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TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
OCTOBER 20, 2019



*“Render a just decision for me against my adversary.”* Today’s Gospel features a persistent widow who ekes out justice from a notoriously cold-hearted judge. Why does she win the day? *“Because the widow keeps bothering me.”* Jesus’ recommendation to the disciples is to be persistent in prayer, because surely God the Father is far more attuned to their needs than this judge. If only it were that easy, right? We’ve all experienced the unanswered prayer, the silence after our cries. When this continues, sometimes it can be difficult to have faith in God or believe He answers prayers. It can be easy to lapse into a sense of His distance. We want Him to do something “fair,” which — in our limited view — typically means that something works out in our favor.

There are, of course, many legitimate cries for justice. We live in a fallen world filled with flawed human beings. We hurt each other, sometimes grievously, and our efforts to remake the world in *our* image can result in unjust, inhumane systems. Faced with the problem of evil, we may wonder how God will *“secure the rights of his chosen ones.”* Sometimes, He may well seem *“slow to answer them.”*

In the face of these very real questions, it’s important to recall the words of the prophet Isaiah, that God’s thoughts *“are not [our] thoughts.”* His ways are not our ways. God respects the freedom He has given us. When we see what free will has wrought, perhaps we question God’s better judgment! Yet somehow, we hear that He mysteriously works all things for our good. No matter what situation we find ourselves in, we are always free to love. We are invited to be persistent in our prayer, to continue bringing our concerns before God in trusting surrender. We are invited to love well in the circumstances we find ourselves in, to be a light in the darkness. No matter when — or if — our prayers are answered the way we would like, we are nonetheless invited to witness to *“faith on earth.”*

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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-NINTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME  
OCTOBER 19 — 20, 2019  
USHERS GROUP IV**

**2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION — ST. MAURICE FUEL FUND**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19**

- 4:30 P.M. ROSARY BEFORE 5PM MASS
- 5:00 P.M. Mass offered for the souls of James & Jane Toomey — request their children
- CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY *after Mass*
- POTLUCK DINNER AFTER 5 PM MASS

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20**

- 7:30 A.M. Mass offered for the soul of Christina Michele request of Antonio Michele
- CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY *after Mass*
- 8:00 A.M. TRIPLE PLAY CAFÉ BREAKFAST  
*Parish Center from 8:00AM to 10:00AM*  
*Blood pressure screening available in the library during breakfast*
- 9:00 A.M. FAITH FORMATION CLASSES
- 10:00 A.M. Mass offered for the souls of Edward and Alexandra Malinowski request of The Caya Family
- CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY *after Mass*
- 5:30 P.M. Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 21 — NO MASS**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22 — NO MASS**

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

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23 — NO MASS**

- 9:00 A.M. SLEIGH BELLS RING  
CHRISTMAS FAIR WORKSHOP
- 7:00 P.M. ST. MAURICE BIBLE STUDY *in the Parish Center*  
Book of Sirach

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24 — NO MASS**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25 — NO MASS**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26**

- 4:30 P.M. ROSARY BEFORE 5PM MASS
- 5:00 P.M. Mass offered for the soul of Geraldine Ievler request of Irene Kehl

**The Fellowship Circle is organizing a fund raiser.**



Pens are being offered for a minimum donation of \$1.50 each. Donations will go to the church account to lower our deficit. These attractive pens with an inscription of our church are available in the back of church after Masses from members of the Fellowship Circle.

**FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH**



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



**Time:** 8:00 A.M. — 10:00 A.M.  
**Date:** Sunday, October 20  
**Location:** St. Maurice Parish Center  
\$6.00 / Person \$18.00 / Family

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We still have space available and humbly ask that you consider advertising your business or remembering a loved one in our weekly bulletin.

Our parish bulletin is one of our main communication tools to our parish members. It provides inspirational words from Father, Mass intentions, news, and events for the week ahead. We are thankful that this crucial communication piece is provided to our parish at no cost thanks to the generous advertising support of our parishioners and community-minded businesses. Please let us know if you can help. Sponsors of our bulletin recognize the tremendous value of connecting with our Church family, who in turn respond by supporting our sponsors! If you would like to advertise in the weekly bulletin, please contact

**Robin Ungaro at 203-747-5671  
or e-mail at [rungaro@4lpi.com](mailto:rungaro@4lpi.com).**

**Thank you!**

**STEWARDSHIP**

**Last week's Offertory: October 13 — \$2,472  
Projected Amount needed \$2,980**

*"...proclaim the word, be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient..."*

*2 TIMOTHY 4:2*

It is not always convenient to be a good steward, especially when all the temptations of our busy and materialistic world get in the way. Now add our own pride and ego into the equation and living a stewardship lifestyle may be downright uncomfortable! Remember, God didn't call us to be comfortable. He called us to be faithful.

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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 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: Elaine, Nicholas, Dean, Grace, Bob, Rachel, Mary-Jane, Monique, David, Kyle, Francis, Jeff, Olga, Viola, Annedda, Irene,

Laurie, Rick, Grace, Gloria, Mary

Candle Intentions: Shirley, Christine, Keith, Conrad, Nicholas, Matt.

For a spirit of joy: that we may be grateful for all the gifts and opportunities that God offers us and rejoice in the blessings which come to us each day.

For reconciliation in families: that God will heal old wounds and help us to recognize the gift of each person.

That we may be persistent in our stewardship, even when it is not convenient or comfortable.

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

**FROM SLEIGH BELLS RING CHRISTMAS FAIR GROUP**



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR  
49<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL "SLEIGH BELLS RING"  
ST. MAURICE CHURCH CHRISTMAS FAIR  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2018  
9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.**

The St. Maurice Fair Group is meeting every Wednesday at 9 a.m. in the Parish Center.

New members are always encouraged and invited. No particular artistic skills are needed just an ability to 'learn from others'.

Please check our "needs" list on the church bulletin board.

**Christmas Fair Apple Pies** – We are accepting donations of ingredients to help with the cost of producing our annual apple pies for the Christmas Fair. Large amounts of flour, sugar, Crisco, cinnamon and nutmeg go into making these wonderful pies that sell out every year! Any donations can be left in the back of the church or in the vestibules marked for the Christmas Fair. (Donations of canned pumpkin and pecans also gratefully accepted since we always "round out" our pie offerings with a few pumpkin and pecan pies which are very popular!) Many thanks for your continued generosity.

**"HEAVENLY SCENT" BAKE SHOP**

**BAKED GOODS NEEDED!** There is a special need this year for donations to our bake sale booth! In addition to the delicious apple pies we make every year, we need to fill up our bake shop with your family favorites! The holidays always bring a high demand for brownies, nut breads, coffee cakes, pies, fudge, cookies, homemade bread, etc.! Customers return every year! **Donations can be dropped off at the Parish Center on Friday evening, November 22<sup>nd</sup> or Saturday morning, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, the day of the fair.** Please put on your aprons and help us fill up this booth with holiday goodies!  
Many thanks!.....Barbara Baker

**FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH**



Mission Combined Collection

Last weekend the Mission Combined Collection for the World Mission Appeal, U.S. Bishop's Appeal for Latin America, Black and Indian Missions, and the Catholic Home Mission Appeal was taken up in our Parish.

If you were unable to bring your gift envelope, extras are available at (state the place where the envelopes can be found). Your support of the missionary needs of the Universal Church is greatly appreciated. This collection is an opportunity to share your faith and strengthen the church at home and abroad.

Your contribution can be placed in the collection basket next weekend or mailed directly to the parish. Thank you for your generosity in the past and thank you for what you will do now to help our missionaries continue their vital work.



The monthly Diocesan Pro-Life Mass will take place at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on **Saturday, November 2 at 8:30 A.M.** Please join our celebrant **Rev. Ray Introvigne** at Mass as we pray to end abortion and for the healing for those who have had an abortion. Following the Mass, the Rosary will be prayed both at the Cathedral and

Planned Parenthood. A brunch in the Cathedral Hall will follow the Rosary this month.

**MASS OF REMEMBRANCE** – The Annual Diocesan Mass of Remembrance to honor children who have died from stillbirths, miscarriages or abortions, whether recently or years ago, will take place **Wednesday, November 13, 2019, at 7 P.M. at Sacred Heart Church, 52 West Town St., Norwichtown, CT.** The Mass of Remembrance is an opportunity for family members to memorialize and honor the dignity of the precious lives of pre-born children. For more information, call Mary-Jo McLaughlin at the Catholic Family Services Office, 860-848-2237, Ext. 312.



**RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT WEEKENDS** ~ If you are silently grieving or suffering from an abortion, experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a **Rachel's Vineyard Retreat.** The weekend healing process includes discussions, Living Scripture with meditations, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service and Mass of Entrustment. Participation is confidential

and offers an opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion. Both women and men have participated in past retreats. Upcoming weekends are: **November 8-10** in Connecticut, call Marie at 203-631-9030; **November 1-3** in Stockbridge, MA, call 413-452-0661; **November 9-11** in Rhode Island, call 401-351-7730. A Spanish weekend will take place **November 15-17** in Rhode Island, call 401-351-7730 or visit the national website at [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org).

**"PROJECT RACHEL"** is our Diocesan ministry for anyone seeking healing and forgiveness from an abortion. Priests in the **Project Rachel** ministry are there for you with God's Grace and Mercy. Call 860-861-4439. All inquiries are confidential.



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