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23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion? ... In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." - Lk 14:28, 33

Excerpts from the Lctionary for Mass 82001, 1198, 1199 CCD

What virtue is the cornerstone of discipleship? Love. Jesus preached about it, lived it, and summarized his greatest commandment featuring it. Love is in our DNA. To follow Jesus, then, is to follow the path of love. While this may appear to be an attractive and easy option, it most assuredly is not. Authentic love always comes with sacrifice. It is the complete giving of oneself to another. The sacrificial character of love always requires that we leave something aside and pursue something else. This is at the heart of self-denial. Love asks us to make choices that are often difficult.

There is a reason Jesus asks that the love of God come first. "Charity is the right attitude of mind which prefers nothing to the knowledge of God. If a man possesses any strong attachment to the things of this earth, he cannot possess true charity (St. Maximus the Confessor)." "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple." A devoted disciple must be single-minded in her quest for God. She cannot allow anyone or anything to have more power over her soul than God. When any earthly attachments become more important than Love, we can get ourselves into trouble.

The Gospel calls us to walk boldly into the darkness, confusion, and emptiness of the world clothed in the mantle of love. We are asked to walk with others on their journey, offering a supportive, healing, challenging, and faithful presence. Ours is not to judge. To walk this sacrificial journey means that I must put myself aside and focus on the needs of others. "A sacrifice to be real must cost, must hurt and must empty ourselves (St. Teresa of Calcutta)." Love helps us walk straight and focus to see things more clearly and help others to do so as well. Many folks struggle to find joy and meaning in life. People may simply need someone with the freedom to sit with them in their pain, so they don't feel so alone. Through acts of kindness, gestures of acceptance, and words of compassion, burdens can be lightened. Believe in God's love and seek it above all other things!



**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 4, 2022**

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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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www.saintmauricebolton.org

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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 3 — 4, 2022**

Ushers Group II

NATIONAL COMBINED COLLECTION

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

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

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, SEPTEMBER 5 — No MASS



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 — No MASS

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory



PARISH RAFFLE 2022

A very special thank you to everyone who participated in the Parish Raffle 2022.

It was successful, we were able to raise \$5,000. for St. Maurice parish. Again, thank you. God bless you all.

Catholic Family Services and the Office of Faith Events is sponsoring a virtual workshop with Deacon Dennis Dolan and Catholic Family Services Coordinator, Mary- Jo McLaughlin on October 5, from 7- 8:30 PM. The evening will offer thoughts, insights and hope for parents burdened with the knowledge that their adult children have lost touch with their faith. Time for prayer and reflection will be included. To register for this free workshop, email Marianne at manicholas@norwichdiocese.net or call 860-848-2237, ext. 304. A follow up day of reflection will be offered to all participants at a later date.

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: Jerry, Dan, Danielle, Justine, Matt .

Candle Intentions: Special prayers for the Intentions in the Candle Note Book.

Thank you, MaryAnn

ST. MAURICE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



Members of the Prayer Shawl Ministry are making full size prayer shawls for our long term care patients. 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.



FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Registration forms and the calendar for the 2022-23 school year are available in PDF on the parish website and in paper on the ushers' tables at the back of the church. Completed paper registration forms can be mailed or dropped in the Sunday collection. Completed PDF forms can be returned by e-mail.

Upcoming Events

- 09/11/2022 Blessing of the Backpacks
- 09/18/2022 Blessing of the Catechists
- 09/25/2022 First Session (Parents & Students)/
Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast

We always need teachers.

Contact Director of Faith Formation Amie Tillman
if you are interested at saintmauriceccd@gmail.com
or via cell phone at (860) 212-3901.

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory: August 28 — \$2,508

Projected Amount needed — \$3,470

"Everyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." LUKE 14:33

When we first hear this statement, it seems that Jesus is making an unrealistic demand upon us. How can we renounce all of our possessions? We need them to live. However, what we must renounce is the belief that they belong to us. Everything that we have belongs to God alone. All of our resources are entrusted to us not only for our own use, but also so that we can help others. Once we renounce the idea that we possess or are entitled to anything, it is much easier to share the many gifts that God has given us. Then we truly are His Disciples.

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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 ST. MAURICE PARISH



DRIVE FOR CHARITIES

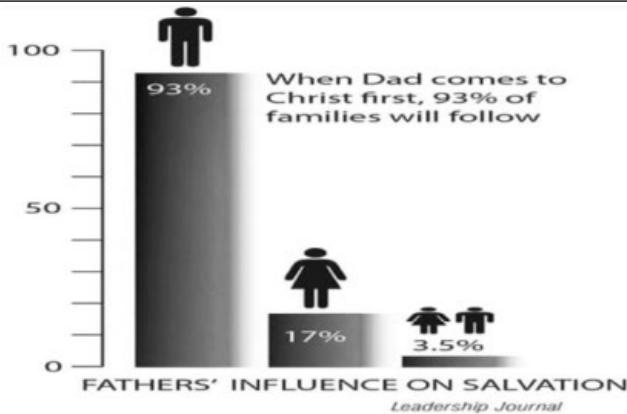
The Drive for Charities planned for September 10, 2022 and sponsored by St. Maurice Council 6199 Knights of Columbus has been cancelled due to the lack of an appropriate venue. If you have already sent in sponsorship or registration fees, these will be returned. Past recipients from the proceeds have included the Manchester Area Conference of Churches and Windham Area Interfaith Ministries.

If you wish to donate in lieu of participation, put a check in the collection made out to "St. Maurice Council 6199 K of C" with memo "donation to charity". A report will appear in the bulletin.



**Diocese of Norwich Outreach to Haiti
Charity Golf Tournament**

Come join us for the Diocese of Norwich Outreach to Haiti Annual Charity Golf Tournament on Saturday, September 10 at Wintonbury Hills Golf Course - Ranked #6 Municipal Golf course in the USA by Sports Illustrated Golf.com. Register on-line at www.outreachtohaiti.org or call the office (860)800-3601. Your gifts support our Diocesan Mission in Haiti including our Medical Clinic, Healthcare Services, Food and Nutritional Supplement Programs, Education Sponsorships, 16 Parish Twins in the Archdiocese of Port-au-Prince, and completion of our newly built clinic and center of operations in Christ the King neighborhood. Check in 11AM. Golf, lunch and dinner are included in the great price of \$175. Come as a foursome or make new friends and join one. All activities held outdoors in a beautiful setting. Thank you for your support.



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FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH



National
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Collection

Today we will conduct the **National Combined Collection (NCC)** which benefits: The Retirement Fund for Religious, The Annual Appeal for the Holy Father, The Catholic Communication Campaign, and Catholic University of America. Please support our aging religious, join our Holy Father in charitable efforts to assist victims of war, oppression, natural disasters, and others most in need, connect people with Christ through communication resources, and help provide a Catholic based education to university students. Your generous support is greatly appreciated.



THE HOPE AND FAITH SERIES BEGINS IN SEPTEMBER

Grow in your relationship with God through our weekly Hope and Faith Video Series which take 2 to 3 times a month throughout the year. The Office of Faith Events creates videos that are less than 4 minutes long which will delve into monthly topics related to the Eucharistic Revival, the Churches of St. Mary in the Diocese of Norwich and so much more. We encourage you to dedicate just a few minutes each month to enliven your faith.

To enroll; send a text – **(Phone Number) TO: 81010 (Text) Message: @hopenfaith** (one word) It will then ask you to reply with your name.

Those who are not text savvy do not need to feel left out, you can receive them by email by contacting Marianne Nicolas at

manicholas@norwichdiocese.net

Already enrolled, you do not need to enroll again!

VIRTUAL BINGO FOR ALL AGES

The Office of Faith Events invites people of all ages to participate in Virtual Bingo! Bingo will take place on Sunday, September 25th from 3:30 – 5pm. You will receive your cards online, mark them and even remark them for the next game or you can print them and play. Through video conferencing, we will call the numbers and play different BINGO games from regular bingo, double bingo, picture frame, and finally black out! It will be great fun with lots of gift certificates for prizes! We are only selling 200 cards, so act fast! The cost is \$6 per card for the whole Bingo event!

To register for your Bingo card, go to: <https://bit.ly/2Laol7Y> or call Marianne at 860-848-2237 ex. 304.

Faithfully Loved, Faithfully Remembered

Because of their great concern for the welfare of others, each year, many of our dearly departed family and friends generously supported our **Annual Catholic Appeal**. In honor of their devotion to the Church and all its good works, we invite you to make a donation to the 2022 ACA, *Faithfully Loved, Faithfully Remembered*, and have their name(s) listed in our Book of Remembrance. These intentions will be included in the Mass of All Souls' Day, celebrated by Bishop Michael R. Cote, D. D. at the Cathedral of St. Patrick, Norwich on November 2, 2022, at noon. Paper forms can be picked up from the ushers' tables at the back of the church. The form in PDF can be downloaded from the home page of our website.

To have your departed included in the Book of Remembrance, please complete the form and donate a minimum of \$25, either online or via a check payable to the Annual Catholic Appeal and mail to ACA, 197 Broadway, Norwich, CT 06360.

To donate online please go to **norwichdiocesedevelopment.org**, click the DONATE button and select All Souls Donation option. All submissions with full payment must be received by October 10th and will be applied to the 2022 Annual Catholic Appeal. Previous gifts do not qualify.

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