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"Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you." Ouch. This had to sting. Jesus spoke these shocking words not just to anybody. He spoke them to "the chief priests and elders of the people." The ones who were professional law-keepers. The ones who were religious leaders and teachers. The ones who were, in truth, self-righteous, pompous, and presumptuous. Jesus must have known how offensive it would be to his audience to share this unpleasant fact. But he said it anyway because he knew they needed to hear it. But the point wasn't to offend. The point was to amend. Jesus was urging them to change their lives for the better, to come to God with a humble, contrite heart, seeking forgiveness and mercy. These unrepentant upper-crust leaders were plagued by an inability to see their own sins. They were far too focused on identifying where others were going wrong. And, as was his style, Jesus' preaching was adapted according to his audience. These guys needed to get knocked out of their complacency. So Jesus did what he had to do.

It's important to realize, by the way, that the reason tax collectors and prostitutes were leading the line to heaven wasn't because of their sins. It was because of their sorrow. The people Jesus had in mind when he mentioned this-like Zacchaeus and Mary Magdalene perhaps-had repented from their sinful behavior and begun anew. This is why he praises them. And this is what the Lord longs to see everyone doing, including us. Either we need to acknowledge and repent of our sins, or we are placing ourselves in the same category as the pharisaical priests and elders. And that's definitely not the place to be.



TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — OCTOBER 1, 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 SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 30 — OCTOBER 1, 2017 **USHERS GROUP I**

2ND COLLECTION — CRADLE FUND

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

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

Altar Servers: Emilia Herasimowicz

Lectors: Praise Lemaire

Eucharistic Minister: Linda Wiley, Georgette Pelletier

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church

Altar Servers: Shirley Holbrook

Lector: Judy Knox

Eucharistic Minister: Linda Richardson, Arlene Giglio

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

8:30 A.M. BREAKFAST FOR FAITH FORMATION

9:00 A.M. FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

Mass offered for All Parishioners 10:00 A.M.

of St. Maurice Church

Altar Servers: Marta Herasimowicz, Drew Tillmann

Lector: Rita Sheetz

Eucharistic Minister: Rita Sheetz, Kathleen Smythe

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

5:30 P.M. EVENING PRAYER

FROM THE LITURGY OF THE HOURS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2 — NO MASS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3 — NO MASS

7:15 P.M. CHOIR REHEARSAL

New members are most welcome

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4 — NO MASS

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5 — NO MASS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6 — NO MASS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

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

The Mission Combined Collection will be held next weekend. Your contribution will provide assistance to the World Mission Appeal, U.S. Bishop's Appeal for Latin America, Black and Indian Missions, and the Catholic Home Mission Appeal. You will receive information in the mail about this collection or find it in the back of the church on the ushers' tables.

Please read this material and bring your gift envelope to Mass next weekend, October 7/8, 2017.

Live Your Faith

40 Days for Life ... a groundbreaking, coordinated international mobilization. We pray that, with God's help, this will mark the beginning of the end of abortion in our city — and beyond.

The 40-Days-For-Life campaign runs from Wednesday, September 27th through November 5th.

Parishioners are encouraged to participate in one or more of the following ways:

ATTEND THE PEACEFUL PRAYER VIGIL - Stand for life and pray for the end to abortion. Join others from St. Maurice Parish to attend the Peaceful Prayer Vigil on Friday, October 6th from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Those wanting to participate can contact Tom Manning at tmanning818@sbcglobal.net or (860) 990-4698 cell.

PRAY - Pray at home, work or during your commute. Pray with your family.

FAST - Give up something and offer sacrifices to God over this 40 day period. Fasting is an effective plea to God for this

COMMUNITY OUTREACH – Be an advocate by speaking to others about the reasons why every life is sacred. You can help change people's hearts.

STEWARDSHIP

Last week's Offertory: September 24 — \$3,816 Projected Amount needed \$2,980

"Do nothing out of selfishness; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves..." Philippians 2:3 Pride and ego are hard things to control. We see how others act or dress and think we are superior to them. We idolize our own self-image. But, if we truly believe everything is a gift from God, we recognize all the people that God has put in our lives as gifts! We are grateful for how they enrich our lives. Pray every day for the people in your life.

^ Tear off	Memorial Mass Form	Drop in collection ^
Father Leon, please offer a weekend	(or) weekday Mass for the soul (or) intention	ons (as applicable) of:
Name		
Person requesting		
Street Address	E-mail Address	
City State Zip	E-mail Address	
Home phone	Cell phone	
Check enclosed Envelope No	We will Donate Online (Customary donation	
I will bring up the gifts at the Mass cele	ebrated. Yes No	

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, Fr. Leon, Francis, Ruth, Bob and

Grace, John, Derek, Nancy, Jen.

Candle Intentions - Nick, Kate, Edith

The sufferings, the need, and the elderly, may they find peace and joy in God as well as receive the sufficient help from friends and neighbors

Our parish community, enlightened by the light of Christ, may bring that light to others, especially those who stand most in need.

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 mercy.

Thank you — Carol & Mary Ann

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.

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 Catholic High School .

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!

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

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE WEEKEND ~ If you are widowed, separated or divorced and want help in resolving the pain and grief of losing the marriage relationship and create a more peace-filled future, consider attending a Beginning Experience weekend October 27-29 at St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield, CT. The fee for the Catholic-based weekend is \$235, which covers food, lodging, materials and a follow-up event. For more information, contact Victoria at 860-993-2384 or Maureen at 860-285-8685 or visit www.beginningexperience.org/connecticut.

Praise, Worship, and Healing Prayer Service

Nothing uplifts the soul like praising and worshiping God! Come and rejoice for answered prayer, seek prayer for yourself or for a burden you're carrying for someone else. Join us on Thursday evening, October 5, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Andrew Church. 128 Norwich Ave. in Colchester, CT, for an evening of praising and worshiping God with music, teaching, witnessing, and prayer. If desired, you may also meet with a prayer team for personal, intercessory, or healing prayer. This service will be held on the first Thursday every month, immediately following Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

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 <u>860-887-9294</u>, <u>x265</u>, or Monsignor Brown at x232.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT WEEKENDS

If you are silently grieving or suffering from an abortion, experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat. The weekend healing process includes discussions, Living Scriptures with meditations, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service and Mass. Participation is confidential and offers an opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion.

The next weekend in Connecticut is October 20-22 in Litchfield, CT. For more information call 203-631-9030 or visit the national website at www.rachelsvineyard.org.

"PROJECT RACHEL" is our Diocesan ministry for anyone seeking healing and forgiveness from an abortion. Priests in the Project Rachel ministry are there for you with God's Grace and Mercy. Call 860-861-4439. All inquiries are confidential.



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