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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
NOVEMBER 19, 2023



When I was a kid, I hated playing Monopoly because my siblings and friends always seemed to win. But worse was how it happened. Scared to risk my fake money on buying properties, I'd hold on to it. My opponents hungrily bought up the various real estate squares on the board. Then, inevitably, my poor, low-equity self would land on their spots, pay them rent, and my money would drain to zero. It seemed so unfair. The rich get richer, and the poor get poorer. I had to learn that monopoly money is meant to be spent. I was scared to lose some of it. So, I lost all of it.

How do we see what we possess? Jesus' parable about the talents is not really about economics but about the investability of everything he entrusts to us. How marvelous that everyone in the fable who places talents in the open market doubles their investment. The only one who doesn't is the man who fearfully buries his one talent. Jesus' success strategy for us seems to be, whatever we have, *get it out of our possession*. Risk it as quickly and as fully as we can.

You and I have precious gifts. We have valuable things to invest — time, talents, treasure. The Lord invites us to be brave and even somewhat reckless, to give as much away as possible. If we give it away in the direction of love and truth, it will grow. If we hold on to it in fear, the little we have will be taken away. Let me challenge you this week: find something in your life you're holding on to, and risk it by giving it away. It won't double if you hold on to it.

— Father John Muir
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WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturdays at 4:00 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 3:25 p.m. to 3:45 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.

**THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
NOVEMBER 18 — 19, 2023**

Ushers Group I

ST. MAURICE FUEL FUND COLLECTION

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

- 9:00 A.M.** SLEIGH BELLS RING CHRISTMAS FAIR OPENS
- 3:00 P.M.** FAIR ENDS, RAFFLE DRAWING
- 3:30 P.M.** Rosary (in the Cry Room)
- 4:00 P.M.** Mass offered for All the Parishioners of St. Maurice Church
Chaplet of Divine Mercy (in the Cry Room)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

- 7:30 A.M.** Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory
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)
Thanksgiving food delivery after Mass
- 5:30 P.M.** Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20 — No MASS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21 — No MASS

- 7:00 P.M.** Bolton Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at the Bolton Congregational Church.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22 — No MASS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23 — THANKSGIVING DAY

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

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24 — No MASS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25

- 3:30 P.M.** Rosary (in the Cry Room)
- 4:00 P.M.** Mass offered for All the Parishioners of St. Maurice Church
Chaplet of Divine Mercy (in the Cry Room)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

**SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

Ushers Group II

CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIAL COLLECTION

- 7:30 A.M.** Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory
Chaplet of Divine Mercy (in the Cry Room)
NO 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



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: Linda, new born, Jenny, Carolyn, Barbara, James.

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. If you can help in any way in this Ministry, please call: Irene Zdrojowy (860) 533-1733

Thanksgiving Prayer

This Thanksgiving, let us remember all the good things, and people, who have come into our lives. We focus on thanking each one who has helped us, and ultimately thank God for the good gifts of this world.

Let us pray...

God our Father,

Graciously accept from your humble people a thankful heart and spirit.

Everything we have and are able to share with others ultimately comes from your love of your creations.

Often we think that everything we have is our own creation;

we ask you this day to create in us a spirit of gratitude,

that we may always know

that all good gifts come from you.

We ask this through Christ our brother, in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.



STEWARDSHIP

Offertory: November 12 — \$3,425

Projected Amount needed — \$3,670

"Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you have been faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities." - MATTHEW 25:21

God calls us to nurture and develop the gifts He has given us and then generously return a portion with increase. He doesn't want us to waste or hoard the gifts He has given us. He expects us to grow our gifts, to use them wisely, and to be generous with them. Unfortunately, many of us are not generous in proportion to all that God has given us. God asks us to be generous with all our gifts, especially the one that means the most to you.

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Parish Membership Form

Drop in collection ^

Please enroll the following as members of the Church of St. Maurice:

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We can help out as: Altar server _____ Lector _____ Usher _____ Eucharistic Minister _____ Choir _____ Crafts workshop _____

FROM ST. MAURICE PARISH



COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The Bolton Ecumenical Council will host its 58th *Community Thanksgiving Service* on Tuesday, November 21st at 7 p.m., at the Bolton Congregational Church. Assistance will be provided by our local Scouts organizations. A collection of nonperishable foods will be donated to the Bolton Food Pantry. Most needed are canned fruits, jelly, peanut butter, coffee, cake and quick bread mixes, non-perishable desserts. A freewill monetary offering will be used towards sponsorship for the Bolton Scholarship Fund. Refreshments will follow the service. Anyone who would like to participate in the combined church choir, please attend the quick rehearsal at 6:15. Come and join in the spirit of Thanksgiving, offering worship and gratitude to God as a community of believers, and enjoy the singing of traditional hymns.

FROM SLEIGH BELLS RING CHRISTMAS FAIR GROUP



SLEIGH BELLS RING SEASONAL SHARING

As we have done in the past, this year the St. Maurice faith community will support the less fortunate in Bolton too. Please drop off non-perishable food donations at the Church or Parish Center by Sunday, December 17th for Christmas food delivery. If you prefer to give money, please make your check payable to "Church of St. Maurice" with the memo "Christmas food" and put in the regular collection or mail. **Thank you for your support. It does make a difference!**



CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE



with the bells for Bolton Families in need is in the church. If you can help by purchasing a requested gift for a Bolton resident in need this Christmas take a bell of the tree and return unwrapped gifts with the bell attached by Sunday, December 10th. If you can't shop at this time, please send a check to St. Maurice with "Seasonal Sharing" in the memo line, and we will do the shopping for you.



THANK YOU FROM THE CHRISTMAS FAIR GROUP

Our sincere thanks to all who helped make our 52nd Annual Christmas Fair a great success. So many people helped it is impossible to name all of you - the bakers of so many goodies, donations of items, Boy Scouts helping with setup and cleanup, Knights of Columbus, and shoppers. Our thanks and well wishes -

Christmas Fair Group



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.

PROJECT RACHEL ROSARY AT THE CATHEDRAL



The third Tuesday of each month at the Cathedral of St. Patrick following the noon Mass, join the Office of Faith Events as we pray the Project Rachel Rosary. The Project Rachel Rosary focuses on hope, healing, and forgiveness for those affected by an abortion and for an end to abortion. Please join us for an in-person Project Rachel Rosary on Tuesday, November 21st following the noon mass at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich.

Bereavement Day of Prayer ~ The Diocesan Catholic Family Services Office is sponsoring a workshop for the bereaved entitled: *Praying Your Goodbyes on Saturday, December 2* from 10 A.M. to 1 P.M at the Cathedral of Saint Patrick Hall, 213 Broadway, Norwich, CT. It will include time for private reflection, prayer, and journaling and give participants suggestions on how to navigate the upcoming holiday season and discover ways to grow through the experience of their loss. There is no cost, but registration is required by November 27 by contacting Mary-Jo McLaughlin at Catholic Family Services, 860-848-2237, ext. 312 or by email at mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: "Give your heart to your spouse."

Proverbs 31:10-12: "When one finds a worthy wife, her value is far beyond pearls, Her husband, entrusting his heart to her, has an unfailing prize. She brings him good, and not evil, all the days of her life." Give your heart to your spouse. Give your spouse good things. Love your spouse always. Give your spouse a gift by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. You can find one by looking up WWME.org. Some of the dates to sign up are:

January 21-23, 2024 in Huntington, NY


February 9-11, 2024 in Huntington, NY

Worldwide Marriage Encounter sponsors a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences, some on weekends and some on seven weekdays. Couples explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church. Registration is limited; there is a \$100 application fee. For more information or to apply, call Frank & Margie Pearson at 860-337-2447 or <https://wwmectw.org/>

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

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