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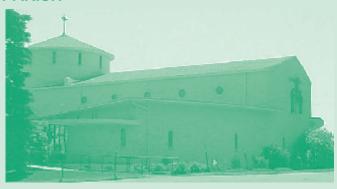
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Judgment tends to have a bad reputation. We often associate it with condemnation, and in the Gospels, we associate it with the Pharisees. Today's Gospel features the Pharisees doing exactly what we expect. "They observed that some of his disciples ate their meals with unclean, that is, unwashed, hands." The Jewish people had strict purification laws that applied to all areas of life. The Pharisees attempt to accuse Jesus of not following the ancestral traditions. Jesus doesn't take offense at their judgments per se. He instead points out the hypocrisy of their words. "You hypocrites? this people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me."

From there, Jesus turns his attention to the concerns of the heart. "The things that come from within are what defile." He lists off a number of sins, including some the Pharisees were likely struggling with, including evil thoughts, envy, and arrogance. When we examine the list, perhaps we're reminded of our own trips to the confessional! As we strive to follow Jesus and live with integrity, we must be aware of our hearts. We must judge our own actions. Are they leading us closer to God or away from Him? Are we growing in love of our neighbor, or are we becoming more closed in on ourselves?

As we move into this week, consider the state of our own heart. Perhaps you are overly scrupulous in less important areas. Perhaps there are large areas of overlooked sin that you've excused for too long. Whatever it is, the judgment of God need not cripple us. He offers us a share in His mercy as soon as we turn to Him. This week, allow your heart to be transformed!



TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — SEPTEMBER 2, 2018

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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-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 1 — 2, 2018

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2ND COLLECTION — NATIONAL COMBINED COLLECTION

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

5:00 P.M. <u>Mass Intention is for All Parishioners</u> of St. Maurice Church

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

7:30 A.M. <u>Mass Intention is for All Parishioners</u> of St. Maurice Church

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10:00 A.M. <u>Mass Intention is for All Parishioners</u> of St. Maurice Church

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 — NO MASS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 — NO MASS

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 — NO MASS

9:00 A.M. SLEIGH BELLS RING CHRISTMAS FAIR WORKSHOP

RESUMES AT PARISH CENTER

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 — NO MASS FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 — NO MASS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

4:30 P.M. ROSARY BEFORE 5:00 P.M. MASS5:00 P.M. Mass Intention is for All Parishioners

of St. Maurice Church

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

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Please join us for an ice cream social on **Sunday, September 9th.** It will take place **after**

the 10 a.m. Mass in the Parish Center. Everyone is invited,

so feel free to bring a friend.



FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH



SAVE THE DATE, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20th. POTLUCK DINNER

organized by the Fellowship Circle of St. Maurice Church.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT AWARENESS

The month of September has been delegated as Safe Environments Month here at Saint Maurice. As part of strategies in creating a safe, faith environment for children, a double-sided handout on the Diocesan policies and guidelines will be included on the back table of the church. This meets our Diocesan requirement to make this material available to parishioners on a yearly basis. The policy and reporting procedures can be found also on the Diocesan website: https://www.norwichdiocese.org/Find/Diocesan-Offices/Safe-Environments Parents will receive brochures on the first day of Youth Faith Formation classes. They are asked to review the brochures that focus on what they can do to help assure child safety and welfare, as well as sensitively review age specific brochures with their own children. Any parish adult and minor volunteer who work in an environment with our youth must undergo background checks, as well as complete an Armatus on line program or attend a Call to Protect Workshop. For more information, contact Patti Cinea 860-646-0564.

STEWARDSHIP

Last week's Offertory: August 26 — \$2,048 Projected Amount needed \$2,980

"Be doers of the word and not hearers only..."

(JAMES 1:22)

It's easy to understand the definition of stewardship. The hard part is living it! What do you do to live God's word? Do you share your time in prayer with God? Do you use your talent to help those in need? Are you generous with your financial resources? If not, what are you waiting for?

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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.

Let us pray for Prayer Line Intentions, especially the new requests for this week: Tom,

Mary-Jo, Elaine, Joe, Mary, Rob, Grace, Bob, Asarid, Jeannette, Mario, Mary-Jane, Debapriya, David, Francis, Marge, Bert, Viola.

Candle Intentions: Kileen, Mike, Bob, Grace, Joshua, Noah, Nick.

Special prayers for Father Leon who is traveling.

For all who are beginning a new academic year: that students and teachers may learn together as they grow in wisdom and love.

For a new beginning: that God will free us from our mistakes and failures, and help us to start again through God's love and power working within us.

Prayer shawls are available upon request

Thank you. Carol & Mary Ann



FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Religious Education Classes for grades K-10 begin on Sunday, September 23rd.

There will be a welcome meeting for parents and students at 9:00 A.M. in the Parish Center.

Knights of Columbus pancake breakfast available from 8:00 A.M - 10:00 A.M.

Classes are held Sunday mornings from 9:00 - 9:45 A.M. If you would like your children to attend, please complete and return your registration form as soon as possible. Forms can be found in the back of the church or online, and you can simply drop completed forms in the collection basket at any mass or submit them to the office.

We are always in need of teachers. If you are interested in sharing your faith with the young people of our parish by volunteering to teach, please contact Amie Tillmann at saintmauriceccd@gmail.com.



Blessing of the Backpacks:

A special blessing to all those who are going back to school will take place on Sunday, September 9th at the 10:00 A.M. Mass. of the Backpacks Please bring your backpacks and place them near the Divine Mercy painting before mass.



Catechetical Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday, September 16th at the 10:00 A.M. mass. Catechists will be announced during mass and receive a blessing.

Bolton Pantry Low on Food

Please bring a bag of groceries to Mass next week and leave it in the vestibule. Our Service Commission will see that it gets to the Pantry at the Senior Center.

FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH

BAPTISM OF MATTHEW PAUL HERITAGE SUNDAY, AUGUST 26, 2018







Child Baptized: Matthew Paul Heritage

Parents: Kevin and Amy Heritage God Mother: Ashlev Paleski God Father: Lewis Belske

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH



National Combined Collection

2018 NATIONAL COMBINED COLLECTION **PROGRAM**

Today we will take up the National Combined Collection (NCC) which benefits: The Retirement Fund for Religious, The Annual Appeal for the Holy Father, The Catholic Communication Campaign, and Catholic University of America. Please indicate on

your NCC collection envelope how you wish your gift to be used. If you need a gift envelope, extra envelopes are available at (please state location of extra envelopes). Please support our aging religious, join our Holy Father in providing essential relief to the most disadvantaged, connect people with Christ through communication resources, and help provide a Catholic based education to university students. Your generous support is greatly appreciated.



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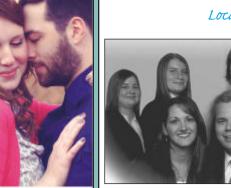
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