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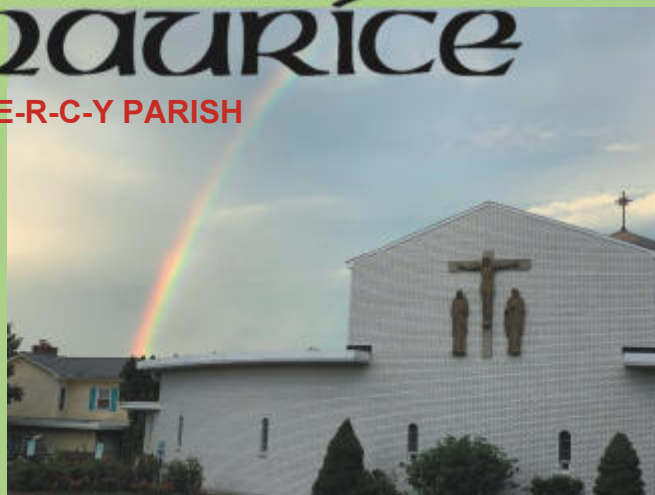
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32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"'Lord, Lord, open the door
for us!' But he said in reply,
'Amen, I say to you, I do
not know you.'
- Mt 25:11-12



THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
NOVEMBER 8, 2020

When doing student report cards, there was a comment the teacher could choose that read: inattentive and easily distracted. Could that comment describe your spiritual life? We can become so consumed with myriad distractions and preoccupations and lose our connection to what is really significant and important. We can become dull. This happens in our human relationships, too. We can easily take the love of others for granted, whether it be a parent, spouse, friend, or a child. We assume and presume that their love will always be there and do very little to cultivate, rejuvenate, and deepen it. Presumption can become a great sin.

We do the same thing with God and our spiritual lives. We presume that God will be merciful. Because we believe that in the end God is going to forgive us anyway, then why put a lot of effort into things now? What's the point? It's far easier to find a comfortable spot, curl up and take a nap! There is no immediate urgency to staying awake and attentive, so we think, and we simply fly by the seat of our pants. Assuming and presuming too much about our relationships, especially our relationship with God, can lead to neglect and abuse. It can even lead to a sense of entitlement, where we actually believe that something is due us without much effort on our part.

Folks who are distracted and preoccupied can find their relationships, especially the primary ones, drifting away. You can actually be married to someone for many years and wake up one morning realizing that you really do not know them or truly recognize them. We have to desire God in order to recognize God. We have to open our hearts, minds, and souls to His Presence so that we can be rejuvenated and refreshed. But we cannot do this if we are distracted or napping. We have to be awake and alert! As a young child eagerly watches for and anticipates that arrival of their parent home, so too we must watch for God's presence. If the anticipation of God's arrival does not excite us and rouse us, then we need to ask why. The wise person keeps vigilant watch, knowing that in the end they will not be disappointed.

Prayer Line

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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 4:00 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 3:20 p.m. to 3:45 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.



**THIRTY-SECOND
SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
NOVEMBER 7 — 8, 2020**

Usher Group III

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

4:00 P.M. Mass offered for the Souls of Sharron Caruso and Shirleyanne Johnson
request of Shirley and Charles Brown

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for the Souls of Raymond and Lilyan Hunt — request of Jane Hunt

9:15 A.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church

11:00 A.M. Mass offered for the Soul of Diana Keenan
request of Alvin and Nancy Keenan

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9 — No MASS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10 — No MASS

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for The Bonadies Family Members
request of Daryl and Bruce Bonadies

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for the Soul of Paul Brown
request of the Ushers Group of St. Maurice

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13 — No MASS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

4:00 P.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church



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**



USHERS NEEDED

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

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: Carol.

Thank you, Mary Ann



**GROUP CONSECRATION TO
SAINT JOSEPH**

Thank you to all who participated in the 33 Day Preparation either individually or those who joined the evening Rosary/Litany. You have joined many in making a spiritual act to be closer to the Foster-Father of Jesus, and there must be spiritual

benefits for our parish. Much gratitude to Janusz, who monitored and adjusted the weekly bulletin to include the individual 7 days of prep for 5 weeks. Also, gratefulness to Tom, for helping to coordinate by alternating opening the parish, plus providing weekly updates on the parish web-site.

There will be a **group recitation of an Act of Consecration to St. Joseph** following the 11 am Mass, on Sunday, November 15th. Please join us! There are copies of the Consecration on the back tables for individual use.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
NEEDED**



If you are interested to serve in the Ministry of the Eucharist please call
Linda Richardson at 860-965-6288 for information.

STEWARDSHIP



Projected Amount needed — \$2,980

Offertory: November 1 — \$3,279

"Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

- MATTHEW 25:13

Many of us have put off doing something because we think we are too busy. We've all said, "I'll do it later when I have time." Unfortunately, too many of us apply this attitude to our Faith. Jesus' call is urgent, in the here and now, in your current circumstances. Don't delay. How is God calling you to use your gifts today? None of us is guaranteed tomorrow.

^ Tear off

Memorial Mass Form

Drop in collection ^

Father Bill, 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



2020 ACA Update: As of October 23rd, **Saint Maurice Parish, Bolton has donated \$9,267.81 or 94.11% of its goal**, and 31.61% of our parishioners have donated. We are striving for as close to 100% participation as possible.

With your donation, our ACA supported ministries do the work of Christ every day. From a viewer of Office of Faith Events videos, "The Office of Faith Events has made me feel connected during this pandemic. Their frequent uplifting videos, emails and meditations during this period have meant so much to me and helped me to keep Jesus close to my heart during this very difficult time. I am so grateful that the Annual Catholic Appeal helps these programs to continue."

If you have not made your contribution to the 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal, "One Faith, One Family", or would like to make an additional gift, please contact the Development Office at (860) 886-1928 or go online to www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org. Thank you to everyone for your support!

**East Catholic High School**

Applications for the 2021-22 are coming in big numbers. If you are considering becoming a part of our family, please make sure to start the process. Please visit echs.com for more information. Also, we are offering family tours.

For an appointment, please go to: calendly.com/echstours The month of November will bring you the Departmental Information Session. 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.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS**Faith Formation Classes**

Students in our Faith Formation classes are learning from home through December. All materials have been sent home and each week video lessons available for students to follow via YouTube and Loom. Live Zoom classes are being held regularly for the Confirmation class and once a month for our other classes. If students are unable to attend a live meeting, they still have the option of a video or working through the materials with their family. All live classes will be attended by 2 adults with Safe Environment Training.

Live Class Schedule:

Confirmation Class will meet live from 12:00 p.m. to 12:50 p.m. on the following Sundays: November 8, November 15, December 6, December 13, December 20

Grades 7-8 will meet live from 1:00 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. on the following Sundays: November 8, December 13

Grades 4-6 will meet live from 1:00 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. on Sunday December 6, 2020

Grades 2-3 will meet live from 1:00 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. on the following Sundays: November 15, December 20, 2020

FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH

**GRATITUDE**

Thank you to the 12 persons who participated in the **Rosary Coast to Coast for our Nation** on Sunday, October 11th. Seven parishioners, plus 5 persons outside of our parish, attended. Thank you to the many who participated at home or in spirit. All 4 Mysteries were recited, and if the math is correct, 21 Our Fathers, 203 Hail

Marys, 21 Glory Be-s plus 1 additional each for Our Holy Father Pope Francis. The intentions:

1. Our nations conversion back to God,
2. The respect for all life at all stages of development,
3. The sanctity of marriage and families, and
4. The upholding of constitutionally protected religious freedoms.

Also recognized, Tom, who made advertisement street signage, lead the Rosary and created biblical references for each mystery. Math: 20. Thank you to Fr. Bill for granting permission, allowing use of the church. (Social distancing maintained follow by sanitation of pews used).

Many thanks to all who donated pumpkins to decorate the front of the church, plus the Rectory. Nice autumnal enhancement.



FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

**Virtual Project Rachel Rosary**

The third Thursday of each month at 3pm, come and pray the Project Rachel Rosary online with the Office of Faith Events. The Project Rachel Rosary focuses on putting an end to abortion and healing for those who have

been involved in an abortion. Our first Rosary will begin on November 17th.

Meeting link:

<https://norwichdiocese.webex.com/norwichdiocese/j.php?MTID=m56fb1b5dfd123d11b3f6fd3b4a7d783c>

Meeting number: 132 917 2663 Password: Rosary

Join by phone: +1-415-655-0001 US Toll

Access code: 132 917 2663

Bereavement Day of Prayer ~ The Diocesan Catholic Family Services Office is sponsoring a virtual workshop for the bereaved entitled: **Praying Your Goodbyes** on **Saturday, November 21** from 10 A.M. to 12:15 P.M. It will include time for private reflection, prayer and journaling and give participants suggestions on how to navigate the upcoming holidays and discover ways to grow through the experience of their loss. There is no cost, but registration is required by contacting Mary-Jo McLaughlin at Catholic Family Services, 860-848-2237, ext. 312 or by email at mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net.

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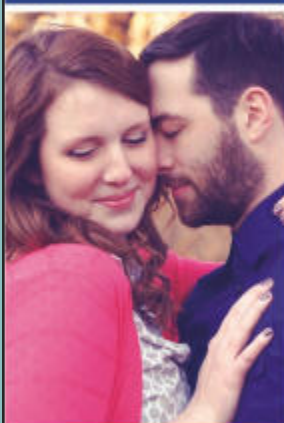
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