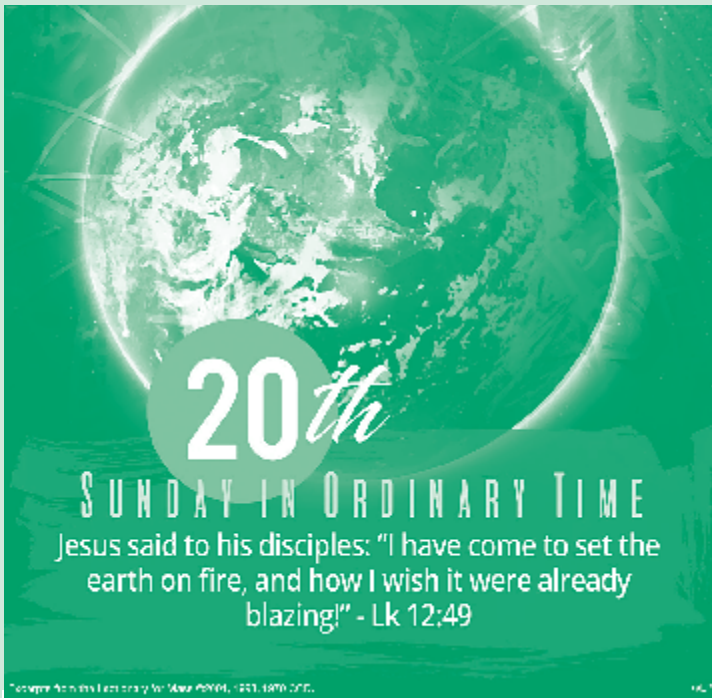


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August 18, 2019
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Prince of Peace wants to set the world on fire? This Sunday's Gospel can sound more intense than what we may be accustomed to. It's a passage of contradictions. Jesus so clearly prays for unity, yet here he speaks of division. Why would our God who comes as an offering of love speak so frankly about causing relationships to be torn apart?

The sobering truth is that Jesus is divisive. We see this throughout the Gospels, as the Pharisees critique him, the Romans condemn him, and not everyone in the crowd is enthusiastic about his words. Jesus has not come for the purpose of dividing, but what he does is so radical that it upends the status quo. And it doesn't end with his preaching and miracles! "There is a baptism with which I must be baptized." Jesus isn't talking about his baptism at the Jordan River, which has already occurred, but the passing through the waters of death on the Cross and rising again to new life in the resurrection. This is divisive stuff! Christ's spiritual fire turned the "fathers" - the Jewish people and Pharisees - against the "sons" - the common people. Not everyone wants the Gospel Jesus is preaching. Not everyone wants to be set on fire with the desire to love others. Some prefer to put on a warm sweater and curl up in front of the TV.

In living and loving as Jesus did, we, too, might ruffle some feathers. In disciplining our teenage child for sneaking out, we may cause some division (temporarily, we hope!). In standing up to gossip and the spread of cruel rumors in our workplace, we might cause division. In emphasizing the dignity of both the desperate mother and the unborn child, we might cause division. Not everyone wants the Gospel Jesus is preaching. Not everyone wants the Gospel we are invited to live. But that's no excuse not to live it.

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AUGUST 18, 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 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.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 17 — 18, 2019

USHERS GROUP III

Second Collection - Maintenance

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for Mary Flynn +
request of Bert Flynn

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY *after Mass*

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

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

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY *after Mass*

9:40 A.M. **GLORIOUS MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY**

10:00 A.M. Mass offered for Vincenty Szwed +
request of Lucy Szwed and Family

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY *after Mass*

5:30 P.M. **Evening Prayer** from the Liturgy of the Hours

MONDAY, AUGUST 19

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

JOYFUL MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20

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

SORROWFUL MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY

7:00 P.M. **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**, *Parish Center*

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21

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

GLORIOUS MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22 — No MASS

6:30 P.M. **NOVENA FOR OUR NATION**
Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23 — No MASS

6:30 P.M. **NOVENA FOR OUR NATION**
Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary

7:00 P.M. **FELLOWSHIP CIRCLE** *meeting, Parish Center*

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24

4:30 P.M. **NOVENA FOR OUR NATION**
Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for Keith DePathy +
request of Catherine DePathy

FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH

St. Maurice Volunteer Day at WAIM
Saturday August 24, 2019

Next Saturday is our day at WAIM! St. Maurice is one of 39



faith communities belonging to the Windham Area Interfaith Ministry. As a member, we commit to help WAIM by sending a group of volunteers twice a year on a Saturday morning, and

providing financial support.

Please invite your friends and family to come with you. It's much more fun with a group. You can come around 9 a.m. The address is 866 Main Street in Willimantic. If you cannot find street parking, public parking is across Main St, and one block down Walnut St. When you come in, have your group sign in at the desk. Neenah and/or Gen will be here to direct your group to the jobs to be done. Our commitment is to help from 9 a.m. to noon. For more information contact Tom Manning: tmanning818@sbcglobal.net or text to (860) 990-4698

Twenty-Fourth Annual Mass
for Those Dedicated to Education

September 8, 2019 at 8:45 a.m.
Cathedral of St. Patrick, Norwich

Bishop Cote will celebrate this Mass for all teachers and support staff, public, parochial, and private, active and retired, of all faiths. All are welcome. For information, or if you wish to help, please call the Chancery Office at (860) 887-9294.

If your marriage has become troubled and stressed, unloving or uncaring, or if you are divorced or separated but want to try again, the **Retrouvaille** program can help. Retrouvaille provides tools to communicate better, resolve conflicts fairly and re-discover why you fell in love. The next local Retrouvaille weekend in Connecticut is **September 27-29, 2019**. A series of 6 post sessions follow the weekend. For more information or to register, call (203) 710-6207, or visit the Website at www.retrouvaille.org.

STEWARDSHIP

Projected Amount needed \$2,980
Last week's Offertory: August 11 — \$1,946

"Do you think I have come to give you peace on Earth? No, I tell you, but rather division." LUKE 12:51

Living a stewardship lifestyle means stepping out of our comfort zone when needed. Many of us like to play it safe, not cause waves, stay in the middle of the road. In today's world we are called to be informed and take a stance for life, marriage and religious liberty.

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Memorial Mass Form

Drop in collection ^

Father Leon, please offer a weekend ___ (or) weekday ___ Mass for the soul ___ (or) intentions ___ (as applicable) of:

Name _____

Person requesting _____

Street Address _____ E-mail Address _____

City State Zip _____ E-mail Address _____

Home phone _____ Cell phone _____

Check enclosed ___ Envelope No. _____ We will Donate Online ___ (Customary donation \$10 weekday, \$20 weekend)

I will bring up the gifts at the Mass celebrated. Yes ___ 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: Irene, Viola, Olga, Jeff, Francis, Kyle, Mary, Gloria, David, Laurie, Linda, John, Grace, Bob, Marge, Rick, Beth, Annedda. For Candle Intentions: Conrad, Alyson, Keith.

For a greater recognition of the Spirit's gifts: that we utilize the gifts that we have been given and encourage one another to build up the Body of Christ and to serve those who are in need.

For the Church: that we may recognize our calling to be daughters and sons of God who have been given the gift of the Holy Spirit and sent to share God's Good News with others.

That we may invest more of our time and our talent in building up our treasure in heaven.

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.

Thank you. Carol & Mary Ann

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

REGISTRATION OPEN



Faith Formation

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 online (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.

Report from The Fellowship Circle on St. Maurice Pens

On March 16, 2019, the Fellowship Circle purchased 500 pens and made them available for a minimum donation of \$1.50 each. As of July 16, 2019, we still had 250 pens. Please continue to support your Church. Donations so far total \$631.52.



fellowship circle

Thank you,

The Fellowship Circle

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 SLEIGH BELLS RING CHRISTMAS FAIR GROUP

The Fair Group continues to work with various projects, of course the canning of jams and jellies, making pickles and salsa along with various craft projects. We would like to remind you that we are always in need of baby food jars of all sizes for our jam baskets and also those Xmas mugs in the back of your cupboard taking up room. . .we use them all. We still need some tea cups (the daintier they are the better they sell), so keep us in mind as you tag sale it and rearrange your cabinets. We hope you are having a good summer. . .



FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

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.

ATTENTION ALL GOLFERS: Catholic Charities 14th Annual Golf Tournament will be held on **Wednesday, September 18, 2019** at the Fox Hopyard Golf Club in East Haddam CT. Entry fee of \$175.00 includes: green fees, cart, lunch, dinner buffet and awards. Registration begins at 10:30 AM; Lunch at 11:30 AM; Shotgun Start at 1:00 PM and Dinner Buffet and Awards at 6:00 PM. Funds raised at the tournament help support those most in need throughout Eastern CT. **Sponsorships are available!** For more information, please contact Susan Connelly at (860) 889-8346 ext.264 or email susanconnelly@ccfsn.org



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<u>Thurs Aug. 22nd</u>	<u>Fri Aug. 23rd</u>	<u>Sat Aug. 24th</u>	<u>Sun Aug. 25th</u>
5 pm - 8 pm	4 pm - 8 pm	9 am - 6 pm	8 am - 11 am
\$10 admission	\$1 admission	FREE	FREE

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me." Learn how God is calling you to more in your marriage 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.mectw.org/>.

Blue Mass Steak Dinner Fundraiser

Friday, September 6, 2019 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
East Great Plain Fire Department
488 New London Turnpike, Norwich

Steak – Baked Potato – Salad – Bread & Butter – Soda & Water
\$20.00 Adults \$10.00 Children 12 and under

The Blue Mass is celebrated at the Cathedral for all law enforcement personnel and their families on September 22, 2019, at 10:15 a.m.

This fundraiser helps to defray expenses associated with the Annual Blue Mass honoring law enforcement personnel. For information or tickets call Becky Cady at (860) 887-9294 x235.



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