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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 24, 2023



Once I gave my three-year-old niece a certain toy for Christmas. When she opened it, she was happy. Shortly thereafter her five-year old sister opened another present from me: the same toy, along with some play jewelry. The three-year-old cried out: “That’s not fair! Why’d she get the jewelry, too?!”

Let’s face it: there’s something about God’s grace in our religion which bugs us. We love to look at others’ blessings and cry out: “That’s not fair!” Catholicism is not fair in the sense that it is a religion founded on God’s grace which is *unmerited* favor. God pours his mercy, love, and divine life upon us not because we’re good but because He is infinitely good.

If you think the “not fair” quality of grace is easy to accept, consider how typically angry we get when we hear the parable of the workers who get paid way more than they deserve. The hyper-generous landowner says to the indignant hard workers, “Are you envious because I am generous?” Well, yes, they are, and so are we! Therefore, we *have* to reckon with this painful truth in order to move into the divine sphere of gifts, which is the world of Christ and his Church. Then we are able to move beyond a tit-for-tat world and into one where gifts are poured forth on those who don’t deserve it — namely, upon us.

— *Father John Muir*



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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-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 23 — 24, 2023

Ushers Group I

PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY

MAINTENANCE COLLECTION

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

4:30 P.M. Rosary (in the Cry Room)

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

Chaplet of Divine Mercy (in the Cry Room)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

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

Chaplet of Divine Mercy (in the Cry Room)

8:00 A.M. TRIPLE PLAY CAFÉ PANCAKE BREAKFAST
Parish Center from 8:00AM to 10:00AM

9:00 A.M. FAITH FORMATION CLASSES
First Session — Parents & Students



10:00 A.M. Mass offered for the Soul of †Paul Brown requested by Pam Brown

Chaplet of Divine Mercy (in the Cry Room)

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 — No Mass

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 — No Mass

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for the Soul of †Jane Hilbie requested by Linda Armstrong

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for Fallon Anderton who is having surgery today requested by Cathy Depathy

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

4:30 P.M. Rosary (in the Cry Room)

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

Chaplet of Divine Mercy (in the Cry Room)

BLESSINGS OF THE ANIMALS

St. George's Episcopal Church
11250 Boston Turnpike, Route 44 – Bolton, CT

Sunday, October 1, 2023 at 11:00 AM

Information – 860-643-9203 or

www.facebook.com/StGeorgesBoltonCT

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: Erin, Heather, Pat, Matt, Rita, Fallon, Rachel, Jim, James, George, John, Timothy .

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

Please call Carol Zabielski at 860- 643-2837

Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me, For you are my rock and my fortress. Psalm 71:3 RSV

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: Irene Zdrojowy 860-533-1733



JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST AT THE TRIPLE PLAY CAFÉ



Time: 8:00 A.M. — 10:00 A.M.

Date: Sunday, September 24th

Location: St. Maurice Parish Center

\$6.00 / Person \$18.00 / Family

Sponsored by St. Maurice Knights of Columbus

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory: September 17 — \$3,126

Projected Amount needed — \$3,670

“Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last”.

- MATTHEW 20:16

You’ve heard the saying “it’s not where you start, but how you finish.” This certainly applies to this Bible passage. We have a responsibility not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. We are called to generously share our gifts with others, not hoard them for our own use. Our sincere gratitude and cheerful generosity will help us live “God-centered” lives and not “self-centered” lives.

^ Tear off

Memorial Mass Form

Drop in collection ^

Father Bill, please offer a weekend ___ (or) weekday ___ Mass for the soul ___ (or) intentions ___ (as applicable) of:

Name _____

Person requesting _____

Street Address _____ E-mail Address _____

City State Zip _____ E-mail Address _____

Home phone _____ Cell phone _____

Check enclosed ___ Envelope No. _____ We will Donate Online ___ (Customary donation \$10 weekday, \$20 weekend)

FROM ST. MAURICE PARISH

FAITH FORMATION NEWS
09/24/2023 9 a.m. First Session
(Parents & Students)



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.

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.

OCTOBER ROSARY RALLY



The Catholic Church dedicates the month of October to the Holy Rosary. At St. Maurice, we started an October tradition of honoring Our Lady by gathering as a group in the church, and reciting the 4 Mysteries of the Rosary (Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful, and Glorious). This year, we will honor this tradition on the eve of the Feast of Our Lady

of the Rosary, which falls on the First Friday of the Month, October 6th.

At 6 pm, we will begin reciting 3 Mysteries, followed by Mass at 7 pm and Adoration at 7:30 pm. During Adoration, the 4th Mystery will be recited.

The intentions for this Rosary Rally are for the legal defense and protection of all human life, an end to the war in Ukraine, restoration of our nation and world back to God, for the sick of our parish and for those on our Prayer Line, and YOUR personal intentions. Let us draw closer to Jesus and Mary by meditating on the mysteries of our salvation.

Friday, September 22nd
Saint Maurice Feast Day



ST. EDMUND'S RETREAT
1 ENDERS ISLAND, MYSTIC CT. 06355
WE ARE GOD'S INSTRUMENTS: HOW
GOD WORKS THROUGH US
September 27, 2023.

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FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH



The Norwich 40 Days-For-Life Campaign will begin with a Vigil Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Tuesday, September 26th, at 6:30 PM. Bishop Michael R. Cote will be the principal celebrant and homilist.

This year, The 40 Days for Life Campaign runs from Wednesday, Sept. 27th through Sunday, Nov. 6th. Please join-in with your fellow parishioners by praying, fasting, and signing-up to participate in this peaceful prayer vigil for the end of abortion. Thank you.



Congratulations to Saint Maurice Parish, Bolton for surpassing its goal! The current amount donated is \$11,761.29, or 100.55% of our Parish goal with 30.30% of our parishioners donating. We are striving for as close to 100% participation as possible.

THERE IS STILL TIME TO DONATE!

Our campaign year ends December 31, 2023. With your donation, our ACA supported ministries do the work of Christ every day. If you have not made your contribution to the 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal, "One Faith, One Family", or would like to make an additional gift, donation envelopes are still available within the church or you can contact the Development Office at

(860) 886-1928 or go online to

www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org.

Thank you to everyone for your support



Join us for the Diocesan Virtual Book Club! Streaming Thursday nights, October 19th, 26th, November 2nd and 9th, 6:30- 7:30 PM. We will be discussing **Stolen Blessing**, by Jim

Sano. Space is limited, for details and to register please contact Marianne at manicholas@norwichdiocese.net or 860-848-2237 ext. 304

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