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LEAD FROM A PLACE

of understanding

"For they preach but they do not practice." The scribes and Pharisees may be the ones Jesus was speaking about in today's Gospel, but we must be careful not to dismiss his words when it comes to our own actions. Jesus offered a difficult challenge to those honor-seekers that we must also heed when he said, "The greatest among you must be your servant." This is not the way the world usually works. Generally speaking, the idea of being a servant is considered inferior to being someone who has risen to high levels of leadership or status. But Jesus wants people in positions of authority to selflessly serve those over whom they have influence. And he insists that the leaders who establish laws, rules, and guidelines do not excuse themselves from following their own directives! "Practice what you preach," as the saying goes.

Whether or not we have extensive public influence, almost all of us at certain points are in a position to exercise leadership--with our children and families, with classmates, coworkers, neighbors, friends, and sometimes strangers. When these moments arise, we are called to step into this role without being hypocrites. It's important to be sure we don't issue unrealistic demands on others that we ourselves would find it burdensome or even impossible to fulfill. This requires the virtue of humility. Instead of reveling in the authority we may have at any given moment, instead of creating "heavy burdens hard to carry and lay[ing] them on people's shoulders," we need to be ready and willing to walk a mile in their shoes, and lead accordingly. And Jesus tells us clearly that this servant leadership will be rewarded, for "whoever humbles himself will be exalted."

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — NOVEMBER 5, 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 (CONFESSON):

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.

THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 4 — 5, 2017

USHERS GROUP II**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4**5:00 P.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church

Altar Servers: Emilia Herasimowicz

Lector: Parise Lemaire

Eucharistic Minister: Bert Flynn

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY *after Mass***SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5**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****YOUTH EXPLOSION IX — FREE 2 B CATHOLIC****12:30 P.M. AT ST. BERNARD HIGH SCHOOL, UNTASVILLE CT**10:00 A.M. Mass offered for all the departed souls of Anna's Family request of Czercowy Family

Altar Servers: Alex Czercowy

Lector: Lee Snuffer

Eucharistic Minister: Sharon Scors

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY *after Mass***NO EVENING PRAYER****MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6**9:00 A.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7**9:00 A.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church7:15 P.M. **CHOIR REHEARSAL***New members are most welcome***WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8**9:00 A.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church9:00 A.M. **CHRISTMAS FAIR WORKSHOP** *in the Parish Center*7:00 P.M. **BIBLE STUDY AT THE PARISH CENTER****THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9 — NO MASS****FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10 — NO MASS****SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11**4:30 P.M. **ROSARY BEFORE 5:00 P.M. MASS****FROM SLEIGH BELLS RING CHRISTMAS FAIR GROUP****CHRISTMAS FAIR NEEDS****Greens Greens Greens.....**

On November 13th we will be making our wreaths and arrangements. We also use Holly..... If you are trimming your evergreens please think of us with usable cuttings. Just leave them at the center or outside the church before then and we will find them and use them.

"HEAVENLY SCENT"**CHRISTMASMAS FAIR BAKE SHOP****WE ARE "CALLING ALL BAKERS" AGAIN FOR DONATIONS
TO OUR BAKE SALE FOR THIS YEAR'S CHRISTMAS FAIR!**

In addition to the delicious apple pies made with love by a special group of ladies every year, we are looking to fill up our bake sale booth with your family favorites! Brownies, nut breads, coffee cakes, fudge, Grandma's favorite lemon bars, cookies, pumpkin pies, shortbread, cinnamon buns, home-made bread, etc. are all in high demand for the holidays! **Donations can be dropped off at the Parish Center on Friday evening, November 17th or Saturday morning, the day of the fair on November 18th. Thank you in advance!**

One of our more ambitious fair projects is the making of 100 apple pies. Most times they are sold out by noon on fair day. **The pies require seven baskets of apples which we will peel on November 15th. starting at 6:30 p.m. and the pies assembled on Thursday, November 16th. starting at 8 a.m.** We are hoping to get a good turn out for both days. The apples can be peeled in two hours or less with about 15-20 people. Please consider a few hours either one or both days. Bring the peeler and paring knife that you are most comfortable with.

Thanks so much ----- Betty Aitkin

STEWARDSHIP**Last week's Offertory: October 29 — \$3,998****Projected Amount needed \$2,980**

"Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted." - Matthew 23:12

Jesus gave His life to serve, not to be served. Putting other's needs before our own needs is a sign of becoming a mature disciple, of following Jesus' example. Humility is really a sign of a strength. By putting other's needs first we declare to the world that we are putting our complete trust in God. When we align our thoughts and actions with God's plan for us, the result is Joy and Peace.

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Parish Membership Form

Drop in collection ^

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

Adults _____

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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: Lois, Mike, Fr. Leon, Francis, Marge, Mary Mumford

Candle Intention: Arlene, Cody, Jackie

For Pope Francis, successor to St. Peter; that he will faithfully proclaim the Good News, be guided by the Spirit in promoting unity in the Church and leading us to greater love and service.

For all who are searching for the keys to new life; that God will help those who feel bound by addiction or destructive habits to recognize the key that will liberate them to wholeness of life.

Prayer shawls are available upon request

Thank you. Carol & Mary Ann

Delicious **Pancake** **Breakfast**

JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST AT THE TRIPLE PLAY CAFÉ



Time: 8:00 A.M. — 10:00 A.M.

Date: Sunday, November 12

Location: St. Maurice Parish Center

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BIBLE STUDY

**A Comparative Review
of the Gospels
with Father Leon**

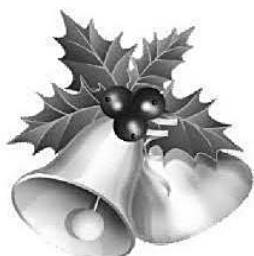
**In the Parish Center
every other Wednesday.**

Next session November 8th at 7:00 p.m.

"Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ."

St. Jerome

**SAINT MAURICE CHURCH
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CHRISTMAS FAIR
NOVEMBER 18, 2017
9 A.M. TO 3 P.M.
COME ONE AND ALL
AND ENJOY**



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

YOUNG ADULT MASS WITH BISHOP COTE

On Sunday, December 3rd, St. Joseph's in Willimantic is delighted to host Bishop Michael Cote for the 1st Annual Diocesan Mass & Reception for Young Adults. All Young Adults (ages 18 - 39, single and married) are invited and encouraged to attend! We encourage Young Adults to invite friends to join us! Mass with the Bishop will begin at 11:15am and following liturgy there will be a coffee social in the hall.

WINE, WISDOM, AND WHYWine, Wisdom, and Why at Holy Family Hebron on Thursday November 30th from 7 – 9pm.

"The Advent Edition" - Learn more about your faith and share some fellowship with other adult Catholics. Join us for an evening of questions and answers about our Faith! Ask questions about Advent Traditions as well as any other Faith Traditions you have always wondered about! A panel of experts ready to answer any questions include: Bishop Michael Cote, Bishop of the Norwich Diocese, Sr. Elissa Rinere CP, Director of Office of Worship/Pastoral Planning, Norwich Diocese, Deacon Chris Deskus, Director of Prison Ministry Office, Norwich Diocese, and Mr. Brendan Bell, Scripture Teacher, Xavier High School, Middletown RSVP BY Nov. 10th to via email to faithevents@norwichdiocese.net – Questions for the evening may also be sent to this email.

The Pope wants to hear from Young People!

To prepare for the upcoming international Synod on "Young People, the Faith, and Vocational Discernment," the Holy Father wants online feedback from all youth and young adults, ages 16 to 29, from around the world, regardless of how active they are in the practice of the faith. Youth and young adults, ages 16 to 29, are invited to go online and fill out the Vatican survey: <https://survey-synod2018.glaucou.it/limesurvey/index.php/147718> When you get to the page, click box in the top right hand corner that say "italiano". A drop down menu will appear, select English then begin the survey.

The online survey is open until November 30, 2017.

East Catholic High School

The Entrance Exam for eighth graders will be given on Saturday, December 2nd, 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!

Defending Our Religious Liberty

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) says the Trump administration's decision to provide a broad religious and moral exemption to the HHS mandate recognizes that the full range of faith-based and mission-driven organizations, as well as the people who run them, have deeply held religious and moral beliefs that the law must respect. Such an exemption is no innovation, but instead a return to common sense, long-standing federal practice, and peaceful coexistence between church and state. It corrects an anomalous failure by federal regulators that should never have occurred and should never be repeated.



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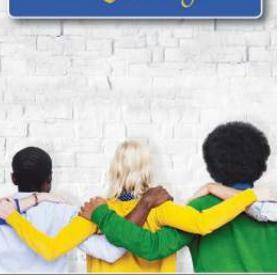
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