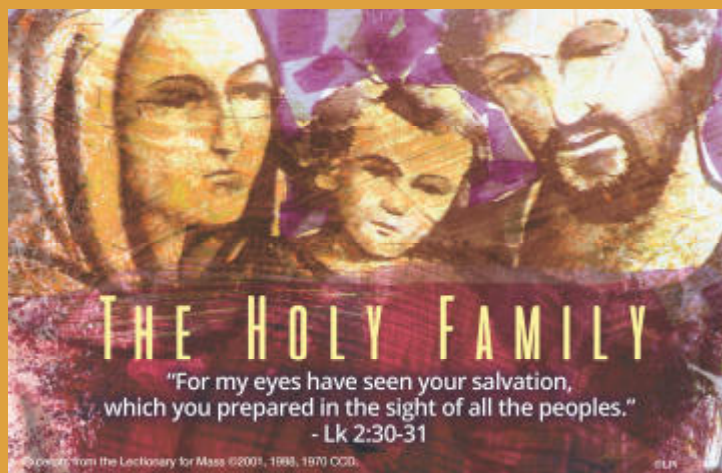


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THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH  
DECEMBER 27, 2020

Tragedy and disappointment are inevitable. What sees you through this? There will be challenges, changes, unexpected circumstances, interrupted plans, hurts, and injustices experienced by every human being at some point in their lives. We will be asked to adjust our plans, change course, and even encounter suffering and death. Where do we learn all of the lessons we need to live life well? Some of them we learn along the way but much of what we bring to life, positive and negative, comes from our early beginnings, our families. This is our early world and provides the blueprint for how we see the bigger, more inclusive world, which unfolds before us.

Our families of origin can be sources of grace, heartache or a combination of both. Families are intended to be pivotal in providing us with proper social structure and understanding, a support system, lessons about relationships and communication, and the unconditional acceptance and love we so desperately crave. They can also determine whether we have an accessible and healthy relationship with God. Many of life's challenges can literally bring us to our knees and require that we possess a strength of character that resides well beyond the superficialities of our world. At some point we will all need three coping gifts that can be given to us only by God: faith, hope, and love. Our families help us learn that we are not the ones responsible for their creation, but God!

Our experience of early family life colors all of our relationships and what we expect to achieve from life in general. Resolving conflicts, dealing with difficulty and suffering, celebrating accomplishments, prioritizing our needs, listening to God's call, understanding relationships, understanding disappointment, learning about the virtues and living a centered focused life are all lessons our families either succeed in teaching or do not. To succeed, as God has designed and ordered our world, is to discover his presence and then trust that Presence. The Holy Family can teach even the most dysfunctional family how to best use God's gifts of faith, hope, and love to find him and do his will. Their simple humble example is always before us, showing us the way. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!

## Prayer Line

Mary Ann 860-649-5449

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Fr. Bill Olesik

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860-646-6314 or [saintmauriceccd@gmail.com](mailto:saintmauriceccd@gmail.com)

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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

## Fair and Workshops

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## Website

[www.saintmauricebolton.org](http://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.



## THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

**DECEMBER 26 — 27, 2020**

Usher Group II



### **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26**

**4:00 P.M.** Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory

### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27**

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

**9:15 A.M.** Mass offered for the Soul of Leah Liebeskind  
request of Jeanette Liebeskind

**11:00 A.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners  
of St. Maurice Church

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

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 28** — No Mass

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29** — No Mass

### **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30**

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

### **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31**



**4:00 P.M.** Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory

### **FRIDAY, JANUARY 1**

**MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

**10:00 A.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners  
of St. Maurice Church

### **SATURDAY, JANUARY 2**

**4:00 P.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners  
of St. Maurice Church

### **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**



### **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: Harriet, Richard .

Candle Intentions: Marylou.

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.

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 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.



### **STEWARDSHIP**

**Projected Amount needed — \$3,130**

*"...as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive."*

- COLOSSIANS 3:13

Forgiving is one of the hardest things for people to do. We can't give what we don't have. We need to receive God's mercy and forgiveness first before we can give it to others. Go to the sacrament of Reconciliation and receive God's mercy and forgiveness. Then, share give the gift of forgiveness with someone — a family member, a friend or a co-worker. Pick up the phone or text someone right now.

^ 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 \_\_\_\_\_

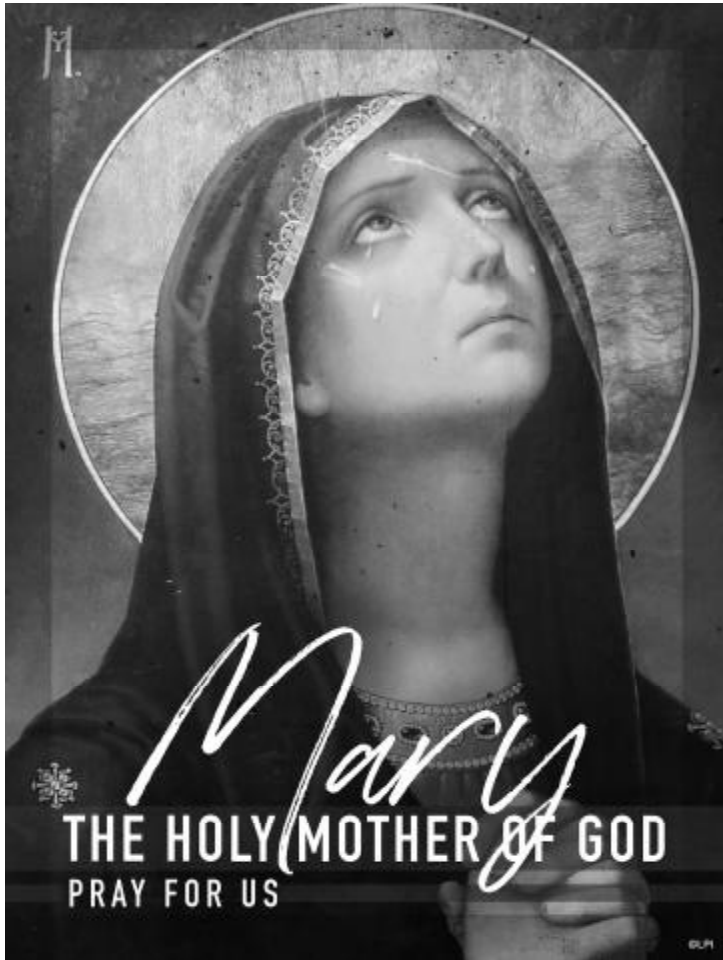
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Check enclosed \_\_\_\_ Envelope No. \_\_\_\_ We will Donate Online \_\_\_\_ (Customary donation \$10 weekday, \$20 weekend)

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

**FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH****East Catholic High School**

Our Admissions Office is hard at work completing student files and just days away from sending the very first batch of acceptance letters.. Also, we welcome participants of family tours. For scheduling a tour, please go to: [calendly.com/echstours](https://calendly.com/echstours)

The Department Highlights Series will be showcased during Get to Know East week (Dec. 14th - 18th). Please inquire at: <https://www.echs.com/Admissions-Process> and you will receive the information about the admissions process. There is still time to join our family! May everybody enjoy a safe, healthy and merry Christmas!

**FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH****Marriage Preparation Classes to Meet Virtually**

With the uncertainty surrounding Covid-19, the Catholic Family Services Office will be offering virtual or one-on-one marriage preparation classes for engaged

couples. All formal live classes have been suspended through July 1, 2021.

Couples getting married in 2021 or beyond, should contact Mary-Jo McLaughlin at the Catholic Family Services Office to establish class dates. She can be reached Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 860-848-2237, Ext 312 or by email at [mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net).



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](mailto:manicholas@norwichdiocese.org)

**Thank you!**

**Great Fun!  
Prizes!****Bingo played on the internet!**

Virtual Bingo will take place December 31st from 3:30-5 p.m.

Cards are \$6 each and will be e-mailed to players

To register: Go to <https://bit.ly/3kohQtJ> or call Marianne at 848-2237 ext. 304



**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:

[manicholas@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:manicholas@norwichdiocese.net) to be added to the list!

**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.

***An Act of Spiritual Communion***

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

**SUNDAY OBLIGATION**

The obligation to attend Sunday Mass continues to be dispensed for all the faithful in the Diocese of Norwich until further notice. Those who are considered "high risk" due to age or underlying health condition, are encouraged to stay home. Stay home also if you are experiencing symptoms of illness or not feeling well. Since Sunday is still the Lord's Day, the faithful are encouraged to do one of the following while unable to attend Mass: Read and reflect on the Sunday scriptures; Pray the rosary reflecting on the Glorious Mysteries; Watch the Sunday Mass on TV, or via the internet.





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