poor" exemplifies the works of mercy, by fulfilling **Matthew 25**: "For I was

hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me." This is our call to holiness and eternal life with God. "Do small things with great love." This book is part biography, part spiritual, and shares both her mystical experiences and dark nights of the soul.

\$15 Sign-up sheet in back table of the church. A group discussion to follow.



SAFE ENVIRONMENT AWARENESS



The month of September has been delegated as Safe Environments Month here at Saint Maurice. As part of strategies in creating a safe, faith environment for children, a double-sided handout on the Diocesan policies and guidelines will be included on the back table of the church. This meets

our Diocesan requirement to make this material available to parishioners on a yearly basis.

The policy and reporting procedures can be found also on the Diocesan website: www.norwichdiocese.org/office-for-safe-environments.html

Parents will receive child specific brochures on the first day of classes. They are asked to review the brochures that focus on what they can do to help assure child safety and welfare, as well as sensitively review the brochures that with their own children. Any parish adult and minor volunteer who work in an environment with our youth must undergo background checks, as well as complete an *Armatus* on line program or attend a *Call to Protect Workshop*.

2016 Called to Protect Workshop — St. Mary's Church, Norwich, Saturday, September 17th, time TBD

To pre-register, call Iris Fernandez @ 860-213-8018

Defending Our Religious Liberty

The Knights of Columbus presented the "Gaudium et Spes" Award, their highest honor, to the Little Sisters of the Poor for standing up for religious liberty. The Sisters have stood up to the U.S government in refusing to allow it to coerce their community to violate their conscience and religious beliefs. Let us pray for them as they continue the fight to defend religious freedom.

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