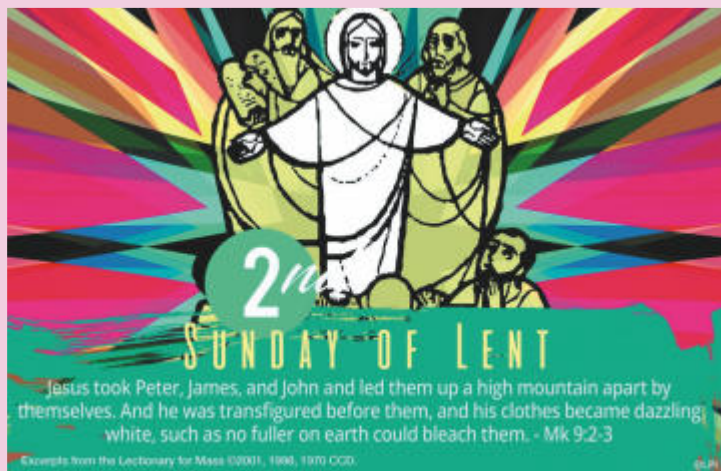


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A pregnant woman was walking in the store and met an old friend. Her friend exclaimed, "You are absolutely beaming!" The new life God placed in her womb radiated throughout her body. It was brightly visible on her face and in her eyes. Transformation and change usually happen from the inside out. It is very rare that simply imposing structure from the outside does any good. Yes, it is true that routines and habits can change when things are done differently. But, for this change to last there has to be an interior renewal and metamorphosis as well. Simply regulating behavior and bringing someone into conformity with accepted protocols doesn't mean their heart and soul come with them.

Peter was a homeless man who lived in a very remote and rudimentary tent community. He was happy to make his daily trip to McDonald's and always welcomed a gift card or two so that he could buy some coffee and something to eat. A generous advocate worked to secure him an apartment in hopes of moving Peter out of his makeshift housing and into something safer. Peter finally got the grand tour of his new "digs," received his own key, remarked how wonderful the place was, closed the door behind him when they left and never returned. He preferred his tent. No matter how much things changed on the outside, Peter was happy where he was. A poignant lesson was learned that day.

How is your Lent going? By now you ought to have a sense of whether you're really "into it" this year and something transformational is happening. For many, it's only the stuff on the outside that changes for a few weeks and then they return to business as usual. For others, there are some real inner changes happening that are deepening their relationships with God, others, self, and creation. If we are serious about moving to a new place and radiating with the presence of new life and joy, then we have to clear the way to listen for God's call. Then, there is God's request to change things up a bit and order our lives differently. After realizing we have been called and given a mission, we have to trust that this is where we need to be. And then, after all of this hard work we are asked to act. The fruit that is revealed will indicate whether our journey is authentic. The brilliance of conversion will begin to shine on our faces as we contemplate the One to whom we are asked to listen.



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT  
FEBRUARY 28, 2021

**Prayer Line**  
Mary Ann 860-649-5449

**Pastor**  
Fr. Bill Olesik

**Director of Faith Formation**  
Amie Tillmann  
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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**  
Dorli Cloutier 860-649-6255 Beth Harney 860-649-1331  
Sharon Scorsio 860-646-1423

**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.



## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

**FEBRUARY 27 — 28, 2021**

Usher Group III

### **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27**

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

### **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28**

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

9:15 A.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory

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, MARCH 1** — No Mass

**TUESDAY, MARCH 2** — No Mass

### **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3**

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for the Soul of Margaret Brown  
request of Lou and Dorli Cloutier

### **THURSDAY, MARCH 4**

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for the Soul of Margaret Brown  
request of St. Maurice Christmas Fair Group

**FRIDAY, MARCH 5** — No Mass

No Stations of the Cross

### **SATURDAY, MARCH 6**

4:00 P.M. Mass offered for the Soul of Marion Miller  
request of The Family

#### **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

#### **SNOW DAY NOTICE**

Reminder: on weekdays when schools are closed due to snow etc. there will be no morning Mass at St. Maurice.



#### **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.

#### **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:

Norman, Cori, Taylor .

Thank you, Mary Ann



#### **No Mass and Stations of the Cross on Fridays of Lent**

**Wednesday, March 31**

No 9:00 a.m. Mass, Confessions 5:00 — 6:00 p.m.

**Thursday, April 1 — Holy Thursday**

Mass at 7:00 p.m., Confession after Mass. No Adoration

**Friday, April 2 — Good Friday**

Service at 3:00 p.m., Confessions after Service

No Stations of the Cross

**Saturday, April 3 — Easter Vigil**

**Blessing of Easter Food** in pews at 10:00 a.m.

Confession after food blessing till 11:00 a.m.

**Easter Vigil Mass at 8:00 p.m.**

**Sunday, April 4 — Easter Sunday**

Masses at 7:30 a.m., 9:15 a.m., and 11:00 a.m.



#### **STEWARDSHIP**

**Projected Amount needed — \$3,130**

**Offertory: February 21 — \$3,702**

*"Here I am!" he answered." - GENESIS 22:11*

It is easy to say, "Here I am, Lord," when we are kneeling in church. But how easy is it to say "Here I am, Lord," when a neighbor needs our help, when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Often times we are called when it's not convenient for us. Discipleship is not always easy, most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.

^ 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****ST MAURICE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

Members of the Prayer Shawl Ministry are making full size prayer shawls for our long term care parishioners. Also, mini pocket prayer shawls are available for everyone.

If you can help in any way in this Ministry, please call:

Linda Wiley at 860-643-8684 or  
MaryAnn Murphy at 860-649-5449

Thank you.



**Great News - Worldwide Marriage Encounter  
has gone "Virtual"!**

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and some span multiple weeks on a given weekday. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call Frank & Margie Pearson at 860-337-2447 or visit them at <https://www.mectw.org/>. "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Let us learn to listen better to each other and God by participating in a virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience on

Friday/Saturday/Sunday March 19-21  
Thursdays/Mondays April 8-29

**EAST CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL**

The Admissions office continues to accept students for the Class of 2025! The first group of accepted students took the placement test on February 6th. The next exam is planned for March 27th. Students become eligible for the placement test based on when they have returned the enrollment contract and deposit. Once the exam is completed, students will be contacted by school counseling to begin course selection.

**FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH**

Thank you for your past support of the Annual Catholic Appeal which provides funds for many of the pastoral, educational, and charitable ministries of the Diocese of Norwich. As we embark on our 2021 ACA, One Faith, One Family, we thank God for the strength and love we have received from him during this past year, when we, relying on our ONE FAITH, have uplifted our brothers and sisters in our ONE FAMILY. The ACA in-pew collection will take place in our parish on March 13/14, 2021. Please give prayerful consideration when contemplating your sacrificial gift to the appeal. The future of our ministries depends on it.

**Dear Father Olesik and Parishioners:**

It is with great gratitude that I write to you today to thank you so very much for your participation in our 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal, *One Faith, One Family*. When we launched our 2020 ACA, so many of us were faced with anxiety and concern over the pandemic. You, our faithful, members of Saint Maurice Parish, were not daunted by the challenge presented by the ACA. Faced with your own fears, you turned to Our Lord, Jesus Christ, for strength and in faith, you pledged your support to our ACA.

Because of your desire to carry out Jesus's mandate to "love one another", you have allowed our ACA supported ministries and programs to provide essential food, spiritual guidance, education, compassionate care, and the sacraments to our friends and neighbors. While we all worshipped a little bit differently this year, thanks to our priests livestreaming masses and faith events providing on line prayer and support programs, we have only strengthened our faith and come into a closer relationship with our Savior.

Thank you to Saint Maurice Parish for your donation of \$10,078.31 to the 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal. You have reached 102.34% of your goal, with 32% of your parishioners donating.

As you approach March and our 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal, I pray that you continue to place God at the center of your life and are inspired to yet again rise to the challenge of helping one another as best you are able. I pray that you and your families continue to have good health and feel the love of Jesus every day.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Michael R. Cote, D. D. Bishop of Norwich

**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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