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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT  
MARCH 14, 2021**

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## **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:**

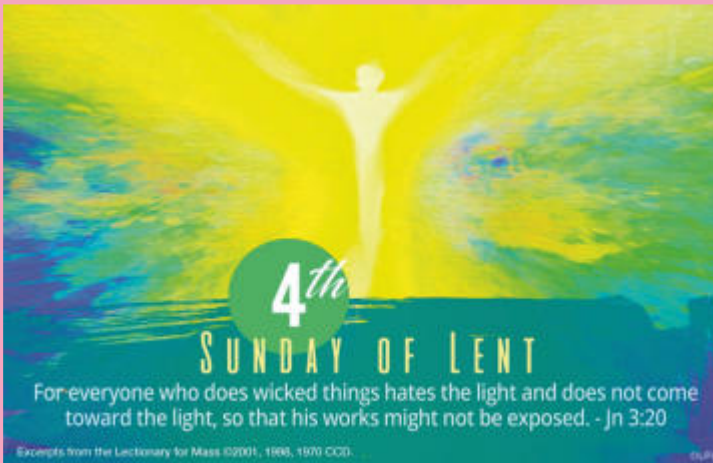
Arrangements must start more than 6 months before marriage. Necessary interviews, a pre-cana course and plenty of paperwork is required. We strongly urge you to contact us to begin the Diocesan preparation course as soon as you are engaged to get the most out of it without rush.

## **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.



Is there something to Lent that goes beyond our own spiritual house cleaning and spiritual refinement? Yes, there is! It has to do with listening and learning so that we can take up the task of the Gospel with greater clarity and fortitude. While the spiritual refocusing of Lent is necessary, the fruit of this Lenten conversion has much more to do with learning how we can be a better Church than it does about our eternal salvation. Salvation is a gift that flows out of God's unconditional Mercy and cannot be merited. The spiritual maturity we can experience as a result of our Lenten disciplines serves to reduce the anxiety and apprehension we may experience as messengers of good, but very challenging, and unsettling, news.

St. Oscar Romero said that, "a church that doesn't provoke any crises, a gospel that doesn't unsettle, a word of God that doesn't get under anyone's skin, a word of God that doesn't touch the real sin of the society in which it is being proclaimed, what gospel is that?" When we listen to those descriptive and provocative words, do they resonate with anything in our experience? As messengers of the Gospel, we are called to bring an unsettling message to the world. If our main concern is protecting our self-interests, then we are missing something huge! Many really struggle with being rejected, dismissed, or perceived as someone who is speaking out of turn. There is a counter cultural message that must be preached that clearly sides with the poor, marginalized, victimized, oppressed, neglected, disregarded, and lost souls throughout the world. There is a widespread misery among the peoples that is all too often allowed to fester with no one coming forward to offer a change or resolution.

The Church can speak to the needed structural changes that will allow people to earn just wages, feed their families and share abundantly and equally in the gifts of God's good earth. Such a vision is not some optimistic fairy tale, but the vision of the Creator himself. Lent reminds us, as St. Oscar Romero also states, that, "we are workers, not master builder, ministers, not messiahs. We are prophets of a future not our own." We are not called to labor simply for the benefit of the here and now but of the "what is to come." Our myopic vision can be replaced by a more far reaching Lenten vision that is much greater and deeper in scope. As long as we are carrying the right blueprints with us and our thoughts extend beyond ourselves, then even the little things we do and the simplest prayer we utter go a long way. They give witness to our preference for the light of Christ and not the darkness of error and sin.



## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### MARCH 13 — 14, 2021

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### 2021 ACA Commitment Weekend

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 13

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

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 14

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

9:15 A.M. Mass offered for the Souls of  
Barbara and Donald Sullivan  
request of Patrick and Daniel Sullivan

11:00 A.M. Mass offered for the Soul of John Sheetz  
request of Rita Sheetz

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

MONDAY, MARCH 15 — No MASS

TUESDAY, MARCH 16 — No MASS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 18

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 19 — No MASS

NO STATIONS OF THE CROSS

SATURDAY, MARCH 20

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

#### **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

#### **PLEASE TAKE NOTE**

Time change of the Saturday Vigil Mass from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. will begin Saturday, **April 10.**

#### **SNOW DAY NOTICE**

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

#### **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:

Patricia, Pauline, Joanie, Betty, Nicholas.

Thank you, Mary Ann



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#### **SEASONAL SHARING**

#### **HELPING FAMILIES IN BOLTON**

We are planning our Easter support for Bolton families with the help of the town people that will deliver and help with their donations. The meat will be donated by ShopRite, gift certificates we purchase and food donations from our parishioners and Bolton friends. We particularly have needs for bags of potatoes and carrots, rolls and bread, desserts, cleaning products, paper goods and products for personal hygiene. As always whatever you wish to donate will be given out and used by recipients who are most grateful. Thank you for your support with this program.

#### **STEWARDSHIP**

**Projected Amount needed — \$3,130**

**Offertory: March 7 — \$3,436**



*"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son..."*

- JOHN 3:16

Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask that we are grateful and generous with our God-given gifts. That we nurture and develop our gifts, and in gratitude, generously give back with increase our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to support the mission and ministry of our parish and greater Church.

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#### **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.



The Fair Group is looking forward to having the **50<sup>th</sup> Sleigh Bells Ring Christmas Fair** on Nov, 20, 2021. We are working on some new ideas plus the favorites we produce each year. We plan to have some work at home available shortly and if you are interested

please call us.

When we feel it is safe we will again gather at the Parish Center for some coffee and catch up on the past year and plan and work for the Fair 50<sup>th</sup> this year.

Our needs are wool material and yarn, cotton fabric, Christmas mugs, tea spoons, large sea shells and large pine cones, and of course our constant need for baby food jars.

We hope you are all well and able to get your COVID-19 Vaccine shots. We look forward to gathering again.



**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.

**FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH****2021 ACA Commitment Weekend**

Today our parish will be conducting the in-pew collection for the 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal, “One Faith, One Family”. From ministry to the sick, food and shelter programs, to our youth, clergy and religious, your donations are vital to meet the needs of our community and parishes. Covid-19 has certainly increased the demands placed on our ministries. We ask that you please show your support by placing your completed pledge card or envelope in the ACA collection bin located at the users’ table in the back of the church or by going directly to

[www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org](http://www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org)

Thank you and God Bless.

**The Stations of the Cross for Couples**

The Catholic Family Services Office and Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring a virtual Stations of the Cross for Couples on Friday, March 26 at 7 P.M.

Join us as we accompany Jesus on His way to Calvary in praying the stations together. The everyday struggles couples face in their relationships can, at times, be a heavy cross to carry, but when we journey with Jesus to Calvary as a couple, we find hope and strength to enrich our relationships. We all need images of hope in living out our vocation to married life, and Jesus offers us those images in His passion. The stations will be led by two married couples. Each will offer a brief reflection and insight on how we can see our relationship with our spouse mirrored in Jesus. Registration is required. Call Mary-Jo McLaughlin, at

860-848-2237, Ext 312

or email [mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.org](mailto:mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.org)

A link will be sent to you prior to the event.

**VIRTUAL BINGO FOR ALL AGES**

The Office of Faith Events invites people of all ages to participate in Virtual Bingo! Bingo will take place on Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 – 5pm. You will receive your cards online, mark them and even remark them for the next game or you can print them and play. Through video conferencing, we will call the numbers and play different BINGO games from regular bingo, double bingo, picture frame, and finally black out! It will be great fun with lots of gift certificates for prizes! We are only selling 200 cards, so act fast! The cost is \$6 per card for the whole Bingo event! To register for your Bingo card, go to: <https://bit.ly/2Laol7Y> or call Marianne at 860-848-2237 ex. 304

**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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