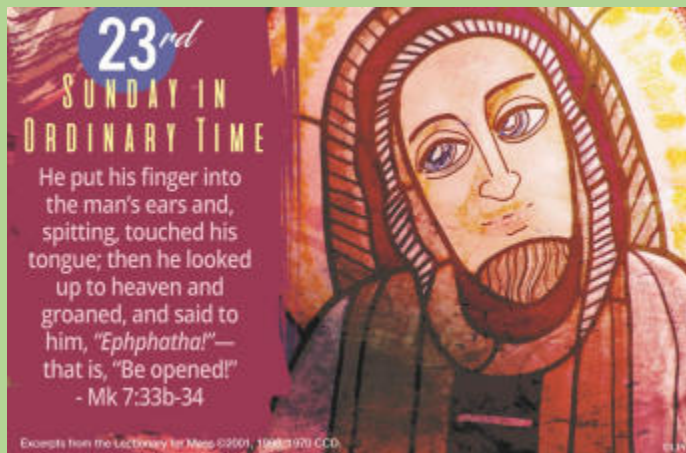


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From the time we are born into this world until we die, our human radar picks up signals about how to respond to life. What we picked up on when we were very young carries an even greater power. The messages we receive and process tell us what we are “supposed” to do with our feelings, how to understand and cope with disappointment, anxiety, failure, death, illness, and what to expect out of life. As life unfolds for us, these radar messages kick in and resonate in us at very deep levels. Sometimes what we have learned is helpful and sometimes it is not. The stories we have been told, especially when we are young, about how life is best lived and how to negotiate its pain carry a heavy weight.

Life can be challenging and frightening. Sometimes, it really hurts to be a human being. It also can be quite unpredictable and, at times, unfair. We face our vulnerability and brokenness of all kinds: physical, emotional, and spiritual. It doesn’t take much for life to quickly fall apart. What we knew to be familiar and true is gone and something we relied upon, physically, emotionally, or spiritually, can be taken away. It is hard to confront our limitations and sit with our incompleteness. Often, life hurts us so much that we find ourselves sitting in a pool of sadness, not sure what we are supposed to do. It is particularly hard when the signals we have inherited tell us that we need to be successful in what we do, and we have to avoid life’s unfairness. We can feel like a failure, wondering what precisely we did to deserve this fate, or ruminate about what we did not do correctly. But it’s really not about us. We are part of a bigger picture and a much more fascinating story!

If we cease doing battle with life’s incompleteness and see ourselves, as God does, on a journey toward wholeness and completeness we can better accept our disappointments and stand firm. The prophets told us, and Jesus reassured us: Be strong! Fear not! Sometimes we have to update our stories and replace them with newer, more accurate ones. When we make God’s story our own and tune our radar into His voice, what we hear is all about restoration, healing, and rejuvenation! This is true even when we think we have hit rock bottom and can go no further. There is always hope. Remember the words of Julian of Norwich: God made us, God loves us, and God keeps us. Now, listen to God when He says, “be opened!” Be healed and allow your stories to change.

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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

## Prayer Line

Mary Ann 860-649-5449

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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.

## Eucharistic Minister to Homebound

Patricia Cinea 860-646-0564

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[www.saintmauricebolton.org](http://www.saintmauricebolton.org)

## 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.



## TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**SEPTEMBER 4 — 5, 2021**

Usher Group II

National Combined Collection

### **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4**

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

### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5**

**7:30 A.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners  
of St. Maurice Church

**10:00 A.M.** Mass offered for the Souls of +Peg and +Paul  
Brown requested by Pam Brown

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

**6:00 P.M.** Rosary (Glorious Mysteries)

### **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 — No MASS**

### **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 — No MASS**

**7:15 P.M.** Choir Practice resumes (New voices are always welcome!)

### **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8**

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

### **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9**

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

### **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**

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

### **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11**

**5:00 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**

#### **A Message from East Catholic High School**

East Catholic continues to accept applications for a limited number of seats for grades 9, 10 and 11. Please visit echs.com for more information. Apply today!

### **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: Jerry, Mary, John, Maria.

Candle Intentions: LeeAnn, Ben.

Thank you, Mary Ann

## **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](https://NorwichDiocese.org/Masses) for details.



#### **STEWARDSHIP**

**Projected Amount needed — \$3,130**

**Offertory: August 29 — \$1,924**

*"My brothers and sisters, show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ."*

*JAMES 2:1*

Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?

^ 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**

**BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS**

A special blessing to all those who are going back to school will take place on Sunday, September 12th at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Please bring your backpacks and place them near the Divine Mercy painting before Mass.

**ICE CREAM SOCIAL**

Please join us for an ice cream social on Sunday, September 12th at 11 a.m. in the Parish Center. This event is sponsored by the St. Maurice Faith Formation Group and we will be registering students for CCD during this event. Everyone is invited, so feel free to bring a friend.



*50th Annual Sleigh Bells Ring Christmas Fair*

As the temperature has dropped 30 degrees in the past few days I am thinking that fall is coming, and some Fair things need to be taken care of. Would you provide flour and sugar for our jams, mixes and pies? This is a help to me so I can really get going when I get home. Hope all is well!!! *Dorli Cloutier*

Other needs: baby food jars, Christmas mugs, yarn, wool material, cotton fabric, teaspoons, large seashells, large pine cones. To donate, call Sharon Scorso at (860) 646-1423

St. Philip the Apostle Church at 64 Pompey Hollow Road in Ashford will be holding its annual used book sale from September 11-30, 2021. Saturday and Sunday 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Monday through Friday 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.

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ALL TOPICS

Choir rehearsals will resume on Tuesday, September 7, 2021, at 7:15 p.m. in the Upper Church. New voices are always welcome!



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**FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH**



**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and are seven sessions on weekdays from

7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call Frank & Margie Pearson at (860) 337-2447 or visit them at <https://www.mectw.org/>.

Let Jesus the healer, heal any disappointments in your marriage. Strengthen your relationship, rekindle your romance and renew your sacrament by attending the Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience.



**Calling All Golfers!**

Be sure to join us for Catholic Charities 16th Annual Golf Tournament Monday September 13, 2021 at Great Neck Country Club, Waterford. Bishop Cote will be in attendance! Registration begins at 11:00 a.m. Kick off your day with an all-you-can-eat BBQ lunch and an on-sight cigar roller! Also featuring a beverage tent along the course. Shotgun start at 12:30 p.m., concluding after play with delicious small bites, raffle results, and award winners.

Visit [ccfsn.org](http://ccfsn.org) or call Sally at (203) 556-0115 for more information and to sign up. What a great way to enjoy 18 holes of golf, lunch and awards while also assisting the works of Catholic Charities throughout the Diocese. There are sponsorships available!

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