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**TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
OCTOBER 22, 2023**

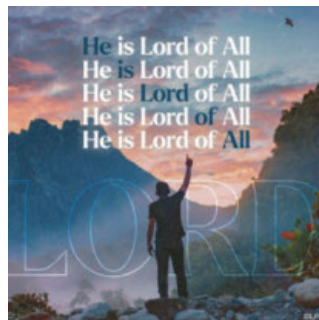


With little more than a year until the United States' national elections, I find myself feeling, like many Catholics, both dread and energized. Dread, because our democratic republic can be a messy endeavor and campaigns a long, nasty, and unedifying slog; energized, because hope for positive societal change can be enticing and engaging. As a pastor, I see similar conflicting attitudes in those whom I serve. How can Catholics best engage our political arena in a way which is truly helpful and worthwhile?

This week's gospel reading offers wisdom in this regard. Jesus says, "**Render therefore to Caesar the things are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.**" This riddle forces us to answer for ourselves a hidden question: what is the relationship between political and divine authority? Two common but false answers lead to mischief. If we answer that the two are equivalent, politics becomes our absolute authority. This happens whenever religion is slave to the state, as in the travesty of the pro-Nazi German Christian movement in the 1930s and 40s. It also usually occurs when there is an official state religion. If we answer that the two are totally unrelated, we end up with an unchecked aggressive secularist state as we often experience now. Thus, religion becomes a weak and private pastime.

What's a better alternative? At our best, Christians hold that political authority does indeed have its own legitimate autonomy but is nested within God's all-encompassing authority. Think, for example, of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s respect for politics while also being able to criticize unjust human laws because he recognized a higher heavenly law. In other words, Caesar owns politics — *and God owns Caesar*. So, we should allow Jesus' words to lead us to have a deep respect and willingness to peacefully engage in politics without making that engagement our religion. We bring our faith to bear on our politics knowing confidently that Caesar isn't God — but he is indeed God's.

— *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-NINTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME  
OCTOBER 21 — 22, 2023**

Ushers Group I

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21**

- 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 22**

- 7:30 A.M.** Mass offered for the Soul of †Cristine Michele  
 requested by Antonio Michele  
 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  
**10:00 A.M.** Mass offered for the Soul of †Barbara Luchenbill  
 requested by Annedda Stiller and Family  
 Chaplet of Divine Mercy (in the Cry Room)  
**5:30 P.M.** Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours



**MONDAY, OCTOBER 23 — No Mass**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24 — No Mass**

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

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25**

- 9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory  
**6:30 P.M.** Parish Council Meeting in the Parish Center

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26**

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

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27**

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

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28**

- 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)



**JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST AT THE TRIPLE PLAY CAFÉ**



**Time:** 8:00 A.M. — 10:00 A.M.  
**Date:** Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>  
**Location:** St. Maurice Parish Center  
 \$6.00 / Person \$18.00 / Family

Sponsored by St. Maurice Knights of Columbus

**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: Diane, Heather, Erin, Florence, Floss, Christopher, Jay, Krissy, Abbey & Josh.  
 Candle Intentions: Special prayers for the Intentions in the Candle Note Book.

Please call Carol Zabielski at 860-643-2837



**We Join in Prayer for Peace**

The violence and warfare between Gaza and Israel impacts us. The reports are tragic, and we unite in prayer for peaceful resolution.



**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

**STEWARDSHIP**

**Offertory: October 15 — TBD**

**Projected Amount needed — \$3,670**

*"Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's.*

*- Matthew 22:21*

Everything we are and everything we have belongs to God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given each of us. All God is asking is that we give back a portion of what He gave us. This is the essence of Stewardship. God should be our first priority in everything. All else comes second, especially our money.

^ 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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**FROM ST. MAURICE PARISH**



**November and the Saints**

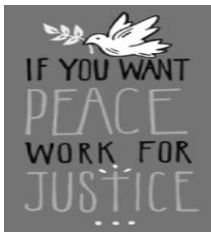
As the liturgical year closes, we focus on the souls in purgatory and the saints in heaven. **November 1<sup>st</sup> is All Saints Day**, a holy day of obligation. As last year, in celebration of this month, please consider bringing to church a favorite saint statue from your home.

Write your name on a piece of non-adhesive tape, and place it under the statue. Place this statue on the windowsill of one of the stained-glass windows starting on this feast day, or the weekend of Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup>. No statue is too small. If space allows, several statues can be placed on a single windowsill.

**Statues will need to be removed and return to your homes by November 26th, Feast of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, as the following weekend begins the season of Advent.**



**St. Maurice Parish Council  
will meet Wednesday,  
October 25, 2023  
at 6:30 PM in the Parish  
Center**



**INTEGRATED REFUGEE & IMMIGRANT  
SERVICES (IRIS) VISIT  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26<sup>TH</sup>  
7:00PM AT ST. BERNARD CHURCH**

*"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was a stranger and you welcomed me..." (Mt 25:35-36)*

Pope Francis in his message for the 109<sup>th</sup> World Day of Migrants and Refugees (9/23/23) shared "...the important thing is that there always be a community ready to welcome, protect, promote and integrate everyone without distinctions and without excluding anyone."

What are we doing, as a community and as individuals, here in Connecticut to answer Pope Francis' call? How can we learn more? What can we do to be of help?

Blessed Sacrament Parish Justice & Peace ministry invites you to this special evening with IRIS of New Haven and Hartford.

IRIS will update us regarding their mission to empower refugees and immigrants to become self-sufficient and integrate them into their new communities. They will discuss the programs they provide, challenges they face, available volunteer opportunities, including the Cultural Companion Program and ways to sponsor refugee families.

It will be an exciting evening which you will not want to miss! If anyone wishes to attend, but lacks transportation, please email

[justiceandpeace@cath-comm.org](mailto:justiceandpeace@cath-comm.org)

*"I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." (Mt 25: 35-36)*

**FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH**

**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.*



**Please share your e-mail address with The Office of Faith Events of the Diocese of Norwich!** Be the first to know about all the faith enriching programs, virtual and live, that we offer throughout the year. This will also enable you to receive our bi-weekly Hope and Faith Video series. Email Marianne at [manicholas@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:manicholas@norwichdiocese.net) to be added to the list today!

**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



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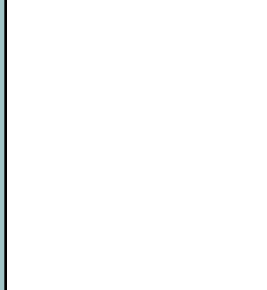
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