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 860-649-5449 or 860-643-2837



"But the man who received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and buried his master's money." This servant was scared. He didn't want to take any risks and just wanted to play everything safe. As he confesses to his master, "Out of fear I went off and buried your talent in the ground." And the master was not pleased. The other servants who invested the money he gave them were richly rewarded for their efforts to produce more. But this servant was punished for letting his fear rule the day. What factors are keeping us from making a return on God's investment in us? He has given us all life, and each of us also has a special collection of "talents" to make use of. We have certain gifts, skills, experiences, resources, and abilities that (though we may not often think about it) come from God. He calls us to make the most of these things, not just to take them for granted or bury them in the ground, so to speak. Our gifts are meant not just for our own enjoyment, but to help others, to spread truth and goodness and beauty to the world around us.

Sometimes, however, we fail to really capitalize on our potential. Laziness, distraction, or self-pity can get in the way if we are unwilling to put in the hard work to improve our natural gifts, if we allow ourselves to zone out with entertainment or frivolous pastimes instead of making good use of the time entrusted to us, or if we wallow in negativity by focusing on what we don't have instead of embracing what we do.

Each moment is a gift from God. May we seize every opportunity to multiply the investment God has made in us so that we may be worthy to hear God tell us, "Well done, my good and faithful servant."



THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — NOVEMBER 19, 2017

#### **Prayer Line**

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## Website

www.saintmauricebolton.org

#### **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.

ST. MAURICE CHURCH BOLTON, CT



## THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**NOVEMBER 18 — 19, 2017 USHERS GROUP IV** 

#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

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

**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** after Mass

### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19**

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for all departed souls of Kurys and Hajdasz Families especially †Casimir, †Thomas, †Michael request of Helen Kurys

> **CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** after Mass COFFEE SOCIAL AND SALE OF FAIR ITEMS after Mass in the Parish Center

8:30 A.M. BREAKFAST FOR FAITH FORMATION

9:00 A.M. **FAITH FORMATION CLASSES** Students will be sorting and packing

Thanksgiving food for Bolton families

10:00 A.M. MASS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Mass offered for †Barbara and †Donald Sullivan request of Patrick and Daniel Sullivan

**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** after Mass COFFEE SOCIAL AND SALE OF FAIR ITEMS after Mass in the Parish Center

5:30 P.M. EVENING PRAYER FROM THE LITURGY OF THE HOURS

## **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20**

Mass offered in Thanksgiving for Father Leon's 10:00 A.M. safe trip to India

## **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21**

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for †Richard Cooke request of Lou and Dorli Cloutier

7:00 P.M. **BOLTON ECUMENICAL COUNCIL COMMUNITY** THANKSGIVING SERVICE AT ST. MAURICE

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23 — NO MASS HAPPY THANKSGIVING DAY FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24 — NO MASS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25

4:30 P.M. **ROSARY BEFORE 5:00 P.M. MASS** 



### FROM SLEIGH BELLS RING CHRISTMAS FAIR GROUP



## **THANK YOU** FROM THE CHRISTMAS FAIR **GROUP**

Our sincere thanks to all who helped make our Christmas Fair a great success. So many people helped it is impos-

sible to name all of you - the bakers of so many goodies, donations of items, shoppers and well wishes - our thanks.

Dorli, Kathy, Beth and Patti.



Ecumenical The Bolton Ecumenical Council will host its annual Community Thanksgiving Service on Tuesday, November 21st at

## 7:00 p.m. at St. Maurice Church.

As part of the tradition, there will be participation from the clergy and the unified choir from all four churches. Assistance will be provided by our local Cub and Boy Scouts. In lieu of a food collection, the town director of social services has requested a donation of paper items (toilet paper, paper towels, tissues, feminine products) as these items are not covered by food stamps. A freewill offering will be used in sponsorship towards the **Bolton** Scholarship Fund. Refreshments will follow the service. Come and join in the spirit of Thanksgiving, offering worship and gratitude to God as a community of believers, and enjoy the singing of the combined church choir.

## **STEWARDSHIP**

Last week's Offertory: November 12 — \$3,071 Projected Amount needed \$2,980

"Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you have been faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsihilities. - MATTHEW 25:21

God expects us to nurture and develop the gifts He has given us and then generously return a portion with increase. He doesn't want us to waste or hoard the gifts He has given us; He expects us to grow our gifts, use them wisely and be generous with them. Unfortunately, many of us are not generous in proportion to all that God has given us.

| ^ Tear off                            | Parish Membership Form     |               |                      |                       | Drop in collection ^ |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Please enroll the following as member | rs of the Churc            | ch of St. Mau | rice:                |                       |                      |
| Adults                                |                            |               |                      |                       |                      |
| Children (under 18)                   |                            |               |                      | <del> </del>          |                      |
| Street Address                        |                            |               | E-mail Address       |                       |                      |
| City State Zip                        |                            |               | E-mail Address       |                       |                      |
| Home phone                            |                            |               | Cell phone           |                       |                      |
| Send offertory envelopes              | Send form for EFT (electro |               |                      | We will Donate Online |                      |
| 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: Nick, Alie, Vic, Dorothy, James, Jen, Alex, Bobby, Corin, Laurie, Nathan, Bob

Special prayers for Nicolo on his 8th Birthday.

Candle Intentions: Cody, military and their families

Special prayers for Msgr. Brown who has died and for his family.

Special prayers for Norman Preuss who has died and for his family

For all who hunger for life, particularly those who are ill, depressed, or who live in fear of abuse or violence; that God's gracious love will sustain and protect them.

Our parish Community, enlightened by the light of Christ, may bring that light to others, especially those who stand most in need.

Prayer shawls are available upon request

Thank you. Carol & Mary Ann

## Seasonal Sharing Thanksgiving Food Donation

Sunday, November 19th at 11:00 A.M. Time:

(Confirmation Candidates & Drivers)

Place: Parish Center

What: Sorting, packing, and delivery of food and other

groceries to Bolton families in need.



To donate. Cost: your check payable to "Church of St. Maurice" with the memo "Thanksgiving food" and put in the regular collection or mail. Nonperishable items may be left in either vestibule any time that the Church is open. Bring perishable items on the

morning of 11/19.

If you can deliver, contact Tom Manning.

Contact: Tom Manning - tmanning818@sbcglobal.net

(860) 990-4698





## **COMMUNION IN BOTH SPICES** AT ST. MAURICE

Holy communion is distributed in both the spices, the Body and Blood of Jesus on all Solemnities and first Sunday of every month.

The Priest will distribute the Holy Body in the middle and two Eucharistic ministers will share the Holy Blood on both the sides.

### FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

## YOUNG ADULT MASS WITH BISHOP COTE

On Sunday, December 3rd, St. Joseph's in Willimantic is delighted to host Bishop Michael Cote for the 1st Annual Diocesan Mass & Reception for Young Adults. All Young Adults (ages 18 - 39, single and married) are invited and encouraged to attend! We encourage Young Adults to invite friends to join us! Mass with the Bishop will begin at 11:15am and following liturgy there will be a coffee social in the hall.

### **East Catholic High School**

The Entrance Exam for eighth graders will be given on Saturday, December 2nd, 2017 at 8 a.m. at East.

Pre-registration for the exam is advised but not required. Visit www.echs.com or call our Admissions office at 860-649-5336 x6456 for more information!

#### Be in the Know!

Receive information weekly for seminars, faith enrichment, and youth events, as well as Catholic Family Services programs. e-mail the Office of Faith Events today to be put on our events e-mailing list, faithevents@norwichdiocese.net

## SAINT BRIDGET HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR

Saturday, December 2nd, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

74 Main Street, Manchester

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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.



AFTER SUNDAY MASSESS "SLEIGHT BELLS RING" GROUP COFFEE SOCIAL INCLUDES SALE OF ITEMS STILL AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE



## **Defending Our Religious Liberty**

This Thanksgiving, let us pray that our most cherished right of religious freedom is restored in the revision of the federal healthcare mandate.

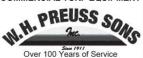


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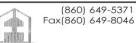
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