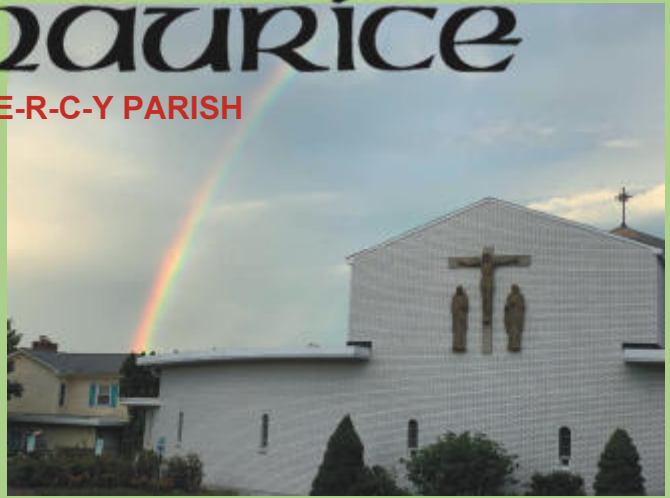


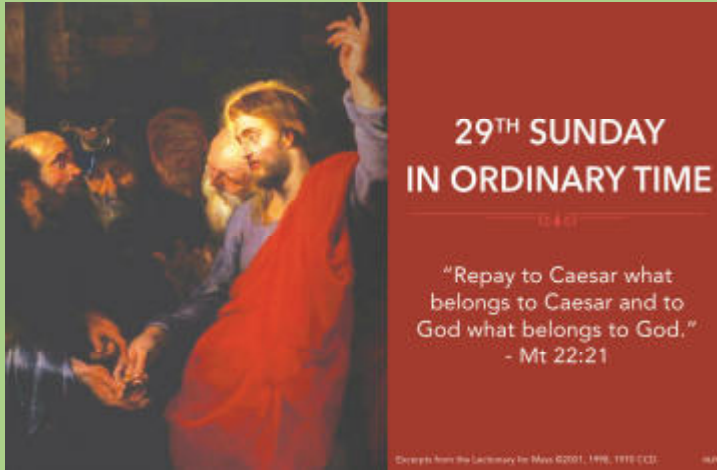
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TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 18, 2020



29TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

“Repay to Caesar what
belongs to Caesar and to
God what belongs to God.”
- Mt 22:21

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Nobody enjoys paying taxes. Despite our displeasure in being forced to do so, we also realize that the monies generated from taxes allows governments to provide essential services for its people. Corruption really gets our goat, however. When we witness malfeasance, overspending, irresponsibility, and dishonesty in governmental spending, the grave injustices make an already unpleasant and arduous task even more difficult. The inappropriate distribution and use of hard-earned monies can leave a person quite angry and disconnected. It's bad enough the government wants something from me, now God does, too?

God is not concerned necessarily with our money, although its proper use does factor into our faith life. As the payment of secular taxes speaks of our allegiance to the government, our return to God speaks of our allegiance to God. All of creation, even the entire universe, is fashioned in the image and likeness of God. What speaks to God and has meaning and relevance to him? All of creation and indeed our very selves! God delights in us and when we present ourselves back to him, he delights even more! As the payment of secular taxes is designed to secure the equitable distribution of goods and services to all people, so is our return of ourselves to God in gratitude meant to advance God's kingdom here on earth.

When our exclusive and sincere allegiance is given to God, God can use us to set things right and straight again. The wounds of sin distort our relationship and disorder our world. By giving ourselves and all of creation back to God in gratitude, we acknowledge the proper Creator and Author of life for who He is and devote our labors exclusively to God's kingdom and the justice, peace, or order God envisions. In giving back to God all that belongs to God, we set the axis of our lives correctly and put our priorities in proper order. All of our relationships, especially with God, our brothers and sisters, and all of creation are perceived more clearly as they really are. Using, accumulating, wasting, exploiting, hoarding, and self-preservation are no longer necessary.

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WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturdays at 5:00 p.m.

Sundays at 7:30, 9:15 and 11:00 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 4:20 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Please call the rectory (860-643- 9553) 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 860-643-9553.



**TWENTY-NINTH
SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 17 — 18, 2020**
Usher Group IV
FUEL FUND COLLECTION

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

- 5:00 P.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory
7:00 P.M. Church open for group Rosary

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

- 7:30 A.M. Mass offered for the repose of the Soul of Cristina Michele
request of Antonio Michele
9:15 A.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church
11:00 A.M. Mass offered for the repose of the Souls of Jane and James Toomey
request of their children
5:30 P.M. Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours and group Rosary

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19 — No MASS

- 7:00 P.M. Church open for group Rosary and Litany

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20 — No MASS

- 7:00 P.M. Church open for group Rosary and Litany

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

- 9:00 A.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory
7:00 P.M. Church open for group Rosary and Litany

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

- 9:00 A.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory
7:00 P.M. Church open for group Rosary and Litany

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23 — No MASS

- 7:00 P.M. Church open for group Rosary and Litany

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

- 5:00 P.M. Mass offered for the Confirmands of St. Maurice Church

Three students will be Confirmed during Mass

- 7:00 P.M. Church open for group Rosary and Litany

Livestream Masses:

From the Cathedral of Saint Patrick in Norwich

<https://www.norwichdiocese.org/Masses>

Sunday 9AM

Daily Mass from Blessed Sacrament Parish

<https://www.blessedsacramentct.org/>

**Monday 8 AM / Tuesday 9 AM / Wednesday 8 AM /
Thursday 9 AM / Friday 8 AM / Saturday Vigil 5 PM /
Sunday 10 AM**

**STEWARDSHIP**

Projected Amount needed — \$2,980

Offertory: October 11 — \$3,205

"Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's."

- MATTHEW 22:21

Everything we are and everything we have belongs to God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given each of us. All God is asking is that we give back a portion of what He gave us. This is the essence of Stewardship. God should be our first priority in everything. All else comes second, especially our money.

FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH**ST. MAURICE PRAYER LINE**

Please remember all the special intentions on the St. Maurice Prayer Line and Faith Formation Students Prayer Requests.

New requests this week: Joan, Alice, Pat, Diana.
Thank you, Mary Ann

**33 DAY CONSECRATION
TO SAINT JOSEPH**

WEEK 4

After each daily reading, recite at least one decade of the Rosary and meditate on The Litany to St. Joseph.

Excerpts taken from

Consecration to St. Joseph, The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father, by Fr. Donald H. Calloway, MIC.

Day 19, Sun, Oct. 18th: Joseph Most Courageous, Pray for Us. Courage is derived from "cour," or "heart." He had fortitude, a cardinal virtue that strengthens one to do the will of God, especially during hardships and suffering. People of courage love the good more than the fear of suffering and evil. Life has its ups and downs. Ask St. Joseph to help you in your trials.

Day 20, Mon, Oct. 19th: Joseph Most Obedient, Pray for Us. As disobedience to God by our first parents (Adam and Eve) caused all mankind to fall into sin, the obedience of our new parents (Joseph and Mary) brought forth the Son of God and Salvation. Ask St. Joseph to help you obey the 10 Commandments and the teachings of the Catholic church.

Day 21, Tues, Oct. 20th: Joseph Most Faithful, Pray for Us. St. Joseph had faith and trusted in God's Will for him, both in good and difficult times (birth of Jesus, flight into Egypt, finally finding young Jesus in the Temple, home life in Nazareth). He trusted Jesus. If you live the teachings of Jesus, and the spiritual and moral teachings of the Catholic faith, you may be ridiculed by others. Stand firm and imitate St. Joseph.

Day 22, Wed, Oct. 21th: Mirror of Patience, Pray for Us. No doubt, St. Joseph had to be patient and await God's Divine Providence (Mary's 3-month visitation to Elizabeth, the flight and stay in Egypt until the angel brought word of safety at home, searching for the young Jesus for 3 days in Jerusalem). Patience is a virtue. Obtaining patience requires time, love, forgiveness and mercy. We live in a "time constraint" society. It creates stress. Ask St. Joseph to help you learn patience.

Day 23, Thurs, Oct. 22nd: Lover of Poverty, Pray for Us. The Holy Family was very poor. St. Joseph could purchase only 2 turtle doves instead of a pricier lamb for the Presentation. The Magi's gift of gold helped provide for the Holy Family's life in Egypt. The Holy Family lived in a simple home in Nazareth. Detachment of wealth/materialism brings one closer to God. Ask St. Joseph to help you become spiritually rich in the Kingdom of God.

Day 24, Friday, Oct. 23rd: Model of Workman, Pray for Us. St. Joseph taught Jesus the work of a carpenter. Work is essential, and diligent work benefits the soul. However, there is a needed balance between work, time for God, family and rest. St. Joseph will help you teach that balance.

Day 25, Saturday, Oct. 24th: Glory of Domestic Life, Pray for Us. Jesus lived with St. Joseph and Mary for 30 years before beginning his public ministry. The Holy Family shared work, meals, celebrations and prayers together. Ask St. Joseph to bless your home and your domestic life.

*The Church will be open for Vespers/Group Rosary
Sunday @ 5:30 pm; Rosary Monday — Saturday at 7 pm.
Please join us!!*

FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH



BRING A "WELCOMING" PUMPKIN TO CHURCH

This pandemic year our planters in front of the Church remained bare.

During the month of October, our spiritual sight is on Our Blessed Mother, the 103rd anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun at Fatima, and participation of the 33 days of spiritual preparation to Consecration to St. Joseph. However, our physical sight directs us to the beauty of God's Creation in the summer harvest, the crisp chill of night, and the New England autumnal color changes of our trees and landscape. This October, **bring a pumpkin** of any size or color, and place it in the planters in front of the Church or Parish Center. If the planters overflow, then drop a few off on Fr. Bill's front porch!

Weekend Masses:

Saturday — 5:00 p.m.

Sunday — 7:30 a.m., 9:15 a.m., and 11:00 a.m.

Weekday Masses:

Wednesday and Thursday at 9:00 a.m.

The celebration of Mass will continue **Saturday, Sunday, Wednesday, and Thursday until further notice.** The following steps are taken to safeguard the health of our pastor and parishioners:

- Attendees are required to wear masks and are also asked to provide their own hand sanitizer. Appropriate seating for social distancing have been marked.
- For those wishing to receive communion, distribution will take place immediately after mass has ended. Those wearing gloves must remove them before receiving as the Eucharist must not be placed in a gloved hand.
- During this period there will be no choir.
- Those in vulnerable populations, e.g. the elderly, those with underlying health conditions, or those with any symptoms of illness are asked to remain at home. They are encouraged to watch Mass on television or via the internet
- Our church is cleaned and disinfected following each Mass.
- The obligation to attend Sunday Mass continues to be dispensed for all the faithful in the Diocese of Norwich until further notice.

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH



Mission Combined Collection

2020 MISSION COMBINED COLLECTION PROGRAM

Last weekend the Mission Combined Collection for the World Mission Appeal, U.S. Bishop's Appeal for Latin America, Black and Indian Missions, and the Catholic Home Mission Appeal was taken up in our Parish.

If you were unable to bring your gift envelope, extras are available in the back of the church. **You can also donate online at www.saintmauricebolton.org.** Your support of the missionary needs of the Universal Church is greatly appreciated. This collection is an opportunity to share your faith and strengthen the church at home and abroad.

Your contribution can be placed in the collection basket next weekend or mailed directly to the parish. Thank you for your generosity in the past and thank you for what you will do now to help our missionaries continue their vital work.



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FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH

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For an appointment, please go to: calendly.com/echstours

In lieu of Open House we are extending an invitation to ZOOM Information Session which will take place on October 22 at 5:30 pm. Please inquire at:

<https://www.echs.com/Admissions-Process>

and you will receive the information about the admissions process, as well as the invitation to the ZOOM session.

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