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THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
NOVEMBER 10, 2019



*“Some Sadducees, those who deny that there is a resurrection, came forward and put this question to Jesus ...”* In this Sunday’s Gospel, the Sadducees avoid their real question. Is there a resurrection from the dead or not? Rather than ask this question point blank, the Sadducees try to prove their point through a roundabout, unrealistic scenario. Jesus cuts straight to the question behind the question, citing Scripture passages relating to the resurrection.

The Sadducees are trying to trick Jesus. While we may not intend to stump God, our doubts and questions may have more in common with the Sadducees than we care to admit. Doubts are part and parcel of life in a fallen world. Still, there are different ways we can word our doubts to ourselves, God, and others. When we’re struggling, truly struggling, about some article of faith, do we admit it? Or do we cloak it with other, obtuse questions to hide the nature of our concern?

Have you considered leaving the Church over the hypocrisy of some of her members and leaders? Perhaps the real question is: “How can a place blessed by God and instituted by Christ have this evil in it? Can I reconcile with the concept that an institution has an admixture of good and bad? What do I expect from others, from myself? What responsibility do I have to try and remedy evil in an institution I’m part of?” Perhaps you’ve wondered about the nature of romantic love, and if God is love, does He really care so much about the details of this particular scenario? Perhaps the real question is: “Can my mind wrap around the concept of a God whose law seems — on the surface, in this situation — to make people unhappy? What is the relationship between the moral law and human flourishing?” These aren’t easy questions, but they are more honest ones. This week, don’t be afraid of your deeper questions! Bring them to God, to someone you trust, and to yourself.

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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-SECOND SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME  
NOVEMBER 9 — 10, 2019  
USHERS GROUP III**

**2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION — ARCHDIOCESE MILITARY SERVICES**

**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  
**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** *after Mass*

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10**

**7:30 A.M. Mass offered for Military Service Members**  
 (Past & Present) — request of Shirley Holbrook  
**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*  
**8:30 – 8:50 a.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal.** All youth are welcome  
**9:00 A.M. FAITH FORMATION CLASSES**  
**10:00 A.M. Mass offered for the soul of Wladyslaw 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 11 — NO MASS**

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12 — NO MASS**

**7:00 P.M. PARISH ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**  
*in the Parish Center*  
**7:15 P.M. CHOIR REHEARSAL** *New members are most welcome*

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13**

**9:00 A.M. Mass offered for the souls of the Mik and Maciora**  
 Families — request of Joseph Maciora  
**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 14**

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

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15**

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

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16**

**4:30 P.M. ROSARY BEFORE 5PM MASS**  
**5:00 P.M. Mass offered for the soul of Roseline Muldoon**  
 request of Bert Flynn

**FROM SLEIGH BELLS RING CHRISTMAS FAIR GROUP**



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR  
49<sup>TH</sup> 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.

**"HEAVENLY SCENT"  
CHRISTMAS FAIR BAKE SHOP**

WE ARE "CALLING ALL BAKERS" AGAIN FOR DONATIONS TO OUR BAKE SALE FOR THIS YEAR'S CHRISTMAS FAIR! **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 22<sup>th</sup> or Saturday morning, November 23<sup>th</sup>, the day of the fair.** Please put on your aprons and help us fill up this booth with holiday goodies! Many thanks!.....Barbara Baker



If anyone has greens they are trimming we can use them for the window boxes and planters. Please leave them at the Parish Center before Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> **The raffle tickets are out** and we hope you will consider buying them to support the projects the Fair helps with. We support the food program and giving tree among our other projects.

**STEWARDSHIP**

**Last week's Offertory: November 3 — \$2,969**  
**Projected Amount needed \$2,980**

*"May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting encouragement and good hope through his grace, encourage your hearts and strengthen them in every good deed and word."* 2 THESSALONIANS 2:16-17  
 There are two important lessons here. First, we are called to be generous with our encouragement and hope. As God shows us mercy, we must be merciful to others. Second, joy is contagious! The joy we receive from doing good works not only strengthens us, it encourages others as well. Share the joy of living your faith whenever you can.

^ 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: Jeff, Grace, Bob, Mary-Jane, Jose, Teresa, Nicholas, David, Kyle, Monique, Francis, Olga, Viola, Annedda, Irene,

Laurie, Gloria, Mary add Sharon.

Candle Intentions: Nicholas.

Special prayers for Grace Charlotte Crandall who was Baptized recently and prayers for her family.

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



The Thanksgiving food delivery will be the 24th of November. We hope all are willing donate some food for this effort. Your generosity in the past has helped many Bolton families and they are again

looking for our help along with the Town to provide the help they need. The non perishables 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 prefer to give money earmark a check and put in the offertory . If you would like to deliver please tell Tom Manning.

Thank you for your support. It does make a difference!!!!

**"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 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.

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**

*We need your helping hand to complete our ACA Parish Goal!*

St. Maurice Parish has achieved its goal!

**41.01% of parishioners have donated.**

Our ACA supported ministries do the work of Christ every day. From a participant of "Wine, Wisdom and Why" sponsored by the Office of Faith Events, "I found the evening extremely educational. I have been a Catholic my whole life and never knew some of the 'whys' behind our traditions."

Please contact the Development Office at (860) 886-1928 or go online to [www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org](http://www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org) to make a gift to our 2019 appeal, Hand in Hand with All God's Children, by December 31.

Thank you!



*Delicious Pancake Breakfast*

**JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST AT THE TRIPLE PLAY CAFÉ**



**Time:** 8:00 A.M. — 10:00 A.M.

**Date:** Sunday, November 10

**Location:** St. Maurice Parish Center

\$6.00 / Person \$18.00 / Family

**Sponsored by St. Maurice Knights of Columbus**



**East Catholic High School**

The Entrance Exam for eighth graders will be given on **Saturday, November 16th at 8:30 a.m.**

Pre-registration for the exam is appreciated but not required. You may reserve your spot by calling our Admissions Office at 860-649-5336 ext. 6456 or by pre-registering online at [www.echs.com](http://www.echs.com).

**FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH**



**One Heart Ministry!**

The One Heart Ministry is a partnership on disability for individuals and the people who assist them in their daily lives. The group comes together to pray, socialize and work together on service projects. The veteran key-chains being distributed after Mass were made by a member of the group. The heart and cross symbolize the hope that we hold as Catholics that God's love accompanies us through every challenge. To become involved in this ministry, please contact the Office of Faith Events at 860-848-2237, ext. 304, or [faithevents@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:faithevents@norwichdiocese.net). ALL ARE WELCOME!

**AN EVENING IN PARIS AUCTION & DINNER DANCE**

Please support St. Bridget School by donating to and/or attending our biggest annual fundraiser, **An Evening in Paris Auction & Dinner Dance!** We'll have silent auction items, live auction items, raffles, dinner, and dancing. Proceeds from the evening will provide funding for items such as computers, science lab equipment, health books, bilingual Spanish/English books, library books, classroom improvements and financial need scholarships. Your support of this fun event will be greatly appreciated.

**Saturday, November 16, 2019 6:00 – 10:00 pm**

**St. Bridget School Gymnasium**

**Cash Bar – Beer & Wine**

Ticket reservations are \$30 each and must be paid for in advance.

For more information contact Tina Patria at [tmf0136@yahoo.com](mailto:tmf0136@yahoo.com)

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Thank you! Ciao!



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