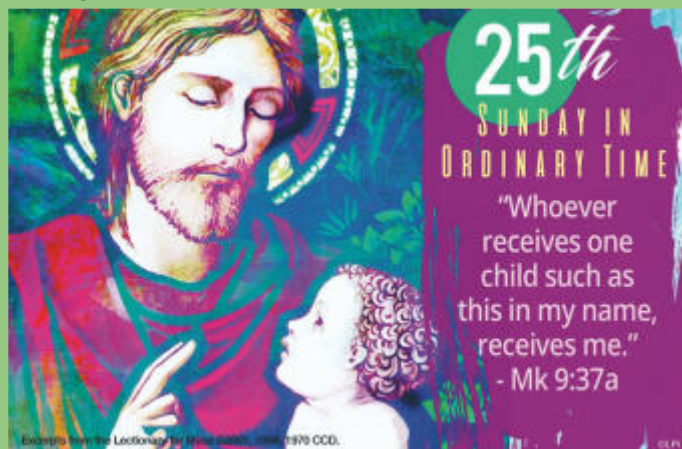


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There is something about being first. Whether it be first in line, first to be picked for the team, or the first one to finish their work, great satisfaction is achieved. Our egos love being first. It somehow sets us apart from everyone else, gives us a sense of pride and positions us to feel better than others. When we are first, we can glory in our efforts, skills, and achievements. Isn't that what really matters? After all, we are taught from a very young age to be proficient, stay on top, be the best at what we do, and win the praise and esteem of others. This is the stuff that makes us successful and provides us with a comfortable, satisfying life.

Jesus wants none of it. All of the details we anguish over mean little to the kingdom of God. You want to be first? Then, be a servant and welcome a child. All of this is the opposite of our often vehement pursuits. If we are serious about following Jesus and living the Gospel, then we must put the needs of others before our own. If we continue to listen only to the noise of the world, we are going to continue to believe the illusions we inherit. Those illusions come in many forms, but all have things in common: me before you, being on top and not the bottom, us versus them, personal security over universal harmony and peace. When are we going to learn that always striving to be the best and first is an empty pursuit in our struggle for happiness? While satisfying our ego with this momentary boost of esteem may feel good for a moment, is it what we really desire? If we can break from the world's noise and create a space of sacred silence in our lives, we can begin to listen and see that we are being called in another direction. What we really desire is not the bolstering of our egos but the innocence we lost somewhere along the way. When we can be playful, joyful, and even somewhat carefree, life is good. We want our relationships to work, a place to call home, and to live peaceful lives with our sisters and brothers. Only a servant can do this. The servant's prayer seeks to detach from self-concern in order to be used by God. Rather than worrying about being first and coming out on top, we can be inspired, guided, empowered, and led to do good works. Stop worrying about being first and put greater energy into feeling joy.



TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 19, 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.



**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**
SEPTEMBER 18 — 19, 2021

Ushers Group IV

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for the Souls of †William and †Anna Cosgrove requested by their daughter Ann

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

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

10:00 A.M. Mass offered for the Soul of †Ken Caya requested by the Caya Family

There will be no Evening Prayer or Rosary this Sunday

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 — No Mass

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 — No Mass

7:15 P.M. Choir rehearsal in church. New voices are always welcome!

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for the Souls of †George and †Martha Aufman requested by Eleanor Aufman
Rosary after Mass

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

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



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

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: Francis, Joe, Allen, Ron, Maria, Rose, Matt, Dominic, Nicholas, Special prayers for families in Bolton who have flood damage from the recent storms.

Candle Intentions: Faydra, Tim, Caroline, Teagan, Tabby, Samantha, Joan, Bill, Beth, Chris, Lori, Nicholas, 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://www.norwichdiocese.org/Masses) for details.



STEWARDSHIP

Projected Amount needed — \$3,130

Offertory: September 12 — \$3,015

"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all."

- MARK 9:35

Jesus teaches us that we are called to love one another. Love involves sacrifice. Sacrifice is a word that many of us don't like to hear. We think it means that we must give up something that we want. However, the literal meaning of sacrifice is "to make holy," from the words "sacer" = *sacred* and "facere" = *to make*. In other words, we make our lives holy by sharing our gifts in the service of God.

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Parish Membership Form

Drop in collection ^

Please enroll the following as members of the Church of St. Maurice:

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Children (under 18) _____

Street Address _____ E-mail Address _____

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Send offertory envelopes _____ Send form for EFT (electronic donation) _____ We will Donate Online _____

We can help out as: Altar server _____ Lector _____ Usher _____ Eucharistic Minister _____ Choir _____ Crafts workshop _____

FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH



FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Religious Education Classes for grades K-10 begin on **Sunday, September 26th.**

There will be a welcome meeting for parents and students at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Center.

Knights of Columbus pancake breakfast available from 8:00-10:00 a.m.

Registration forms are available in the back of the church and on the parish website.

Classes will be held Sunday mornings from 9:00-9:45 a.m. in the Parish Center classrooms. If you would like your children to attend, please complete and return your registration form. Forms can be found in the back of the church or on-line. Completed forms can be returned to the Parish Office or dropped in the collection basket during any mass.

We are always in need of teachers. If you are interested in sharing your faith with the young people of our parish by volunteering to teach, please contact Amie Tillmann at saintmauriceccd@gmail.com.

BLESSING OF THE CATECHISTS

A special blessing to all those who are teaching Faith Formation will take place on Sunday, September 26th at the 10:00 a.m. Mass.



JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST AT THE TRIPLE PLAY CAFE



Time: 8:00 A.M. — 10:00 A.M.

Date: Sunday, September 19th

Location: St. Maurice Parish Center

\$6.00 / Person \$18.00 / Family

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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

DO YOU GIVE ELECTRONICALLY?

Now that the collection is being taken up in person again, cards in fluorescent green and orange are available at both ushers' tables to pick up when you come in and drop in the basket when the offertory is taken. Give good example and give cheerfully!

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH



The Norwich 40 Days For Life Campaign will begin with a Vigil Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Tuesday, **September 21, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.** Bishop Michael R. Cote

will be the principal celebrant and Fr. Michael Bovino will deliver the homily. **The 40 Days For Life Campaign runs from Wednesday, September 22 through Sunday, October 31, 2021.** Please join your fellow parishioners by praying, fasting, and signing up to participate in the peaceful prayer vigil held outside the planned parenthood facility at 12 Case Street in Norwich. Thank you.

The vigil day for St. Maurice is Friday, October 29, 2021.

Visit <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/Norwich> to sign up.

Visit <https://www.norwichdiocese.org/40DaysforLife> for information or send e-mail: tmanning818@sbcglobal.net



THE HOPE AND FAITH SERIES BEGINS IN SEPTEMBER

Grow in your relationship with God through our weekly Hope and Faith Video Series which take place

weekly throughout the year. The Office of Faith Events creates videos that are less 3 minutes long which delve into monthly topics like love, church knowledge, Saints, and spiritually. We encourage you to dedicate just a few minutes weekly to enliven your faith.

To enroll: send a text – (Phone Number) TO: 81010 (Text) Message: @hopenfaith (one word) It will then ask you to reply with your name. Those who are not text savvy do not need to feel left out, you can receive them by email by contacting Marianne Nicolas at

manicholas@norwichdiocese.net

Already enrolled, you do not need to enroll again!

VIRTUAL BINGO FOR ALL AGES

The Office of Faith Events invites people of all ages to participate in Virtual Bingo! Bingo will take place on **Sunday, September 19th and June 13th from 3:30 – 5pm.** You will receive your cards online, mark them and even remark them for the next game or you can print them and play. Through video conferencing, we will call the numbers and play different BINGO games from regular bingo, double bingo, picture frame, and finally black out! It will be great fun with lots of gift certificates for prizes! We are only selling 200 cards, so act fast! The cost is \$6 per card for the whole Bingo event! To register for your Bingo card, go to: <https://bit.ly/2Laol7Y> or call Marianne at 860-848-2237 ex. 304.



14th Annual Connecticut Catholic Men's Conference.

Saturday, September 25, 2021,

New Britain Veterans Memorial Park

Tickets online at www.ctcatholicmen.org

or at the door and arrive by 8 a.m. to register.

The ticket price is \$45 and includes lunch. All day Adoration and Confession are available. Keynote Speakers are Dr. Ralph Martin and Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC. Speaking also are Dr. Blythe Kaufman, Mr. Gary Zimak, and Reverend Elias Mary Mills, FI.

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