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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — JANUARY 21, 2018



"So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him." What did Zebedee think about all of this? His sons and his partners, James and John, suddenly left their post and followed Jesus. So there he stood in the boat with a crew of employees, but not one of his sons. We can't help but wonder whether Zebedee was in favor of this promise that his heirs would become "fishers of men." Most likely, this event was the cause of some familial tension.

Throughout the Gospels, Jesus instructs us to love and serve others for the love of God. But the Lord also makes it clear that our devotion to him is meant to trump our devotion to anything-or anyone-else. For our part, we are called to allow this divine allegiance to exist in those we love, even when it means a sacrifice for us as well. Parents for example, like Zebedee, are called to encourage their children to follow the Lord's call. A son or daughter's vocation to religious life certainly exemplifies this kind of sacrifice for a parent who might have had a different plan in mind. But in truth every son and daughter has a vocation from God and parents have the opportunity to support and assist their children as they seek to hear and follow God's special plan for their lives.

We don't know for sure how Zebedee responded to the vocation of his sons, but we know that James and John were counted among the Twelve Apostles and that their devotion and dedication helped to spread the Gospel to the ends of the earth. Regardless of what he might have thought as he stood in that boat, we can be quite sure that looking back now, Zebedee can rejoice heartily in the choice of his sons to leave their nets and follow Christ.

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## WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturdays at 4:00 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 3:15 p.m. — 3:45 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.

**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**JANUARY 20 — 21, 2018**

**USHERS GROUP I**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 20**

**4:00 P.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church

**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** *after Mass*

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 21**

**7:30 A.M.** Mass offered for †Irene Kwiatkowski request of The Cinea Family

**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 †Angela D’Onofrio request of Carol and Steve Wells

**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** *after Mass*

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

**MONDAY, JANUARY 22**

**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for †Edward and †Ann Dvorscak request of Annedda Stiller

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 23**

**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for †James Stiller request of Annedda Stiller

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

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24**

**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for †Keith DeParthy 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary request of Catherine DeParthy

**7:00 P.M.** **BIBLE STUDY AT THE PARISH CENTER**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 25 — NO MASS**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 26 — NO MASS**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 27**

**3:30 P.M.** **ROSARY BEFORE 4:00 P.M. MASS**

**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 SAINT MAURICE PARISH**

**YOUTH MASS**

We will be having a Youth Mass on January 28 at 10 AM. Any and all participation from our parish youth is welcome, even if it's just being present in the church. Opportunities are available to read, sing, or help usher; and we'll be happy to help prepare children for any job they may want to take on.

If interested, please contact Amie Tillman at saintmauriceccd@gmail.com.



**Study LENT 2018**

- ◆ **Alternate Wednesdays (5)**, beginning January 24th, 7:00 pm at Parish Center
- ◆ **45 minute sessions led by Fr. Leon** ending with 15 minutes of general questions/ sharing.
- ◆ Focus on comparative review of all four Gospels with emphasis on the Passion Narrative of Jesus.
- ◆ Improve your understanding of both the historical framework, the intention of the human author, and what the **Divine Author is telling us**.
- ◆ **Basic Evangelization Training:** Improve your understanding to better live out the Catholic faith and evangelize others through personal witness.
- ◆ **Audience: older teens and adults.**

**STEWARDSHIP**

**Last week’s Offertory: January 14 — \$2,936**  
**Projected Amount needed \$2,980**

*“Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.” - MARK 1:17*  
Jesus’ call to “Follow me” is a call to all Christians! The call is in the here and now, in our present circumstances, not when we think we are “ready” or have everything in order. Good stewardship of our God-given gifts means that things aren’t always going to go according to our schedule and that God has a much better plan in store for each of us.

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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:

Margaret Brown, Rachel, John, Joe, Bob, Grace, Mary, Marge.

Candle Intentions - Nicholas, Joseph, Bob, Grace

**Prayer shawls are available upon request**

Thank you. Carol & Mary Ann

**ST. MAURICE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**



**Defending Our Religious Liberty**

Fifty years ago, the Second Vatican Council adopted a declaration on religious freedom called, Dignitatis Humanae. In it, it says that religious freedom includes the freedom to practice our faith in public. In our culture, some tend to think that religious liberty means only that individuals can worship without interference from the government. This understanding is inadequate. Religious schools, hospitals, and charities should be able to operate in accordance with their faith. Indeed, the work of these organizations is part and parcel of their faith. They are expressions of religious mission, and religions must have the space to live out their missions.

Let us pray that legislators who work to replace the federal health care mandate will read and be inspired by Dignitatis Humanae.

**FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH**

**Celebrate Marriage** – Now that the holiday rush is through, it's not too early to begin thinking of Valentine's Day. Give your Valentine something special this year – the gift of your time. Come celebrate your marriage at a day-long enrichment that will renew your dreams, increase your passion and refresh and celebrate your marriage. This marriage enrichment aptly entitled, **"Celebrate Marriage," will take place on Saturday, February 10, 2018, from 9 A.M to 3 P.M. at Christ the King Parish, 1 McCurdy Rd., Old Lyme.** The cost is \$35 per couple, which includes workbook and lunch. Registration is required. To register, call the Diocesan Catholic Family Services Office at 860-848-2237, Ext. 306.

On Sunday, February 4, 2018, the 21<sup>st</sup>

**Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Gift of Consecrated Life**

will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m., in the Cathedral of Saint Patrick, Norwich. All are invited to join Bishop Cote in thanking God for the gift of consecrated life and for the sisters, brothers, and religious priests who enrich the Church and build up God's Kingdom with the witness of their religious commitment. The homilist will be Father Peter Grover, O.M.V., Rector of Saint Clement Eucharist Shrine in Boston.

All are invited to participate in the Mass.

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT** ~ If you are in need of consolation after the loss of a loved one, consider attending Seasons of Hope, a new Bereavement Support group that will meet Thursday evenings from 7-9 P.M. at St. Andrew Church Library, 128 Norwich Ave, Colchester. The program, which consists of four, six-week sessions, will explore issues of mourning through Scripture, prayer, reflection and faith-sharing. For more information, contact Cheryl Laporte at 860-537-4463 or e-mail her at [calaporte48@gmail.com](mailto:calaporte48@gmail.com).

**The Catholic Family in Today's Society!**

How has our reality of family changed and how do we continue to make God a priority in our families?

Topics to be addressed... blended families, social media, scheduling, sports, prayer, catechesis and so much more!

**Come join us for a night of discussion and reflection**  
**January 24, 2018, 7:00 pm, Our Lady of Lourdes, Gales Ferry, CT**

Sponsored by the Office of Faith Event



**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

"For the world in its present form is passing away." If change in our lives is our lot, let us learn how to change with and for our spouses by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend.

The next Weekends are Feb 9-11, 2018 in Huntington, NY and Mar 2-4, 2018 in MORRISTOWN, NJ. For more information, call Dennis & Jane Lamondy at 860-481-3720 or visit them at <https://wwmectw.org/>.



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