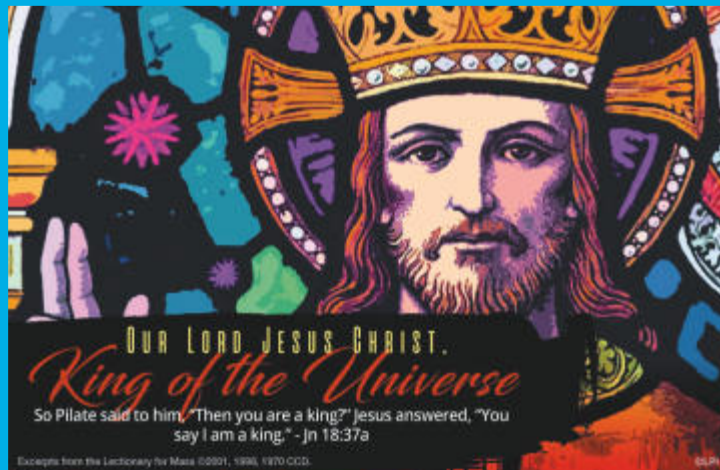


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We often come to life expecting all of the pieces of the puzzle to nicely fit together. We want and expect harmony, order, and fairness, the achievement of rewards for good behavior, good health, and happiness. We can more easily accept death when it comes naturally after a good long life, but have a real difficulty comprehending the meaning of it all when it is cut short. Willing to put in a good measure of effort, we desire positive results. When things go wrong and life gets hurtful, unjust, and downright ugly, we become unsettled and can quickly fall into despair. This is especially true if we are people of faith who believe in a God who sees things on our terms and works in favor of our life agenda. What happens to our faith when we find ourselves sitting in a mess?

Does it help to know that God understands and that hardship, failure, disappointment, injustice, confusion, and all of life's ugliness do not make faith irrelevant or irrational? God is wonderfully and surprising creative! He turns the tables on not only our understanding of life, but of what it means to be a king. God sends us a king who is not exempt from life's ills but embraces them. The king that God gives to us knows what it means to be poor, suffer insults, be ridiculed, face rejection, endure suffering, be betrayed, and face a most unjust and horrific death. This is our king. Jesus is not a king of prestige or grandeur but a king who brings light to darkness, hope to despair, sinners to mercy, and new life out of death. Christ dances before us pleading with us to hold on, cling to love, avoid being negative, stop feeling cheated, and be strong in faith! There may be hardship and disappointment now but there are more surprises to come.

Once we understand this truth, we will also understand that we are on a most incredible and awesome universal journey to Christ and becoming one in Christ. We all carry within us the image of God, the image of our suffering king. The One who lives in us also lives in all of our brothers and sisters. Failing to see this universal Divine Presence in all is one of the greatest mistakes we can make, for we also fail to see God, our king, as well. There are many things that can bring hardship to life. If we keep our head about us and do not lose hope, we can persevere and strive for the greatest degree of justice possible. Even though there are ample things that can challenge our faith, we also know that our deepest joy comes from union with God and our brothers and sisters. One day, the fullness of that joy will be ours to have when we are all eternally one with Christ our King forever.



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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 4:25 p.m. to 4:45 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.



**SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
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NOVEMBER 20 — 21, 2021

Ushers Group I

ST. MAURICE FUEL FUND COLLECTION

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for the Soul of †Mary Ann Flynn
requested by Bert Flynn

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners
of St. Maurice Church

9:00 A.M. FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

10:00 A.M. Mass offered for the Soul of
†Richard McDonald, Sr.
requested by Sharon and Clifford Scorso

Thanksgiving food delivery after Mass

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

6:00 P.M. Rosary

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22 — NO MASS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23 — NO MASS

7:15 P.M. Choir rehearsal in church.
New voices are always welcome!

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for the Soul of †Edward Bachl
requested by St. Maurice Usher's Group

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25 — THANKSGIVING DAY

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

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26 — NO MASS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27

4:00 P.M. Mass offered for the Soul of †Sharron Caruso
requested by Shirley Brown



**The Saturday Vigil Mass time change to 4:00 p.m.
on the November 27th**

Livestream Masses:

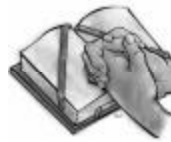
From the Cathedral of Saint Patrick in Norwich
<https://www.norwichdiocese.org/Masses>

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: Susan, Jennifer, Don, Ron, Kristan, Dom III, Dom IV, Gloria, Joyce, Rachel, Elisanna, Mary and her Family.
Candle Intentions: John, Mike, Beth, Amy, Faydra, Tim, Joan, Bill, Beth, Christy. Thank you, Mary Ann

ST. MAURICE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



Members of the Prayer Shawl Ministry are making full size prayer shawls for our long term parishioner. 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
Mary Ann Murphy at 860-649-5449
Thank you.



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STEWARDSHIP

**Projected Amount needed — \$3,330
Offertory: November 14 — TBD**

"Jesus answered, 'My kingdom does not belong to this world.'"
(JOHN 18:36)

Life is short. How much time, energy and money do you put into building "your" kingdom here on earth? We all know we can't take it with us. The real kingdom is in the next life. Yet, how much time, energy and money do you invest in working for that eternal kingdom? Ask God for His guidance. Detach from earthly possessions. Generously share your material goods with others for the greater glory of God.

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Parish Membership Form

Drop in collection ^

Please enroll the following as members of the Church of St. Maurice:

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FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH



**SLEIGH BELLS RING
SEASONAL SHARING**

Our town has identified 25 families who need extra help and support this holiday season. 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 19th for Christmas food delivery.**

If you prefer to give money, please make your check payable to "Church of St. Maurice" with the memo "Christmas food" and put in the regular collection or mail.

Thank you for your support. It does make a difference!



CHRISTMAS GIVING TREES

with the bells for Bolton Families in need are in the church. If you can help by purchasing a requested gift for a Bolton resident in need this Christmas take a bell of

the tree and return unwrapped gifts with the bell attached by **Sunday, December 12th.**

If you can't shop at this time, please send a check to St. Maurice with "Seasonal Sharing" in the memo line, and we will do the shopping for you.

If you have any questions please call:

Dorli Cloutier Beth Haney Sharon Scorso
860-649-6255 860-649-1331 860-729-4399



**Prayer to St. Joseph
for a special favor:**

O glorious St. Joseph, faithful follower of Jesus Christ. To thee do we raise our hearts and hands, to implore thy powerful intercession in obtaining from the benign Heart of Jesus all the helps and graces necessary for our spiritual and temporal welfare, particularly the grace of a

happy death, and the special favor I now implore (mention your petition). Amen. St. Joseph, pray for us.

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

Banns of Ordination

The following deacon will be ordained to the Order of Priesthood on Wednesday, December 8, 2021:

Rev. Mr. Lawrence Barile

Should you know of any reason why this man should not be ordained a priest, please write to:

The Most Reverend Michael R. Cote, Bishop of Norwich
201 Broadway
Norwich, CT 06360



2021 ACA update as of October 29, 2012:

Congratulations to **Saint Maurice Parish, Bolton** for surpassing its goal! The current amount donated is \$11,891.39 with 32.20% of our parishioners donating. We are striving for as close to 100% participation as possible.

THERE IS STILL TIME TO DONATE! Our campaign year ends December 31, 2021. With your donation, our ACA supported ministries do the work of Christ every day. If you have not made your contribution to the 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal, "One Faith, One Family", or would like to make an additional gift, donation envelopes are still available within the church or you can contact the Development Office at (860) 886-1928 or go online to www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org.

Thank you to everyone for your support!



'Tis the Season to be Thankful!

Catholic Charities would like to thank all those who have given time, talent, prayers, and treasure to help those who are struggling in our communities. Sometimes when life seems empty for those we serve, and they feel alone, they discover the importance and kindness of

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