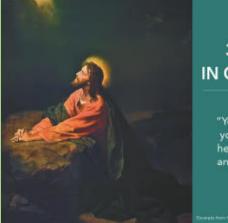
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30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." - Mt 22:37

For some reason, it is easier to genuflect in reverence to the presence of Christ in the tabernacle of a church, than to genuflect in reverence to the same presence of Christ in another person's soul. We wrongly believe that God divides himself, placing himself in one place in preference to another. It doesn't work that way. Love of God and love of neighbor are intimately and inseparably connected because the essence and spark of God's very presence is in all creation. God's presence is just as real in the one who is good, as in the one who is bad, and the one who is just, and the one who is unjust.

Our brains get in the way of truly contemplating the awesomeness of this truth. We like to separate things into boxes, the sheep from the goats and the deserving from the undeserving. But, with God there are no distinctions such as this. Our human classifications, subdivisions, and definitions hold no power or have any weight in God's eyes. Sadly, we relate to God and to each other as if they do.

We cannot be deaf to the world's pain. It is not about having, hording, accumulating, acquiring, securing, storing, protecting, owning, claiming, or any of the other human terms we use to distinguish mine from yours. We put so much power in these words and that power, even though we may not always realize it, can cause those words and the distinctions they carry to wound and hurt others. We have the whole order of things wrong, but we are so set on preserving this order that we are absolutely afraid to do it any other way. We go through hoops trying to convince ourselves why the perils of the person seeking a new place to call home are not our perils that we turn our back and justify closing our doors. It makes perfect sense to us. Yet, it makes no sense in terms of our faith. It doesn't square with any of the words found in Sacred Scripture or in any time-tested teaching of the church.

We have it all reversed. We know that we do because when Jesus speaks about such things and the words of the Old Testament prophets ring out again, we start to feel uncomfortable and anxious. What we do, directly or by omission, to one of the least of these little ones we do to God. It is quite possible that some of what we are doing personally, economically, politically, globally, and even religiously is doing more harm than good. Let's ponder that a bit.



THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME **OCTOBER 25, 2020**

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Note: during the pandemic office hours are not regular as stated above, but you can continue to call the telephone number and leave a message.

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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 Pas-tor. 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.

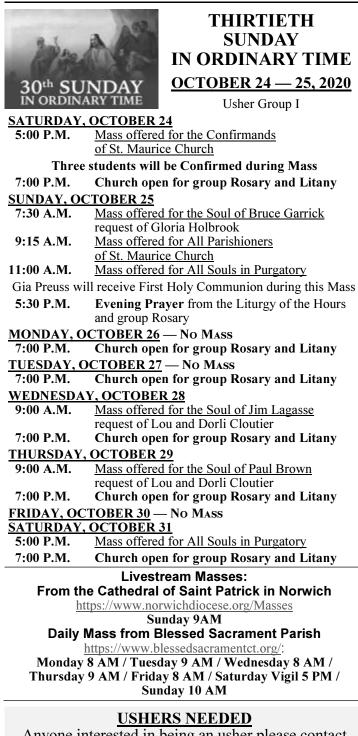
CHURCH MEMBERSHIP:

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.

ST. MAURICE CHURCH



Anyone interested in being an usher please contact Kathy Perlitz kcperlitz@comcast.net or by phone at 860-649-1210.



STEWARDSHIP

Projected Amount needed — \$2,980 Offertory: October 18 — \$3,275

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind." - MATTHEW 22:37

Do you put other "gods" before God? Is your love of money, power, status, comfort or some personal possession greater than your love for God? Do you really recognize that everything you have and that everything you are is a gift from God? The good news - it's not too late to put God first in all things in your life.

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: Ashley, Diana, Maria,

David.

Candle Intentions: Diana

Thank you, Mary Ann



33 DAY CONSECRATION TO SAINT JOSEPH WEEK 5

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 26, Sun, Oct. 25th: Guardian of Virgins, Pray for Us. St. Joseph shared a life of celibacy, along with the Virgin Mary and Jesus. Many religious saints have written of their prayers to St. Joseph for his intercession in protecting their purity. Everyone will be tempted to sins of impurity. During these trials, ask St. Joseph for his guidance and protection.

Day 27, Mon, Oct. 26th: Pillar of Families, Pray for Us.

A pillar is a firm support. St. Joseph was a firm foundation for the Holy Family. The Holy Family is the pillar of families. The Holy Family put God first; sharing prayers, meals, love, forgiveness, and mercy. Modern society has witnessed the breakdown of the family and the negative consequences on individuals, especially, children. Ask St. Joseph to help make your family strong.

Day 28, Tues, Oct. 27th: Comfort of the Afflicted, Pray for Us. In life, you cannot escape sorrow. Life has many challenges and problems: financial, emotional, health, worries, death of loved ones, difficulties in relationships. Many have grown up without the presence of a loving father. Rest in St. Joseph's fatherhood, he will offer comfort.

Day 29, Wed, Oct. 28th: Hope of the Sick, Pray for Us.

St. Therese of Lisieux, and St. Theresa of Avila speak of their physically healing after prayers to St. Joseph to intercede before God. Their prayers were answered. St. Joseph offers hope in times of sickness.

Day 30, Thurs, Oct. 29th: Patron of the Dying, Pray for Us.

Joseph died a holy and happy death. Tradition says that St. Joseph died in the loving presence of Mary and Jesus. We will all die. We need to prepare ourselves for our own deaths. "St. Joseph is the patron and protector of a happy death. Those who pray to him are certain to die in good dispositions. He is the model of those who wish to die in the Lord.") St. Perter Julian Eymard.

Day 31, Fri, Oct. 30th: Terror of Demons, Pray for Us.

St. Joseph alone bears this title, "Terror of Demons." Why are demons terrified of St. Joseph? It is because he alone was the spouse of the Immaculata, he spent many years in "adoration" of Jesus, he had paternal authority over Jesus. St. Joseph is often depicted holding a lily. The lily represents the sword of purity. It is a spiritual weapon. It is the sword that pierces the serpent dragon. When pressed by evil, go to St. Joseph.

Day 32, Sat, Oct. 31st: Protector of the Holy Church, Pray for Us. In 1870, St. Joseph was proclaimed, "Patron of the Universal Church." Patron come from the root word, "pater," "father." The Church continues to undergo division. Many outside and inside the Church threaten her. Let us pray to St. Joseph to safeguard the Church and help restore her to order.

Church open Sun @ 5:30 pm for Vespers/Rosary; and Mon-Thurs, & Sat (a) 7 pm for Rosary/Litany 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. <u>Weekday Masses:</u> 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.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

SUNDAY OBLIGATION

The obligation to attend Sunday Mass continues to be dispensed for all the faithful in the Diocese of Norwich until further notice. Those who are considered "high risk" due to age or underlying health condition, are encouraged to stay home. Since Sunday is still the Lord's Day, the faithful are encouraged to do one of the following while unable to attend Mass: Read and reflect on the Sunday scriptures; Pray the rosary reflecting on the Glorious Mysteries; Watch the Sunday Mass on TV, or via the internet.

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

"When I opened my bags, I busted out crying!"

'The amount (of groceries) was overwhelming and such a relief to my mind. We appreciate it all so very much."

Comments like this are what keeps **Catholic Charities** committed to serving those most in

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FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH



2020 Annual Catholic Appeal as of 10/9/2020

• Parish Goal of \$9,848 represents a decrease of \$365 from 2019. Current pledges total \$9,267.81, or 94.11% of our goal. This was given by 55 donors

or participation of 31.61%. Thank you for your generosity! Please consider repeating your gift in 2020.

• If you have not pledged before, consider giving \$5 to increase our participation rate.

Thank you to everyone for your support!

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