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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 8, 2019



It's said that upon reading the Gospels, Gandhi commented that he very much liked Jesus Christ. It was Christ's followers he found troublesome. One wonders who Gandhi had met and if these Christians had truly counted the cost of their faith. Following Jesus, really following Jesus, is much more challenging than we may think. He emphasizes this with strong language in this Sunday's Gospel. He compares discipleship to the carrying of one's own execution device - "his own cross" - and for the need even to "hate" what could disrupt one's commitment. Some of this is standard hyperbole, exaggeration for effect common to the time period. Some of this should make us wonder how deep our discipleship goes.

"Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost?" Jesus imagines this construction project gone wrong. Someone may lay the foundation but not have enough resources to finish. We've received the firm foundation of the sacraments - our baptism, for one, along with weekly Mass attendance and regular confession. Yet how often do we find ourselves too distracted, exhausted, or uninterested to truly build our lives on our faith? We have all met such Christians. Some days, we may be those Christians ourselves. We become the incomplete tower that confuses and baffles the onlookers. "This one began to build but did not have the resources to finish!"

For some of us, our cross may feel heavier than we expected upon the first lift. Building a tower means laying stone upon stone. It's a process. We don't arrive at completion overnight. Grace is always sufficient to provide the resources, but we need to keep saying yes to the task. This week, consider your own discipleship. What is one area where you've become distracted or discouraged? How can that improve this week? Let God lay another brick on the tower.

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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 4:15 p.m. — 4:45 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Please call the rectory (860-748-4560) 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 860-748-4560.

**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 7 — 8, 2019**

USHERS GROUP II

2ND COLLECTION — NATIONAL COMBINED COLLECTION

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

4:30 P.M. NOVENA FOR OUR NATION
JOYFUL MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners
of St. Maurice Church

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY *after Mass*

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for the repose of the soul of
Raymond Poniatoski
request of Bob and Jane Hunt

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY *after Mass*

9:40 A.M. GLORIOUS MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY

10:00 A.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners
of St. Maurice Church



BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY *after Mass*

5:30 P.M. Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners
of St. Maurice Church

JOYFUL MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners
of St. Maurice Church

SORROWFUL MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY

7:00 P.M. PARISH ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
in the Parish Center

7:15 P.M. CHOIR REHEARSAL *New members are most welcome*

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners
of St. Maurice Church

GLORIOUS MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 — NO MASS

6:30 P.M. NOVENA FOR OUR NATION
LUMINOUS MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 — NO MASS

6:30 P.M. NOVENA FOR OUR NATION
SORROWFUL MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

4:30 P.M. NOVENA FOR OUR NATION
JOYFUL MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for the repose of the soul of
Sharron Caruso
request of Sharon Wilson

FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH

**SAVE THE DATE: OCTOBER 19, 2019
FELLOWSHIP POT-LUCK DINNER**

At the Parish Center after the Saturday Vigil
Mass. Hope to see you there.
Please mark your calendar and join us.



**There will be a meeting of the Fellowship Circle
On Thursday, September 19, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish
Center to discuss plans for the Pot Luck Dinner.**



**9-11 Commemorative Event
Wednesday, September 11 @ 6:30 p.m.**
With BHS musical prelude starting at 6:15

**Location: Bolton Fire Station
Speakers:**

**Father Leon Susaimanickam of St. Maurice Parish
State Senator Steven Cassano**

First Selectman Sandra Pierog, Fire Chief Bruce Dixon
Featuring: Musicians and singers from Bolton High School

FROM SLEIGH BELLS RING CHRISTMAS FAIR GROUP

Our 49th annual Sleigh Bells Ring Christmas Fair is approach-
ing rapidly. We are still in need of
professional crafters to fill up our 43
rented booth spaces. When spaces are
filled, it generates an income of \$1935.
Although this contributes to about 10%
of the total Fair income, these crafters
improve the overall quality of the show and attendance. Our
spaces for jewelry are filled. All other inquiries can send an
email to pcinea@sbcglobal.net or download application forms at
www.saintmauricebolton.org Thank you.



STEWARDSHIP

Projected Amount needed \$2,980

Last week's Offertory: September 1 — \$2,068

*"Everyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions can-
not be my disciple."* LUKE 14:33

When we first hear this statement, it seems that Jesus is making
an unrealistic demand upon us. How can we renounce all of our
possessions? We need them to live. However, what we must
renounce is the belief that they belong to us. Everything that we
have belongs to God alone. All of our resources are entrusted to
us not only for our own use, but also so that we can help others.
Once we renounce the idea that we possess or are entitled to any-
thing, it is much easier to share the many gifts that God has given
us. Then we truly are His Disciples.

^ Tear off

Memorial Mass Form

Drop in collection ^

Father Leon, please offer a weekend ___ (or) weekday ___ Mass for the soul ___ (or) intentions ___ (as applicable) of:

Name _____

Person requesting _____

Street Address _____ E-mail Address _____

City State Zip _____ E-mail Address _____

Home phone _____ Cell phone _____

Check enclosed ___ Envelope No. _____ We will Donate Online ___ (Customary donation \$10 weekday, \$20 weekend)

I will bring up the gifts at the Mass celebrated. Yes ___ No ___

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.

Prayer Line intentions: Kathy, John, Maria, Monique, Joey, Linda, Irene, Viola, Olga, Francis, Kyle, Laurie, Rick, Gloria, David, Jeff, Beth, Nicholas, Matt, Keith, Angie, Dominic, Brianna, Grace, Bob, Mary-Jane, Grace. Candle Intentions: Andrzej, Tadeusz, Conrad, Alyson, Beth, Nicholas.

For all who are beginning a school year: that God will help them to make good choices, build new friendships and learn about themselves and the world around them.

For a greater recognition of the Spirit's gifts: that we utilize the gifts that we have been given and encourage one another to build up the Body of Christ and to serve those who are in need.

That generous giving means sharing with those who cannot repay us.

Prayer Shawls are also available by the prayer request box located near the candle stand on the rectory side of the church. Please read the information on the sheet above the prayer shawls. Thank you. Carol & Mary Ann

FAITH FORMATION NEWS REGISTRATION OPEN



Register your child for CCD classes beginning in September. Please complete and return the Faith Formation Registration Forms available on the ushers tables in the back of the church and on-line (www.saintmauricebolton.org). You can simply drop completed forms in the collection basket at any mass.

If you have any questions about the program contact Amie Tillmann at 860-212-3901 or saintmauriceccd@gmail.com.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Drive for Charities Golf Tournament Tallwood Country Club Sunday, September 15

11:30 Registration • 12:00 Lunch served • 1:00 Shotgun start Golfer entry fee of \$130 includes greens fee, cart, lunch, and full dinner. Teams are made up of 4 golfers. Singles are encouraged to participate. The scramble format is very forgiving to novice and casual golfers.

Registration form on the St. Maurice website.



East Catholic High School

We look forward to getting to know our future eagles this year as they explore East Catholic High School and everything that it has to offer them. Our annual Open House this year will be on **Tuesday, October 22nd at 6:45 p.m.** with our Entrance Exams being on **Saturday, November 2nd and Saturday, November 16th at 8:30 a.m.** Pre-registration for these events is not required, but is appreciated. You may reserve your spot by calling our Admissions Office at 860-649-5336 ext. 6456 or by pre-registering online at www.echs.com

Father Leon is available at all times for any Spiritual needs, to call or meet with him personally, you're always welcomed. Reach him direct at (860) 748-4560.

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH



National Combined Collection

2019 NATIONAL COMBINED COLLECTION

Today we will take up the National Combined Collection (NCC) which benefits: The Retirement Fund for Religious, The Annual Appeal for the Holy Father, The Catholic Communication Campaign, and Catholic University of America. Please indicate on your NCC collection envelope how you wish your gift to be used. If you need a gift envelope, extra envelopes are available at ([please state location of extra envelopes](#)). Please support our aging religious, join our Holy Father in providing essential relief to the most disadvantaged, connect people with Christ through communication resources, and help provide a Catholic based education to university students. Your generous support is greatly appreciated.



2019 ACA Update: As of August 23rd

Last month we reported that **Saint Maurice Parish, Bolton** had achieved its ACA goal! While that was wonderful news, only **41.01%** of our parishioners have donated. Wouldn't it be great if we could achieve the goal of 100% participation as well!!

Our ACA supported ministries do the work of Christ every day. From a student being sponsored by Outreach to Haiti, "After I lost my father, going to school was very difficult but thanks to your support, I will keep going to school." If you have not made your contribution to the 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal, "Hand in Hand with All God's Children," or would like to make an additional gift, please contact the Development Office at (860) 886-1928 or go online to www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org. Thank you very much.

Catholic Elementary School Collection

This September 14th and 15th the Annual Catholic Elementary School Collection will be conducted throughout the Diocese. This will only be an in-pew collection however informational flyers and donation envelopes are available in church. Appropriately titled, *Faith for the Future*, the collection recognizes that our futures truly do belong to the children we are educating in our schools today. Our 11 Diocesan elementary schools offer families a safe and nurturing environment in which to entrust their children's academic, social and moral growth, preparing them to become the future leaders of our church and communities. Please be generous in your support. Your contribution will help provide a Christ-centered and academically excellent Catholic education.



Twenty-ninth Annual Blue Mass For All Law Enforcement Officers

Sunday, September 22, 2019, at 10:15 a.m.

All law enforcement officers (federal, state, and municipal, active and retired) and their families are invited to the Twenty-ninth Annual Blue Mass and Reception, Sunday, September 22, 2019, in the Cathedral of Saint Patrick, 10:15 a.m. All parishioners are cordially invited to attend this Mass. Bishop Cote, the Bishop of Norwich, will celebrate the Mass and Monsignor Robert J. Romano, Pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Brooklyn, New York will be the Homilist.

Groton Town Police Chief Louis J. Fusaro, Jr. and Norwich Police Chief Patrick Daley are the Blue Mass Co-Chairs. For more information, please call Chief L.J. Fusaro, Chief Daley, or Reverend Peter Langevin at 860-887-9294, ext. 235.



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