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24[™] SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel

This morning I received a text message that a member of my extended family will likely die of cancer within the next few hours. His name is Luke. He is a 45-year-old husband and father of six. Though I am not as close to him as my sister (she is his sister-in-law and knows him well), I wonder: how can we, including Luke himself, manage such a terribly awful and unfair situation?

The words of this Sunday's Gospel offer a powerful and challenging path. Jesus says, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me" (Mark 8:34). Today I see with new freshness the starkness and strangeness of the words take *up.* The cross stands for suffering which is unjust, absurd, seemingly hopeless, and humiliating. Jesus doesn't say "accept" or "endure" or "tolerate," but "take up." Embrace it, actively. Choose it and lift it up for others to see what terrifies and sickens us. But somehow, for Jesus, this is the path to "saving one's life." A new world is breaking in, one in which love is everything, when no relationship can be wounded or die. I trust that in the embraced suffering of Luke and his loved ones, Jesus is taking up his cross and saving us all.

By the time you read this, barring a miracle, Luke will have

died. He will be carrying his cross no longer. But we all still face suffering. This week let's not just endure, but take up our crosses, big and small. That's our only hope for saving our lives.

— Father John Muir





TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME **SEPTEMBER 15, 2024**

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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 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:**

Please call the Parish Office (860-643-4466) to arrange for a meeting with the

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

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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,

ST. MAURICE CHURCH BOLTON, CT

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <u>September 14 — 15, 2024</u>

Ushers Group IV

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

4:30 P.M. **Knights of Columbus Rosary** (in the Cry Room) 5:00 P.M. Mass offered for the Soul of †Ken Caya

requested by his wife

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 — Catechetical Sunday

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for All the Parishioners of

St. Maurice Church

Chaplet of Divine Mercy (in the Cry Room)

10:00 A.M. Mass offered for the Soul of †Helen Kurys

requested by Cliff and Sharon Scorso

Blessing of the Catechists Chaplet of Divine Mercy (in the Cry Room)

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 — No Mass

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 — No Mass

7:15 P.M. Choir rehearsal in the church New voices are always welcome!

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

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

Mass offered for the Soul of †Fr. Steven Furtado
Rosary after Mass

CHRISTMAS FAIR WORKSHOP (in the Parish Center) 9:00 A.M.

Knights of Columbus Business Meeting 7:30 P.M.

(in the Parish Center)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Mass offered for the Souls of †Leopold and 9:00 A.M.

†Alice Breton

Rosary after Mass

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

9:00 A.M. Mass offered in Thanksgiving for

the Ministry of Bishop Cote

Rosary after Mass

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

4:30 P.M. Rosary (in the Cry Room)

Mass offered for All the Parishioners of 5:00 P.M.

St. Maurice Church

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for Intentions of Janet Juri

Chaplet of Divine Mercy (in the Cry Room)

TRIPLE PLAY CAFÉ PANCAKE BREAKFAST 8:00 A.M.

Parish Center from 8:00A.M. to 10:00A.M.

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES 9:00 A.M.

First session — Parents and Students

10:00 A.M. Mass offered for the Soul of †Helen Kurys

requested by Great-Nephew Luke

Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours

5:30 P.M. Solemn Vespers as we will celebrate the Feast of St. Maurice

Chaplet of Divine Mercy (in the Cry Room)

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: James, Samantha, Tiffany, Tommy, Bertha, Dominic, Pat, Phil, Kathleen, Nina, Natasha, Hannah.

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 Shaw 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

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Registration forms and the calendar for the 2024-25 school year are available in PDF on the parish website. Completed PDF forms can be returned by e-mail.

Blessing of the Catechists 09/15/2024 (Catechetical Sunday)

First Session (Parents & Students)/ 09/22/2024 Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast We always need teachers.

If you are interested contact Director of Faith Formation Amie Tillman at saintmauriceccd@gmail.com

JOIN THE PARISH CHOIR

Choir rehearsals every Tuesday at 7:15 p.m. New members most welcome.

STEWARDSHIP

Faith Formation

Offertory: September 8 — \$3,124 Projected Amount needed — \$3,670

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." MARK 8:34

Living a stewardship lifestyle means not only being responsible for my own life, but for the lives of others as well. We realize that our gifts are not intended for ourselves, rather they are meant to be shared with others. "Taking up my cross" means doing things when someone else needs me and not when it's convenient for me.

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FROM ST. MAURICE PARISH

WE DATE

Come Celebrate the Patronal Feast of our parish!

On Sunday, September 22nd at 5:30PM we will celebrate the Feast of St. Maurice. Join us as for Solemn Vespers as we give thanks to God and pray through the intercession of St.

Maurice for our parish.

When: Sunday, September 22, 2024 Time: 5:30PM

Where: St. Maurice Parish



Knights of Columbus St. Maurice Council 6199 Business Meeting Wednesday, September 18, 7:30 P.M.

Delicious Pancake Breakfast



Join us for breakfast at the Triple Play Café



Time: 8:00 A.M. — 10:00 A.M. Date: Sunday, September 22nd Location: St. Maurice Parish Center \$6.00 / Person \$18.00 / Family

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September 20, 2024 At 11:00 AM



MSGT. Michael David Clark of Bolton passed away on July 20th at Fort Gordon, GA while on active duty. His 22-year service in the military demonstrated his unwavering patriotism and his love of our country. The Town of Bolton and the Veterans Commission will honor MSGT. Michael Clark with a Ceremony and Bench Dedication on the Bolton Town Green. Please come and honor our own American Hero and support his wife Rachel and his beloved family at both this Ceremony and Dedication and the Blood Drive that follows at the Bolton Congregation Church.

Refreshments to be served at Town Hall following the ceremony and dedication.

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH



The **Norwich 40 Days-For-Life Campaign** will begin with a Vigil Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Tuesday, September 24th, at 6:30 PM.

This year, The 40 Days for Life Campaign runs from Wednesday, Sept. 25th through Sunday, Nov. 3rd. Please join-in with your fellow parishioners by praying, fasting, and signing-up to participate in this peaceful prayer vigil for the end of abortion. Thank you.

ANNIVERSARY MASS REGISTRATION

All couples married 25 & 50 years or celebrating any significant anniversary are invited to attend the 2024 Silver and Golden Jubilee Anniversary Mass celebrated by Bishop Michael R. Cote at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in

Norwich on Sunday, **November 10, 2024, at 2 P.M.**Registration is required. To do so, send the following information: **husband and wife's name, address, telephone number, email, wedding date, anniversary being celebrated and parish** to the Office of Faith Events, 331 Main St., 2nd Floor, Norwich, CT 06360, call 860-848-2237, Ext 203.

The deadline for registering is **Friday**, **October 11**. **This is a firm date**, **so please register early**. Couples may also email a **recent digital photo** of themselves in a **jpeg format** to the email address to be included in a gallery of pictures on the Diocesan Website.

The **14th Annual Seton Scholarship Dinner**, celebrating Catholic education in the diocese honoring Laurie A. Barrette, Teacher – Saint James School, Danielson, Cindy Powden, Teacher – Sacred Heart School, Groton, and Ana Rosa Tejera, R.N., School Nurse – Saint Joseph School, New London will be held on Sunday, October 27, 2024, at Lake of Isles, 1 Clubhouse Dr, North Stonington, CT 06359 Cocktail hour starts at 4pm followed by dinner at 5pm.

Tickets are \$150/person and \$100 for Priests, Religious, Ministry Directors, & current Diocese of Norwich Catholic School Faculty & Staff. All proceeds benefit students attending our diocesan Catholic elementary schools. For tickets and more information about placing an ad to congratulate our honorees, or becoming a sponsor, please contact Gina Foster at 860-886-1928 ext. 115, gfoster@norwichdiocese.net or visit us at:

https://www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org/Stewardship.

The monthly Healing Masses that take place every third Sunday of the month at Holy Family Church in Hebron/Amston, are suspended until further notice, due to circumstances beyond our control. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Office of Faith Events

Catholic Charites is inviting you to attend our Appreciation Dinner Honoring our Board member, Tony
Catholic Charities Joyce. Tony has been a valued member of the Catholic Charities Board for many years and he a valued member of our business communities. The Appreciation Dinner will be at the Holiday Inn, Norwich, on Tuesday, September 24, 2024, from 5:30 pm-8:30pm. We look forward to sharing this evening with you! For information, please contact Kathy Capon at kathycapon@ccfsn.org or 860-889-1022.

On Wednesday, September 18, 2024 the annual *Mass Praying for Mental Health: Awareness and Actions for a Culture of Acceptance*, will take place at 6 PM at St. Joseph Church in New London. St. Joseph Church in New London was chosen for the Mental Health Awareness mass because is houses a unique statue of St. Dymphna, patroness of mental health, depression, and nervous disorders. This mass grows each year as a great gathering of many faithful and it is our hope to fill the church even more for 2024. For more information, please contact the Office of Faith Events at 860-848-2237, ext. 304 or 203.



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