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**TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 9, 2022**



28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said in reply, "Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" Then he said to him, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you." - Lk 17:17-19

Excerpt from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1979 CCD

Ten lepers were cured. Only one returned to give thanks. When we fall victim to entitlement, we diminish our capacity to love. Never satisfied, we walk around with outstretched arms, eagerly searching for the next thing we want so that we can acquire it ourselves. Very rarely do entitled hands hold anything to freely give away to others. Entitled hands also find it challenging to reach toward heaven in a gesture of gratitude and praise. We are often more obsessed with celebrating our victories, securing our assets, safeguarding our futures, and stacking the deck of life in our favor rather than relishing and absorbing the gift of the moment and blessings received.

Entitled people find it difficult to pray properly. When the subject of our prayer is mostly about our needs and wants, we are falling into the trap of deception. We foolishly try to convince God that our tiny worlds are of greater importance than His. In ancient times, people would offer sacrifices to "the gods" to secure protection and favors. Our God desires mercy, not sacrifice, because He is about love and justice, not simply meeting our agendas. Every breath is a gift. Prayer, which is a celebration of that gift, acknowledges the Giver. Prayer strengthens the bond between Giver and receiver, creating a deepening awareness that nothing I am or anything I have can exist apart from His Divine Will. It also reminds us that we have done nothing to merit the unconditional love and mercy God showers upon us. Prayer is not just about getting what I need but celebrating who I am.

For St. Therese of Lisieux prayer is "a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy." When our hearts "surge" toward God, we rush to the Source of our restoration and wholeness, knowing our longing for God's Divine embrace. Prayer is a response to God's graciousness with an act of gratitude returned by us. In prayer, we gaze upon each other in that sacred space where I give myself to God as He is, and God gives Himself to me as I am. We cannot take another step without saying thank you.

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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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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-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 8 — 9, 2022

Ushers Group III

MISSION COMBINED COLLECTION**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8**

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for Bill Miller
 Birthday Remembrance requested by his Family

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9

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

NO 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. **Rosary**

MONDAY, OCTOBER 10 — No Mass**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11 — No Mass**

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15

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



THANK YOU THERESA
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Reminder to sign up and bring a favorite dish to share.
 We have listed some suggestions previously – if any ques-
 tions, please call MaryAnn at 860-649-5449 (H) or Marilyn
 at 860-649-1282 (H)

Background music will be provided by Don.

Looking forward to this celebration.

Fellowship Circle

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: Linda, Helen, Joe, John.

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, Irene Zdrojowy 860-533-1733 or

Mary Ann Murphy at 860-649-5449

Thank you.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

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

As the beauty of the leaves begin to show, remember to
 show your appreciation for your spouse. Attend a World-
 wide Marriage Encounter Experience together:

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

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory: October 2 — \$2,895

Projected Amount needed — \$3,470

"Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?"

LUKE 17:18

Most of us live relatively "easy" lives. We have food, shelter,
 clothing and money. We go on vacation every year and own a car
 or two. Most of us take this all for granted. Did you ever notice
 that people with the least amount of possessions are usually the
 most grateful? Shouldn't this be the other way around? Take time
 every day and thank God for all He has given you and discern
 how He is calling you to share your gifts.

^ 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

JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST AT THE TRIPLE PLAY CAFE



Time: 8:00 A.M. — 10:00 A.M.

Date: Sunday, **October 16th**

Location: St. Maurice Parish Center

\$6.00 / Person \$18.00 / Family

Sponsored by St. Maurice Knights of Columbus



You are invited to join the "Sleigh Bells Ring" Christmas Fair Workshop on Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to noon at the Parish Center. Call Sharon Scorso at (860) 646-1423, Beth Harney at (860) 649-1331 or Dorli Cloutier at (860) 649-6255



Ladies Night Out! Designer Purse BINGO!

Sponsored by the Ladies of St. Joseph

Saturday, November 5th, 6pm-9pm Doors Open at 5:00

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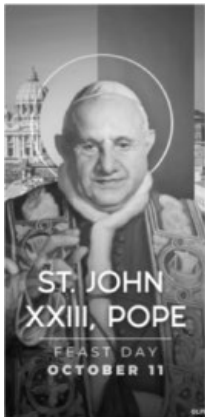
Come join the fun and laughter and have your chance at winning a Designer Purse- Coach, Kate Spade and Michael Kors to name a few!

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



Saint of the Week

Saint John XXIII, Pope | October 11

Saint John XIII was born Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli on November 25, 1881, in a small village in Italy. He was ordained in 1904 and later earned a doctorate in canon law. During World War I he served as a stretcher-bearer and chaplain for the Italian army. Beginning in 1925 he served as a Vatican diplomat, first in Bulgaria, then in Greece and Turkey. From 1935 through the Second World War he helped save thousands of Jewish people. In 1944 he was named papal nuncio to France. He was named cardinal and appointed patriarch of Venice in 1953. A quiet pastoral life passing

into retirement, however, was not in God's plan for the saint. Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli was elected Pope in 1958 and took the name John. His papacy was short, but full of action. He transformed the Vatican, calling for openness, a spirit of ecumenism, and the setting aside of politics. He called the Second Vatican Council in the fall of 1962, the first meeting of its kind in almost a century, setting the agenda to work for the spiritual regeneration of the Church. His efforts changed the face of the Catholic Church. At the same time worked diligently and publicly to ease tensions during the Cuban missile crisis, pleading with leaders for the end of the Cold War.

Saint John XXIII's kindness, sense of pastoral care, and works of reconciliation and peacemaking made him beloved not only to Catholics but to people around the world. He died on June 3, 1963. He was beatified in 2000 by St. John Paul II, and canonized by Pope Francis in 2014.

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH



2022 MISSION COMBINED COLLECTION PROGRAM

The Mission Combined Collection this weekend supports missionary works in Latin America, Asia, Africa, and parts of the United States.

Your generous gifts today will allow our missions to bring the love of Jesus and our Catholic faith to those in Latin America, small mission dioceses in Africa and Asia, as well as support our Black and Indian Mission Office. In addition, through the Catholic Home Missions Appeal, the Church will reach isolated communities here in the U.S, thirsty for the Word of God.

Please give today with a joyful and generous heart. Your support will truly make a difference.

Thank You.



MEN'S VIRTUAL FAITH GROUP - BROTHERS IN CHRIST

Brothers in Christ is a Virtual Gathering of men who share faith, personal experiences, and

discussion. The next virtual meeting of Brothers in Christ will be on Sports and Spirituality with Fr. Greg Galvin on Thursday October 13th from 7pm – 7:45pm. If you are interested in developing fellowship and discipleship with other men devoted to Christ, please register by email Liza Roach at lroach@norwichdiocese.net or call (860)848-2237 ex. 305.



RELIGIOUS DISCRIMINATION CANNOT AND WILL NOT BE TOLERATED IN CONNECTICUT. SEND A CLEAR MESSAGE TO OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Sign Our Petition

Recently, a disturbing video laced with anti-Catholic sentiments emerged out of Greenwich, CT. It serves as a warning sign that our culture is heading backwards instead of forward on religious tolerance.

In the video, a public elementary school assistant principal in Greenwich says that he does not hire Catholics because they may be too conservative in their beliefs. They may have been "brainwashed" by their church.

Go to www.ctcatholicsunite.org, or scan the QR code below, to watch the video, read more on the issue and sign the petition.





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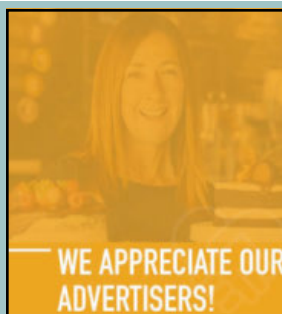
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