

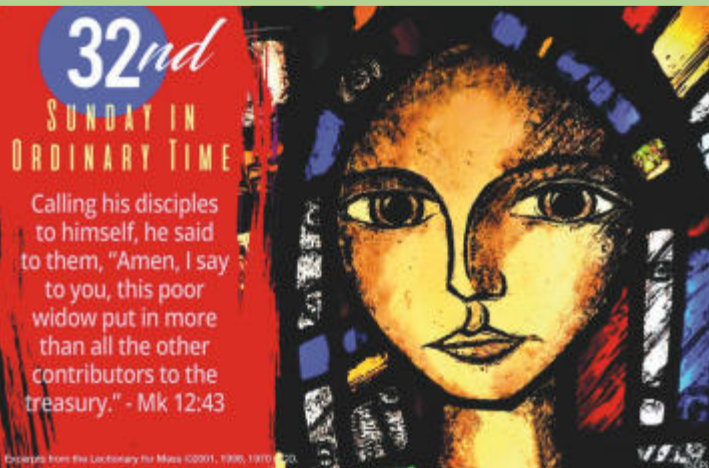
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THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
NOVEMBER 7, 2021



On December 10, 1979, a very petite holy woman known as Mother Teresa of Calcutta spoke these words in her Nobel Peace Prize Acceptance Speech, "But I am sure in the families and many of our homes, maybe we are not hungry for a piece of bread, but maybe there is somebody there in the family who is unwanted, unloved, uncared, forgotten, there isn't love. Love begins at home. And love to be true has to hurt. I never forget a little child who taught me a very beautiful lesson. They heard in Calcutta, the children, that Mother Teresa had no sugar for her children, and this little one, Hindu boy four years old, he went home and he told his parents: I will not eat sugar for three days, I will give my sugar to Mother Teresa. How much a little child can give. After three days they brought into our house, and there was this little one who could scarcely pronounce my name, he loved with great love, he loved until it hurt. And this is what I bring before you, to love one another until it hurts, but don't forget that there are many children, many children, many men and women who haven't got what you have. And remember to love them until it hurts."

Living authentically and walking with holiness always involves sacrifice. It has to hurt. Only actions springing from true and deep sacrifice demonstrate true integrity. Without sacrifice, even what is apparently a generous gesture can be nothing. It is no wonder that the widow who contributed from her poverty received great admiration from Jesus and the young child in our story above the interest of Mother Teresa. It is easy to make the houses of our lives look like they are in perfect order when in fact they are in shambles within. Religion can sometimes make this hypocritical masquerade easy to accomplish. We can find ourselves in all the right holy places, reciting all of the correct prayers, participating in community collections, and reciting the proper doctrines only to find ourselves empty, shallow, self-focused, and overly anxious about personal concerns.

The one who learns to discover their inner poverty, their spiritual poverty, is the only one who can truly place him or herself at the mercy of God. It is only when we allow ourselves to be empty that we realize Who we actually need to fill us. This is the real meaning of trust. Many of us are afraid to take the plunge. We allow ourselves to detach from only so much, always keeping a watchful eye on the protection of our securities. We understand the value of poverty, but we do not want to become too poor. As long as we are able to recognize this tension, our reluctance to let go and our struggle, we can continue our journey of humbly learning how to love so deeply that it hurts. God understands and waits.

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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.

**THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

NOVEMBER 6 — 7, 2021

Ushers Group III

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for the Soul of †James Aufman
requested by Eleanor Aufman

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for the Soul of †John Cison
requested by Theresa Cison

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, NOVEMBER 8 — No MASS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9 — No MASS

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10 — No MASS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11 — No MASS

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12 — No MASS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for the Soul of †Marguerite Flynn
requested by Bert Flynn

Livestream Masses:

From the Cathedral of Saint Patrick in Norwich
<https://www.norwichdiocese.org/Masses>

Sunday 9AM

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Date: Sunday, November 14th

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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: Bonnie, Mary-Kay, John, Paul, Bob, John, Mary, Janina, Steve, Carol, John, Catherine, Joan, Ann.

Candle Intentions: Beth, Amy, Faydra, Tim, Joan, Bill, Beth, Paul, Margaret, Roman.

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.

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.



STEWARDSHIP

Projected Amount needed — \$3,330

Offertory: October 31 — \$4,598

"I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they all contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, her whole living."

(MARK 12:43-44)

Jesus gets right to the point – we are all called to give money to support the mission of the Church, regardless of our circumstance. No gift is too small or insignificant! Giving money to support the mission of our local parish is a matter of our faith, just like praying and participating in parish ministries. When you make a financial offering, is it from your "first fruits" or from what is "left over"?

^ Tear off

Parish Membership Form

Drop in collection ^

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

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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

SEASONAL SHARING

Thanksgiving food delivery will be on Sunday, November 21st. We hope all are willing donate some food for this effort. Your generosity in the past has helped many Bolton families and they are again looking

for our help along with the Town to provide the help they need. The non-perishables items may be left in either vestibule any time that the Church is open or at any time the Parish Center. Bring perishable items on the morning of 11/21. This year we would like to ask for turkeys, if anyone has an extra we can use them. If you prefer to give money, please make your check payable to "Church of St. Maurice" with the memo "Thanksgiving food" and put in the regular collection or mail.

Thank you for your support. It does make a difference!

**East Catholic High School**

With the Open House and the first Entrance Exam behind us, there is still a chance to be considered for Merit Scholarship while taking our **November 13th** Exam. It starts at 8:30 a.m. and continues for about 2 ½ hours. For pre-registration please go to: <https://east-catholic-high-tuition.square.site/> Go Eagles!

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH



Bereavement Day of Prayer ~ The Diocesan Catholic Family Services Office is sponsoring a virtual workshop for the bereaved entitled: *Praying Your Goodbyes* on **Saturday, November 13**

from 10 A.M. to 12:15 P.M. It will include time for private reflection, prayer and journaling and give participants suggestions on how to navigate the upcoming holidays and discover ways to grow through the experience of their loss. This is an online event and requires participants to have a computer and Internet service. There is no cost, but registration is required by contacting Mary-Jo McLaughlin at Catholic Family Services, 860-848-2237, ext. 312 or by email at mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net.

St. Vincent de Paul Place Norwich has an immediate opening for a part time Grant Writer. This paid position is 10-18 hours per week. Responsibilities include grant writing and reporting, assisting the Executive Director in creating and executing fundraising plans, and development and design of communications and marketing materials. Prior experience in research, grant writing and reporting along with excellent writing skills preferred. Please contact Jill Corbin at jcsvdpp@gmail.com or 860-889-7374 if interested.

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 Scorso** at sscorso@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.

BAKE SALE DONATIONS NEEDED
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"St. Maurice has the best bake sale!".... a customer's comment overheard at our 2019 Christmas Fair! This is a testament to all those delicious "goodies" you created to fill

up our bake sale booth in addition to those legendary apple pies! Let's not disappoint this year! Nut breads, cookies, pies, Grandma's pecan squares, fudge, homemade bread, coffee cakes, brownies, etc. are all highly sought after for the holidays! So put on your aprons and bake one of your family favorites!

Donations can be dropped off on Friday evening, November 19th or early Saturday, November 20th before the Fair.

Many thanks!

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