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Did you ever stop and realize that there is no earthly gain that can ever really satisfy us? Think of winning the Lotto. On this side of the winning ticket, it's all about the money, the new car, house, vacations, bank accounts, and infinite pleasures. The possibility of acquiring all of these earthly securities brings us back again and again to the purchase of a ticket. Then, one day we win! Our dreams are fulfilled, and happiness is on the horizon. Then one day, we wake up and realize that nothing has really changed, and I am not as satisfied as I thought I was or would be. I find myself living in my incompleteness and with my profound sorrow and grief. I did not find joy.

Glimpses of joy are possible but not by material means. They are brought to us through incredible experiences of connection that bring us face to face with real and authentic faith, hope, and love. And, they are glimpses and do not last. The moment we find ourselves looking back at them, they are gone, and we find ourselves remembering the moment in memory. To carry joy within us is to realize that it is not something I create, manufacture or even acquire. It is not able to be purchased. It is a gift. My need for joy mirrors my need for eternity, for a Creator who has a claim on the very essence of who I am and desires a home within me. As C. S. Lewis discovered, joy is a surprise that speaks to my very soul and is given as gift by the God who loves me.

The beauty of Advent is found in discovering the beauty of the gift of joy. God has visited his people for no other reason than to show them where and how to find joy! All of our human and earthly joy experiences are always only glimpses. They never satisfy us, sustain us or fulfill us. It is only God who is the joy of my soul. Real, Divine experiences of joy catch us off guard, make us stop and become aware, bring a feeling of awe and rightness and have an eternal Otherness about them. Nothing created by humans can ever come close to this. We probably will not fully realize the truth of all of this until we actually meet God face to face in heaven one day. Then, in that sacred moment when our hearts leap for joy we will understand what we have been tirelessly searching for all along. Intense gratitude will most surely follow.



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 13, 2020

Prayer Line

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Note: during the pandemic office hours are not regular as stated above, but you can continue to call the telephone number and leave a message.

Eucharistic Minister to Homebound

Patricia Cinea 860-646-0564

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Dorli Cloutier 860-649-6255

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Website

www.saintmauricebolton.org

WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturdays at 4:00 p.m.

Sundays at 7:30, 9:15 and 11:00 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 3:25 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Please call the rectory (860-643- 9553) 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 860-643-9553.



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 12 — 13, 2020

Usher Group IV

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

4:00 P.M. Mass offered for the Souls of Rocco and Helen Fiano — request of Larry Fiano Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory

9:15 A.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church

11:00 A.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14 — No MASS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15 — No MASS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17

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

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18 — No MASS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

4:00 P.M. Mass offered for the Soul of Gary Zdrojowy request of Irene Zdrojowy

Livestream Masses:

From the Cathedral of Saint Patrick in Norwich

<https://www.norwichdiocese.org/Masses>

Sunday 9AM

Daily Mass from Blessed Sacrament Parish

<https://www.blessedsacramentct.org/>

Monday 8 AM / Tuesday 9 AM / Wednesday 8 AM / Thursday 9 AM / Friday 8 AM / Saturday Vigil 5 PM / Sunday 10 AM



STEWARDSHIP

Projected Amount needed — \$3,130

Offertory: December 6 — \$2,970

"Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" 1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18

This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. "Rejoice always" means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. "Pray constantly" means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. "Give thanks in all circumstances" means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations and shows our dependence on God.

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: Simone, Maria, Joe, John, Eileen, Carol, John and Kevin

Candle Intentions – Tadeusz, Andrzej, Wladyslaw and Jan

Thank you, Mary Ann



ST MAURICE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Members of the Prayer Shawl Ministry are making full size prayer shawls and mini pocket prayer

shawls for our long term care parishioners.

If you can help in anyway in this ministry please call Linda Wiley at 643-8684 or Mary Ann Murphy at 860-5449.

Thank you.



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED

If you are interested to serve in the Ministry of the Eucharist please call Linda Richardson at 860-965-6288 for information.



SLEIGH BELLS RING SEASONAL SHARING

Our town has identified 30 families who need extra help and support this Christmas. As we have done in the past, this year the St. Maurice faith community will support the less fortunate in Bolton too. Please drop off non-perishable food donations at the church or parish center by **Sunday, December 20th for Christmas.**

We need a few volunteers to help sort and package the food for each family on that Sundays. If you can help please contact **Tom Manning** at 860-990-4698.



USHERS NEEDED

Anyone interested in being an usher please contact Kathy Perlitz kcperlitz@comcast.net or by phone at 860-649-1210.

^ Tear off

Memorial Mass Form

Drop in collection ^

Father Bill, 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)

I will bring up the gifts at the Mass celebrated. Yes ____ No ____

FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH



HOLIDAY

Mass Schedule

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24 — CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00 P.M. Mass intention is for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church

10:00 P.M. Mass intention is for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25**THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD — CHRISTMAS DAY**

10:00 A.M. Mass intention is for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church

There will be a second collection for the Poor and Needy

We are delighted to see attendance increasing at Mass, especially as we move closer to Christmas. Many volunteers work hard to insure that the church is a clean and safe environment for all. In that spirit, we ask that any family of **more than 3** planning to attend Mass during Advent and especially over the Christmas and New Years weekends, to please contact the office and leave information on number and Mass time so ushers can prepare a reserved space. This will be extremely helpful.

The office number is (860) 643-4466. Many thanks.

**CHRISTMAS GIVING TREES**

Thank you to all who purchased Christmas gifts or donated for gifts purchase for Bolton Families in need. If you haven't had a chance to donate yet you can still send a check to St. Maurice with "Seasonal Sharing" in the memo line or donate online at <http://www.saintmauricebolton.org/> and we will do the shopping for you. **All gifts must be returned no later than 12/13/20.**



Thank you, Dorli, Beth & Sharon

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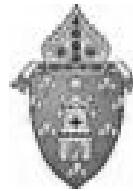
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FIRST COMMUNION

Congratulations to **Savannah Sharon Schiebel** who celebrated her First Communion on Sunday, November 29th during the 11:00 a.m. mass.



FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH



The Office of Faith Events and the Norwich Diocesan Women's Conference Committee are looking for donations of unwanted **BASKETS**. If you have a basket or baskets you would like to part with, **please contact Marianne at 860-848-2237 ext. 304**

or manicholas@norwichdiocese.org

"When I opened my bags, I busted out crying!"

'The amount (of groceries) was overwhelming and such a relief to my mind. We appreciate it all so very much.'

Comments like this are what keeps **Catholic Charities** committed to serving those most in need in our communities. We have seen an increase in rental & utility assistance of 99% and a 181% increase in infant needs! Want to help? Catholic Charities is in need of, baby items such as diapers & wipes, monetary donations of any size, toiletries and non-perishable food. Visit ccfsn.org or call us at 860-889-8346 for more information.



Please share your e-mail with **The Office of Faith Events of the Diocese of Norwich**. Be the first to know about all the virtual programs we are offering throughout the coming year, and also receive our own Advent and Lenten reflections! Send your e-mail address to

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