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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 23, 2022



30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“But the tax collector stood off at a distance...and prayed, ‘O God, be merciful to me a sinner.’ I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the former; for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.” - Lk 18:13a, 13c-14

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There is a thing called “false piety.” It is when we wear a religious disguise of devotion, attend to our obligations, and outwardly abide by rules while being inwardly unkind, uncharitable, and exclusive. Wearing the right clothes, saying the proper prayers, being in sacred places, and reading devotional books, those exhibiting false piety craftily try to control others using the pretense of love. The Pharisees, consistently criticized by Jesus, are prime examples. Thinking they are superior to others, they foolishly believe they are better positioned with God and more worthy of God’s attention. Forming an exclusive “club,” they divide things between “mine” and “yours” and “us” and “them.” They quickly criticize and point out flaws and errors in rituals and thinking. Conformity becomes the first commandment and control is the game’s name.

The requirements for “club membership” are clear: do what we do, think what we think, and believe what we believe. Attempting to control others using the lure of “status” or “salvation,” they seduce others into thinking that conformity is the only way to holiness. Clinging to “my beliefs,” “my parish,” “my way of thinking,” they fail to see the more significant relationship with God that is veiled in all of these superficial rules and practices. Shallow, hollow, and empty vessels, they gloss over the more important virtues of justice, mercy, faithfulness, and forgiveness. Sparkling clean on the outside, but dirty on the inside. Spiritual arrogance is a grave sin. It alienates and hurts the little ones, those considered “least” in the kingdom.

God knows no favorites. Everyone belongs regardless of whether you are an official, bona fide member. Sometimes membership may be a detriment to actually living the Gospel if you’re joining the team for the wrong reasons. The genuinely humble ones may not appear to be overly “pious.” They may not know all of the proper prayers or abide by all of the correct rituals, but they know that they are broken and need mercy. There is no shame in being broken. In fact, many things need to be broken in order to be what they truly are! There is a reason Jesus told us to pray in private. It’s only between you and God. It is nobody else’s business.

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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.

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 22 — 23, 2022

Ushers Group I

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church

Potluck Dinner after Mass at the Parish Center.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for the Soul of †Mary Maciora requested by Joseph Maciora

9:00 A.M. **FAITH FORMATION CLASSES**

10:00 A.M. Mass offered for the Souls of †Jane and †James Toomey requested by their Children

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

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 24 — No Mass

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25 — No Mass

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for the Soul of †James Aufman requested by Eleanor Aufman

6:30 P.M. **Parish Council Meeting**

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church

Youth Explosion & Family Eucharistic Celebration - ALL ARE WELCOME!

YX **YOUTH explosion**
On Sunday, November 6th at St Bernard's School from 1-4pm the Office of Faith Events invites **ALL - Children, Youth, Families, and Seniors** to join the Doug and Dave show for "Mass Confusion". Doug and Dave assist us in understanding and transforming our relationship with the Mass, which will enkindle a living relationship with Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. Mass will be offered during the event. The cost is \$5 per person, \$25 per family, or \$4 per youth attending with their youth group.

To purchase your tickets go to: <https://bit.ly/2Laol7Y> or contact Liza Roach at lroach@norwichdiocese.net

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: Viola, Matt, Kathy, Ann, Veronica, Olivia, Joe, Brian, Jenny, Claude, Leo, Charlene, Barbara, Joe, Tami.

Candle Intentions: Special prayers for the Intentions in the Candle Note Book. Thank you, MaryAnn



November and the Saints

As the liturgical year closes, we focus on the souls in purgatory and the saints in heaven. November 1st is All Saints Day. In celebration of this month, as a parish family, please consider bringing to church a favorite saint statue from your home. Write your name on a piece of non-adhesive tape, and place it under the statue. Place this statue on the windowsill on one of the stained-glass windows before Masses on November 1st or the weekend of the 5th/6th. No statue is too small. If size allows, several can be placed on a single windowsill.

Statues will need to be removed and return to your homes by November 20th, Feast of Christ, King of the Universe, as the following weekend begins the season of Advent.

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory: October 16 — \$3,245

Projected Amount needed — \$3,470

"...for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

LUKE 18:14

Pride and ego are the root causes of most of our sins. Thinking your time is so valuable or your talent is better than anyone else or your money gives you status is another way of making those things "gods" before God. Pride is the opposite of humility. Remember, all that we have and all that we are is a gift from God. We should be humbled by God's incredible generosity and be grateful for all we have been given. Ultimately, gratitude leads us to humility.

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Parish Membership Form

Drop in collection ^

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

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FROM ST. MAURICE PARISH

THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF ST. PAUL
Mission Development Office
usmissionoffice@mspfathers.org www.mspfathers.org

Dear Rev. Olesik

Greetings from the Missionary Society of St. Paul (MSP) in Houston!

I write to thank you and your parishioners of St. Maurice for your hospitality to me, and the generous response to the mission efforts of the Missionary Society of St. Paul when I visited your parish the weekend of September 17-18. Please know that we deeply appreciate your generosity and prayers which have a direct impact in the lives of the poorest of the poor that we serve.

May the good Lord continue to bless you and all the people of the parish. Be assured of the daily prayers of the MSP family.

Sincerely,

Fr. Aloysius Nzekwe, MSP
Director, MSP Mission Office
Houston, Texas



Please join us on **Tuesday, November 15th at 6:30 p.m.** at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Quaker Hill, CT, for an evening with author (Left to Tell) and speaker, **Immaculee Ilibagiza**. Survivor of the Rwandan genocide in 1994, Immaculee tells her story of hiding in a small bathroom with seven other women for 91 days.

Guided by her faith in God, Immaculee will share how He brought her through this horrific ordeal and toward forgiveness and compassion toward her family's killers.

For tickets visit www.journeyforlife.org

Tickets at the door will be \$20 or family of 3 or more, \$50

FROM SLEIGH BELLS RING CHRISTMAS FAIR GROUP

The Fair is gearing up for the big day on **November 19th**. We are looking for **sugar and flour donations** now as we make our mixes and other goodies and also those ever-wanted pies. Please think of helping out the day of the Fair as we need many hands, both men and women. Join the "Sleigh Bells Ring" Christmas Fair Workshop on Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to noon at the Parish Center. The week before the fair we are there every day cleaning, ironing, trimming the shrubs, filling the planters, putting signs up, moving tables and many other jobs that do not need talent just a willing hand to help.... Come, join this parish event that helps our parish in many ways. Dorli, Beth and Sharon are more than willing to find a job for you.

The giving tree will again be a part of our holiday program. We are looking for people to take an active part in making the holidays better for our neighbors that need a hand.

If you would like to help, please call Dorli or Beth. Their numbers are on the front page of the bulletin. Thank you and hope to see you soon.

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

CONNECTICUT CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

The CT Catholic Men's Conference needs to increase the number of parish captains to encourage attendance by the most active Catholic men in the parish. We request that if YOU are able to share our website and your experience at a conference - more Catholic brothers can enjoy the uplifting spirituality and fraternity of the conference.

Join our team now - very easily by signing up at <https://www.ctcatholicmen.org/parish-captain>



Bereavement Day of Prayer ~ The Diocesan Catholic Family Services Office is sponsoring a workshop for the bereaved entitled: **Praying Your Goodbyes** on **Saturday, November 12** from 10 A.M. to 1 P.M. at the Cathedral of Saint Patrick Hall, 213 Broadway, Norwich, CT. 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.


There is no cost, but registration is required by November 8 by contacting Mary-Jo McLaughlin at Catholic Family Services, 860-848-2237, ext. 312 or by email at

mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net.

All women in the Diocese of Norwich are invited to join the Norwich Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (NDCCW). Membership is only \$5.00 a year. Our Membership Drive runs through the month of October. NDCCW was started in 1955 by Bishop Bernard J. Flanagan, the first Bishop of Norwich. Bishop Flanagan designated the NDCCW as the official women's organization of the Diocese. The money collected through the Membership Drive is divided up as follows: 60% of all dues collected is given to Catholic Charities; 15% of what is collected in each deanery is kept in that district (it is used for operating expenses); 20% of what is collected in the Diocese is given to the Diocesan Council for the operating expenses; 5% of the total collected is sent to the National Council of Catholic Women. NDCCW and its seven districts are all affiliated with the National Council of Catholic Women. You may drop your membership envelope in any collection basket. If your parish does not have NDCCW membership envelope in it, simply write your name, email address, phone number, and the name of the parish you belong along with the city or town it is located in and mark it NDCCW. Thank you, hope you will join us.

NDCCW Mission Statement: *The Norwich Diocesan Council of Catholic Women acts through its affiliated organizations to support, empower, and educate all Catholic Women in spirituality, leadership and service, NDCCW programs respond with Gospel values to the needs of the Church and Society in the modern world.*

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