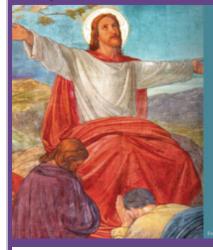
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3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus said to them in reply, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!" - Lk 13:2-3

Deserts can be lonely, isolated, and treacherous places. When a person wanders in a desert, they can easily get disoriented, dehydrated, confused, lost, and vulnerable. Temptation is at its peak, especially when confronted with something that may offer some respite or relief, even a mirage. Deserts can bring us to our weakest moment and tempt our faith. The Christian journey can be described as a desert experience as we vacillate back and forth, falling victim to the mirages of our lives versus the true, life-giving water offered by God. We need a burning bush experience in our lives that convinces us of the power of God and reveals Him as the "I am" of all existence.

Moses was leading his flock across the desert when he found himself at Mount Horeb. Mountains give us a fuller perspective of life, a panoramic view of what would otherwise be hidden from the limitations of our sight. That's when Moses met God. We have to find our way to a mountain experience where our vantage point can take on a wider view of life. Many things can do this for us: the birth of a child, the death of someone we love, the joy that comes from marveling at the beauty of God's work, the pondering of life's mysteries, and the ache of longing found deep within our souls. There are many things in life that can wake us up, give us a clearer, better view of things and become occasions where a bush may burn and God's presence as the eternal uncreated One is revealed.

God is very patient and gives us the time and space we need to figure things out and bear some good fruit. He doesn't rush to cut us down or get frustrated with our barrenness. But we have to remember that the desert journeys of our lives come with some risks. The major risk is that we will mistakenly believe that the mirages are real. Thus, we fall victim to thinking that the respite and refreshment we seek is discovered in a place other than where it actually is. Our faith and the life of the Church are the safeguards we need to keep us properly orientated so that we don't get lost or confused and stay on course.



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 20, 2022

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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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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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 19 — 20, 2022

SATURDAY, MARCH 19

4:00 P.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory

SUNDAY, MARCH 20

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

NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

- Mass offered for the Soul of †Lendon Wentworth 10:00 A.M. requested by Donna Ohlhof and Jeylan Wentworth
- 5:30 P.M. **Evening Prayer** from the Liturgy of the Hours

6:00 P.M. Rosarv

MONDAY, MARCH 21 — No Mass

TUESDAY, MARCH 22 - No Mass

7:15 P.M. Choir rehearsal in church.

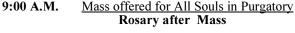
New voices are always welcome!

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 24 9:00 A.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory **Rosary after Mass**

FRIDAY, MARCH 25



4:00 P.M. to 6:30 P.M.

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Lenten Fish Dinner – Dine in or Take out Sponsored by St. Maurice Council 6199,

Knights of Columbus

SATURDAY, MARCH 26

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



Christmas Fair Needs

The Fair Group needs to gather baby food jars, individual jam jars from hotels, glass Christmas mugs, 18 inch zippers, children's buttons and decorated buttons, metal but-

tons. We need hundreds of baby food jars! If you have a source or stockpile, send them our way. Call Dorli at (860) 649-6255 or Sharon Scorso at (860) 646-1423.

THE SATURDAY VIGIL MASS TIME WILL GO BACK TO 5PM ON APRIL 23. THE WEEKEND AFTER EASTER

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, Gloria, Dominic, Armar, Matt, Lauren.

Candle Intentions: Nick, Dominic, Christine, David, Dan, Faydra, Tim, Caroline, Tagen, Josh, Bill, Beth, Carolyn, Laurie, Lauren, Beth, Nick, Noah, Joshua, Dominic, Keith.

Thank you, Mary Ann

Confessions at St. Bernard's Church in Rockville, Friday, March 25, 7AM – 7PM

On Friday, March 25, in line with the Pope's request, Tolland Country will have confessions at St. Bernard's Church in Rockville. All the priests of the county will hear confessions, one at a time, from 7am to 7pm. There is a poster in the vestibule to the outside the main door with the name of the priest for each hour.



SESONAL SHARING **HELPING FAMILIES IN BOLTON**

As the Lent begins, we are thinking of those in need. We ask you to donate food for our Ester food distribution. You may leave nonperishable food donations at the church or at the Parish Center till April 9th for our April 10th delivery day.

Lower Church

We are looking to organize and make better use of the Lower Church: To this end we plan to remove the their rack, all but 60 metal chairs, and the bean bag toss wooden cut outs. If you can use any of these things or know a need to keep them please call the church office at (860) 643-4466.

STEWARDSHIP Offertory: March 13 - \$1,871 Collection for Ukraine — \$1,464 Projected Amount needed — \$3,470

"...He said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none.' (LUKE 13:7)

We can all be like the barren fig tree at times. Do you cling to what you have or do you generously share with others? How will you respond when God asks you what you have done with all the gifts He has given you? Remember, not only are we called to be generous, we are called to develop and nurture our gifts, and return them with increase. Remember, we are called to be generous with all of gifts; especially the one that means the most to you.

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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	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 ST. MAURICE PARISH

Lenten Fish Dinner – Dine in or Take out

Friday March 11, 18, and 25th; April 1 and 8th

4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Time: Ryba Hall, Parish Center Place:

Menu: Baked fish and chips, coleslaw, roll with butter, coffee, tea, or lemonade

Cost: \$10.00 (\$5.00 for cheese pizza alternative)

Profits support a variety of charitable activities.

Sponsored by St. Maurice Council 6199, Knights of Columbus

ST. MAURICE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



Prayer Members of the Prayer Shawl Minis-try are making full size prayer Shawl shawls for our long term care paunistry tients. 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



Can people really manifest symptoms of oppression or possession by demons, or are they just symptoms of mental illness? Join the Ladies of Another View as they host a powerful interview with Dr. Richard Gallagher, a licensed psychiatrist, a professor at NY Medical College and Columbia University, author, and psychiatric consult on demonic activity, and Monsignor Stephen Rossetti,

Catholic priest, author, educator, licensed psychologist and Chief Exorcist for the Archdiocese of Washington.

Youtube.com/watch?v=BXypXMrj3rY

Youtube.com/watch?v=YqHxcnK9XsY

Some take-a-ways from the interviews: People are not practicing the faith. Attendance at Masses and other religious denomination services are down. The power of the Sacraments, especially Confession, and the graces of receiving the Holy Eucharist. Don't dabble in the occult (tarot cards, Ouija boards, seances, witchcraft, curses, hexes). These are an invitation to Satan, often referred to as portals. Angels move at the speed of thought. They are highly intelligent and powerful beings. Demons are fallen angels. Don't dialogue with demons. Criteria for demonic oppression: attacks or assaults on an individual, physically or cognitively, that effects the persons imagination and senses. Demonic possession-rare-an evil spirit or spirits has taken control over the body and can submerge the person's consciousness (speaking in a foreign language or knowledge unknown to the person, levitation, extreme physical strength). This is different from symptoms of mental illness. The power of the presence of the Virgin Mary entering during a rite of exorcism. Parental spiritual authority over their children.

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH



2022 Annual Catholic Appeal

Recently many of you received a letter and brochure describing the many programs and ministries that the Diocese supports through the Annual Catholic Appeal. Today, we will

watch a heartfelt message from Bishop Cote thanking you for your prayers and kindness during last year's successful campaign. Over the next week, as you reflect on your many blessings, please remember God calls each of us to be generous in thought, word, and deed. We thank you for any sacrificial offering that you can make. Please bring your completed ACA gift/pledge envelopes to church next weekend or if you have not received one, you may find one on the ushers' tables in the back.

CT Retrouvaille Weekend RETROUVAILLE Has your marriage become troubled and stressed, unloving or uncaring? Are you thinking of divorce or separation? The Retrouvaille program can help. Retrouvaille provides tools to improve communication, better resolve conflicts fairly, and re-discover why you fell in love. The next Retrouvaille weekend in Connecticut is April 22-24, 2022. For information: call confidentially 1-800-470-2230,

email cherylandsteve@cox.net,

or go to our website www.helpourmarriage.com for information & registration.



Send Us Your **CT March for Life Photos** Are you attending the CT March for Life taking place on Wednesday, March 23rd in Hartford?

If so, we are asking for your top three photos from the event to be published in the April issue of the Four County Catholic and on the diocesan website. Candid photos of your group participating in the March or rally are best.

We go to press on Friday, March 25th so please send your top three photos to editorial@norwichdiocese.net by noon on Thursday, March 24th.

FROM ST. MAURICE PARISH



Thank you for your fuel donations. Our last oil bills were: Church \$3.474. Parish Center \$3,477, **Rectory \$1,016.**

East Catholic High School



We just held a very well attended entrance exam and scheduled another one for Friday, March 25th at 12 noon for students who are just discovering their interest in East Catholic.

We are still running our "Eagle for a Day" shadow program and happily offer family tours.

For more detailed information, please visit our website: www.echs.com/Admissions



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