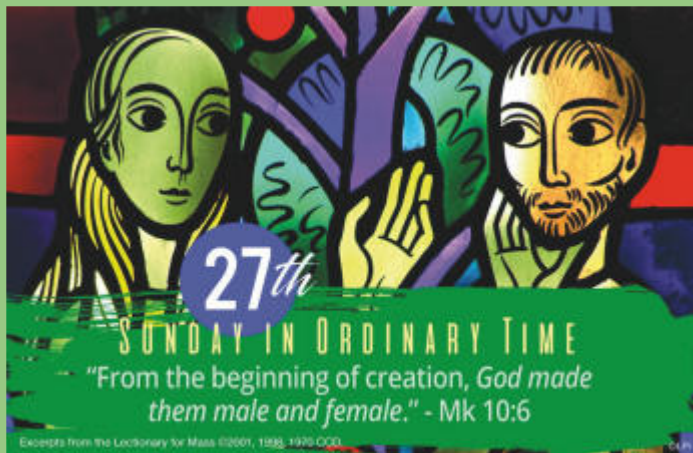


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Archbishop Fulton Sheen said, "It takes three to make love, not two: you, your spouse, and God." Apart from the incarnation of God in Jesus Christ, nothing speaks better of God's incarnate love than marriage. God designed it this way. We place great value on love and rightly so. What we fail to realize, however, is that love, its very presence and place in our lives, is not simply part of the human package deal. Love comes from God. It is one of God's greatest gifts to human beings. When we begin to realize that our very ability to love is sacred, it changes up how we see the essence of life, and purpose and sanctity of marriage.

God is love. It stands to reason then that if we follow the path of unconditional, self-emptying love we will then stumble upon God. It is precisely this intimate wedding of God with love that gives such eloquence and honor to the love between husband and wife. As a living sign of Christ's love for the Church and for humanity, husbands and wives speak volumes of God's unconditional incarnate love for all of his children! The Divine power that brings unity and life to marriage is so strong that once joined, it really cannot be separated.

Admittedly, marriage covenants can be extremely difficult to negotiate and, at times, very painful to experience. God's perfect divinity always meets our broken and imperfect humanity. God is okay with this setup as he created it this way. Our loving is never as unconditional as God's and often tainted by our own imperfections, needs, memories, hurts, sinfulness, and weakness. All of this baggage negatively impacts even the most well-intentioned marriages, causing them to be hurtful and empty. We are love works in progress. God can succeed in perfecting our love only if we keep our eyes fixed on him as the source of that love. That's why marriage is always about three and not just two.

The Divine intimacy at the heart of marriage is what can make them celebrations of great union and happiness. Couples who are still madly in love with each other after many years, still looking at each other with that timeless twinkle in their eyes, best tell the story of God's oneness with humanity. Honor, celebrate, and support those who have accepted a vocation to marriage. Living in a world that easily pulls relationships apart, may they find hope and inspiration from their faith companions who are on the same journey!



TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 3, 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-SEVENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

OCTOBER 2 — 3, 2021

Ushers Group II

Cradle Fund Collection

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners
of St. Maurice Church

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory

9:00 A.M. — 9:45 A.M. **FAITH FORMATION CLASSES**
in the Parish Center.

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

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

6:00 P.M. **Rosary**

MONDAY, OCTOBER 4 — No Mass

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5 — No Mass

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for the Soul of †James Aufman
requested by Eleanor Aufman

Rosary after Mass

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for the Soul of †Bill Miller
(a Birthday Remembrance)
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**



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: Larry, Zachary, Viola, Donna, Dick, Rita, Jennifer, Ed, Joe, Carol, Lex, Al.
Candle Intentions: Nicholas, George, Karen, Keith, Zachary, John, Rachel, Tim, Joan, Bill, Beth.

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 26 — \$2,567

"So out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name." — (GENESIS 2:19)

The creation story reminds us of two important points. First, since the start, God has put the entire world into our care. Second, stewardship has been around since the beginning of mankind, it isn't something recently invented by the Church. Just as past generations built our Church, it is now our responsibility to continue to nurture and develop these gifts for future generations.

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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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FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH



FAITH FORMATION NEWS

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

Classes are held on 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.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

“The church fair preparations have begun, and the elves are busy preparing for our big day

The 50th Anniversary of Sleigh Bells Ring on November 20, 2021.

We are looking for anyone who can donate their time to help with set up the week before, and who is willing to work the day of the fair selling craft and food items at our booths. The fair hours are Saturday 9AM to 3PM but you don't need to commit to working all day – even a few hours behind the booths is a blessing for us.

If you can help, please contact **Dorli Cloutier** at dorliandlou@yahoo.com or 860-649-6255,

Beth Harney at bharney176@att.net or 860-649-1331, or **Sharon Scorsio** at sscorsio@comcast.net or 860-729-4399. Thank you in advance for volunteering!”



EAST CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Our admission process for the 2022-23 school year has officially started! Please go to our website: echs.com/Admissions-Process to fill out our on-line application.

Also, please mark your calendars: our Open House is scheduled for Thursday,

October 28th at 6:45 pm. It will be followed by Placement Test on Saturday, October 30th at 8:30 am. The second date for the Placement Test is Saturday, November 13th at 8:30 am. Looking forward to welcoming you at East! Go Eagles!

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or www.facebook.co/StGeorgesBoltonCT

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH



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2021 MISSION COMBINED COLLECTION

The Mission Combined Collection will be held next weekend. Your contribution will aid the World Mission Appeal, U.S. Bishop's Appeal for Latin America, Black and Indian Missions, and the Catholic Home Mission Appeal.

Registered parishioners should have received information in the mail about this collection. Additional brochures and gift envelopes are available in church.

Please read this material and bring your gift envelope to Mass next weekend, October 9/10, 2021



MEN'S VIRTUAL FAITH GROUP

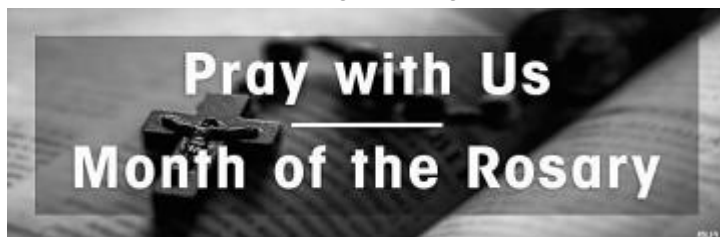
BROTHERS IN CHRIST

Brothers in Christ is a Virtual Gathering of Men who will share faith, personal experiences, and discussion. Every second Thursday of the month beginning on October 14th from 7pm – 7:45pm, Brothers in Christ will meet online. If you are interested in developing fellowship and discipleship with other men devoted to Christ, then register by email Liza Roach at

lroach@norwichdiocese.net

or call (860)848-2237 ex. 305. **All Are Welcome!**

The Catholic Foundation of the Diocese of Norwich is pleased to report that the following students received the listed **scholarships for the 2021-2022 school year**: Capri Sferazza, Eric B. Evans Scholarship; Kevin Trinh and Stephanie Page, William F. Jr. and Flora L. O'Neil Scholarship; Walker Sutman and Kevin McEntarfer, Rev. Richard Roughan Scholarship and Dominic Robinson, Wronowski Family Scholarship. If you are interested in establishing an endowment to benefit your parish, school, or ministry, or make a donation to an existing endowment, please contact Mary Ellen Mahoney, at (860) 886-1928 ext 113. The Foundation is a separate legal entity and not included in the Diocese's recent filing for reorganization.



The Office of Faith Events will be donating two Christmas trees this year to the Festival of Trees at the

Wadsworth Atheneum in Hartford. We are still seeking ornaments to help complete our tree entitled “The Nativity”. If you have a nativity themed ornament/s you would like to donate to adorn this tree, please drop them off at or send to The Office of Faith Events, 199 Broadway, Norwich, CT, 06360 by November 19, 2021. Questions? Please email us at faithevents@norwichdiocese.net or give us a call at 860-848-2237 ext. 304

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