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THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
NOVEMBER 3, 2024



31ST SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

The scribe said to him, "Well said, teacher. You are right in saying, 'He is One and there is no other than he.'" And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God."
- Mk 12:32, 34ab

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Americans have long been fascinated with public debates. Farmers stood in muddy fields for hours to hear Lincoln and Douglas dispute each other in the 1860 presidential run-up. The televised debate between Kennedy and Nixon in 1960 fascinated the nation. These days, cable news outlets and social media parse every word spoken by candidates. We still love seeing public, rational disputes in the service of our nation.

In his day, Jesus also captured attention as a public debater. Mark tells us, "And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, 'Which commandment is the first of all?'" Jesus' brief but all-encompassing response is the double command to love God and neighbor. Notice that he includes the importance of loving God with "all your mind." Loving God is not simply a question of affection, loyalty, good deeds, and religious dedication. It demands honest and intense intellectual engagement — just like an accomplished debater.

How do we do this practically? One simple way is by embracing ourselves as life-long learners. Setting aside time for reading, book studies, online classes, and, perhaps most difficult, engaging in open, honest, and curious conversation with those who think differently from us. These are all great ways to love God with our minds. Our country and our Church depend greatly on souls who love God in this way with their minds. Let's commit to loving God with all our minds in tireless pursuit of truth.

— Father John Muir



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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 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.

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November 2 — 3

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2 — Vigil — 31st Sunday

COMMEMORATION OF ALL SOULS

- 9:00 A.M. Mass offered for All Souls
- 4:30 P.M. Rosary (in the Cry Room)
- 5:00 P.M. Mass offered for All the Parishioners of St. Maurice Church

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3 — 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:30 A.M. Mass offered for the Soul of †Marian Herasimowicz requested by Janusz & Agata Herasimowicz
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 †Kathy McConnell requested by Sharon and Cliff Scorso
Chaplet of Divine Mercy (in the Cry Room)
- 5:30 P.M. Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4 — No MASS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5 — No MASS

6AM — 8PM NATIONAL ELECTION

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6 — Weekday in Ordinary Time

- 9:00 A.M. Mass offered for Faithful Departed
Rosary after Mass
- 9:00 A.M. CHRISTMAS FAIR WORKSHOP (in the Parish Center)
- 6:30 P.M. Parish Council Meeting (in the Parish Center)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7 — Weekday in Ordinary Time

- 9:00 A.M. Mass offered for Faithful Departed
Rosary after Mass

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8

- 9:00 A.M. Mass offered for the Soul of †Bishop Daniel Hart

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

- 4:30 P.M. Knights of Columbus Rosary (in the Cry Room)
- 5:00 P.M. Mass offered for All the Parishioners of St. Maurice Church

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10 — 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:30 A.M. Mass offered for †Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus Council 6199
Chaplet of Divine Mercy (in the Cry Room)
- 9:00 A.M. FAITH FORMATION CLASSES
- 10:00 A.M. Mass offered for the Souls of †Barbara and †Donald Sullivan requested by Patrick and Daniel Sullivan
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: Tom, Charlene, Father Ray, Jean, Steven, Rachel, Linda — passed away, Phyllis, Maggie, Robert — passed away, baby James.
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

From the Parish Council



St. Maurice Parish Council will meet in the Parish Center on Wednesday, November 6th at 6:30 P.M.

JOIN THE PARISH CHOIR

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

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory: October 27

Weekly Collection – \$2,505

On-line Giving - \$714.14

Total: \$3,219.14

Projected Amount needed — \$3,670

“And ‘to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself’ is worth more than all the burnt offerings and sacrifices.”

(MARK 12:33)

Of all the gifts that God gives us, the one He wants the most is our heart. He wants us to share out of our love for Him, not out of obligation. Using our talent in parish ministry and contributing money to support our parish mission is important, but it’s more important to spend time in prayer with God daily and discern how He is calling us to be generous with all of our gifts. Not just the visible ones, but the invisible ones like love, mercy and forgiveness.

^ Tear off

Memorial Mass Form

Drop in collection ^

Father Richard, 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)

FROM ST. MAURICE PARISH



SEASONAL SHARING

Thanksgiving food delivery will be on Sunday, November 24th. We hope all are willing to donate some food for this effort. Your generosity in the past has helped many Bolton families and they are again looking for our help along with the Town to provide the help they need. The non-perishables items may be left in either vestibule any time that the Church is open or at any time in the Parish Center. Bring perishable items on the morning of November 24th. **If you prefer to donate money, please make your check payable to "Church of St. Maurice" with the memo "Thanksgiving food" and put in the regular collection or mail.** Thank you for your support. It does make a difference!

FROM SAINT MAURICE SLEIGH BELLS RING CHRISTMAS FAIR GROUP



We need help at St. Maurice's Fair this year.... Saturday, November 23, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

- We need volunteers to help us set up and decorate for the fair the week of November, 18th daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Lunch to be served.
 - We will also need help to move in the crafters on Friday, 11/22
 - Money counters
 - Volunteers to work at different booths
 - Help in the kitchen café
 - Help with parking during the day of the fair
 - Very important – please support our bake table. Items can be brought in either Friday or the day of the fair.
 - Betty Aitken and her crew will be making pies and will need donations of flour and Crisco and sugar. Items may be left in church foyer.
 - We will need help in trimming the bushes and shrubs around the church and parish center. Bonny Benevides and friends will be creating Christmas baskets for sale at the fair.
 - We meet regularly each Wednesday from 9 a.m. to noon. Please join us. We will put your talents to good use!
- Questions or to volunteer – please contact Sharon Scorso at sscorso@comcast.net or 860-646-1423.



It's pie season

We received a most generous contribution of ingredients and consequently we're all set for this year's pies. Many thanks to all who contributed!

Hope to see you:

- **November 20th** apple peeling from 2:30 p.m. till complete.
 - **November 21st** pie assembly starting at 8:30 a.m.
- Any amount of your time would be greatly appreciated. We never have too many people.
No experience necessary... Betty Aitkin 860-649-4078



CHRISTMAS FAIR BAKE SHOP

We will be looking for donations of your family favorites to fill up our bake sale booth this year! The holidays always bring a high demand for nut breads, coffee cakes, brownies, cookies, etc. in addition to our legendary apple pies! Please put on your aprons and help us fill up this booth with holiday goodies! **Donations can be dropped off on Friday evening, November 22nd or Saturday morning, November 23rd. Many thanks!**

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

2024 ACA update: As of October 11, 2024, Saint Maurice Parish, Bolton has donated **\$12,387.39** or **98.74%** 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!



Young Catholic Professionals 1 Year Anniversary Mass Celebrated by the Most Rev. Bishop Betancourt

Young Catholic Professionals Central CT will be celebrating 1 year in the Archdiocese! Come join us for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in Thanksgiving to God celebrated by His Excellency Bishop Juan Miguel Betancourt. After Mass, join us as we continue the celebration with food and fellowship! Come celebrate 1 year of YCP Central CT bringing young adults together to work in witness for Christ!

Where: St. Bartholomew's Church, 45 Ludlow Rd, Manchester, CT 06040

When: Thurs, Nov 7th - Mass at 6:30 PM to be followed by a continued celebration at 7:15 PM

Who: All are welcome!

RSVP via QR code or https://ycp.glueup.com/event/ycp-central-ct-1st-year-anniversary-119927/?pk_campaign=widget-event-list

E-mail info@ycpcentralconnecticut.org to learn more.



The Sisters of Charity will be having a **Share-A-Day** on "**Thanksgiving--Count Your Blessings**" for girls in grades 5, 6, 7, and 8 at Holy Family Motherhouse, 54 West Main Street, Baltic, CT 06330 on Saturday, November 23rd from 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. No charge and meals are included. This special day includes recreation, talks, activities and prayers with the Sisters. Telephone (860) 822-8241 or email srmariyacinta@gmail.com.

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER RICHARD

Dear Parishioners,

In this week's bulletin I have enclosed a parish census form. The reason for this is so that we can begin the process of establishing a parish database of parishioners. By doing this we can better keep track of our parishioners by having this in the parish office.

So, please fill out the enclosed census form and return it to the parish office by placing it in the census collection baskets I have placed as the entrances of the church.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in helping to update our parish records.


Mass of Remembrance

Each year during the month of November, it is customary to honor our deceased loved ones who died during the previous year. One way that we can remember our beloved deceased ones is by offering Mass for them.

On, **Tuesday November 12, 2024, at 7:00 P.M.**, join us as we remember those who died this past year in our parish family. During Mass a candle will be lite in remembrance of each of the deceased. All are welcome to attend.

Fr. Richard

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