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THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — OCTOBER 30, 2016

Good News!

October 30, 2016

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
Wis 11:22-12:2; 2 Thes 1:11-2:2; Lk 19:1-10

I'm the shortest one in nearly every picture in which I appear. It's not that I'm that short (about three inches below average), but I am surrounded by taller people. Consequently, Zacchaeus has always been a particular favorite of mine. I certainly would have tried to get higher to see Jesus, too. Maybe Zacchaeus and I would have shared a branch. But Zacchaeus inspires me for another reason. When Jesus, whom Zacchaeus knew only by reputation, called to him, his response was immediate. He came down to stand in front of Jesus. In their society, tax collectors were considered traitors and ostracized by all. In the process of working for the Romans, Zacchaeus strengthened Caesar's influence and likely charged more than he should have to support a wealthy lifestyle when most Jews lived in poverty.

Seeing Zacchaeus in the tree, Jesus seized the opportunity to bring conversion to a sinner. Instead of judgment or bitterness from a stranger, Jesus offered him words of welcome. Zacchaeus heard the invitation (literal and spiritual) in Jesus' statement—"I must stay at your house"—and "received him with joy."

When Jesus enters our house, we find the strength to turn from sin. The effect of Jesus' presence on Zacchaeus was immediate. As they stood together, he turned from his sin and promised to care for the poor and make restitution for anything he stole. Let us hurry to receive Jesus into our hearts and turn away from our sin as well. —*Mary Katharine Deeley*

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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):

Saturday 4:15 PM — 4:45 PM

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:

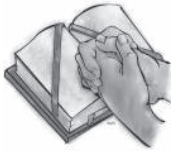
We are most anxious to help anyone who is not able to celebrate Mass with us in Church due to illness, handicapped or age. If you wish the Sacraments, please call 860-643-4466.

THIS WEEKTHIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMEOCTOBER 29 — 30, 2016USHERS GROUP I2ND COLLECTION — ST. MAURICE FUEL FUNDSATURDAY, OCT 29**5:00 P.M.** Mass offered for †John Garvan - 3rd Anniversary
request of Frances Garvan*Altar Servers:* TBD*Lectors:* Bert Flynn*Eucharistic Minister:* Georgette PelletierSUNDAY, OCT 30**7:30 A.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners
of St. Maurice Church*Altar Servers:* Shirley Holbrook*Lector:* Judy Trzcinski*Eucharistic Minister:* Linda Richardson**8:30 A.M. — 8:50 A.M. YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSAL**
*in the Church***8:30 A.M. BREAKFAST FOR FAITH FORMATION**
9:00 A.M. FAITH FORMATION CLASSES**10:00 A.M.** Mass offered for †Marian Herasimowicz
request of The Herasimowicz Family*Altar Servers:* Alex Czercow*Lector:* Jeffrey Monroe*Eucharistic Minister:* Betty Aitkin**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** *after Mass*MONDAY, OCT 31**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for †Lena C. Bloznalis
request of The Dean & Bloznalis FamiliesTUESDAY, NOV 1 — ALL SAINTS DAY (Day of Obligation)**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners
of St. Maurice Church*Altar Servers:* TBD*Lector:* Judy Knox*Eucharistic Minister:* Lou Cloutier**7:00 P.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners
of St. Maurice Church*Altar Servers:* LeeAnn & Ben Snuffer*Lector:* Lee Snuffer*Eucharistic Minister:* Sharon ScorsoWEDNESDAY, NOV 2 — NO MASS**9:00 A.M. CHRISTMAS FAIR WORKSHOP** *in the Parish Center*THURSDAY, NOV 3 — NO MASSFRIDAY, NOV 4 — NO MASSSATURDAY, NOV 5**4:30 P.M. ROSARY BEFORE 5:00 P.M. MASS****STEWARDSHIP****Last week's Offertory: October 23 — \$3,237****Projected Amount needed \$2,980***"But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, 'Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over.'"**LUKE 19:8*

We are all called to graciously give back to the Lord in proportion to the blessings we have been given. This means everyone isn't called to give the same amount, but is called to give equal sacrifice. No amount is too small or insignificant! Open your heart, how is God calling you?

NEXT WEEKTHIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMENOVEMBER 5 — 6, 2016USHERS GROUP IISATURDAY, NOV 5**5:00 P.M.** Mass offered for †Robert Simmons
request of Mary Simmons*Altar Servers:* TBD*Lectors:* Bert Flynn*Eucharistic Minister:* Georgette PelletierSUNDAY, NOV 6**7:30 A.M.** Mass offered for †Lena C. Bloznalis
request of The Dean & Bloznalis Families*Altar Servers:* Shirley Holbrook*Lector:* Judy Trzcinski*Eucharistic Minister:* Linda Richardson**8:30 A.M. — 8:50 A.M. YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSAL**
*in the Church***8:30 A.M. BREAKFAST FOR FAITH FORMATION**
9:00 A.M. FAITH FORMATION CLASSES**10:00 A.M.** Mass offered for a special intention
for Angelica and Alex
request of The Czercow Family*Altar Servers:* Alex Czercow*Lector:* Jeffrey Monroe*Eucharistic Minister:* Betty Aitkin**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** *after Mass*MONDAY, NOV 7**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for †Christine Carlone
request of Cathy DepathyTUESDAY, NOV 8 — Election Day**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners
of St. Maurice Church**THE 4 MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY WILL BE RECITED**
FOLLOWING DAILY MASS**7:15 P.M. ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL**WEDNESDAY, NOV 9 — NO MASS**9:00 A.M. CHRISTMAS FAIR WORKSHOP** *in the Parish Center*THURSDAY, NOV 10 — NO MASSFRIDAY, NOV 11 — NO MASSSATURDAY, NOV 12**4:30 P.M. ROSARY BEFORE 5:00 P.M. MASS****Readings for the Week of October 30, 2016****Sunday:** Wis 11:22--12:2/Ps 145: 1-2, 8-11, 13-14/2
Thes 1:11--2:2/Lk 19:1-10**Monday:** Phil 2:1-4/Ps 131:1-3/Lk 14:12-14**Tuesday:** Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a**Wednesday:** Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-6/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/
Jn 6:37-40**Thursday:** Phil 3:3-8a/Ps 105:2-7/Lk 15:1-10**Friday:** Phil 3:17--4:1/Ps 122:1-5/Lk 16:1-8**Saturday:** Phil 4:10-19/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 8-9/Lk 16:9-15**Next Sunday:** 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14/Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15/2
Thes 2:16--3:5/Lk 20:27-38 or 20:27, 34-38

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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.

This month's prayer intentions for the **Month of the Holy Rosary: The protection of all life from the moment of conception until natural death and the abolishment of abortion.**

DIOCESE OF NORWICH

Update on the Annual Catholic Appeal 2016**Annual Catholic Appeal**

As of October 14th, St. Maurice Parish is at 103% of goal!! Thank you so much for your generous contributions! However there has been only a 23% participation rate to this point. There is still time to make a contribution to the 2016 Annual Catholic Appeal. If you have not yet made a donation to this shared diocesan work of mercy, please consider doing so. No contribution is too small, even consider a \$5 donation. You can donate online by visiting <http://www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org/annual-catholic-appeal.html>, by contacting the Development Office at 197 Broadway, Norwich, CT 06360 or calling (860) 886-1928.

FROM SLEIGH BELLS RING CHRISTMAS FAIR GROUP

As we move toward our Fair we ask for your help with our needs. We are asking for your help by donating **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. Please leave your contributions in the church or Parish Center.

St. James School Open House & Registration

St. James School in Manchester invites families of school-age children to an informational Open House for its Kindergarten through Grade 8 program on Tuesday, November 8th (Election Day) at 8:30 AM. Information on the school's Open House schedule and registration forms for the 2017-2018 school year are available online at www.SaintJamesSchool.net/OpenHouse, emailing aguenter@saintjameschool.net or calling the school at 860.643-5088.

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FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

The monthly **Diocesan Pro-Life Mass** will take place at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on **Saturday, November 5 at 8:30 A.M.** Please join our celebrant **Rev. Walter Nagle** at Mass as we pray to end abortion and for the healing for

those who have had an abortion. Following the Mass, the Rosary will be prayed both at the Cathedral and Planned Parenthood. A brunch in the Cathedral Hall will follow the Rosary this month.

Twenty-Fifth Annual Red, White and Blue Mass Sunday, November 6, 2016, at 10:15 a.m.

On Sunday, November 6, 2016, at 10:15 a.m., Bishop Cote will celebrate Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Patrick for all military personnel, those who are active, in the reserves and Veterans. The purpose of this celebration is to honor our service men and women as we recognize the many sacrifices made by the families and loved ones of our military. The theme for the 2016, Red, White and Blue Mass is **Connecticut's Submarine Century**. The Homilist will be Deacon Robert P. Hayes. The Mass Committee Chairs are BG CT Edward J. Waitte, (Ret.) and Mr. David K. Harding, U.S. Merchant Marine. For more information call, Monsignor Brown or Mrs. Rebecca McDougal at 860-887-9294.

Closing Celebration of the Extraordinary Jubilee.

Bishop Cote will celebrate the Closing of the **Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy** on Sunday, November 13, 2016, 10:25 a.m., Cathedral of Saint Patrick, Norwich. Participants are asked to bring an item of food or personal hygiene items for the needy in the area. These donated items will be presented prior to this Mass. For further information call Ms. Becky Cady at 860-887-9294, ext. 235.

Pray A Rosary

October

Month of the Holy Rosary

Defending Our Religious Liberty

We are called to advocate for the most fundamental of human goods and rights, in particular, the right to life and the right not only to profess our faith, but to live it out. We are advocating for the freedom to "be Catholic," to go about our lives serving the needs of our brothers and sisters, regardless of their race, creed, or religion, not because they are Catholic but because we are Catholic.

If you haven't done so already, please voice your opposition to the federal health care mandate by calling U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Sylvia Mathews Burwell at 202-205-5445, and your elected state representatives. Let them know that the mandate is in violation of our First Amendment right to religious freedom.

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