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**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**SEPTEMBER 11, 2022**



## 24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"I tell you, there will  
be rejoicing among  
the angels of God  
over one sinner who  
repents." - Lk 15:10

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Since God created human beings, we have struggled to keep our focus on God. We wrestle with the question of "who is God" and foolishly believe some of God's job description can be better completed by us. We wander in different directions, lose our way, think that happiness can be found elsewhere and even construct golden calves to worship. Are we simply too independent or just blatantly stubborn? It's a good question to ask. Even with all of our silliness and distractions, God compassionately and patiently waits. He lets us assert our wills and knows that perhaps one day we will actually wake up and realize how lost we are.

"Since happiness is nothing other than the enjoyment of the highest good and since the highest good is above, no one can be made happy unless he rises above himself, not by an ascent of the body but of the heart. But we cannot rise above ourselves unless a higher power lifts us up ... Divine aid is available to those who seek it from their hearts, humbly and devoutly; and this means to sigh for it in this valley of tears, through fervent prayer (St. Bonaventure)." One of the biggest human struggles is discerning what, exactly, is the highest good. We are ordered to achieve it but if we pursue it with clouded vision, we will never truly find it.

One of the greatest obstacles to God's power and love is a stubborn, closed heart of stone. When we are fiercely determined to set our sights elsewhere for happiness or simply ride the popular currents of the day, we will never satisfy the deep ache and longing within. We know that ache well. It is precisely why we scurry all over the place, attempting to find the next best thing to take away its pain. Nothing in the created world ever can or will. We continue our journey. One day, people may wake up and realize that they are grazing in the wrong pasture and putting themselves in harm's way. When this awakening occurs, it will be a most joyous day as we will see God's wide-open arms waiting to receive us. "Lead me, Lord, in your path, and I will enter in your truth. Let my heart rejoice that it may fear your name (St. Bonaventure)."

### Prayer Line

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### Pastor

**Fr. Bill Olesik**

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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.

### Eucharistic Minister to Homebound

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### Website

[www.saintmauricebolton.org](http://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-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
SEPTEMBER 10 — 11, 2022**

Ushers Group III

**CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COLLECTION**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**

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

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11**

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

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

requested by Patrick and Daniel Sullivan

**BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS**

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

**6:00 P.M.** Rosary

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 — No Mass**

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 — No Mass**

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

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14**

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

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15**

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

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16**

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

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17**

**5:00 P.M.** Mass offered for the Soul of †Peter Klein  
requested by The Family

**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 [saintmauricecd@gmail.com](mailto:saintmauricecd@gmail.com)  
or via cell phone at (860) 212-3901.



Faith Formation

**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: Lynn, Haydn, Barbara, Jerry, Madeline.  
Candle Intentions: Special prayers for the Intentions in the Candle  
Note Book.

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 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.



**SAVE THE DATE**

**For a Parish Potluck Dinner on  
Saturday, October 22, 2022 after the 5:00 p.m. Mass.  
Details and sign-up sheets to follow.**



**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.

**STEWARDSHIP**

**Offertory: September 4 — \$3,441  
Projected Amount needed — \$3,470**

*"Everything I have is yours."*

- LUKE 15:31

Our Heavenly Father gives us everything, including the chance to share in His eternal kingdom. Yet, like the Prodigal Son, we are often lured away by the materialism of our society. Do you really want to turn your back on all that God offers in exchange for material wealth that has no lasting value? God wants us to be happy on earth as well. But, that requires us to freely accept His gift of faith; putting Him first in all things and detaching from our own self-sufficiency.

^ 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 ST. MAURICE PARISH**

**MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF ST. PAUL  
MISSION APPEAL – ST MAURICE  
SEPTEMBER 17-18**

Our church is missionary by nature. Each of us as baptized Catholics are called to share in the work of evangelization. The diocese of Norwich collaborates with mission groups every year to raise fund for their missions through a program called the Missionary Cooperative Plan. The group assigned to our parish this year is the **Missionary Society of St. Paul. Fr. Aloysius Nzekwe, MSP** will be speaking to us from the Missionary Society of St Paul on the weekend of September 17-18. There will be a second collection to support them in their work.

The **Missionary Society of St. Paul (MSP)** is a congregation of priests founded in Nigeria in 1977. The Society now has 298 priests. They are working in eleven countries of Africa, (South Africa, Malawi, Botswana, Cameroon, Liberia, Chad, Central African Republic, The Gambia, Nigeria, Kenya and Southern Sudan), Grenada in the West Indies, the United States, England, Sweden and Ireland. They also have over 120 seminarians in their seminary in Nigeria.

Their mission in Malawi provides rehabilitation and support for **over 300 orphans** who lost their parents due to AIDS. They need our financial assistance to continue this mission. They also need funds to: 1) provide freshwater wells, and education in rural communities of Chad, Malawi, South Sudan, Kenya and Nigeria; 2) Sponsoring seminarians, our future priests; 3) Supporting priests in the founding/building of new churches. Your support to this worthy cause will be an immense encouragement to the Missionary Society of St. Paul to as they continue to take the good news to those desperately in need of it. May God bless you!

Find out more about them on [www.mspfathers.org](http://www.mspfathers.org)



**Ladies Night Out! Designer Purse  
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Sponsored by the Ladies of St. Joseph  
**Saturday, Sept. 18, 6pm-9pm Doors Open at 5:30**

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Tickets sold before and after Mass or contact Parish office at  
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**Bring your own refreshments and adult beverages for your group (no food or drink provided by the sponsor). We will provide the entertainment and designer purses!**  
**Enjoy a night out with the ladies! Adults ONLY**

**21 years and older**

**Questions contact [ladiesofstjosephct@gmail.com](mailto:ladiesofstjosephct@gmail.com)**



**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences, some on weekends and some on seven weekdays. Couples will explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call Frank & Margie Pearson at 860-337-2447 or visit them at <https://www.mectw.org/>.

God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Share forgiveness with your spouse at a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience: **September 23-25** In-Person in Huntington, NY at Seminary of the Immaculate Conception Center; **October 14-16** In-Person in Barre, Vermont at Millstone Hill Lodge; **October 14-16** In-Person in Concord, NH at Christ the King Parish Center

**FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH**



Last weekend the National Combined Collection which benefits: The Retirement Fund for Religious, The Annual Appeal for the Holy Father, The Catholic Communications Campaign, and Catholic University of America was conducted. Your support of these missions is greatly appreciated. Your envelope can be dropped in the collection box or mailed directly to the parish. Thank you.



**ANNIVERSARY MASS  
REGISTRATION DEADLINE**

The deadline for registering for the 2021 Silver and Golden Jubilee Anniversary Mass is fast approaching. If you haven't yet registered and are planning to do attend this year's Mass, please do so by **September 19. This is a firm date.** All couples married 25 & 50 years or celebrating any significant anniversary year are invited to attend the Mass celebrated by Bishop Michael R. Cote at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on Sunday, **October 16, 2022, at 2 P.M.** Register by sending the following information: **husband and wife's name, address, telephone number, wedding date, anniversary being celebrated and parish** to: Mary-Jo McLaughlin, Catholic Family Services Coordinator, 199 Broadway, Norwich, CT 06360, call 860-848-2237, Ext 312, or email at [mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net). Couples may also email a **recent digital photo** of themselves in a **jpeg format** to this address to be included in a gallery of pictures on the Diocesan Website.



**If you are seeking to find hope, strength and comfort from a loss, burden or sorrow, join us for A Journey with Mary Through Her Seven Sorrows,** a virtual seven-week program that

will explore each of the seven sorrows of Mary's life and the message of strength and encouragement each one contains. The program will meet online Monday nights from 7-8:15 P.M. **Sept. 12, 19, Oct. 3, 17, 24, 31 and Nov. 7** Each week will include a reflection on one of Mary's sorrows, guided prayer imagery and discussion. The program is free, but registration is required.

To do so, or, for more information, contact the Catholic Family Services Office, 860-848-2237, Ext. 312, or email [mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net).

**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](http://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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