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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 22, 2024



25TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

“If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.” Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, “Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me.” - Mk 9:35b-37a

When I was a wet-behind-the-ears seminarian, I was sent for an immersion with the poor. For one month, I lived in a home for adults with developmental disabilities. It was a challenge for me because the residents had significant communication issues. A 30-year-old man there named Robin was totally deaf and mute. He had Down’s Syndrome. He looked like a Viking, with a shock of red hair and a fine beard. But I felt awkward and disconnected from him. All my normal ways of interacting failed. I resigned myself to the fact that we’d never connect.

Then one morning something amazing happened. He was on the living room floor quietly playing with toys. Watching him from a chair, I sensed Jesus’ words float into my mind, “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me” (Mark 9:37). I thought, “Jesus, you must somehow be *in* Robin.” I sheepishly made sure no one else was in the room, and then I spoke in a clear voice: “Jesus, are you there?” Robin did not turn to me and say, “Hi, John. Yes, it’s me, Jesus.” He kept playing with his toys in silence.

But something changed in *me*. From that moment on, it was easier to just be with Robin, to joke around with him, to try sign-language with him, to let him be himself, and for me to be myself. His “disabilities” were no longer obstacles to overcome. He became just Robin, my friend.

Who in your life seems awkwardly distant or uncomfortable to be with? Next time you see him or her, quietly invoke the name of Jesus, and see how the barriers disappear in you.

— Father John Muir

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(For phone calls only. The office in Bolton is not staffed.
Please call for an appointment to visit in person.)

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**If you need a priest for an emergency
at St. Maurice Church, please call: 860-288-4129**

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 Pastor.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

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

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.

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 21 — 22, 2024

Ushers Group I

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

- 4:30 P.M. **Rosary** (in the Cry Room)
- 5:00 P.M. Mass offered for All the Parishioners of 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)
- 8:00 A.M. **TRIPLE PLAY CAFÉ PANCAKE BREAKFAST**
Parish Center from 8:00A.M. to 10:00A.M.
- 9:00 A.M. **FAITH FORMATION CLASSES**
First session — Parents and Students
- 10:00 A.M. Mass offered for the Soul of †Helen Kurys
requested by Great-Nephew Luke
Chaplet of Divine Mercy (in the Cry Room)
- 5:30 P.M. **Evening Prayer** from the Liturgy of the Hours
Solemn Vespers as we will celebrate the Feast of St. Maurice



MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 — NO MASS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 — NO MASS

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

- 9:00 A.M. Mass offered for Living and Deceased Members of the Marquis Family
Rosary after Mass

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

- 9:00 A.M. Mass offered for Living and Deceased Members of the Nadeau Family
Rosary after Mass

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

- 9:00 A.M. Mass offered for the Soul of †Fr. Nicholas Gregoris
Rosary after Mass

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

- 4:30 P.M. **Rosary** (in the Cry Room)
- 5:00 P.M. Mass offered for the Souls of †Jane and †Frank Hilbie
requested by the Anderson Family

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

- 7:30 A.M. Mass offered for All the Parishioners of St. Maurice Church
Chaplet of Divine Mercy (in the Cry Room)
- 9:00 A.M. **FAITH FORMATION CLASSES**
- 10:00 A.M. Mass offered for the Soul of †Lucille Lequin
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: 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 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



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

JOIN THE PARISH CHOIR

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

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory: September 15 — \$TBD

Projected Amount needed — \$3,670

"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." MARK 9:35

Jesus teaches us that we are called to love one another. Love involves sacrifice. Sacrifice is a word that many of us don't like to hear. We think it means that we must give up something that we want. However, the literal meaning of sacrifice is "to make holy," from the words "sacer" = sacred and "facere" = to make. In other words, when we sacrifice, we make our lives holy by sharing our gifts in the service of God.

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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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FROM ST. MAURICE PARISH

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

Sponsored by St. Maurice Knights of Columbus

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER RICHARD

Dear Parishioners,

I want to thank you for your kindness to me as I begin my assignment with you. My initial weeks with you have been wonderful.

Please allow me to take a moment to reminds us of all of a few new things.

First, remember that the church will be open daily for private prayer Monday and Tuesday from 9:00am until 3:00pm and Wednesday thru Saturday from sunrise to sunset. Sunday's, however, we will close the Church after the 10:00AM Mass. Second, the parish office phones will now ring only in Bolton. We are in the process of having a person work 2-3 days a week for a few hrs., so that you can book Masses and any other needs you might have. When I know who this person is, I will let you know.

Third, I want you to know that I am always available to you, and so my door is always open if you need me. I am especially aware of the times when needing your priest occurs in emergencies. So to make sure you can reach me, I have established a special phone number for emergencies, and it is: 860-288-4129. Don't hesitate to call me if you need me for emergencies.

Thank you!

Fr. Richard

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.

2024 ACA update: As of September 5, 2024, **Saint Maurice Parish, Bolton** has donated **\$12,335.72** or **98.33%** of its goal, and **27.50%** of your parishioners have donated. We are striving for as close to 100% participation as possible. THERE IS STILL TIME TO DONATE! Our campaign year ends December 31, 2024. With your donation, our ACA supported ministries do the work of Christ every day. If you have not made your contribution to the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal, "One Faith, One Family", or would like to make an additional gift, donation envelopes are still available within the church or you can contact the Development Office at (860) 886-1928 or go online to

www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org.

Thank you to everyone for your support!



Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities is inviting you to attend our Appreciation Dinner Honoring our Board member, Tony 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@cdfs.org or 860-889-1022.

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



Blessing of the Backpacks

On Sunday, September 8th, Fr. Richard performed a Blessing of the Backpacks during the 10 am mass by inviting all backpack owners to bring them to the front for a special blessing.




Ice Cream Social

An Ice Cream Social and Faith Formation Registration Event was held following the Blessing of the Backpacks mass. Everyone was invited over to the Parish Center to enjoy Ice Cream and treats. Take a look at this creation from Ingrid Broneill!



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