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## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." - Lk 3:16



**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
DECEMBER 12, 2021**

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### **Website**

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### **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.

*"From silly devotions and sour-faced saints, good Lord, deliver us!" St. Teresa of Avila*

We've all heard the adage, "Laughter is the best medicine." In many ways, it really is. When was the last time you really laughed? The gift of imagination allows us to see possible things that are yet to be. Imagine a world filled with laughter. We take life too seriously sometimes. Fear, uncertainty, pressure, negativity, disappointment, and myriad other human experiences can rob us of the joy needed for laughter. God never promised us an easy road, and we do have to take the course of our lives seriously. However, there is a balance to be sought and a possible joy that can be brought even to the darkest and most challenging of encounters.

St. Therese of Lisieux reminds us that, "Joy is not found in the material objects surrounding us but in the inner recesses of the soul. One can possess joy in a prison cell as well as in a palace." Falling in love with God, who is present in all of creation, allows us to bring a depth of understanding to everything we do and experience. We can more easily see above and beyond things while pursuing the only One who can truly satisfy our hearts. When we realize that God, the king of Israel, is in our midst and with us, there is no further misfortune to fear. We can celebrate the wonder and beauty of God's gift of joy. It is no wonder that many saints radiate joy and have no reservations expressing laughter. They are happy because they have found a pearl of great price.

We celebrate with joy today with hearts filled with expectation, wonder, awe, and beauty as we ready ourselves, even more excitedly, for the coming of our Savior. Do not fear and do not be discouraged. If you haven't laughed in a while, why? Something is preventing you from expressing the magnificence of your soul and the presence of God who dwells within. God's power and presence within us assures us that we are loved and kept in that presence. What more is really needed? Rejoice and laugh in the presence of God! It really is the best medicine and a most perfect way to convince others that God is really with us. "Go ahead, laugh! Live your life with joy and serve the Lord with laughter! Joy, with peace, is the sister of charity. Serve the Lord with laughter." (St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina)



### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 11 — 12, 2021

Ushers Group IV

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11

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

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

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

9:00 A.M. FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

10:00 A.M. Mass offered for the Souls of †Barbara and  
†Donald Sullivan

requested by Patrick and Daniel Sullivan

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

6:00 P.M. Rosary

#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 13 — NO MASS

#### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14 — NO MASS

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

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15

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

6:00 P.M. PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
in the Parish Center

#### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16

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

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17

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

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18

4:00 P.M. Mass offered for the Soul of †Dave Caruso, Jr.  
requested by Mary and Stephen Caruso

#### 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



#### STEWARDSHIP

Projected Amount needed — \$3,330

Offertory: December 5 — TBD

*"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer  
and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests  
known to God."* (PHILIPPIANS 4:6)

St. Paul reminds us that God is an abundant God — He is the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. Remember, that we are created in God's image and likeness. We, too, are made to be generous with all of our gifts as well. Placing our trust in God frees us from being a slave to possessions. It allows us to gratefully and generously share ourselves and our goods with others.

### 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



#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24 — CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00 P.M. Mass offered for the Souls of †William and  
†Anna Cosgrove  
requested by their daughter Ann

Christmas Pageant at the 4:00 P.M. Mass

10:00 P.M. Mass intention is for All Parishioners  
of St. Maurice Church

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25

#### THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD — CHRISTMAS DAY

10:00 A.M. Mass offered for the Souls of †Marion and  
†Bill Miller  
requested by The Family

There will be a second collection for the Poor and Needy

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31

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

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 1

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

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### 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



Thank you to all who purchased Christmas gifts or donated for gifts purchase for Bolton Families in need. If you haven't had a chance to donate yet you can still send a check to St. Maurice with "Seasonal Sharing" in the memo line or donate online at

**<http://www.saintmauricebolton.org/>**

and we will do the shopping for you.

**All gifts must be returned no later than 12/12/20.**



Thank you, Dorli, Beth & Sharon

If you have any questions please call:

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



## ADVENT

HOPE. LOVE. JOY. PEACE.



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.**

## FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH



### 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.



**Project Rachel Rosary** – Please join the Office of Faith Events staff online the third Tuesday of each month as we pray the **Project Rachel Rosary** for an end to abortion and healing for those who have been involved in an abortion. The next Rosary will be **Tuesday, December 21, 2021, at 3 P.M.**

Contact Liza Roach at

[lroach@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:lroach@norwichdiocese.net)  
to receive a link for the Rosary.



2021 ACA update as of November 29, 2021: 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](http://www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org).**

**Thank you to everyone for your support!**



### Worldwide Marriage Encounter

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and are seven sessions on weekdays from 7:00pm to 9:30pm. 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/>.

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