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1ST SUNDAY
OF ADVENT

"Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." - Lk 21:27-28

Staying awake can often be a challenge, especially when we are exhausted. Life's demands have a way of zapping every last bit of energy out of us. When we are tired it affects us not only physically, but psychologically and spiritually as well. All of our senses are dulled and diminished. We can overlook details, become disinterested, lethargic and apathetic, and detached. Getting sufficient physical rest only helps so much. We need to be rejuvenated, refreshed, and reenergized in other ways. If we are psychologically exhausted, we need to understand what is draining our emotions and taxing our relationships. If we are spiritually tired, we need to find the necessary "shot in the arm" to put us back in touch with God. Unfortunately, exhaustion is seldom limited to just one part of who we are. When we lack energy and zeal it is usually the case that everything suffers. We not only are affected physically, but psychologically and spiritually as well. In short, when we run out of gas the engine stops.

And yet, our Lord's directive is clear, "Be vigilant at all times." Even Jesus knew what "the anxieties of daily life" can do to us. One day pours into another and time quickly flies by. Any one of us can take a moment and reflect on how many wonderful, creative opportunities we miss because there is always so much "stuff" to do and so little time to do it. Usually these are missed moments of love, and if we are missing love encounters we are also missing God. Sleepwalking through life, we check the boxes next to our list of "must and have to dos" and justify it all by convincing ourselves that tomorrow is another day and there'll be more time. It may surprise us, but tomorrow is here, and time is running out. While we may like to believe that we have an "eternity" of time to do all those things that require the focus, energy, and desire we do not currently have, we don't. We're on a limited ride and time is short.

Jesus is also clear on another point. "That day [will] catch you by surprise like a trap." If we are going to be judged on love and so easily justify not having all that much time to do so, then it seems we must shift focus a bit. St. Teresa of Calcutta tells us, "We desire to be able to welcome Jesus at Christmas-time, not in a cold manger of our heart, but in a heart full of love and humility, a heart so pure, so immaculate, so warm with love for one another." Getting to this place doesn't "just happen." It requires vigilance and discipline both with a knowledge of what is really of importance and what really needs to be the focus of our energy and time. Pray, starting now and not tomorrow, that we can stay alert, be strengthened in our faith, and prepared for whatever will come. Don't miss another opportunity to love.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
NOVEMBER 28, 2021

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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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Website

www.saintmauricebolton.org

WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturdays at 4:00 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 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.



**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
NOVEMBER 27 — 28, 2021**

Ushers Group II

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for the Soul of †Sharron Caruso
requested by Shirley Brown

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory
NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

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

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

6:00 P.M. **Rosary**

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29 — No Mass

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30 — No Mass

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2

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

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3 — FIRST FRIDAY

7:00 P.M. First Friday Mass and Adoration
offered for All Souls in Purgatory

Rosary after Mass

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4

4:00 P.M. Mass offered for the Soul of †Barbara Scola
requested by Carol Sullivan

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**



**Saint Maurice Church
First Friday
Eucharistic Adoration
December 3rd**

7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
*“O Most Holy Trinity, I adore You; my
God, my God, I love You in the Most
Blessed Sacrament.”*

Our Lady of Fatima

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.



**SAINT BRIDGET
HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR**

Saturday, December 4th, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
74 Main Street, Manchester

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STEWARDSHIP

**Projected Amount needed — \$3,330
Offertory: November 21 — TBD**

“But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.” (Luke 21:28)

We celebrate Advent each year in preparation for the birth of Jesus, His first coming, as we await His second coming. What will you do differently this Advent season to grow in friendship and love with Jesus? How will you inspire others to do the same? Start by sharing your God story with others, especially those closest to you. Invite and accompany them on their faith journey this Advent.

^ Tear off

Parish Membership Form

Drop in collection ^

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

Adults _____

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City State Zip _____ E-mail Address _____

Home phone _____ Cell phone _____

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We can help out as: Altar server _____ Lector _____ Usher _____ Eucharistic Minister _____ Choir _____ Crafts workshop _____

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



East Catholic High School

East Catholic has rolling admissions, so prospective students have plenty of opportunities to begin the admissions process. Our **Entrance Exam** will take place on Saturday, December 11th @ 8:30 a.m. To pre-register, please go to

https://www.echs.com/Visit_ECHS.

Our **Shadow Day** program is back!!! If your 8th grader would like to discover the "taste of East", please go to https://www.echs.com/Visit_ECHS to begin the process of scheduling a visit.

It's also a perfect time to fill out the admissions application by visiting our website, the Admissions tab.



**THANK YOU
FROM THE CHRISTMAS FAIR
GROUP**

Our sincere thanks to all who helped make our 50th Annual Christmas Fair a great success. So many people helped it is impossible to name all of you - the bakers of so many goodies, donations of items, Boy Scouts helping with setup and cleanup, Knights of Columbus, shoppers and well wishes - our thanks.

Christmas Fair Group



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



IKE NDOLO JOINS THE METANOIA LECTURE SERIES

St. Thomas Aquinas on the University of Connecticut Campus invites young adults ages 18-40 to join them for the Metanoia lecture series.

On Thursday, Decemer 2nd from 6:30 – 7:30pm, Ike Ndolo - National Catholic musician, speaker, campus minister, family man, and podcaster will speak about "Your Powerful and Authentic Voice". Ike will also provide Praise and Worship music for Adoration at 8PM. There is no cost and everyone is welcome!



'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 others. Thank you for being a light in a dark and difficult time for so many. **Visit ccfsn.org to see how you can help someone in need!**



The monthly Diocesan Pro-Life Mass will take place at The Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on Saturday, December 4 at 8:30 A.M. Please join our celebrant Rev. Walter Nagle at Mass as we pray to end abortion and for the healing for those who have had an abortion. Following the Mass, the Rosary will be prayed both at the Cathedral and Planned Parenthood.

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