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THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
NOVEMBER 5, 2023



Last Easter season a new convert to Catholicism at my parish asked me with a grave tone in her voice: “Why do we call priests ‘father’ if Jesus says, ‘**Call no man on earth your father, for you have one Father, who is in heaven?**’” Thinking myself clever, I asked, “Do you think it’s okay to call someone your ‘teacher’ or ‘mister’ or ‘dad’?” She said, “Yes, I do.” I responded, “Well, Jesus seems to forbid that, too. So, it’s obviously hyperbole that he’s using.” She thought for a moment and declared, “Then I will stop using those words, too!” And she walked away. Not the outcome I was seeking.

We shouldn’t be too hasty in dismissing this complaint voiced by many non-Catholics. The expression “father” for ordained priests is not honorary for the individual man. The priest’s fatherhood doesn’t begin or end in him at all. Rather, the title “father” indicates that he is a sacramental sign of God’s Fatherhood revealed in Jesus. I can tell you, as a very unworthy bearer of that title, we should give and receive that title with some trepidation (because of God’s awesomeness) and with a little sense of humor (because of the lowliness of the men with the title).

The longer I’m a priest, the more I’m comfortable with people not using the title “father” and just calling me “John.” After all, only God is Father in the truest sense. At the same time, Jesus has brought the Father close to us, very close. We honor this closeness in some men with the title “father.” Who are the priests in your life whom Christ has sent to you? How wonderful that Christ has surrounded us with humble signs of his Father’s love. It’s good to celebrate that love with gratitude for the priests in our lives. — *Father John Muir* ©LPi

THE DEDICATION OF THE
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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
NOVEMBER 4 — 5, 2023**

Ushers Group III

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)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

- 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, NOVEMBER 6 — No MASS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7 — No MASS

- 6:00 A.M.—8:00 P.M. **BOLTON MUNICIPAL ELECTION**
- 7:15 P.M. **Choir rehearsal** in church.
We are now practicing music for Christmas.
New voices are always welcome!

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9

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

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

- 9:00 A.M. **Grounds clean-up and trimming of bushes**
- 3:30 ~~4:30~~ P.M. **Knights' Rosary** (in the Cry Room)
- 4:00 ~~5:00~~ P.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory
Chaplet of Divine Mercy (in the Cry Room)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

- 7:30 A.M. Mass
Chaplet of Divine Mercy (in the Cry Room)
- 8:00 A.M. **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANCAKE BREAKFAST**
- 9:00 A.M. **FAITH FORMATION CLASSES**
- 10:00 A.M. Mass
Chaplet of Divine Mercy (in the Cry Room)
- 10:00 A.M. **Move furniture & fair goods - Parish Center**
- 5:30 P.M. **Evening Prayer** from the Liturgy of the Hours

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: Gus, Ray, Tom, Allison, James, Florence and her family.

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.

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

SEASONAL SHARING



Thanksgiving food delivery will be on Sunday, 11/19. Please donate food for this effort. Your past generosity has helped many Bolton families and they need our help again. Non-perishables items may be

left in either vestibule any time the Church is open or at any time in the Parish Center, bring perishables on the morning of 11/19. **To donate money, make your check payable to "Church of St. Maurice" with the memo "Thanksgiving food" and put in the regular collection or mail.**

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory: October 29 — TBD

Projected Amount needed — \$3,670

"Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted."

— Matthew 23:12

The world celebrates people in the spotlight and those who have the most of everything. We think celebrity, money and possessions is the key to happiness. Yet, our world is filled with more loneliness, anxiety and depression than ever before. The key to a happy life is relationship. Relationship with God and each other. Trust is the foundation of any good relationship and humility is the seed of trust.

^ Tear off

Sleigh Bells Ring Volunteer Form

Drop in collection on 11/12/2023^

I am _____ You may contact me at: _____

Street Address _____ E-mail Address _____

City State Zip _____ E-mail Address _____

Home phone _____ Cell phone _____

I would like to help our 52nd Annual Christmas Fair to be a success by:

- Peeling apples on 11/15 from 2:30 p.m. to completion _____ Assembling pies on 11/16 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. _____
- Moving crafters in on 11/18 from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. _____ Staffing a booth on 11/18 _____ Helping in the kitchen on 11/18 _____
- Breaking down and cleaning up after the Fair, assisting crafters in moving out from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on 11/18 _____

FROM ST. MAURICE PARISH



**St. Maurice Council 6199
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The Knights of Columbus will sponsor a Pancake

Breakfast:

Time: 8:00 a.m. — 10:00 a.m.

Date: Sunday, November 12th

Location: St. Maurice Parish Center

Cost: \$6.00 / Person \$18.00 / Family

At the business meeting held on September 20, 2023, Grand Knight Ted Lloyd and Council 6199 honored Warden **Lee Snuffer** as **Knight of the Month** in recognition of his service to our Drive for Charities. Lee also serves the Parish as Lector and led our Youth Group for many years. Congratulations Lee!

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! Pies, 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

Thanks to all who contributed ingredients for the pies. November 18th is approaching quickly and it's time to "save the dates" on your calendars:

- November 15th. Apple peeling from 2:30 p.m. until complete.
- November 16th. Pie assembly starting at 8:00 a.m. Any amount of your time would be greatly appreciated.

We love the work and love the people and it's FUN. Please join us!

Sincerely, Betty Aitkin

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 28th, 30th and December 5th and 7th from 7:00-8:30 pm, St. Mary parish, Coventry.** To register, e-mail manicholas@norwichdiocese.net or call Marianne at (860) 848-2237, ext. 304.

Sponsored by the Office of Faith Events.

**DEEPENING OUR FAITH
THROUGH THE SACRAMENTS**

Join us on **Thursday, November 16th from 7 – 8PM virtually for a deepening of our faith through the Sacraments of Initiation.** Our keynote is Sr. Elissa Rinere, C.P. the former Diocesan Chancellor. Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist are the three sacraments of Initiation of the Catholic Church. In the first two hundred years of the life and practice of the Church, these sacraments were received by adults as three symbolic actions making up the one ritual of initiation. Let's explore the sacraments of Initiation today. To register, please contact Marianne at manicholas@norwichdiocese.net or call 860-848-2237 ext. 304 by Wednesday, November 15th.

**BROTHERS IN CHRIST
WITH FR. JEFFREY ELLIS**

Brothers in Christ would like you to join us on Thursday- November 9th from 7pm – 7:45pm for our virtual session with Fr. Jeffrey Ellis to discuss Annulments. Brothers in Christ is a gathering of men who share faith, personal experiences, and discussion. Brother in Christ fellowship meetings are held the second Thursday of the month either virtually or on-site. If you are interested in developing fellowship and discipleship with other men devoted to Christ. To register for the group e-mail Liza Roach at lroach@norwichdiocese.net or call (860)848-2237 ex. 305.


YOUTH AND FAMILY EXPLOSION

The Family and Youth Explosion will take place on December 3rd from 1 -4pm at Mercy High School in Middletown with speaker, song writer, and musician Jesse Manibusan. Jesse has the knack to build instant rapport, connect to his audience, and create life-giving memories that help deepen faith and cultivate the joy that inspires service, sacrifice and the celebration of life. He works with any and every age group, so everyone is invited to attend! Tickets will be \$5 per Person, \$25 for a family or \$4 per person for a youth group. For more information or to buy tickets go to: <https://youthexplosionct.weebly.com/> Questions? Email Liza at lroach@norwichdiocese.net

ADULT VIRTUAL CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Have you not completed your sacraments? Did you make Baptism and First Communion but never completed your sacraments of initiation by making Confirmation? Have you ever thought about completing Confirmation in the Catholic Church? If you answered "Yes" to any of these questions, you should register for the Diocesan Adult Virtual Confirmation Classes. Beginning in January, The Office of Faith Events will be offering a 7 week online course taking place on Tuesday evenings that will prepare adults for Confirmation in their home parish. To join the class, please contact your pastor to register for this program.

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