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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
OCTOBER 1, 2023



A life-long Catholic friend of mine recently mumbled to me, "I can't stand all these converts to the faith. They're always rocking the boat." It surprised me because he is dedicated to evangelization, and yet he struggles with openness to new Catholics. It made me realize how easily I close my heart to those whom I perceive to be outsiders who become new members of the Catholic community. Almost unconsciously I reduce the world to the categories of "us" and "them." The result is that meaningful community silently shrinks in my life. Don't we all do that to some degree?

This week Jesus' punchy parable about the two sons blows up that black and white world. One son said he wouldn't get to work, and then did. The other said he would, and then he did not. **"Which did the will of his father?"** asks the Lord. Like so many of us, in identifying the first as the answer, the religious authorities manifest hidden hypocrisy in refusing to follow Jesus. They — like us — intuit the correct path but simply won't do it. The tax collectors and prostitutes are indeed following Jesus and thereby getting to work in the kingdom of God. *Everyone* is called to do God's will regardless of the labels we may apply to them.

This week let's reject the convenient but damaging categories of "insiders" and "outsiders." Instead, let's embrace a grateful attitude that Jesus is calling fallen, weak, and broken men and women like you and me. Then we begin to see that the tax collectors and prostitutes aren't *them*. They are *us*. And Jesus wants all of us working in his boat, no matter the rocking. — *Father John Muir*

Respect Life  
*Sunday*

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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-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
SEPTEMBER 30 — OCTOBER 1, 2023**

Ushers Group II

**CRADLE FUND COLLECTION**

**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)

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1**

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

Chaplet of Divine Mercy (in the Cry Room)

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

**10:00 A.M.** Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory  
Chaplet of Divine Mercy (in the Cry Room)

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

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 2 — No MASS**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3 — No MASS**

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

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4**

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

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5**

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

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6**

**6:00 P.M.** ROSARY RALLY  
Reciting the 3 Mysteries of the Rosary  
(Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful)

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

The 4<sup>th</sup> (Glorious) Mystery will be recited during Adoration

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7**

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

**5:00 P.M.** Mass offered for the Soul of †Bill Miller  
requested by The Family  
Chaplet of Divine Mercy (in the Cry Room)



**Saint Maurice Church  
First Friday  
Eucharistic Adoration  
OCTOBER 6<sup>th</sup>  
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: Ann, Marty, Heather, Roger.

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

Please call Carol Zabielski at 860- 643-2837

**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.

Month of August we donated 32 shawls to the Veterans in Rocky Hill Veterans Hospital and many thanks have been sent to all that helped make this happen.

For the month of November we are trying to get 25 shawls to go to assisted living of dementia and memory loss patients. Any help in this would be greatly appreciated.

If you can help in any way in this Ministry, please call:

Irene Zdrojowy 860-533-1733

Thank you, Irene Zdrojowy



**PARISH GROUNDS CLEAN UP**

There's an old saying, "many hands make light work." The parish landscape gardens are in dire need of attention. There is an overgrowth of weeds and saplings both around the Church and Rectory, as well as the signs in front. We need able parishioners willing to make just a

two-hour commitment on **Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am – 11:00 am**, rain or shine. Please bring garden gloves, and any tool you commonly use to pull weeds. Direction will be provided. Thank you.

**STEWARDSHIP**

**Offertory: September 24 — \$3,307**

**Projected Amount needed — \$3,670**

*"For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."* - MATTHEW 11:30  
When we think of being good stewards, we may think that God is asking too much of us when He calls us to generously share our time, talent and treasure. However, we must remember that we are not "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given us. All He is asking is that we give back a small portion, in gratitude, of what He has already given to us.

^ 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

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

**FROM ST. MAURICE PARISH**



**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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.



**The Knights of Columbus** is an international Order of Catholic men who are called to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others, and defend values in a busy, changing world. Our local council is holding a membership drive at all Masses next weekend. **St. Maurice**

**Council 6199 is of, by, and for this parish.** Members staff our ushers, help set up the Christmas Fair, get up early to make Pancake Breakfasts, offer Fish Dinners during Lent, and donate thousands of dollars each year to local charities. When you become a member of our council you will find that Knights of Columbus membership brings Catholic men together in a powerful way. If you would like to join today, fill out the card in the pew and hand it to the Knight in the vestibule as you leave.

**You can also go online to [KofC.org/joinus](http://KofC.org/joinus)**

**FROM SLEIGH BELLS RING CHRISTMAS FAIR GROUP**



**It's pie season**

During the month of October, I am looking for donations of flour, sugar, Crisco, can pumpkin and corn syrup for our church pies. Donations can be left in the church vestibules marked "Fair".

**Save the dates:**

- November 15th. Apple peeling from 2:30 p.m. till complete.
- November 16th. Pie assembly starting at 8:00 am. Any amount of your time would be greatly appreciated. Many hands make light work!



Sincerely, Betty Aitkin

**FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH**



**The Mission Combined Collection** will be held next weekend. Your contribution will aid the World Mission Appeal, U.S. Bishop's Appeal for Latin America, Black and Indian Missions, and the Catholic Home Mission Appeal. Please read the letter for the Mission Combined Collection by Bishop Cote included in this week's parish bulletin. Please bring your gift envelope to Mass next weekend, or if you are unable to attend Mass please mail or deliver the envelope to your parish office by the end of October. Your support is greatly appreciated.



**The monthly Diocesan Pro-Life Mass** will take place at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on **Saturday, October 7 at 8:30a.m.** Please join our celebrant **Rev. Walter Nagle** 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.

**Brothers in Christ Virtual Meeting**

**Brothers in Christ** is a gathering of men who share faith, personal experiences, and discussion. BIC fellowship meetings are held the second Thursday of the month either virtually or on-site. Thursday-October 12th, Brothers in Christ will be Virtually from 7pm – 7:45pm. Deacon Dennis Dolan will be speaking on "Children who don't go to Mass". If you are interested in hearing great speakers as well as developing fellowship with other men devoted to Christ, please register by email Liza Roach at

[lroach@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:lroach@norwichdiocese.net)  
or call (860)848-2237 ex. 305.



Join us for the **Diocesan Virtual Book Club!** Streaming Thursday nights, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, November 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:manicholas@norwichdiocese.net) or 860-848-2237 ext. 304

**Awakening: How is the Holy Spirit at work in your life?** Join us for a 4-part Mission designed to help deepen your faith! Rediscover God's Unconditional Love, Learn more about the Holy Spirit's Gifts, Develop a deep and meaningful prayer life, experience the mercy of God through a deeper understanding of reconciliation. For two weeks, Tuesdays and Thursdays, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00-8:30 pm, Our Lady of Sorrows, 14 Prospect St, Essex. Register online at [manicholas@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:manicholas@norwichdiocese.net)

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