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TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — OCTOBER 22, 2017



"Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." The Pharisees, full of malice, were trying to "entrap Jesus in speech." They concocted a question that flattered him, saying, "You teach the way of God in accordance with the truth," but which also put him in a position to be in big trouble if he challenged the Roman laws. Jesus, of course, escaped the trap with his brilliant reply. We can appreciate the wisdom of his response, but more importantly, we can appreciate what it means for us.

To repay to Caesar, in this case, meant to give appropriate allegiance to the secular authorities. We too are under such authority, and although Uncle Sam is different than Caesar in countless ways, the fact remains that as constituents of this country who enjoy its many benefits, we are also called to extend a certain kind of tribute to our government. Taxes, yes, but more than that too. The loyalty and patriotism that offers our gifts in service to the good of our nation is also a tribute we Christians should make in good faith. Only when a law of our land contradicts the moral principles of God do we have to follow our primary allegiance instead, namely, our allegiance to Christ. Unfortunately, in our day we live under certain national laws that do conflict with the truth about human dignity, and thus a tension exists for us. But the course is clear. We must repay "to God what belongs to God" by defending the truth even when it may be unpopular. This kind of courage is what built the Church in those early centuries of persecution when practicing our faith was against the law. Heaven forbid this should ever happen to us. But if it does, we know what must be done.

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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.

**TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

OCTOBER 21 — 22, 2017

USHERS GROUP IV

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for †James and †Jane Toomey
request of their children

Altar Servers: Emilia Herasimowicz
Lectors: Georgette Pelletier
Eucharistic Minister: Annedda Stiller

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

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

Altar Servers: Shirley Holbrook
Lector: Judy Knox
Eucharistic Minister: Linda Richardson

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

8:30 A.M. **BREAKFAST FOR FAITH FORMATION**

9:00 A.M. **FAITH FORMATION CLASSES**

10:00 A.M. Mass offered for all departed souls of Andrzej
Czercowy Family — request of The Family

Altar Servers: LeeAnn & Ben Snuffer
Lector: Jeffrey Monroe
Eucharistic Minister: Cliff Scorso

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

5:30 P.M. **EVENING PRAYER**
FROM THE LITURGY OF THE HOURS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23 — NO MASS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24 — NO MASS

7:15 P.M. **CHOIR REHEARSAL**
New members are most welcome

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25 — NO MASS

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26 — NO MASS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27 — NO MASS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

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

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

YOUTH EXPLOSION 2017 - NOV 5TH



Faith Formation

On Sunday, November 5th the IX Youth Explosion will begin at 12:30pm at St. Bernard's in Uncasville. This year's theme is "Free 2 B Catholic." We will have National Speaker Mike Patin, Mass with Bishop Cote, and Steubenville East's band, The Jon Niven's band- Lift.

Tickets will be purchased for all students in the confirmation class. We will be sharing a bus to the event with St. Bernard & St. Matthew from Tolland.

This will be an excellent event filled with socializing, fun, and GOD...

Any other youth in grades 7-12 who wish to attend the Youth Explosion are asked to contact Amie Tillmann
saintmauriceccd@gmail.com

We do have 3 new teachers this year. Please welcome Melissa Pruess & Amy Bigliuzzi (teaching K-1); and Nicole Orfitelli (teaching 4-6). Here is a list of our teachers so we can thank all of them.

- Melissa Pruess & Amy Bigliuzzi (Grades K-1)
- Kathy Smythe & Kate Gladue (Grades 2-3)
- Amie Tillmann & Nicole Orfitelli (Grades 4-6)
- Anna Czercowy (Grades 7-8)
- Tom Manning (Grades 9-10)

Pray A Rosary

October

Month of the Holy Rosary

STEWARDSHIP

Last week's Offertory: October 15 — \$2,794

Projected Amount needed \$2,980

"Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's."

- Matthew 22:21

Everything we are and everything we have belongs to God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given each of us. All God is asking is that we give back a portion of what He gave us. This is the essence of Stewardship. God should be our first priority in everything. All else comes second.

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Parish Membership Form

Drop in collection ^

Please enroll the following as members of the Church of St. Maurice:

Adults _____

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: Marion, Mary Mumford, Marge, Francis, Fr.

Leon's safe travel, Cindy, Rose - died, Bob, Grace, Rachel, John, Dave, Lori.

Candle Intention: Nicholas

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

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

Prayer shawls are available upon request

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 fall is arriving the Fair group is working on mixes and food products like the jams and jellies. If you are planning to donate **flour, sugar, Crisco** or other product please leave it at the Parish Center any day or in church on the weekend. Every Wednesday from 9 to 12 we are at the center putting the final touches on things so come join us. The coffee is always hot.

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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.

Defending Our Religious Liberty

According to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), the decision in early October to expand the HHS mandate exemption is a "return to common sense, long-standing federal practice, and peaceful coexistence between church and state." Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo, Archbishop of Galveston-Houston and President of the USCCB, and Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore, Chairman of the USCCB's Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty, are hailing the Trump Administration's announcement to provide a broad religious and moral exemption from the mandate requiring health insurance coverage of sterilization, contraception, and drugs and devices that may cause abortions.

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

8th Annual Seton Scholarship Dinner

Please join Bishop Cote at the Eighth Annual Seton Scholarship Dinner honoring the recipients of the Most Reverend Michael R. Cote, D.D. Award for Contributions to Catholic Education to be held at 4 PM on Sunday, October 29, 2017 at The Riverhouse at Goodspeed Station, 55 Bridge Road, Haddam Connecticut. This year's honorees are: Ms. Sharon Briere, Principal, St. Joseph School, North Grosvenordale, CT; Mrs. Robin Holtsclaw, Claims/Risk Manager, representing Catholic Mutual Relief Society; and Mr. James Leone, Theology Teacher, St. Bernard School, Uncasville, CT.

Tickets are \$150/person and will be available for purchase until October 16, 2017. All proceeds benefit Catholic elementary school students within the Diocese in the form of tuition assistance. For tickets and more information, please contact Kathy Gaito at 860-886-1928 ext. 15, kgaito@norwichdiocese.net or visit www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org.

The monthly **Diocesan Pro-Life Mass** will take place at St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Church, 70 W. Main St., Baltic, on **Saturday, November 4 at 8 A.M.** Please join our celebrant Rev. Joseph Tito 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. **Please note the change of time and place for the Mass.**

On **Sunday, November 5, 2017, 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 2017, Red, White and Blue Mass is United States Coast Guard. The Homilist will be Father Daniel L. Mode who is a Naval Chaplain with the rank of Captain. Father Mode is currently serving as commander of the Chaplain Corps U.S. Navy. He is a former Coast Guard Chaplain at the Academy in New London. 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.

Workshop for the Bereaved ~ The Diocesan Catholic Family Services Office is sponsoring two workshops for the bereaved entitled: ***Praying Your Goodbyes***. Both workshops will include time for private reflection, prayer and journaling, and will give participants suggestions on how to navigate the upcoming holidays, and discover ways to grow through the experience of their loss. It will be offered on two separate dates: **Saturday, November 4** from 11 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. at St. Joseph Parish Hall, 99 Jackson St., Willimantic, and the second **Sunday, November 19** from 1:30 to 4 P.M. at St. Francis of Assisi Church Hall, 10 Elm St., Middletown. There is no cost for either workshop, but registration is required. To register for one of the two dates, call Marianne Nicholas at 860-848-2237, ext. 304 or email her at manicholas@norwichdiocese.net.

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