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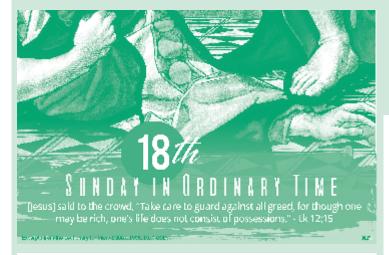
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The cake is frosted, the guests have arrived, and the gifts are piled high. One by one, the packages are opened, and one by one, the child reaches for another. Who among us hasn't seen a child who appears crestfallen when the gifts run out? Even the abundance isn't quite enough. Today's Gospel tackles a key question in the spiritual life - grateful or greedy?

"There was a rich man whose land produced a bountiful harvest." We all recognize the need to be practical. Raising a family, there's need to save for all sorts of things beyond normal day-to-day costs - medical bills, family vacations, private school, rainy day funds, retirement. Jesus doesn't critique the rich man for simply having an abundant harvest. It's his mentality. Does the rich man sell off the extra to make the needed repairs to the back fence or to invest in some additional livestock to grow the business? Perhaps donate some of the excess to the poor? No. "You have so many good things stored up for many years, rest, eat, drink, be merry!" The man wants to hoard and indulge with no concern for others.

Jesus doesn't condemn prudent saving or owning necessary items. He calls us to purify our attitudes. "Guard against all greed... one's life does not consist of possessions." We are called to be good stewards. This means being practical. It also means remaining open to God's invitation with our resources. Are we tithing to our parish? Do we give alms to the poor? Does our weekly entertainment far outstrip what we offer to others? Life is not about "stor[ing] up treasure for [our]selves." The more we grow in gratitude and generosity, the more we become "rich in what matters to God."



EIGHTHEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 4, 2019

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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

EIGHTTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

<u>AUGUST 3 — 4, 2019</u> <u>USHERS GROUP I</u>

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for the repose of the soul of Christine Hetzer — request of Bert Flynn

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4

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

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

10:00 A.M. Mass offered for the repose of the soul of Bill Miller request of The Family

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 5

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for the repose of the soul of Stella Orzel request of The Family

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6

9:00 A.M. <u>Mass offered for All Parishioners</u> of St. Maurice Church

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8 — No MASS

6:00 P.M.—7:00 P.M.

EUCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS ST. EDWARD'S CHURCH, STAFFORD SPRINGS

ROSARY BEFORE 5:00 P.M. MASS

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9 — No MASS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10

4:30 P.M.

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for the repose of the soul of Lois Dunham

request of Lynda Wiley

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

Congratulations!!!

Saint Maurice Parish, Bolton has reached 102.81% of its goal for the 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal!

While we have made our goal, only 40.11% of our parishioners have donated. We are striving to get as close to 100% of participation as possible.

Our ACA supported ministries do the work of Christ every day. From a pastor, "The marriage preparation days offered by the diocese are a blessing for our young couples. As a pastor we do not always have the time to meet with couples to fully teach them about the sacrament of marriage. The Office of Faith Events does a thorough job of preparing them for marriage."

We are truly grateful to those who responded when asked to work "Hand in Hand with All God's Children". If you have not made your contribution to the 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal, or would like to make an additional gift, please contact the Development Office at (860) 886-1928 or go online to www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org.

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2019 BIBLE STUDY SERIES

The Group takes the rest of the summer off, and will resume in September.

STEWARDSHIP

Projected Amount needed \$2,980

Last week's Offertory: July 28 — \$1,903

"Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions."

LUKE 12:15

The Gospel message today is contrary to our modern culture where advertising continually tries to convince us that our value lies in the things we possess. Jesus showed us that our true value lies in the way we live our lives. He challenges us to not hoard material possessions, but rather to live a grateful and generous lifestyle and become more "other-centered" and less "self-centered."

^ Tear off	Memorial Mass Form	Drop in collection ^
Father Leon, please offer a weekend	(or) weekday Mass for the soul (or) intention	ns (as applicable) of:
Name		
Person requesting		
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Check enclosed Envelope No	We will Donate Online (Customary donation	\$10 weekday, \$20 weekend)
I will bring up the gifts at the Mass celeb	rated Ves 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.

Prayer Line intentions: Christopher, Tim, Michael, Irene, Viola, Olga, Jeff, Francis, Kyle, Mary, Gloria, David, Daniel, Laurie.

Candle Intentions: John, Bob, Grace, Mary-Jane, Grace, Tadeusz, Andrzej.

May peace come to all parts of our troubled world and may people welcome God into their lives and live together in peace.

For all who are having difficult times: that we may know God's presence and strength as we face selfishness, greed, anger, addictions and all the actions and attitudes which destroy life.

That we may learn to see the difference between the things we need and things we want.

Prayer Shawls are also available by the prayer request box located near the candle stand on the rectory side of the church. Please read the information on the sheet above the prayer shawls.



FAITH FORMATION NEWS REGISTRATION OPEN

Registration is now open for CCD classes beginning in September. If you would like to register your child please complete and

return the Faith Formation Registration Forms available on the ushers tables in the back of the church and on-line (www.saintmauricebolton.org). You can simply drop completed forms in the collection basket at any mass.

If you have any questions about the program contact Amie Tillmann at 860-212-3901 or saintmauriceccd@gmail.com.

The Fellowship Circle is organizing a fund raiser.



Pens are being offered for a minimum donation of \$1.50 each. Donations will go to the church account to lower our deficit. These attractive pens with an inscription of our church are available in the back of church

after Masses from members of the Fellowship Circle.

FROM SLEIGH BELLS RING CHRISTMAS FAIR GROUP

The Fair Group is making good progress but we need tea cups and Xmas mugs, and always those baby food jars.

We are also looking forward to having lots of home made canning products for sale. When you are canning make a few jars for us to sell at the November Fair. Jars are available in the craft room at the Parish Center. Your donations makes it all possible. Thank you!

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

At its annual awards dinner, Bishop Cote, Chairman of The Catholic Foundation of the Diocese of Norwich, distributed \$302,807 to diocesan schools, ministries and parishes.



Sister Mary Patrick, Principal of St. Joseph School, Baltic, receiving a tuition assistance check.



Ed Tessman, Exec. Director of Catholic Charities, receiving a check for its Emergency Basic Needs Program



Very Rev. Greg Galvin, Director of Vocations, receiving a check for the Seminarian Program.



Ron Krom, Interim Exec. Dir. of St. Vincent de Paul-Middletown, receiving a check for its Soup Kitchen Meals and Community Assistance Programs.

Please consider joining the many generous donors who have established endowments with The Catholic Foundation. You will be able to help your favorite school, ministry or parish continue their good works long into the future.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God." Discover how much your marriage matters to God by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Oct 18-20, 2019 in ALBANY, NY and Nov 1-3, 2019 in MANCHESTER, CT. For more information, call Pat & Mary Jo McLaughlin at 860-315-2127 or visit them at https://www.ncg/.

Join us at the Shrine of the Little Flower in Nasonville Rhode Island this Friday, August 9th, for Theology on Fire! Theology on Fire is a Lecture series for Young Adults which meets the second Friday of every month from April to November. Young adults ages 16-35 are welcome to join us for a lecture around a fire in the outdoor shrine. Following the lecture, adoration is held. Finally, the group closes the night by meeting in the Church hall for pizza and community. Don't miss out on this opportunity to meet young Catholics from across New England and to grow closer to Christ in community with them! Starting time - 7:00 PM Ending time - 10:00 PM Address - 35 Dion Drive, Nasonville RI, 02830



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