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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 19, 2021**



4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb."
- Lk 1:41-42

St. Augustine tells us that a "Christian is a mind through which Christ thinks, a heart through which Christ loves, a voice through which Christ speaks and a hand through which Christ helps." As we look around and out at the world, we do not have to search too far before we come face to face with inequity and injustice. There is so much unfairness, prejudice, anger, hatred, violence, and want. The stories of human heartache, people being hurt, deprived of life's necessities, loneliness, and sickness are far too commonplace. For many of the world's ills, the vices of greed, lust, pride, gluttony, and jealousy are clearly among the more significant root causes.

Why doesn't God just step in and fix this mess? After all, God created this world, and one would hope that he would step up and take some measure of responsibility for it! Once we sit with this thinking for a while, we can begin to realize just how flawed it really is. God did take responsibility and God did fix the problem! God sent us Jesus Christ as the divine solution to the world's ills. It is not God who has shirked responsibility, we have. We are the ones who continually fail to set our own personal needs, wants, and securities aside so that One more powerful than us can use us.

Mary had to set her needs aside in order for the Son of God to come into the world. Put simply, Mary listened and believed. Having opened herself to being an instrument of the Divine, God could use her as his mind, heart, voice, and hand. She became God's vessel so that God's greatness could reach the ends of the earth and peace could come upon the world. God's fix for the world's difficulties is you and me. We are the ones who confess that Jesus Christ came into the world as the Son of God, the Prince of Peace, and herald of justice. All we have to do is believe, as did Mary, that what has been spoken to us by the Lord will be fulfilled. Then, we can step aside and be the Christians we claim to be. What a difference it would make if every person who professed to be Christian truly understood that their one and only vocation is to be God's instrument. What a beautiful, equitable, and just world it would be.

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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.

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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.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 18 — 19, 2021

Ushers Group I
Christmas Food Delivery

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19

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 All Parishioners
of St. Maurice Church

Christmas food delivery after Mass

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

6:00 P.M. Rosary

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20 — No MASS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21 — No MASS

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23

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

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24 — CHRISTMAS EVE

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

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

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD — CHRISTMAS DAY

There will be a second collection for the Poor and Needy



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



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26 — THE HOLY FAMILY

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

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: David, Helen, Terry, David, Omar, Doug, Kelly, Gary, Kaitlin, Tom, Tony. Candle Intentions: Nick, Noah, Joshua, Mary, Lou, Nancy, Bruce.
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.

BULLETIN CORRECTION

New Year's Day is not a Holy Day of obligation this year. There will be no 4PM Mass on Friday, December 31st and no 10AM Mass on Saturday, January 1st. kike it was stated in the last weekend bulletin. The Mass schedule will be like every week: Friday 9:00 AM Mass and Saturday 4:00 PM Mass. Sunday, January 2nd 7:30 AM and 10:00 AM. Our apologies for incorrect information in the last weekend bulletin.



STEWARDSHIP

Projected Amount needed — \$3,330

Offertory: December 12 — TBD

"For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy."
(LUKE 1:44)

When you hear the scripture readings and Gospel reading at Mass, do you "leap for joy?" If not, don't blame the lecturer or priest, rather look inside yourself. What are you doing to grow in friendship with Jesus? How do you prepare for Mass each week? Or, do you just show up and expect to be entertained? As the Body of Christ, we are called to be active participants, not just passive observers.

^ 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 _____

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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 Books

This year two titles will be included in the Christmas book distribution. The first is "Life is Messy". From the publisher:

Life is messy. It isn't a color-within-the-lines exercise. It's a wild and outrageous invitation full of uncertain outcomes. The mess of life is both inevitable and unexpected. It is filled with delightful mysteries and frustrating predicaments. In our

disposable culture, we throw broken things away. So, what will we do with broken people, broken relationships, broken institutions, broken families, and of course, our very own broken selves? We are all broken and wounded. This book is about putting our lives back together, and allowing ourselves to be put back together, when life doesn't turn out as we expected it to.

The second is "The Wisdom of Fulton Sheen". From the publisher: The Wisdom of Fulton Sheen is a powerful collection of writings that will encourage you to think differently about who you are, how your life is unfolding, what God is calling you to next, and what priorities will lead you to the peace and purpose you desire.



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 24th. 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 saintmauricecd@gmail.com.

Practice will be Sunday December 19th, after 10:00 a.m. mass.

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH



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 to receive a link for the Rosary.

Official Approved Notice from U.S. Bankruptcy Court
for the District of Connecticut

Sexual Abuse and General Claims in
The Roman Catholic Diocese of
Norwich, Connecticut Bankruptcy

The Norwich Roman Catholic Diocese Corporation, aka the Roman Catholic Diocese of Norwich ("Diocese" or "Debtor") has filed bankruptcy in order to restructure its nonprofit organization. Please read this notice carefully as it may impact your rights against the Diocese and provides information about the case, *In re The Norwich Roman Catholic Diocese Corporation* (Bankr. D. Conn.). This notice is a short summary.

Who Should File a Sexual Abuse Claim?

Anyone who was sexually abused, on or before July 15, 2021, and believes the Diocese may be responsible for the sexual abuse must file a claim. This includes sexual abuse in connection with any entity or activity associated with the Diocese. Sexual Abuse Claims include but are not limited to sexual misconduct, touching, inappropriate contact, or sexual comments about a person or other behaviors that led to abuse, and regardless of whether you thought the behavior was sexual abuse or not.

When Should I File a Sexual Abuse Claim?

Regardless of how old you are today or when the sexual abuse occurred, you need to file your claim so that it is received by 5 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time) on March 15, 2022.

If you do not file a timely Sexual Abuse Claim, you may lose rights against the Diocese and against Diocese Related Entities, including any right to compensation.

Your information will be kept private. For a list of names of clergy that have been identified in connection with sexual abuse claims, go to <https://www.norwichdiocese.org/final/Accused-Clergy>. For more information on the bankruptcy case, go to <https://dm.epiq11.com/case/redn> or call 1-855-654-0902.

The Sexual Abuse Bar Date of March 15, 2022 is not subject to further extension, even if there is a change in the applicable statute of limitations. You should consider submitting a proof of claim even if you believe your claim may be subject to an affirmative defense such as a statute of limitations.

When Should I File a General Bar Date Claim?

If you have a non-sexual abuse claim, you will need to file so that it is received by 5 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time) on March 15, 2022. More information is available at <https://dm.epiq11.com/case/redn>.

ACT NOW Before Time Runs Out:

You can download and file a claim at the website or call the toll-free number listed below for help on how to file a claim by mail.



File a Proof of Claim.



Have questions?
Call or visit the website
for more information.



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you may receive compensation
from the bankruptcy.

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