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4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

"His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'Let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again.'" - Lk 15:21-22a, 23b-24a

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God's love story reveals itself in our stories, experiences, and aspirations. We are all prodigal sons and daughters. There are many times in our lives when we would "sell our souls" in order to pursue our passions. We pursued what we wanted without regard for others or God. We have sowed our oats, thrown ourselves into careless pleasures, spent what we know we ought to have saved, turned our backs on those we love and abused gifts we have been given. We even hit bottom and realized the silliness and self-destruction of it all. We needed to come home. We knew we erred and needed a gentle presence to show us God's unconditional love. This wayward journey home changed us.

As much as we need to be welcomed, we are also the one who needs to do the welcoming and mercy giving. Those we love need our guidance, but they don't always take it. We know that what they are doing is off the mark, self-destructive and wrong. We have to let them go and let it happen, even though they might get hurt. As we wait and hope, they choose to make their way back to us. They don't need us to judge them. They have done enough of that to themselves. We immediately embrace them and are just happy they're home. God uses us to help heal them. Knowing how much we craved understanding and forgiveness ourselves, we can now freely give it away. God uses what he has taught us to teach others.

We are also the entitled ones. At least we "think" we are entitled. After all, we work hard for what we have. We cannot get our heads around the idea that someone can get something that I really deserve! If I do what I'm supposed to do, I ought to be rewarded for that, right? If I do something wrong, I ought to pay the consequences. This is justice, isn't it? This is not God's justice. God is all about love, mercy, compassion, and forgiveness. God's justice is love freely given without merit. We carry the stories of the prodigal son, the unconditional forgiving father, and the entitled angry brother with us. When we make friends with all three, humbly telling those stories to others makes us Christ's ambassadors.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 27, 2022

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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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 26 — 27, 2022

SATURDAY, MARCH 26

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 27

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 Soul of †John Sheetz requested by Rita Sheetz

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

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

MONDAY, MARCH 28 — NO MASS

TUESDAY, MARCH 29 — NO MASS

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 31

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

FRIDAY, April 1

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

SATURDAY, April 2

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



ST. MAURICE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



Members of the Prayer Shawl Ministry are making full size prayer shawls for our long term care patients. 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.

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: Bo, John and Joel.

Special prayers for Elaine and continuous prayers for Theresa.

Candle Intentions: Marylou, Jack, Dominic, Voila

Thank you, Mary Ann

Eucharistic



Adoration

Saint Maurice Church

First Friday

Eucharistic Adoration

April 1st

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



SEASONAL SHARING

HELPING FAMILIES IN BOLTON

As the Lent continuous, we are thinking of those in need. We ask you to donate food for our Easter 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 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 20 — \$3,239

Projected Amount needed — \$3,470

“No longer was there manna for the Israelites, who that year ate of the yield of the land of Canaan.”

(JOSHUA 5:12)

Over the forty years that the Israelites journeyed through the desert, God provided them with manna to eat. As soon as they were able to enjoy the fruits of the Promised Land the manna ceased. Likewise, God’s blessings to us may change over the years but it is important to trust that God will always provide us with all that we need.

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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 ST. MAURICE PARISH

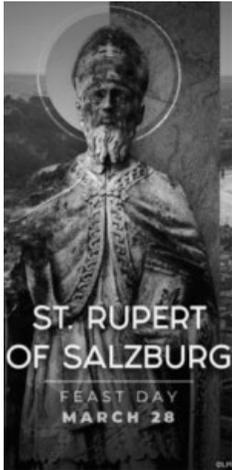


Christmas Fair Needs

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 buttons. 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.

Saint of the Week

St. Rupert of Salzburg | March 28



St. Rupert of Salzburg is also known as the "Apostle of Bavaria and Austria." Although mostly legend, it is believed that he was born sometime around 660 in Gaul, which is now part of France. It is possible that he is a descendant of the Merovingian royal line. Not much is known about the saint's early life.

We do know that Rupert was first appointed as Bishop of Worms in present-day Germany and despite many good works there, the pagan population eventually beat him and forced him from the city. Rupert retired to Rome for a time

until Duke Theodo of Bavaria asked him to come to help establish the Church more firmly in Bavaria. Rupert agreed and brought with him a group of priests. Rupert traveled the region, effecting conversions, miracles, healing.

Eventually Rupert chose to settle at Juvavum an old Roman city mostly in ruins. He renamed the city Salzburg or "Salt Castle," and established there a great cathedral and monastery under the Rule of St. Benedict. His niece became abbess of the Benedictine convent he founded nearby. Rupert was the first bishop of Salzburg, serving also as abbot of the monastery.

St. Rupert is usually portrayed carrying a vessel of salt, as he helped establish the salt mining industry for which he named the city. It is said that Rupert died on Easter Sunday though sources disagree on the year, which could have been around 710 or possibly as late as 718.

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FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH



2022 Annual Catholic Appeal Commitment Weekend

Today our parish will be conducting the in-pew collection for the 2022 Annual Catholic Appeal, "One Faith, One Family". From ministry to the sick, food and shelter programs, to our youth, clergy and religious, your donations are vital to meet the needs of our community and parishes. Uncertain and difficult times have increased the demands placed on our ministries. We ask that you please show your support by placing your completed pledge card or envelope in the red ACA collection bin located at the back near the organ, or you may visit www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org or call (860) 886-1928 to donate.

Thank you and God bless you.



CT Retrouvaille Weekend

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.

VIRTUAL BINGO FOR ALL AGES

The Office of Faith Events invites people of all ages to participate in Virtual Bingo! Bingo will take place on Sunday, April 3, from 3:30 – 5pm. You will receive your BINGO cards online, mark them and even remark them for the next game or you can print them and play. Through video conferencing, we will call the numbers and play different BINGO games from regular bingo, double bingo, picture frame, and finally black out! It's always a lot of fun with lots of gift certificates for prizes! We only sell 200 cards, so act fast! The cost is \$6 per card for the whole Bingo event! To register for your Bingo card, go to: <https://bit.ly/2Laol7Y> or call Marianne at 860-848-2237 ex. 304



Catholic Charities is celebrating our **100th Anniversary** on May 14th at 6:00 PM at Mystic Aquarium! The Centennial Celebration will be fun for the whole family with face painting, a scavenger hunt, raffle, silent auction, and various food stations, while enjoying all the amenities of Mystic Aquarium. Come celebrate this amazing milestone with us! Tickets: \$100.00 per adult, children 12 and under are free (Limit 2 children per adult). Visit ccfsn.org or call Sally at 203-556-0115 for more information. Sponsorships available!



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