

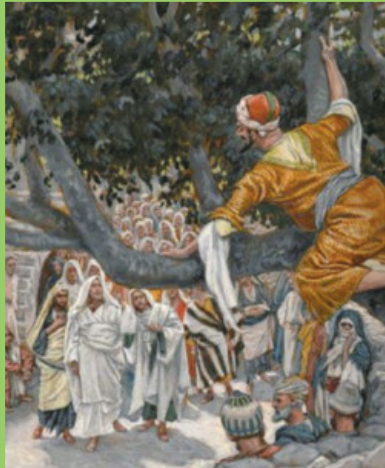
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THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 30, 2022



31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I shall give to the poor, and if I have extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over."
- Lk 19:8

Barry had a life sentence in prison for doing unthinkable crimes. He would often remark to the chaplain that he was an atheist and could not bring himself to believe in any "god." When the chaplain asked why, Barry quickly retorted that the book of Genesis speaks of God creating everything and feeling very good about it. God's creation of people and things is beautiful. Barry continued, "If there is a God who creates something and likes what He makes and that God is good, then how could He have created someone as evil as me?" The chaplain fell silent as tears welled up in his eyes. "God loves you too, Barry. The stuff that you did is another matter. God puts His image and likeness in each one of us, in our souls. How can God not love himself?" God cannot despise or hate anything or anyone. He made you. Life hurt you. He is always about unconditional love and mercy. Barry found a glimmer of hope that day and was touched by love.

Zacchaeus met love incarnate in Jesus. He knew there was something special about him, and he had to see Jesus for himself. Realizing and knowing God's unconditional, penetrating love is a game-changer. Sinners don't repulse Jesus, he wants to eat with them! We can often find ourselves conflicted about how God sees us. We want to believe that He loves us, but other tapes playing in our heads convince us that this cannot be true. We carry our sins around like heavy sacks weighing on our shoulders. We are crippled.

God's divine blessing lives in each of our souls. It is our essential goodness, a free gift given to us by God. The beginnings of salvation's blessings are discovered when we begin to understand who God is, who we are, and how we are to act relative to our brothers and sisters. We become more focused and courageous, eager to gather up all of the fragments of our lives and become whole. Zacchaeus, after meeting Jesus, finally knew who he was. He saw his sins and his potential for goodness as a blessed child of God. When we allow God to meet us and touch us in such a profound way, we find what our selfishness has lost. We are on the road to salvation.

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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-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 29 — 30, 2022

Ushers Group II

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

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

NO 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, OCTOBER 31 — No MASS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS — HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for the Soul of †Jerome Stiller requested by Lay Carmelite Community of Little Theresa and Chenard Family

7:00 P.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for the Souls of †Noreen and †Daniel Murphy —requested by Eleanor Aufman

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4

7:00 P.M. First Friday Mass and Adoration offered for All Souls in Purgatory
Rosary after Mass



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5

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



**Saint Maurice Church
First Friday
Eucharistic Adoration**

**November 4th
7:00 pm – 8:00 pm**

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
“O Most Holy Trinity, I adore You; my God,
my God, I love You in the Most Blessed Sacrament.”**

Our Lady of Fatima

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: John, Ali, Phil, Linda, John
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 23 — \$3,140

Projected Amount needed — \$3,470

“But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, ‘Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over.’”
- LUKE 19:8

We are all called to gratefully give back to the Lord in proportion to the gifts we have been given. This means everyone isn’t called to give the same amount, but everyone is called to give equal sacrifice. Open your heart and talk to God about how you use your money. How is God calling you to be more generous with your financial resources and possessions?

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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 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 51st Sleigh Bells Ring Fair
on November 19, 2022.**

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.

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. You don’t need to commit to working all day. Even a few hours behind the booths is a blessing for us.

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.

CHRISTMAS FAIR APPLE PIES — INGREDIENTS NEEDED!



Soon it will be apple pie baking time for our annual Christmas Fair! Our bakers are ready! We are seeking donations of flour, sugar and Crisco (shortening) to help defray

the cost of producing these legendary apple pies that are a sell-out every year! Please consider picking up an extra bag of flour or sugar or can of shortening when you are doing your grocery shopping! Donations can be left in the back of the church or in either vestibule marked “Christmas Fair.” Thank you very much!

Many thanks for your continued generosity.



**BAKE SALE DONATIONS NEEDED
“HEAVENLY SCENT”**

BAKE SHOP

!!BAKED GOODS NEEDED!!

Please help us fill our bake sale booth with your family favorites! Cookies, cakes, pies, nut breads, brownies, fudge, homemade bread, Grandma’s pecan squares, etc. are all highly sought after for the holidays! St. Maurice is known for having “the best bake sale” and customers return every year looking for their favorite “goodie”! Let’s not disappoint! **Any donation can be dropped off in the Parish Center Friday evening, November 18 or early morning on the day of the Fair, November 19.** **Many thanks!**

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH



The monthly Diocesan Pro-Life Mass will take place at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on **Saturday, November 5 at 8:30 A.M.** Please join our celebrant **Rev. Ray Introvigne** at Mass as we pray to end abortion and for the healing for those who have had an abortion. Following the Mass, the Rachel Rosary will be prayed at the Cathedral. A brunch in the Cathedral Hall will follow the Rosary this month.



“When I opened my bags, I began to cry!”

“The food we received for my family was such a relief to my mind. We appreciate it all so very much.”
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During this upcoming Thanksgiving holiday Catholic Charities would like to feed as many families as we can. In order to do that, we need your help! We are currently seeking donations of Thanksgiving fixings such as instant potatoes, stuffing mix, gravy, cranberry sauce, etc. When you are out doing your grocery shopping if you can pick up extra box or can as a donation to Catholic Charities, you are helping the many families who are in need and looking for help especially during this time of the year. Call 860-889-8346

“WHY DON’T OUR ADULT CHILDREN ATTEND MASS?” REPLAY – Did you miss the virtual presentation of “*Why Don’t our Adult Children attend Mass?*” with Deacon Dennis Dolan and Mary-Jo McLaughlin, Catholic Family Services Coordinator? Don’t worry, you can watch it again at your leisure from the comfort of your home by adding the link <https://bit.ly/3SR2sIk> into your browser. Join Deacon Dennis and Mary-Jo as they explore the topic of adult children who stopped going to Mass. Listen to parents who are burdened by this knowledge as they reflect on the presentation. The session covers why adult children have chosen not to attend, options that may help you encourage them to come back to church, and time for prayer and reflection.

FROM ST. MAURICE PARISH



SEASONAL SHARING

Thanksgiving food delivery will be on Sunday, November 20th. 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 November 20th.

If you prefer to donate 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!



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