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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
DECEMBER 5, 2021



## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Every valley shall be filled  
and every mountain and hill shall  
be made low.  
The winding roads shall be  
made straight,  
and the rough ways made  
smooth,  
and all flesh shall see the  
salvation of God."  
- Lk 3:5-6

St. Ambrose shares some wisdom on our need to prepare the way and open the door for Christ. "You see that when the Word of God knocks hardest on your door, it is when his hair is wet with the dew of the night. In fact, he chooses to visit those who are in tribulation and trial, lest one of them be overwhelmed by distress. So, his head is covered with dew, with drops, when his body is laboring hard. It is important to keep watch so that when the Bridegroom comes, he is not shut out. If you are asleep and your heart is not keeping watch, he will go away without knocking; but if your heart is alert for his coming, he knocks and asks for the door to be opened to him." When life gets overwhelming and difficult and we find ourselves feeling a bit downhearted and miserable, these words can bring great comfort.

We sometimes choose to remain stuck in our uncomfortable darkness and being stuck becomes our norm. In this time of self-focus our hearts are closed to the graces and life God desires to give us. Wrapped in the robe of mourning and misery, we fail to see the mercy, justice, and love the Bridegroom wants to bring. If we take seriously the need to prepare the way for Christ and open our hearts in preparation for his visit, we can hear God's gentle voice calling us deep within. It beckons us to seek out its source and discover the inner calm and peace that can prevail over the darkness of despair. Sometimes our darkness is so dark that it may seem unsurmountable. Trusting in the spiritual friends who journey with us, and God's promise may bring a glimmer of light even when it is most difficult to keep our hearts' doors open. Sometimes, the only light in the darkness is found in trusting the faith of others both past and present.

We have to trust that God has already begun the accomplishment of good work in us and that humanity is on an incredible journey to something wonderful and awesome. God is not done. When we open the doors of our hearts, straighten the paths of our lives, and prepare the way, Jesus can come with God's simple gifts of peace, grace, and joy. Life throws a great deal at us. It is easy to get tired and confused. We have to train our hearts to keep watch, discern what is of value, and forge ahead. Not allowing ourselves to become so weighed down by things and brought out of focus is a tremendous goal to achieve this Advent season. God is knocking. Answer the door. You will see and understand life in ways you never thought possible before.

### Prayer Line

Mary Ann 860-649-5449

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Fr. Bill Olesik

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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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Beth Harney 860-649-1331

Sharon Scorso 860-646-1423

### Website

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



## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**DECEMBER 4 — 5, 2021**

Ushers Group III

**ST. MAURICE FUEL FUND COLLECTION****SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4**

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

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5**

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for the Souls of †Raymond and  
†Gertrude Ponbiataski  
requested by Jane Hunt

8:00 A.M. **TRIPLE PLAY CAFÉ PANCAKE BREAKFAST**  
*Parish Center from 8:00AM to 10:00AM*



**SLEIGH BELLS RING MINI FAIR**  
**8:00 A.M. — 12:00 noon**  
*in the Parish Center*



9:00 A.M. **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, DECEMBER 6 — No MASS**

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7 — No MASS**

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

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8**

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

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9**

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

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10**

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

**Rosary after Mass**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11**

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>

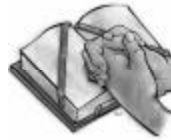
**Sunday 9AM**

**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**

# ADVENT

**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: Julie, Kris, Pam, Bill, Linda, Rose-Marie, Sylvia, Rose, Andy, Paul, Heather, Timothy, Ellen, Christopher.

Candle Intentions: Nick, Noah, Joshua, Faydra, Tim, Teagan, Sam, Joan, Bill, Beth, Laurie, Christopher, John, Andy, Angie.

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.

**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](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](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.

**STEWARDSHIP**

**Projected Amount needed — \$3,330**

**Offertory: November 28 — \$3,415**

**November 21 — \$2,369**

*"And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value..."*

(PHILIPPIANS 1:9-10)

During the Christmas shopping season it is easy to get caught up in the frenzy of buying gifts. But, is that "gift" truly an expression of your love for the other person. Or, are you just fulfilling your "obligation" to give them something? To grow in friendship with someone, you need to spend time with them, learn what is of value to them. Maybe this year, buy less "stuff" and spend more time with those you love.

^ Tear off

**Parish Membership Form**

Drop in collection ^

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

Adults \_\_\_\_\_

Children (under 18) \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

City State Zip \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

Send offertory envelopes \_\_\_\_\_ Send form for EFT (electronic donation) \_\_\_\_\_ We will Donate Online \_\_\_\_\_

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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup>.**

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

**THANK YOU  
FROM THE CHRISTMAS FAIR  
GROUP**

All of the Fair group would like to thank all of you who helped with our 50th Fair. We feel it was a very joyous and successful event. Thank you also to all who came to purchase the many items there. We feel most of all it was very special to all gather as a parish to celebrate being together again.

**Just in case you missed something, on December 5<sup>th</sup> we will open again in the library to sell some more while you enjoy the pancake breakfast and return your giving tree gift. Another great day for our parish.**

**Thank you. Christmas Fair Group**

**Delicious  
Pancake  
Breakfast**

**JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST AT THE TRIPLE PLAY CAFE**



**Time: 8:00 A.M. — 10:00 A.M.**

**Date: Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Location: St. Maurice Parish Center**

**\$6.00 / Person \$18.00 / Family**

**Sponsored by St. Maurice Knights of Columbus**

**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

**Our Lady of Guadalupe!**

All are invited to join Bishop Cote and the Latino people of the diocese in our annual bilingual celebration of the

**Feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe**

at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Sunday, December 12, 2021. The celebration begins with the Rosary at 6:30pm, followed by Holy Mass at 7:00pm. Fiesta following. We look forward to honoring Our Lady with you.

**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](http://ccfsn.org) to see how you can help someone in need!**

**MEN'S VIRTUAL FAITH GROUP - BROTHERS IN CHRIST**

Brothers in Christ is a Virtual Group of Men who will share faith, witness, scripture, and discussion. The next session is **December 9<sup>th</sup> on "Taking a Leap of Faith".**

Brothers meet very second Thursday of the month virtually from 7pm – 7:45pm. If you are interested in developing fellowship and discipleship with other men devoted to Christ, then register by email Liza Roach at

[lroach@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:lroach@norwichdiocese.net) or call (860)848-2237 ex. 305.



Saint Maurice will continue the long-standing tradition of having a Christmas Pageant at the 4:00 p.m. mass on Christmas Eve; Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup>. All generations enjoy seeing the children act out the story of the birth of Jesus at Mass. There are roles for all ages from sheep in the manger to Mary and Joseph. Amie Tillmann will be coordinating the play and parent participations is requested! We always appreciate your help guiding the children during the play.

**If you or your child is interested in participating, please contact Amie Tillmann at [saintmauriceccd@gmail.com](mailto:saintmauriceccd@gmail.com).**



**Practices will be Sunday December 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, after 10:00 a.m. mass.**



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