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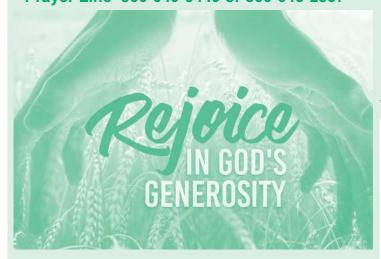
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"Are you envious because I am generous?" The landowner in today's Gospel parable surprised everyone. Contrary to standard practice, he paid all of his laborers the same wage, regardless of how many hours they had worked! Of course this was a very pleasant surprise for those who had begun their job late in the day. And, understandably, it was something of a disappointment for those who had toiled since the morning. From their perspective, they should have gotten more than the others. But in fact the landowner was not cheating anyone; he was simply being especially generous with the latecomers.

This story would have had a special meaning for the Jewish audience listening to Jesus. They, the Chosen People, were the laborers who had started at 9:00 am. They belonged to the group with a long history of worshipping the true God. Non-Jewish Gentiles, on the other hand, had appeared late in the game. Jesus was making the point that just because he would offer the same salvation and mercy to everyone, there should be no reason for the Jews to complain. They had received their promised Messiah; so what if, in God's mercy, he allowed others who had not waited so long to be saved as well? Divine generosity is not meant to be a cause for jealousy.

Now, we may feel removed from the concerns of those Jews. But the basic lesson remains relevant: that we ought to appreciate God's generosity, even when it reaches to those whom we may not expect God to forgive. Those who have long been faithful, for example, might think they deserve more benefits than sinners who repent late in life. But instead, we should all rejoice to see God's mercy extended to EVERYONE, no matter when they joined the fold.



TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — SEPTEMBER 24, 2017

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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 4:15 p.m. — 4:45 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Please call the rectory (860-748-4560) 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 860-748-4560.

ST. MAURICE CHURCH BOLTON, CT



TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 23 — 24, 2017

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners

of St. Maurice Church

Altar Servers: Patti Cinea Lectors: Patti Cinea

Eucharistic Minister: Patti Cinea

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for †Keith DePathy

request of Catherine DePathy

Altar Servers: Shirley Holbrook

Lector: Judy Trzcinski

Eucharistic Minister: Linda Richardson

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

8:00 A.M. TRIPLE PLAY CAFÉ BREAKFAST

Parish Center from 8:00AM to 10:00AM

9:00 A.M. FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

First session — parents and students

10:00 A.M. <u>Mass offered for †Rose Katon</u>

request of Margaret Brown

Altar Servers: LeeAnn & Ben Snuffer

Lector: Jeffrey Monroe

Eucharistic Minister: Clifford Scorso

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ICE CREAM SOCIAL

after Mass in the Parish Center

5:30 P.M. EVENING PRAYER

FROM THE LITURGY OF THE HOURS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 — NO MASS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 — NO MASS

7:15 P.M. CHOIR REHEARSAL

New members are most welcome

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 — NO MASS

9:00 A.M. CHRISTMAS FAIR WORKSHOP in the Parish Center

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 — NO MASS FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 — NO MASS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

4:30 P.M. ROSARY BEFORE 5:00 P.M. MASS

Delicious Pancake (552) Breakfast

JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST AT THE TRIPLE PLAY CAFÉ



Time: 8:00 A.M. — 10:00 A.M. **Date:** Sunday, September 24

Location: St. Maurice Parish Center

\$6.00 / Person \$18.00 / Family

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FAITH FORMATION NEWS

The first day of faith formation classes Sunday, September 24th! Welcome meeting for parents and students

Welcome meeting for parents and students at 9:00 am.

We are still in critical need of teachers! If anyone has any interest in volunteering, please contact

Assistant Director of Faith Formation

Amie Tillmann

860-646-6314 or saintmauriceccd@gmail.com

You do not have to be a religious expert to be a teacher. Amie will give you materials and resources for your weekly lessons. She can put new teachers with experienced ones so they feel more comfortable. Even confirmed high school students can help out in our classes. It would be great for the younger kids to see teenagers continuing to practice their faith and this would count towards community service hours. Please let Amie know if you are willing to volunteer your time teaching.

Thank You.

STEWARDSHIP

Last week's Offertory: September 17 — \$3,770 Projected Amount needed \$2,980

"So the last will be first and the first last" - MATTHEW 20:16 You've heard the saying "it's not where you start, but how you finish." This certainly applies to this Bible passage. We have a responsibility not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. We are called to generously share our gifts with others, not hoard them for our own use. Our gratitude and generosity helps us live "God-centered" lives and not "self-centered" lives.

^ Tear off	Parish Membership Form				Drop in collection ^
Please enroll the following as member	rs of the Churc	ch of St. Mau	rice:		
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Children (under 18)					
Street Address			E-mail Address		
City State Zip			E-mail Address		
Home phone			Cell phone		
Send offertory envelopes	Send form for EFT (electronic donation)			We will Donate Online	
We can help out as: Altar server	_ Lector	_ Usher	Eucharistic Minister	Choir	Crafts workshop

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: Marge, Edith, Cesar, Nick, Vick, Mike, Ed.

Father Leon

Candle Intention - Nick, Vinny, Dot, Alie, Vic, Souls of 9/11, Edith, Paul, Military Service families, Cesar, Bob, Grace, John, Tadeusz, Andrzej.

May all families be strengthened by their faith in God and receive the courage and hope to face the difficulties they encounter in their families today

For our Youth in particular: that they be given the encouragement and the guidance to resist the immoral and sinful presence of current pagan culture.

Special prayers for those who are attending Mass at our church for the first time. May they and their families blessed and their prayer requests be granted.

Special prayers that all people of the Diocese of Norwich will move forward together into the future, helping one another through difficulties, rejoicing together over our abundant blessings, and being confident always of God's love and

FROM SLEIGH BELLS RING CHRISTMAS FAIR GROUP



The St. Maurice Fair Group is meeting every Wednesday at 9 a.m. in the Parish Center. New members are always encouraged and invited. No particular artistic skills

are needed just an ability to 'learn from others'. Questions, please call Sharon Scorso at 860-646-1423. Hope to see you there.

SLEIGH BELLS RING CHRISTMAS FAIR NEEDS

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. Thank you.

Defending Our Religious Liberty

"In a diverse society like ours, people will disagree on moral issues. A majority should not be able to impose its way of life on others by using the government to coerce people into violating their consciences. The Catholic Church teaches that religious freedom has to do with immunity from coercion. Immunity from government coercion is a right that all citizens in this country should enjoy. So in asking for an exemption to the HHS mandate to fully accommodate deeply held moral and religious beliefs, we are simply asking that the government give us the space to fully participate in American life." -- Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo, archbishop of Galveston-Houston & president of the USCCB.

Father Leon is available at all times for any Spiritual needs, to call or meet with him personally, you're always welcomed. Reach him direct at (860) 748-4560.

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH



The Norwich 40 Days-For-Life campaign will begin with a Vigil Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Tuesday, September 26, at 7 PM. Bishop Michael R. Cote will be the principal celebrant and Fr. Brian Maxwell will

be the homilist. Following Mass, the 40 Days for Life Team will be available to answer any questions.

This year, The 40 Days for Life Campaign runs from Wednesday, Sept. 27th through Nov. 5th. It is hoped that you will join our Parish by praying, fasting, and signing-up to attend the peaceful prayer vigil held outside the planned parenthood facility at 12 Case St. in Norwich. Thank you.

Pontifical Mass for the Diocesan Partnership on Disability

Join us for a Celebration of the Liturgy for people living with disabilities; for their family, friends, care-givers, co-workers, support staff and health care professionals. Principal Celebrant Bishop Michael R. Cote Saturday September 30, 2017 @5:00 p.m. The Cathedral of St. Patrick, 213 Broadway, Norwich *sign language provided for Mass and reception presentation*

Presentation & Reception to follow in Cathedral Hall For more information or to RSVP for the reception, please contact the Office of Faith Events, 860-848-2237 x304 or faithevents@norwichdiocese.net

Twenty-Fifth Annual Mass for Firefighters/EMS Personnel Saturday, October 14, 2017, at 5:00 p.m.

On Saturday, October 14, 2017, at 5:00 p.m., Bishop Cote will celebrate Mass for all Firefighters/EMS personnel, in the Cathedral of Saint Patrick. Each year, brothers and sisters of all faiths gather to thank God for their calling, to pray for their safety, and to remember their fallen colleagues. Assembly at Chelsea Parade for the line-up and the procession (to the Cathedral) of all personnel and apparatus will begin at 3:30 p.m. The Homilist will be Reverend Robert Marciano, Pastor, Saint Kevin Parish, Warwick, RI.

Reception immediately following. All companies, departments, and personnel and their families are cordially invited to participate. For more information call, Mrs. Terri Zampini at 860-887-9294, x265, or Monsignor Brown at x232.

The monthly Diocesan Pro-Life Mass will take place at Christ the King Parish, 1 McCurdy Rd., Old Lyme, on Saturday, October 7 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.

East Catholic High School

Come visit East Catholic High School during our Open House this year on Thursday, November 2, 2017 at 6:45 p.m. The Entrance Exam for eighth graders will be given on the following Saturday, November 11, 2017 at 8 a.m. at East. Pre-registration for the exam is advised but not required. Visit www.echs.com or call our Admissions office at 860-649-5336 x6456 for more information!



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