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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
OCTOBER 29, 2023



30TH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME

"You shall love the Lord,  
your God, with all your  
heart, with all your soul,  
and with all your mind."  
- Mt 22:37

In our secularized culture, we all struggle with belief in God, at least to some degree. An atheist man named Robert Bridges once wrote to his friend, the Jesuit poet Gerard Manley Hopkins, asking how he could possibly learn to believe in God. Hopkins pithily responded: "Give alms." Would that help someone tempted by atheism today, like you and me?

I think so, and here's why. This week Jesus speaks of love for God and neighbor. These dual commands were nothing new when Jesus used them to sum up the Jewish law. What is new is the way he links them together in mutual dependency. In Jesus, God and man have become one. Human-love and God-love are now inseparably married forever.

The newness of the God-man means that there is now a permanently counter-intuitive way into the knowledge and love of God: love of our neighbor. To experience charity is to know God. That's what Hopkins was getting at for his friend. How we treat our fellow human beings is inseparable from faith in God. Do you want to have a stronger sense of God's loving presence and goodness? Commit to serving someone today and this week. Love him or her. Don't wait for love for God to appear in your heart before loving others. Jesus has united divine and human love. If you want to believe more in God, give alms. — *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.

**THIRTIETH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME  
OCTOBER 28 — 29, 2023**

Ushers Group II

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28**

- 4:30 P.M. **Rosary** (in the Cry Room)
- 5:00 P.M. Mass offered for All the Parishioners of St. Maurice Church  
**Chaplet of Divine Mercy** (in the Cry Room)

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29**

- 7:30 A.M. Mass offered for the Souls of †Andrew and †Joseph Kurys  
requested by MaryAnne Murphy  
**Chaplet of Divine Mercy** (in the Cry Room)  
**NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES**
- 10:00 A.M. Mass offered for the Souls of †Janet and †James Toomey  
requested by Their Children  
**Chaplet of Divine Mercy** (in the Cry Room)
- 5:30 P.M. **Evening Prayer** from the Liturgy of the Hours

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 30 — No MASS**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31 — No MASS**

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

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1**



**All Saints Day**

- 9:00 A.M. Mass offered for All the Parishioners of St. Maurice Church
- 7:00 P.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory  
The Knights of Columbus Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity after the Mass



**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2**



**All Souls Day**

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

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3**

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

Eucharistic



**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4**

- 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)

Adoration

**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 — \$3,770**  
**October 22 — \$3,712**

**Projected Amount needed — \$3,670**

*“You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.”*

— Matthew 22:37

Do you put other “gods” before God? Is your love of money, power, status, comfort or some personal possession greater than your love for God? Do you recognize that everything you have and that everything you are is a gift from God? Putting God first in everything helps keep us from becoming a slave to our possessions and to our pride.

^ 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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**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 26<sup>th</sup>, Feast of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, as the following weekend begins the season of Advent.*

**Eucharistic**



**Adoration**

**Saint Maurice Church  
First Friday**

**Eucharistic Adoration  
NOVEMBER 3<sup>rd</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*



**St. Maurice Council 6199**

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The Knights of Columbus will conduct an **Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity** welcoming new members into the order after the 7:00 PM Mass on November 1. The ceremony is open and all parishioners are invited to attend.

**SEASONAL SHARING**



**Thanksgiving food delivery will be on Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>.** We hope all are willing to 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 in the Parish Center. Bring perishable items on the morning of November 19<sup>th</sup>.

**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!

**FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH**



**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, **November 28<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and December 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-8:30 pm, St. Mary parish, Coventry.** Register online by emailing [manicholas@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:manicholas@norwichdiocese.net) or call Marianne at 860-848-2237, ext. 304.

Sponsored by the Office of Faith Events.

**FROM SLEIGH BELLS RING CHRISTMAS FAIR GROUP**



**Sleigh Bells Ring Fair**

**Saturday November 18 - 9AM - 3PM**

The church fair is just around the corner and we are asking each parishioner to contribute at least **ONE THING** to make this day successful. We are looking for help in the coming weeks before the fair to set up, bake pies, donate baked goods, and on the day of the fair to staff craft booths, help in the parish center kitchen, manage parking and other small tasks. Please take a look at the sign up sheets at the church entrances, or contact Beth Harney at 860-649-1331 or Sharon Scorso at 860-646-1423 to offer your time and talents for this parish wide event - we would love to hear from you!

**BAKED GOODS NEEDED!!**



Please help us fill our Christmas Fair bake sale booth with your family favorites! Cookies, pies, nut breads, cakes, brownies, fudge, homemade bread, etc. are all highly sought after for the holidays! Customers return every year looking for their favorite “goodies”.

St. Maurice is known for having “the best bake sale”. Let’s not disappoint! Any donation can be dropped off in the **Parish Center Friday evening, November 17 or early morning on the day of the Fair, November 18.** Many thanks!

**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 15<sup>th</sup>. Apple peeling from 2:30 p.m. till complete.
- November 16<sup>th</sup>. 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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