

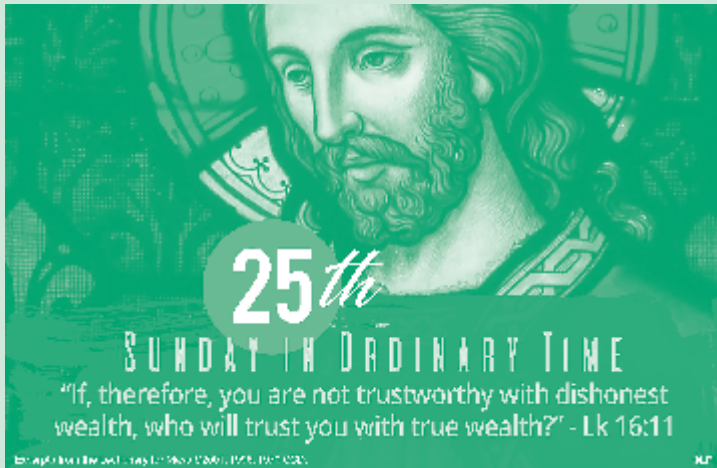
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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 22, 2019



Compartmentalization or consistency? In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells a strange story of a sneaky, savvy steward that raises questions about our personal virtue. "How much do you owe? Here is your promissory note, write one for eighty." This parable isn't advice for money management. Historically, there were many positions that acted on behalf of their masters regarding money, like customs agents, household stewards, and tax collectors. Often these workers over-charged and skimmed off the top.

Usurious practices like this were not in line with the traditional Jewish understanding of money lending, which strictly forbade them from taking interest or making a profit off of their own people. As the steward reduced the debt, he was likely writing out the amount he originally intended to take for himself. Before the steward can be commended, he needs to right the wrong done.

"The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones; and the person who is dishonest in very small matters is also dishonest in great ones." This parable contains an important self-check. We have a great many things we're responsible for that seem to have nothing to do with the kingdom of God. How do we interact in those spaces? Are we trustworthy in our dealings at work and at home? Are we honest and faithful to our commitments to family and friends? Are we honest with our money and prudent with how we spend our time?

Jesus calls his disciples to consistency. How often do we expect that we can be one person one place, yet shrug off that persona in a new situation? "No servant can serve two masters." This week, take stock of your life. All of your life. Are you living the Gospel values wherever you go?

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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.

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 21 — 22, 2019

USHERS GROUP IV

2ND COLLECTION — MAINTENANCE COLLECTION

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

4:30 P.M. NOVENA FOR OUR NATION
JOYFUL MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY5:00 P.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners
of St. Maurice ChurchCHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY *after Mass*

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

SAINT MAURICE, PATRON,
FEAST DAY CELEBRATION7:30 A.M. Mass offered for the spiritual and financial health
of the parish, an increase in parish membership,
and intentions of those participating.CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY *after Mass*8:00 A.M. TRIPLE PLAY CAFÉ BREAKFAST
Parish Center from 8:00AM to 10:00AM*Blood pressure screening available in the library during breakfast*9:00 A.M. FAITH FORMATION CLASSES
First session — parents and students

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

10:00 A.M. Mass offered for the souls of Michal, Helena and
Henry Sobczak— request of Lucy SzwedCHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY *after Mass*

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

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

JOYFUL MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

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

SORROWFUL MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

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

GLORIOUS MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY

9:00 A.M. SLEIGH BELLS RING

CHRISTMAS FAIR WORKSHOP

7:00 P.M. ST. MAURICE BIBLE STUDY *in the Parish Center*
Wisdom Books

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 — NO MASS

6:30 P.M. NOVENA FOR OUR NATION
LUMINOUS MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY7:00 P.M. FELLOWSHIP CIRCLE MEETING *in the Parish Center*

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 — NO MASS

6:30 P.M. NOVENA FOR OUR NATION
SORROWFUL MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

4:30 P.M. NOVENA FOR OUR NATION
JOYFUL MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY5:00 P.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners
of St. Maurice Church

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

SAINT MAURICE BIBLE STUDY



What is wisdom and how do we live it?

We excitedly announce that classes resume on **Wednesday, Sept 25th, 7:00 pm**, in the **Parish Center!** We will kick off the year with the study of one of the **Wisdom Books**. Is it the **Book of Ecclesiasticus**, or the **Book of Sirach** or the **Wisdom of Ben Sira**? Might it be all three? We gather and read each chapter as a group, guided by **Fr. Leon**, and share from learned sources and personal reflection.

Won't you join us?



SAVE THE DATE: OCTOBER 19, 2019

FELLOWSHIP POT-LUCK DINNER

The Fellowship Circle cordially invites Parishioners, family and friends to a potluck dinner on Saturday, October 19, 2019, in the Parish Center after the 5:00 pm Mass. Details and sign-up sheets to follow.

There will be a **meeting of the Fellowship Circle** on Thursday, September 26th at 7:00 P.M. in the Parish Center to continue our preparation for the potluck dinner.

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

Our 49th annual **Sleigh Bells Ring Christmas Fair** is approaching rapidly. We are still in need of professional crafters to fill up our 43 rented booth spaces. When spaces are filled, it generates an income of \$1935. Although this contributes to about 10% of the total Fair income, these crafters improve the overall quality of the show and attendance. Our spaces for jewelry are filled. All other inquiries can send an email to pcinea@sbcglobal.net or download application forms at www.saintmauricebolton.org Thank you.

STEWARDSHIP

Last week's Offertory: September 15 — \$2,106
Projected Amount needed \$2,980

"No servant can serve two masters. He will hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon (wealth)." LUKE 16:13

Is money a "god" that you put before God? Giving money to support the Church and other charity is a pillar of our faith, just like attending Mass every Sunday and participating in parish ministry. Giving money frees us from being a slave to money. It increases our dependence on God and our trust that God will provide all that we need.

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.

Beth, Brandon, Jennifer, Viola, Olga, Francis, Laurie, Rick, Mary, Gloria, Joey, Linda, Irene,

David, Kyle, Monique, Jeff, Brianna, Bob, Marge, Mary-Jane.

Candle Intensions: Beth, Nicholas, Joshua, Keith, Alison, Conrad, Jennifer, Alie, Alex, Dot, Vic and Nick.

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

For the Church: that we 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 News with others.

That we understand each of us has a unique role in building God's kingdom and to share our gifts beyond our parish boundaries.

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

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Religious Education Classes for grades K-10

begin this Sunday, September 22nd

Meeting for parents and students at 9:00 A.M. in the Parish Center. Knights of Columbus pancake breakfast available from 8:00-10:00 A.M.

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.

Amazon Services Associates Program

Shopping online? Use the link [Shop Amazon.com](http://ShopAmazon.com) on our website to benefit St. Maurice.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter



St. Paul reminds us that there is abundant grace, faith and love available to us through Christ Jesus. Strengthen, renew, and rekindle your marriage sacrament by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Oct 18-20, 2019 in Albany, NY and Nov 1-3, 2019 in TBD, CT. For more information, call Pat & Mary Jo McLaughlin at 860-315-2127 or visit them at <https://wwmectw.org/>.

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH



The Norwich **40 Days-For-Life** campaign will begin with a **Vigil Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Tuesday, September 24, at 7 PM.**

Reverend Jeffery Ellis will be the Homilist.

Following Mass, the 40 Days for Life Team will be available to answer any questions.

This year, The 40 Days for Life Campaign runs from Wednesday, Sept. 25th through Nov. 3rd. It is hoped that you will join our Parish by praying, fasting, and signing-up to attend the peaceful prayer vigil held outside the Planned Parenthood facility at 12 Case St. in Norwich. Thank you.

Twenty-Seventh Annual Mass for Firefighters/EMS Personnel

Saturday, October 19, 2019, at 5:00 p.m.

On Saturday, October 19, 2019, at 5:00 p.m., Bishop Cote will celebrate Mass for all Firefighters/EMS personnel, in the Cathedral of Saint Patrick. Each year, brothers and sisters of all faiths gather to thank God for their calling, to pray for their safety, and to remember their fallen colleagues. Assembly at Chelsea Parade for the line-up and the procession (to the Cathedral) of all personnel and apparatus will begin at 3:30 p.m. The Homilist will be Deacon Richard Lapierre, Deacon Assistant, Our Lady of Good Help and St. Theresa's parishes in Burrilville, RI.

Reception immediately following. All companies, departments, and personnel and their families are cordially invited to participate. For more information call, Mrs. Terri Zampini at 860-887-9294, x265.

Please look for the **Office of Faith Events'** new column: "**Faith Sparks**" in the 4 County Catholic newspaper. This past month's column talks about the value of family prayer. "If you are not a family that prays together, consider beginning to do so tonight. There are as many and different ways to pray as there are people and there is no right or wrong way to do it." To read the entire article and help your family on their faith journey visit Norwich-Diocese.org/FaithSparks

YOUTH EXPLOSION X 2018

The Diocese of Norwich invites Grades 6 – 12 to YOUTH EXPLOSION with host and song leader Cooper Ray. Spend the afternoon sharing your faith with teens from all over the Diocese. The event takes place on Saturday- November 2nd at St. Bernard's School in Uncasville, the doors open at 12:30 pm and the cost is \$25 for the day and includes snack. Please see your Catechetical Leader to register or go to www.youthexplosionct.com.

For questions, please email Liza Roach at lroach@norwichdiocese.net or call (860)848-2237 ex. 305.

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Memorial Mass Form

Drop in collection ^

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