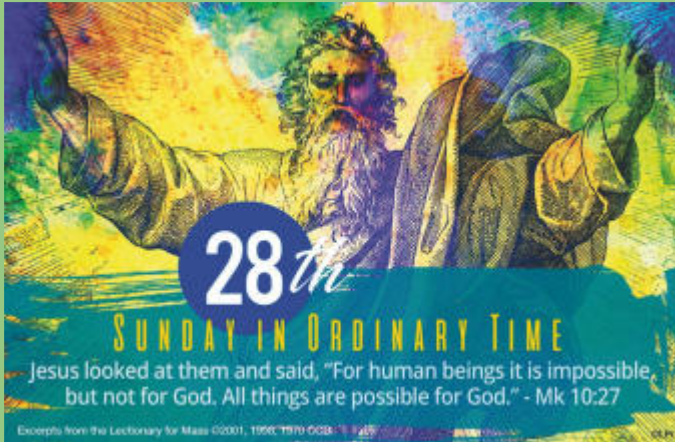


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If we are truly in love with God, then the basics are not going to be enough. That love is going to want to be expressed in going above and beyond, in leaving the comfortable and familiar, in stretching and growing, and in following a voice other than our own. St. Teresa of Calcutta rightly instructs us that for "love to be real, it must cost, it must hurt, it must empty us of self." Being in love with God requires more than just checking the boxes of the commandments. It requires a sincere and unconditional self-investment. Desiring God with our whole heart, mind, and soul means that I must also desire a relationship with my neighbor with that same degree of fervor.

Biases and prejudices usually occur when people are kept at a distance and treated as objects. We cannot truly know our neighbors, especially if they are different than us, if we keep them in boxes and do not listen to their stories. When we open ourselves to listen to another person's story, we begin to realize more how similar we are than dissimilar. Being overly attached to our possessions, ideologies, agendas, lifestyles, and personal needs are absolute barriers to achieving the type of personal investment love demands. This is why following Christ can be difficult. It is less a matter of intellect and more a matter of heart and soul. It requires that we transfer our treasure from an investment in tangible secular things and move it into the Kingdom of God. It is only the gift of wisdom and discernment that can help us decide what to do and how to do it.

Contemporaries of Jesus would know that a camel could not enter through the portal of a city weighed down with the baggage it was carrying. In order to enter, the baggage must be removed so that the animal could fit through the entry way. The same is true for us. We carry a lot of excessive baggage around with us that keeps us tethered to our past histories, wounds, myopic world views, prejudices, fears, and suspicions. To invest ourselves in the Kingdom of God, do God's work and live out our love relationship with God, we need to shed the extra weight. While it may seem that a lot of that stuff is necessary, it really is not. We are much more than the things that we think define us and more secure than we think. The more there is to hold on to and the more that we carry with us, the harder it will be to leave it all behind. Many choose not to and walk away sad because they are not ready to trust.



TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 10, 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-EIGHTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 9 — 10, 2021**

Ushers Group III

Mission Combined Collection

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10

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

NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

10:00 A.M. Mass offered for the Souls of †Jane and †James
Toomey — requested by their children

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

6:00 P.M. Rosary

MONDAY, OCTOBER 11 — No Mass

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12 — No Mass

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16

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**

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: Erin, John, Rachel,

Lisa, Grace, Kristan, Dominic, Carol

Candle Intentions: Adam, Tadeusz, Andrzej, Wladyslaw,
Nicholas

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: October 3 — \$

"It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." (MARK 10:25)

Jesus uses tough language that we may not want to hear. But, we are all called to be generous with all of our gifts. Not just the ones we pick and choose, but all our gifts, and especially the one that means the most to us! That includes our time in prayer to God, our talent in participating in parish ministries and our treasure supporting our local parish and other charities.

^ Tear off

Parish Membership Form

Drop in collection ^

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

Adults _____

Children (under 18) _____

Street Address _____ E-mail Address _____

City State Zip _____ E-mail Address _____

Home phone _____ Cell phone _____

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

WHERE THE MONEY GOES

For those who like to follow the money, we spent 2,584. To fill the oil tanks, and \$2,200. to fix our water for church toilets with a new air tank in the church.

We are working on fixing the Parish Center well that has bacteria. The Diocese is charging us increasing amounts for things hard to keep track of like Workers Compensation \$423. , Continuing Education \$600., Quick Books Program for the year \$680., our building insurance went from \$18,000. for the last fiscal year to \$20,000. for this year, etc. Thanks for all your support. With less people coming we are right on the edge to keeping up with it all. Many thanks to our Sleigh Bells Ring Christmas Fair who paid \$2,200. for the new railing from the Rectory to Church and \$2,000. for our new shed.



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!”



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or www.faebook.co/StGeorgesBoltonCT



EAST CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Easy Catholic cordially invites families of current 6th, 7th and 8th graders to join us on Thursday, October 28th at 6:45 for our Open House. To pre-register, please go to https://www.echs.com/Visit_ECHS. We are offering the entrance exams on Saturday, October 30th or Saturday, November 13th, both starting at 8:30 am. To pre-register, please go to

https://www.echs.com/Visit_ECHS.

We continue offering private family tours by appointment only. To schedule a tour, please visit

<https://calendly.com/echstours>

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH



2021 MISSION COMBINED COLLECTION

The Mission Combined Collection this week-end supports missionary works in Latin America, Asia, Africa, and parts of the United States. Your generous gifts today will allow our missions to bring the love of Jesus and our Catholic faith to those in Latin America, small mission dioceses in Africa and Asia, as well as support our Black and Indian Mission Office. In addition, through the Catholic Home Missions Appeal, the Church will reach isolated communities here in the U.S, thirsty for the Word of God.

Please give today with a joyful and generous heart.

Your support will truly make a difference.



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!**



Come Celebrate with us!

Outreach to Haiti, the Diocesan ministry to Haiti is celebrating 35 years of service to the Haitian people. In addition to celebrating this milestone, they are recognizing several of those who have made significant contributions to this ministry. Honorees are: Most Reverend Michael R. Cote, D.D

Ellen Flynn, RSM

Reverend Gerald Kirby

Mr Daniel E. O'Sullivan

In addition, Outreach is awarding the inaugural "Works of Mercy Award" to the Padre Pio Foundation of America. Online reservations may be made at

www.outreachtohaiti.org/35th-anniversary

or call 860- 673-1514.

Please come and help us celebrate with a reception and dinner.

Time: Monday Nov 8, 2021 5:30pm

Place: Mercy High School 1740 Randolph Rd, Middletown, CT

Tickets \$75 per person/ \$50 for religious

For more information call



Can you help Catholic Charities ease some of the burdens that new families are facing due to increased hardships during this challenging time? We are in dire need of baby items such as diapers, wipes, clothing (winter), and miscellaneous baby toiletries. Donations can be dropped off at any of our four locations in Norwich, New London, Middletown, and Willimantic, or call 860-889-8346 for more information. On behalf of those we serve, THANK YOU!

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