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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — OCTOBER 25, 2015

# Good News!

October 25, 2015

**THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)**

Jer 31:7-9 / Heb 5:1-6 / Mk 10:46-52

When my mother was alive and Thanksgiving rolled around, my siblings and I would pack up our respective families and travel home for the traditional holiday dinner. There was something so right and satisfying about seeing one another, sharing what had happened since we saw each other last and eating the good food that was part of the feast. Of course as we got older, we helped out with the cooking, serving, and cleaning up, and with entertaining the frequent guests that showed up. On that day we were all family.

The year my mother died, my brother, sisters, and I were not sure what to do. Her house had been sold, and we were scattered to different parts of the country. Thanksgiving was a very different feast that year, as it often is when matriarchs and patriarch pass. We talked about what we missed and wanted, and now we celebrate Thanksgiving at my house with all who can make it. The tradition has become ours, and we look forward to it every year.

Imagine being unable to celebrate any of your traditions for forty years. That's what the Jews faced during their long exile. They were unable to gather as a family and worship God in their own way. Jeremiah's vision of their joyful return holds out the hope that God will once again gather them up and bring them home. There, God will restore them to wholeness just as Jesus restored Bartimaeus, who courageously called out to him and asked for what he most desired.

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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 our Coffee Social or Pancake Breakfast after the Sunday Mass, both 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!

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By appointment.

#### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Please call the rectory (860-643-4466) 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 860-643-4466.

**THIS WEEK****THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME****OCTOBER 24 — OCTOBER 25, 2015****USHERS GROUP IV****2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION — ST. MAURICE FUEL FUND****SATURDAY, OCT 24****5:00 P.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church*Altar Servers:* Maria Cinea  
*Lectors:* Georgette Pelletier  
*Eucharistic Minister:* Patti Cinea**COFFEE SOCIAL** after Mass in the Church Basement**SUNDAY, OCT 25****7:30 A.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church*Altar Servers:* Shirley Warbeck  
*Lector:* Judy Knox  
*Eucharistic Minister:* Arlene Giglio**8:30 A.M. — 8:50 A.M. CHILDREN'S CHOIR** in the Church**8:30 A.M. BREAKFAST FOR FAITH FORMATION****9:00 A.M. FAITH FORMATION CLASSES****10:00 A.M. YOUTH MASS**  
Mass offered for †Lucianne Cloutier  
request of Frances Garvan*Altar Servers:* Emilia & Marta Herasimowicz  
*Lector:* Rita Sheetz  
*Eucharistic Minister:* Rita Sheetz**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** after Mass**COFFEE SOCIAL** after Mass in the Church Basement**MONDAY, OCT 26****9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for †Felix McCullagh  
request of The Hurst Family**TUESDAY, OCT 27****9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for †Samuel Guglielmino**7:15 P.M. — CHOIR REHEARSAL****WEDNESDAY, OCT 28****9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church**9:00 A.M. CHRISTMAS FAIR WORKSHOP** in the Parish Center**THURSDAY, OCT 29 — NO MASS****FRIDAY, OCT 30 — NO MASS****SATURDAY, OCT 31****4:30 P.M. ROSARY BEFORE 5:00 P.M. MASS****STEWARDSHIP****Last week's Offertory: October 18 — \$2,191****Projected Amount needed \$3,370***"And Jesus said to him, 'Go your way; your faith has made you well.' And immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way."* (MARK 10:52)

Faith is believing in something even though you may not be able to see it. Many people think that miracles don't happen anymore. But, if you focus on the positive, not the negative, focus on your blessings instead of your hardships, miracles will seem common.

**NEXT WEEK****ALL SAINTS****OCTOBER 31 — NOVEMBER 1, 2015****USHERS GROUP I**

Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 1

**SATURDAY, OCT 31****5:00 P.M.** Mass offered for †Aleksander and †Teresa*Altar Servers:* Maria Cinea  
*Lectors:* Bert Flynn  
*Eucharistic Minister:* Georgette Pelletier**COFFEE SOCIAL** after Mass in the Church Basement**SUNDAY, NOV 1****7:30 A.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church*Altar Servers:* Shirley Warbeck  
*Lector:* Judy Trzcinski  
*Eucharistic Minister:* Linda Richardson**8:30 A.M. — 8:50 A.M. CHILDREN'S CHOIR** in the Church**8:00 A.M. TRIPLE PLAY CAFÉ BREAKFAST**  
Parish Center from 8:00AM to 10:00AM**9:00 A.M. FAITH FORMATION CLASSES****10:00 A.M.** Mass offered for †Lucianne Cloutier  
request of Laurie Chamberlain*Altar Servers:* Alex Czercowy  
*Lector:* Evelyn O'Connor  
*Eucharistic Minister:* Janusz Herasimowicz**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** after Mass**COFFEE SOCIAL** after Mass in the Church Basement**MONDAY, NOV 2****9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church**TUESDAY, NOV 3****9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for †Lucianne Cloutier  
request of Theresa Cison**7:15 P.M. — CHOIR REHEARSAL****WEDNESDAY, NOV 4****9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for †Samuel Guglielmino**9:00 A.M. CHRISTMAS FAIR WORKSHOP** in the Parish Center**THURSDAY, NOV 5 — NO MASS****FRIDAY, NOV 6 — NO MASS****SATURDAY, NOV 7****4:30 P.M. ROSARY BEFORE 5:00 P.M. MASS****Readings for the Week of October 25, 2015**Sunday: Jer 31:7-9/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52  
Monday: Rom 8:12-17/Lk 13:10-17  
Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25/Lk 13:18-21  
Wednesday: Eph 2:19-22/Lk 6:12-16  
Thursday: Rom 8:31b-39/Lk 13:31-35  
Friday: Rom 9:1-5/Lk 14:1-6  
Saturday: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Lk 14:1, 7-11  
Next Sunday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

**FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH**



**ST. MAURICE PRAYER LINE**

Please remember all the special intentions on the St. Maurice Prayer Line, especially the new requests for this week. Thank you. Carol and MaryAnn.



**Children's choir at St Maurice Church** will hold practices every **Sunday from 8:30 to 8:50 am**. Our hope is to have the children singing monthly during mass beginning in November. The intent is to build community and to share the joy of the Lord in song. No experience necessary and all children are welcome to participate!

**PARISH FAMILY FAITH FORMATION:**

**"GOD OR NOTHING"**

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2015 7:00-8:30 PM**  
**PARISH CENTER**

**GUEST SPEAKER: FR. SKIP THOMPSON,**  
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**Presentation oriented to youth high school age and adults**

"Our Christian worldview embraces God, which is open and oriented to an infinite, true and objective reality, and which has been revealed to us by the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ. The "Christian God view" is personal and relevant and gives us an eternal destiny. The other view is secular: a closed, material, universe, which fails to logically examine its own presumptions concerning life and reality. Indeed by rejecting God, it is unable to affirm anything objectively true about reality and leads to confusion and ultimately, despair. Moral relativism is the result of the latter view, which cannot give an answer to the ultimate questions that we ask ourselves: "What is the meaning and reason for my life? And: "How should I live?" One view leaves us alone and stranded, knowing nothing, because it presumes we are no more than a material accident in a cold and indifferent cosmos. The other view reveals to us an infinite personal God who knows us and loves us and offers us divine relationship for all eternity. These two views lead us to either to: God or nothing." Blessings, Fr. Skip



**SLEIGH BELLS RING CHRISTMAS FAIR**  
**CHRISTMAS FAIR NEEDS**

As we move toward our Fair we ask for your help with our needs. We still need many, many baby food jars. We never get enough and they are the baseline for all sorts of things. We also need to gather flour, sugar, and cinnamon. Donations of sure jell and paraffin for the jams and jellies will also be appreciated. Canning jars, Crisco. You can leave your donations in the vestibule of the Church or at the Parish Center. Thank you.

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

Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Cinnamon Rolls, Fruit Cup, Orange Juice, Coffee or Tea.

**Time: 8:00 A.M. — 10:00 A.M.**

**Date: Sunday, November 1st**

**Location: St. Maurice Parish Center**

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**IMPORTANT NOTE:** All dishes from funeral receptions must be cleared out as soon as possible to make room for the "Christmas Fair". Dishes are in the Church basement. Please pick up your dish.

**FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH**

Please join Bishop Cote at the **Sixth Annual Seton Scholarship Dinner** honoring the recipients of the *Most Reverend Michael R. Cote, D.D. Award for Contributions to Catholic Education* to be held at **4 PM on Sunday, November 1, 2015** at The Riverhouse at Goodspeed Station, 55 Bridge Road, Haddam, Connecticut. This year's honorees are Brother Lawrence Harvey, CFX, Sister Mary A. McCarthy, RSM and Mrs. Kathleen R. Clancy. Tickets are \$150/person. All proceeds benefit Catholic Schools within the Diocese.

Opportunities for sponsorship and program advertising are available. For tickets and more information, please contact Kathy Gaito at 860-886-1928 ext. 15, [kgaito@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:kgaito@norwichdiocese.net) or visit [www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org](http://www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org).

**30th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

Diocese of Norwich **Outreach to Haiti** is thirty years old this fall! We are celebrating this milestone on **November 7, 2015**. All are invited to attend - especially the many people that have helped in this ministry over the last 30 years. Besides celebrating 30 years of service to and relationship with the Haitian people, we are also honoring a few of the many individuals who have played large roles in leading our efforts in this ministry.

**Honorees: Most Reverend Daniel P Reilly; Monsignor James Carini; Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Petruzzi**

Mass at 4:00 pm at Mercy High School, Middletown, CT, celebrated by Most Reverend Michael R Cote, followed by reception and dinner. Cost \$60 per person, \$50 for religious. For more information on the celebration call 860-887-1019, or visit our website at [www.outreachtohaiti.org](http://www.outreachtohaiti.org)

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE CONTINUES TILL NOV. 1**

Our 9th consecutive year of running this round-the-clock prayer vigil to raise awareness for the sanctity of LIFE here in Norwich, CT. Please prayerfully consider your participation in this important campaign.

To sign up online or for more information please visit [www.40daysforlife.com/norwich](http://www.40daysforlife.com/norwich) or contact Brian Daly at [BJDaly@aol.com](mailto:BJDaly@aol.com) or 860-822-1788

We pray for an end to abortion here in CT and in our Nation and we ask that you prayerfully discern your personal role in this Fall's 40 Days for LIFE campaign...Thank you!

**FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH**

**CAREER OPPORTUNITY**



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**NO KID HUNGRY**

The Bolton PTA created a program called "No Kid Hungry". The PTA has begun to supply these children with easily prepared nutritious food in special backpacks to take home over the weekend. **WHAT KIND OF FOOD DOES NO KID HUNGRY NEED?** The menu of items will vary from week to week but we could really use the following items: packets of instant oatmeal, boxes of cereal, peanut butter, jelly in plastic bottles, boxes of macaroni and cheese, boxes of pasta, canned or plastic jarred pasta sauce, granola bars, fruit snacks, single serving snack sizes of crackers, cheese-its, pretzels, canned soup, canned tuna and packets of juice, canned fruit and vegetables. Basically, they can use items that are kid-friendly, nonperishable and easy to prepare.

**If you wish to make a donation please place yours in either church foyer.** Janusz Herasimowicz is our parish liaison for this program if you have any questions or concerns. **Thank you for your continued support and generosity!**

**Defending Our Religious Liberty**

Pope Francis has emphasized that "religious freedom is not simply freedom of thought or private worship. It is the freedom to live according to ethical principles, both privately and publicly."

If you haven't done so already, please voice your opposition to the federal health care mandate by calling U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Sylvia Mathews Burwell at 202-205-5445, and your elected representatives. Let them know that the mandate is in violation of our First Amendment right to religious freedom.

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