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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 27, 2019



This Sunday's Gospel contrasts two different religious attitudes. First, the self-righteous Pharisee. Here is a man who seems to impeccably follow the law. In some terms, he is the model citizen! Honest, fiscally generous, and faithful to his marriage vows. But something else lurks in his heart: pride. "O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity ... or even like this tax collector." For the Pharisee, no fault can be admitted. The only way to stay on top is to preserve one's image — even to God, it seems! — and point out the flaws of others from the pedestal.

In the back of the temple, hidden and bowed down, is the tax collector. "O God, be merciful to me a sinner." This man's prayer is one of supplication and petition. He isn't afraid to express his sinfulness and misery. This, Jesus says, is the one who "went home justified." How many times have we heard the mission of Jesus to seek and save the lost? Jesus is the one who dines with sinners and invites every heart to repentance. But how can we return to him if we don't know we've left? How can we receive God's grace when we're adamant we don't need it?

We all have within us both the Pharisee and the tax collector. We want to be sure of ourselves and to be admired in the eyes of others. Yet we also know that we are not always what we wish to present to others. We can be preoccupied with our self-image and feel anxious about our flaws being exposed. Because we do have flaws, after all. We are the sinner in need of mercy. This Sunday, will we humble ourselves enough to ask for it?

SAINT MAURICE PARISH COMMUNITY



- M**= Mass
- E**= Eucharistic Adoration
- R**= Rosary
- C**= Confession
- Y**= YOU Your commitment to your faith life

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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.



**THIRTIETH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

OCTOBER 26 — 27, 2019

USHERS GROUP I

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26

- 4:30 P.M. ROSARY BEFORE 5PM MASS
- 5:00 P.M. Mass offered for the soul of Geraldine Rezler
request of Irene Kehl

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY *after Mass*

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

- 7:30 A.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners
of St. Maurice Church
- 9:00 A.M. FAITH FORMATION CLASSES
- 10:00 A.M. Mass offered for Angelica and Alex Czercowy
request of Their Parents

Baptism of Grace Charlotte Crandall

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY *after Mass*

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28 — NO MASS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29 — NO MASS

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30

- 9:00 A.M. Mass offered for the souls of James & Kevin Hurst — request of Patricia Hurst
- 9:00 A.M. SLEIGH BELLS RING
CHRISTMAS FAIR WORKSHOP
- 7:00 P.M. ST. MAURICE BIBLE STUDY *in the Parish Center*
Book of Sirach

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31

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

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1 — ALL SAINTS DAY

- 9:00 A.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners
of St. Maurice Church
- 7:00 P.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners
of St. Maurice Church

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2 — ALL SOULS DAY

- 9:00 A.M. Mass offered for All the Souls in Purgatory
- 4:30 P.M. ROSARY BEFORE 5PM MASS
- 5:00 P.M. Mass offered for the intentions of Irene Kehl on
her birthday — request of Linda Wiley

FROM SLEIGH BELLS RING CHRISTMAS FAIR GROUP



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR
49TH ANNUAL "SLEIGH BELLS RING"
ST. MAURICE CHURCH CHRISTMAS FAIR**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2018

9:00 A.M. — 3:00 P.M.

The St. Maurice Fair Group is meeting every Wednesday at 9 a.m. in the Parish Center.

New members are always encouraged and invited. No particular artistic skills are needed just an ability to 'learn from others'.

Please check our "needs" list on the church bulletin board.

Christmas Fair Apple Pies – We are accepting donations of ingredients to help with the cost of producing our annual apple pies for the Christmas Fair. Large amounts of flour, sugar, Crisco, cinnamon and nutmeg go into making these wonderful pies that sell out every year! Any donations can be left in the back of the church or in the vestibules marked for the Christmas Fair. (Donations of canned pumpkin and pecans also gratefully accepted since we always "round out" our pie offerings with a few pumpkin and pecan pies which are very popular!) Many thanks for your continued generosity.

"HEAVENLY SCENT" BAKE SHOP

BAKED GOODS NEEDED! There is a special need this year for donations to our bake sale booth! In addition to the delicious apple pies we make every year, we need to fill up our bake shop with your family favorites! The holidays always bring a high demand for brownies, nut breads, coffee cakes, pies, fudge, cookies, homemade bread, etc.! Customers return every year! **Donations can be dropped off at the Parish Center on Friday evening, November 22nd or Saturday morning, November 23rd, the day of the fair.** Please put on your aprons and help us fill up this booth with holiday goodies!

Many thanks!.....Barbara Baker

STEWARDSHIP

Last week's Offertory: October 20 — \$2,742

Projected Amount needed \$2,980

"...for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

LUKE 18:14

Pride and ego is the root cause of most of our sins. Thinking your time is so valuable, your talent is better than anyone else and your money gives you status is another way of making those things "gods" before God. Remember all those gifts were God-given. Instead we should be humbled by God's abundant generosity and our hearts should overflow with gratitude.

^ Tear off

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: Elaine, Nicholas, Dean, Grace, Bob, Rachel, Mary-Jane, Monique, David, Kyle, Francis, Jeff, Olga, Viola, Annedda, Irene,

Laurie, Rick, Grace, Gloria, Mary

Candle Intentions: Shirley, Christine, Keith, Conrad, Nicholas, Matt.

Our parish community, enlightened by the light of Christ, may bring that light to others, especially those who stand most in need.

For the grace of humility: that we may acknowledge all the good that God does for us and around us.

That we may be persistent in our stewardship, even when it is not convenient or comfortable.

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



Don't miss your ONE-TIME, ONE NIGHT ONLY opportunity to see "Love and Mercy: Faustina" in theaters on October 28.

There are tickets still available for the Monday, October 28th showing at Buckland Hills Theaters. Help us make "Love and Mercy: Faustina" a complete sell-out across the United States.

Buy your ticket online:

<https://www.fathomevents.com/events/faustina-love-and-mercy?date=2019-10-28>

The Fellowship Circle is organizing a fund raiser.

The Fellowship Circle has been working not only to establish a more social community within the Church but also to promote the awareness that the Parish Community of St. Maurice is in financial need. The "Circle" recently raised some funds through donations for pens. It was successful, thank you! We need to do more. The leaders of the Fellowship Circle arranged for a CD of familiar Christian songs to be produced. The CD features our own Don Benevides on the keyboard with vocals by Elaine Byram who has been singing at the Saturday Vigil Masses for the past two summers.

In order to raise much needed funds for our Parish we are asking for your generosity again. For a minimum donation of twenty dollars (\$20) and as a thank you for your generosity we will happily give you the gift of a CD for your enjoyment. We will accept donations after all weekend Masses.

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH



The monthly Diocesan Pro-Life Mass will take place at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on **Saturday, November 2 at 8:30 A.M.** Please join our celebrant **Rev. Ray Introvigne** at Mass as we pray to end abortion and for the healing for those who have had an abortion. Following the Mass, the Rosary will be prayed both at the Cathedral and Planned Parenthood. A brunch in the Cathedral Hall will follow the Rosary this month.

OFFICE FOR SAFE ENVIRONMENTS

The Diocesan Policy Review Board has recently revised the following diocesan policies: *Pastoral Code of Conduct, Sexual Misconduct Policy, Comprehensive Screening Policy, and Electronic Communications, Internet, and Computer Use Policy.*

Copies are available from your parish office or Child Advocate, on the diocesan web site <https://www.norwichdiocese.org/Find/Diocesan-Offices/Safe-Environments>, on Praesidium's *Armatus* program, and from the Office for Safe Environments (860-848-2237 ext. 212 -orose@norwichdiocese.net).

FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH

On Saturday, October 19th St. Maurice parishioners welcomed Father Bill at their potluck dinner organized by The Fellowship Circle.



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.

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