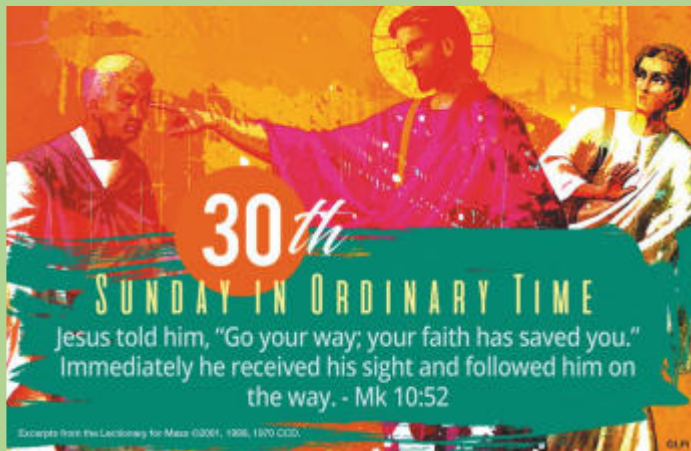


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When we see God with true sincerity of heart and God passes us along our way, it is only then that we will be able to cry out, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me!" We have to truly want to be healed by, and in union with, God in order for us to reach out to him. If God is only an abstract idea, theory, or someone found in the pages of a book, there is no motivation for a relationship and no desire to seek him. God needs to be real in order for faith to be real. It's all about the journey.

St. Augustine reminds us that "to fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek Him the greatest adventure; to find Him the greatest human achievement." We strive after many things and mercy is not always one of them. We think that we can find fulfillment and healing in other things only to discover that we are still short and empty. From the moment human beings were created, God has been calling us and seeking us. He has been walking right beside the human story from the minute He first breathed life into the first human soul. Are we able to recognize God as He walks with us? At some point we have to realize that there is only one way to satisfy the deepest longings of the human heart and that is in relationship with our Creator. We are called to this. However, we make the huge error of thinking that what we are hearing is coming from somewhere else. We become confused. Every human being would certainly profit with wisdom if they realized Who calls them and to Whom they belong.

Then and only then will we realize that it is only our Divine Master who can give us true vision and heal us. Once we recognize and reach out for the merciful presence of our loving Maker, we will be able to see with our soul, understanding the true nature and depth of all things. God's mercy is always available. It doesn't matter how far we have strayed or how blind we become, God patiently waits to console us, guide us and heal us. All we need to do is desire Him. Once we reach out, we also realize that there is no greater love to be found than God's, no human adventure that comes even close to the thrill of a spiritual search, and no human achievement even remotely as satisfying as union with Him. This is where we belong. This is salvation.



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OCTOBER 24, 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.

**THIRTIETH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 23 — 24, 2021**

Ushers Group I

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for the Souls of †Dan and †Noreen Murphy — requested by Eleanor Aufman

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for the Soul of †Keith DePathy requested by Kathy DePathy

9:00 A.M. FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

10:00 A.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church

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

6:00 P.M. Rosary

MONDAY, OCTOBER 25 — No Mass

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26 — No Mass

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27 — No Mass

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28 — No Mass

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29 — No Mass

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30

2:00 P.M. ROSARY RALLY FOLLOWED BY LITANY OF SAINT JOSEPH

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 9 AM

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

**CELEBRATE THE SAINTS**

The Sisters of Charity will host a "Celebrate the Saints" Share-A-Day for girls in Grades 5, 6, 7, and 8 at Holy Family Motherhouse, 54 W. Main St., Baltic, CT on Saturday, October 30th from 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. No Charge. Please call 860-822-8241 or mail smariyiacinta@gmail.com

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**Haitian Health Foundation and mail to
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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: Bob, Margie, Ed,

Francis, Lex, John, Jerry.

Candle Intentions: Nick, Noah, Joshua, Mirosan, Faydra, Tim, John, Joan, Bill, Beth.

Thank you, Mary Ann

**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.

**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 desert. Please sign up on the large pads in the back of the church if you plan to attend.

**STEWARDSHIP**

Projected Amount needed — \$3,130

Offertory: October 17 — \$2,656

"And Jesus said to him, 'Go your way; your faith has made you well.' And immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way."

(MARK 10:52)

Faith is believing in something even though you may not be able to physically see it. Many people think that miracles don't happen anymore. This is hard, but try to focus on the positive and not the negative things in your life. When you focus on your blessings instead of your hardships, miracles will seem common. You will see God's active presence in your daily life. You will begin to develop an attitude of gratitude.

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Parish Membership Form

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FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH



**Knights of Columbus
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Online

Wednesday, November 3, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Join us for an informative online presentation by Van Mueller, one of the top speakers in the insurance and financial industry. Van Mueller is an author and dynamic speaker known for helping clients plan successful insurance and retirement strategies. He is a global speaker that has presented in all 50 states and every province in Canada, inspiring his audience to take control over their financial future.

Registration link:

<https://vanmueller.com/kofc-registration-11-3/>



**ROSARY RALLY FOLLOWED BY
LITANY OF SAINT JOSEPH**

Please join us on **Saturday, October 30th** at **2:00 pm** in the **Church**, as we celebrate the **Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary** with recitation of all 4 Mysteries of the **Rosary**. It will be followed by the

Litany of St. Joseph in honor of the **Year of St. Joseph**. In 2020, Pope Francis marked the Year of St. Joseph from December 8, 2020 – Dec. 8, 2021, honoring the 150th anniversary of declaring St. Joseph as the Patron of the Universal Church.

Prayer intentions include: For the defense and protection of all human life from conception until natural death; for all priests, religious, seminarians, for their good health, protection and increase in their vocations; for the end of the world-wide pandemic; peace in our world, families and ourselves; reparation of sin; restoration of our world back to God; for the spiritual and financial health of our parish; and your personal petitions.



**PURGATORY THE SECRET REVELATIONS
OF FATHER PIO AND FULLA HORAK**

People have been wondering what awaits them after death since time immemorial. And although nobody managed to penetrate the secret, there have been many people through the ages that could see more – like Fulla Horak, St. Faustina Kowalska or St. Padre Pio. These mystics – people who have been graced by the visits of souls from the Purgatory – are only some of the protagonists of Michał Kondrat's film entitled "Purgatory". The new film from the creator of the "Faustina: Love and Mercy" and "Two Crowns", which have been appreciated both in Poland and abroad, tells the story of souls living in the bodies and of souls that have already left this world. It is also a reminder – in film form – of the most outstanding theologians and scientists, who have been studying the state of human consciousness upon the death of the body.

BUCKLAND HILLS IMAX THEATRE, MONDAY OCT 25 AND THURSDAY OCT 28TH AT 7:00 PM TICKETS NOW ON SALE

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

Safe Environments Abuse Prevention Training

In the Diocese of Norwich, all volunteers who have regular contact with minors, all employees, all clergy, and all religious, are required to complete safe environments training.

This training is also available to any parishioner, or parent of a parochial school child, regardless of whether or not they wish to volunteer at their parish or school.

The Diocese of Norwich offers two Praesidium programs. Both cover the same material, just in different formats. You can take the on-line program, *Praesidium*, or attend a one-time DVD presentation, *Called to Protect*.

Due to the current pandemic, the in person *Called to Protect* in person training classes have been postponed. *Praesidium* is available and the preferred training at this time. As soon as in person gatherings are permitted, *Called to Protect* in person training will resume.

Please contact the **Child Advocate** at your parish or school office in order to be enrolled, or for more information.

Our children's safety is the responsibility of all Catholics.

FROM SLEIGH BELLS RING CHRISTMAS FAIR GROUP



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!"



Christmas Fair Apple Pies – We are accepting donations of ingredients to help with the cost of producing our annual apple pies for the Christmas Fair. Large amounts

of **flour, sugar, Crisco, cinnamon and nutmeg** go into making these wonderful pies that sell out every year! Any donations can be left in the back of the church or in the vestibules marked for the Christmas Fair. (Donations of canned pumpkin and pecans also gratefully accepted since we always "round out" our pie offerings with a few pumpkin and pecan pies which are very popular!) Many thanks for your continued generosity.

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