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31st Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

When he reached the place, Jesus stood up and said, "Zacchaeus, come down quickly. For today I must stay at your house." And he came down quickly and he stayed in his house.

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Christ loves us first. So much of the Christian life is as simple as that. Today's Gospel is a prime example! *"Now a man there named Zacchaeus, who was a chief tax collector and also a wealthy man ... was seeking to see who Jesus was."* We may have gotten used to the story of Zacchaeus, this short, seemingly innocent man who climbs a sycamore tree in his desperate desire to see Jesus. But this colorful, children's Bible illustration isn't what the gathering crowd would have seen. They would have seen the white collar criminal. Tax collectors were notorious for extortion. They were collaborators with the oppressive Roman overlords, overcharging for taxes and skimming a cut off the top. And how does Jesus respond to this man?

"Come down quickly," Jesus says, *"for today I must stay at your house."* If you had been there, would you have believed it? No doubt there were other disciples in the city or, at the very least, kind, generous, and just people. "Good" people. But those aren't the people Jesus chooses to share a meal with. Christ loves us first. He chooses Zacchaeus even before the man makes a public profession of his repentance.

"The Son of Man has come to seek and to save what was lost." We may not be tax collectors and extortionists — I hope not! — but we all have elements of our lives that are lost. We have wounds from childhood, unresolved anxieties or attachments, daily fears. No matter how "put together" we are, we all have our lost moments. Some days, it may feel like we can't see over the ways they crowd our inner life. Today's Gospel invites us to do something a little strange. Don't let your flaws, failures, or hang-ups prevent you from seeing Jesus. Take a deep breath. Go climb a tree, because Jesus is passing by. And he wants to stay in your heart today.



THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
NOVEMBER 3, 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.

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 2 — 3, 2019

USHERS GROUP IISATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2

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

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

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

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

10:00 A.M. Mass offered for Walter Czercowy request of Andrzej and Anna Czercowy

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4 — NO MASSTUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5 — NO MASS

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for the soul of Sharon Caruso request of Shirley and Charles Brown

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, NOVEMBER 7

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

4:30 P.M. ROSARY BEFORE 5PM MASS

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for the soul of Marguerite Flynn request of Bert Flynn



"We are inviting all youth of our church to form a choir to sing at the Christmas Vigil Mass. Rehearsals are Sunday mornings 8:30 to 8:50 at the church. All youth are welcome."

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FROM SLEIGH BELLS RING CHRISTMAS FAIR GROUP

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 20189:00 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 27 — \$2,378

Projected Amount needed \$2,980

"But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, 'Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over.'"

LUKE 19:8

We are all called to gratefully give back to the Lord in proportion to the blessings we have been given. This means everyone isn't called to give the same amount, but is called to give equal sacrifice. No amount is too small or insignificant! Open your heart, how is God calling you to be more generous with your financial resources and possessions?

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Parish Membership Form

Drop in collection ^

Please enroll the following as members of the Church of St. Maurice:

Adults _____

Children (under 18) _____

Street Address _____ E-mail Address _____

City State Zip _____ E-mail Address _____

Home phone _____ Cell phone _____

Send offertory envelopes _____ Send form for EFT (electronic donation) _____ We will Donate Online _____

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, especially the new requests for this week: Elaine, Jessica, Grace, Bob, Monique, David, Kyle, Francis, Jeff, Olga, Viola, Annedda, Irene, Laurie, Gloria, Mary.

Candle Intentions: Keith, Conrad, Nicholas, Kylee, Andrzej, Tadeusz.

Special prayers for Harry Cole, Jr. who has died recently and prayers for his family.

For all who care for the poor and needy: that God will guide them to recognize the person who is before them and help them to share God's love with them.

For deeper gratitude: that we may appreciate all the gifts, opportunities and benefits that we have been given and recognize them as signs of God's love for us.

That we may kneel before God every day, humbly recognizing that everything we have is a gift and asking God to guide us in the ways we use and share many gifts.

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

FROM THE FELLOWSHIP CIRCLE**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.

**FELLOWSHIP CIRCLE
HARVEST POTLUCK DINNER**

What a wonderful turnout we had for the potluck dinner! It was also the perfect venue to welcome Father Bill as Pastor of St. Maurice. Thank you all for bringing such an amazing selection of food to share with one another. It wouldn't have been as successful without your help. We hope you had a great time! We also wish to extend a special thank you to: Don Benevides for his easy listening dinner music; Amy Tillmann for another spectacular cake; and all the volunteers who worked so hard to bring about this parish event. It was truly a group effort.

We look forward to seeing and meeting more of you at upcoming dinners.

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 SAINT MAURICE PARISH

Grace Charlotte Crandall was baptized at St. Maurice Church on Sunday, October 27.

Congratulations to Grace, parents and godparents.

Delicious Pancake Breakfast 
JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST AT THE TRIPLE PLAY CAFE



Time: 8:00 A.M. — 10:00 A.M.

Date: Sunday, November 10

Location: St. Maurice Parish Center

\$6.00 / Person \$18.00 / Family

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Seasonal Sharing**Thanksgiving Food Distribution**

Time: November 24 @ 11:00 A.M.— Faith Formation Students and Drivers

Place: Parish Center

What: Sorting, packing, and delivery of food and other groceries to Bolton families in need.

Cost: To donate, make your check payable to "Church of St. Maurice" with the memo "Thanksgiving food" and put in the regular collection or mail. Nonperishable items may be left in either vestibule any time that the Church is open. Bring perishable items on the morning of 11/24.

If you can deliver contact Tom Manning.

Contact: Tom Manning (860) 990-4698 cell

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

Bereavement Day of Prayer ~ The Diocesan Catholic Family Services Office is sponsoring two workshops for the bereaved entitled: Praying Your Goodbyes. Both workshops will include time for private reflection, prayer and journaling, and will give participants suggestions on how to navigate the upcoming holidays, and discover ways to grow through the experience of their loss. It will be offered on two separate dates: Thursday, November 7, 9 A.M. to 12 P.M. at St. Sebastian Parish Hall, 155 Washington St., Middletown or Saturday, November 9, 1 P.M. to 4 P.M. at St. Mary Church Hall, 70 Central Ave., Norwich. There is no cost for either workshop, but registration is required. To register for one of the two dates, call Marianne Nicholas at 860-848-2237, ext. 304 or email her at manicholas@norwichdiocese.net.



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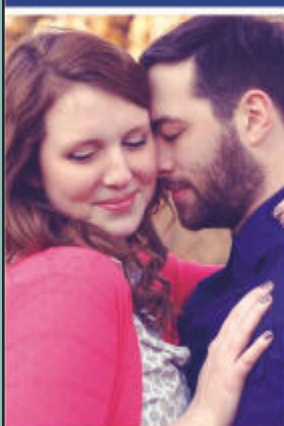
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