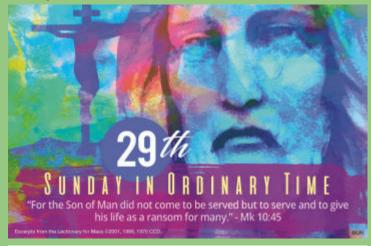
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"What do you wish me to do for you?" Whether we realize it, this is a question God is always asking. It's an important question because the answer we provide will reveal a great deal about where our hearts lie. Our requests of God can often appear very noble and altruistic. They consist of requests for healing for someone in need of prayers, successful resolution of a personal conflict, assistance in overcoming a disease and myriad other desires for both ourselves and others. We are especially concerned about those we love and can easily find ourselves bringing their struggles to God for a hearing in our prayer.

Is that really all that prayer is about? The woman in today's Gospel, having been put in her place by Jesus, was only looking out for the wellbeing of her sons. She was doing what mothers do, protecting and securing the livelihood of her children. But she was sadly mistaken, her request was not granted. We all make this same misguided mistake from time to time. The goal of prayer is not to convince God of the worthiness of our agenda or to gain a hearing. Sometimes we believe that the more we multiply our prayers or discover the right combination of supplications that we will receive more of God's attention. That's not how it works. Even though God desires to hear, know, and be an intimate part of what is on our minds, it goes much deeper.

What we need from God is a relationship. It's a relationship that guides and immerses us in the very stuff of life and in the direction of the Gospel. This relationship sees God's kingdom and agenda, not our own, as what is most important. It builds the strength of character necessary to bring God's Gospel into a world that may not receive it with open arms. It may cause us discomfort and suffering. We are asked to heroically journey with God through suffering, hardship, ridicule, and even death! Ultimately, our desire from God must become our desire for God. It is only when this happens that the powerful words "thy will be done" will be found with sincerity and humility on our lips. Whatever God wishes becomes what we wish as we see this glorious union of wills. Our humble lives will then become powerful witnesses, and what happens to us in God's eternal kingdom the result of his mercy. We become true servants and find ourselves discovering God's definition of success. That definition has nothing at all to do with status, income, or privilege.



TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 17, 2021

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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.

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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

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 16 — 17, 2021

Ushers Group IV

Second Collection — Special Offering for Fuel

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17

9:00 A.M.

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for the Soul of †Cristina Michele

requested by Antonio Michele **FAITH FORMATION CLASSES**

10:00 A.M. Mass offered for the Souls of †Barbara and

†Donald Sullivan

requested by Patrick and Daniel Sullivan

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

6:00 P.M. Rosarv

MONDAY, OCTOBER 18 — No Mass TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19 — No Mass

Choir rehearsal in church. 7:15 P.M.

New voices are always welcome!

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20

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

Rosary after Mass

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21

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

Rosary after Mass

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22

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

Rosary after Mass

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for the Souls of †Dan and †Noreen

Murphy — requested by Eleanor Aufman

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/:

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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, John, Lau-

rie, Kathleen, Rose, David, James, Sharon, John, Matt Candle Intentions: Dominic, Nicholas, Faydra, 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 for details.

The following are the offertory amounts for the weeks not listed in prior bulletins:

June 13 — \$2,829 September 5 — \$3,090 September 19 — \$3,138 October 3 — \$2,980



STEWARDSHIP Projected Amount needed — \$3,130 Offertory: October 10 — \$2,757

"For the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a (MARK 10:45) ransom for many."

If you held a mirror up to your life, would it reflect God's love and mercy? If you are struggling with this, try changing your attitude from "I want more" to "thank you God for everything you have given me, I have enough to share". This change in perspective will bring you joy through service to others. Pray daily to become less self-centered and to become more God-centered.

^ Tear off	Parish Membership Form	Drop in collection ^
Please enroll the following as members of	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

ST. MAURICE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



Members of the Prayer Shawl Ministry are making full size prayer shawls for our long term parishioner.
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 Mary Ann Murphy at 860-649-5449 Thank you.



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 Scorso** at sscorso@comcast.net or 860-729-4399. Thank you in advance for volunteering!"



Parish Dinner

St. Maurice Council 6199 of the Knights of Columbus will be serving a parish dinner on **Saturday, October 30, 2021**, at 6:00 p.m. in Ryba Hall of the Parish Center. The

cost of \$15 per person includes hors d'oeuvres, bread, salad, entrée, coffee, and dessert. Please sign up on the large pads in the back of the church if you plan to attend.



EAST CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Easy Catholic cordially invites families of current 6th, 7th, 8th graders and transfer students to join us on Thursday, October 28th at 6:45 for our **Admissions 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.

Our **Shadow Day** program is back!!! If your 8th grader would like to discover the "taste of East", please go to https://www.echs.com/Visit_ECHS to begin the process of scheduling a visit.

We continue offering private **family tours** by appointment only. To schedule a tour, please visit https://calendly.com/echstours GO EAGLES!

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH



Mission Combined Collection

2021 MISSION COMBINED COLLECTION

Last weekend the Mission Combined Collection for the World Mission Appeal, U.S. Bishop's Appeal for Latin America, Black and Indian Missions, and the Catholic Home Mission Appeal was taken up in our Parish.

If you were unable to bring your gift envelope, extras are available at the ushers' tables in the back of the church. Your support of the missionary needs of the Universal Church is greatly appreciated. This collection is an opportunity to share your faith and strengthen the church at home and abroad.

Your contribution can be placed in the collection basket next weekend or mailed directly to the parish. Thank you for your generosity and helping our missionaries continue the work of Christ.



2021 ACA update as of September 30, 2021:

Congratulations to **Saint Maurice Parish**, **Bolton** for surpassing its goal! The current amount donated is \$11,891.39 with 32.20% of our parishioners donating. We

are striving for as close to 100% participation as possible. With your donation, 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 or go online to

www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org.

Thank you to everyone for your support!

TXPLOSION

VIRTUAL YOUTH EXPLOSION YX 2021

The Diocese of Norwich invites students in Grades 6-12 to a **VIRTUAL YOUTH EXPLOSION** with music and presentations by The Doug and Dave Show. Spend the afternoon sharing your faith with teens from all over the Diocese. The event will take place online **Sunday, November 14th from 1-3 P.M.** For more information, go to

https://youthexplosionct.weebly.com.

Please see your parish Catechetical Leader to register or contact Liza Roach at lroach@norwichdiosece.net or (860) 848-2237 ex. 305



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 mis-

cellaneous 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! "Intense love does not measure, it just gives."

- Saint Mother Teresa

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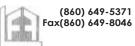
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