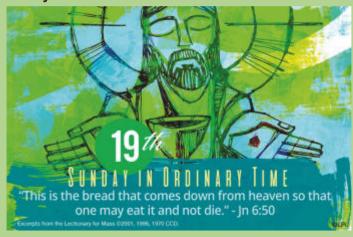
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The lens through which we view life makes a difference. It also determines who we choose to learn from and what we allow to shape our thoughts and feelings. For many, life is simply what it appears to be, a given that either through evolution or some other means just came to be. There is no apparent rhyme or reason to things and things can be dissected and understood only in terms of what they empirically present. To the person using this lens, a tree is a tree and a flower is a flower. Their composition and existence can be understood only to the extent that current human knowledge allows. Through this lens, what gives life purpose and meaning? This lens has an essentially unknown beginning and definite end. Once those are accepted, the middle becomes some kind of pursuit of happiness, with values and principles being things that are self-created and found acceptable.

But there is a Divine lens that also exists and deserves mention. It is found when one stumbles upon faith and begins to see things differently. This lens is of God and reveals a Divine Energy and Life that flows through and in all things. Faith then shows us that all that lives come from this one Source of Love. This is the only true lens that can give human beings the purpose and meaning they desperately need. From this perspective, all of life is much more than what is immediately apparent! It now tells and reveals a story about God generous, creative, and unconditional love! The unfolding of the human story is the unfolding of God's story. What meaning our lives have when they are viewed as a part of God's love affair with humanity! We are indeed special.

The lens of our faith asks us to learn from Jesus Christ. Jesus, as the real Bread of Life, shows us our eternal destiny and completes and frames our lives. It is only in allowing ourselves to be taught by Jesus, that faith, hope, and love take on much greater importance. All the relationships in our lives are now structured and ordered using God's primary commandment of love. Jesus, then, is not just some man who lived at some point in history. Jesus is the incarnate Son of God who shows us the way, the truth, and the life. Using this lens changes things up a great deal. Looking at the creation that surrounds you and the special unique people you love, what is God trying to teach you about His love for you and the eternal life He wants you to have?



NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 8, 2021

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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 4:25 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 BOLTON, CT



NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 7 — 8, 2021

Usher Group II

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8

7:30 A.M. <u>Mass offered for All Parishioners</u>

of St. Maurice Church

10:00 A.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 9 — No Mass

TUESDAY, AUGUST 10 — No Mass

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11

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

Rosary after Mass

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for the Soul of Elizabeth A. Hope

requested by Joseph Maciora

Rosary after Mass

FRIDAY, AUGUST 13 — No Mass

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for the Soul of Bill Miller

requested by The Family

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

ST MAURICE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



Members of the Prayer Shawl Ministry are making full size prayer shawls for our long term care parishioners. Also, mini pocket prayer shawls are available for everyone.

If you can help in any way in this Ministry, please call:
Linda Wiley at 860-643-8684 or
MaryAnn Murphy at 860-649-5449
Thank you.

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: Dharen, Colton,

Jim, Brian.

Candle Intentions: Mergerdahl, Faydra, Caroline and Family, Joan, Jean.

Thank you, Mary Ann



2021 ACA Update as of July 30, 2021:

Congratulations to Saint Maurice Parish, Bolton for surpassing its goal! The current amount donated is \$11,791.39 with 31.64% of our parishioners donating. We are striving for as close to 100% participation as possible. With your donations is the saint of the saint

tion, our ACA supported ministries do the work of Christ every day. If you have not made your contribution to the 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal, "One Faith, One Family", or would like to make an additional gift, donation envelopes are still available within the church or you can contact the Development Office at

(860) 886-1928

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Thank you to everyone for your support!



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"Get up and eat or the journey will be too much for you!" 1 KINGS 19:7

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FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH

WELCOME BACK TO MASS

Sunday Mass Obligation Resumed All pews are available for seating.

The celebration of Mass will continue with relaxed restrictions.

The following steps are taken to safeguard the health of our pastor and parishioners:

- The Precious Blood will not be distributed. There will be no Sign of Peace. Attendees will be required to wear masks if they have not been vaccinated.
- 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.

Live-streaming of Sunday Masses will continue. Visit NorwichDiocese.org/Masses for details.



Ladies Night Out!

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Sponsored by the Ladies of St. Joseph Saturday, Sept. 18,6pm-9pm -Doors Open at 5:30 for Preview St. Joseph Church Hall 33 West Street, Rockville

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Questions contact ladiesofstjosephct@gmail.com



FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH



You Can Help Your Marriage - Do you feel alone in your marriage? Are you frustrated or angry with your spouse? Do you and your spouse argue, or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about your relationship make it worse? If you answered 'yes' to any of these questions, consider attending a Retrouvaille weekend experience. Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) is a lifeline for married couples facing difficult challenges in their relationships. It seeks to help couples heal and renew their hurting marriages. For confidential information about the program or to register for the upcoming

September 17-19 weekend, call 203-710-6207, email 3001@retrouvaille.org, or visit the national website at www.HelpOurMarriage.com.



VIRTUAL VACATION BIBLE CAMP COMES TO THE DIOCESE

The Office of Faith Event's Virtual Vacation Bible School (VBS) is a 4-day summer program providing fun and faith about

the workings of God for children through music, games and fun bible lessons. This year the VBS program will be called "Thankful", and will dive into the Old Testament by studying the prophet named Joseph. VBS will run Monday through Thursday, August 9 – 12th from 9:00 – 10:00 AM online; the cost is \$5 for one child or \$10 per family. We invite all children to join us, the camp is most suited for rising Grades 1 -5.

To register please go to https://bit.ly/2Laol7Y If you have questions, please contact Liza Roach at lroach@norwichdiocese.net or call (860)848-2237 ex. 305

Project Rachel Rosary – Please join the Office of Faith Events staff online the AFTER ABORTION third Tuesday of each month as we pray

the Project Rachel Rosary for an end to abortion and healing for those who have been involved in an abortion.

The next Rosary will be **Tuesday**, **August 17, 2021**. Contact Liza Roach at Iroach@norwichdiocese.net to receive a link for the Rosary

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