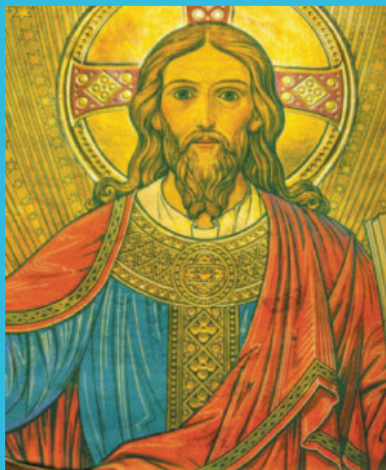


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## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

He said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."  
- Lk 23:42-43

Excerpted from the Liturgy for Mass 82001, 1968, 1970, 1972

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE  
NOVEMBER 20, 2022

It's not unreasonable to think that if God wanted to make a statement he could do so in a very dramatic way. After all, he spoke through a burning bush that didn't actually burn, parted the Red Sea, sent manna to the Israelites from the sky, cured lepers, healed the sick and cast out demons. All of that is pretty dramatic stuff, and they made statements! Now, Jesus hangs dying on a cross. He has been referred to as a king. Considering all of the miracles Jesus did in his short time on earth, isn't one more in order? If Jesus came down off of the cross, defied death, and parted the waters of suffering and death, onlookers, believers and unbelievers alike, would take notice. It would prove who God is and show us what God wants us to do. Or would it?

Great spiritual masters remind us not to focus on miracles or consolations received from God. They can distract us. Doing anything other than what Jesus did would distract humanity as well, misplacing our focus. It's not about a miracle, at least not the dramatic kind people are eager to see. It's about something more profound. It all goes back to where it began for the earthly Jesus. God becomes one with humanity in Jesus Christ. All that goes into being human is holy and blessed, and that becomes a place where God is born, again and again. God, through Jesus, tells us to hold firm to all of the experiences of being human, the joys and the wonders, the disappointments and the failures.

God's lesson is found in Jesus' vulnerability. It is only when we are vulnerable that we learn how to love. When Jesus breathed his last, God's unconditional and tender love was realized. Jesus always had a soft spot for the weak, lost, vulnerable, and broken. God wants us to come to Him freely, not because we have witnessed some fantastic display of prowess. God desires that we find Him through who we are, as our hearts and souls direct. This will mean that our love is authentic as it will be born of the heartache, pain, and turmoil that are a part of life. The fragments of our lives need to be made whole. Our fragmented king, Jesus Christ, is the only one who can help put the pieces together.

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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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Patricia Cinea 860-646-0564  
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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.

**SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,  
KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

**NOVEMBER 19 — 20, 2022**

Ushers Group I

**FUEL FUND COLLECTION**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19**

**5:00 P.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners  
of St. Maurice Church

**Anthony Chamberland will be making his First Communion  
during the 5 pm mass**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20**

**7:30 A.M.** Mass offered for the Soul of †Mary Maciora  
requested by Joseph Maciora



**AFTER FAIR SALE**

**at the Parish Center Library after Masses till 12 noon**



**9:00 A.M. FAITH FORMATION CLASSES**

**10:00 A.M.** Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory

**Thanksgiving food delivery after Mass**

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

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

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21 — No MASS**

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22 — No MASS**

**7:00 P.M. Bolton Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at the  
United Methodist Church, 1041 Boston Turnpike**

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23 — No MASS**

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24 — THANKSGIVING DAY**

**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners  
of St. Maurice Church



**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25 — No MASS**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26**

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

**STEWARDSHIP**

**Offertory: November 13 — 2,935**

**Projected Amount needed — \$3,470**

*"...giving thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to  
share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light."*

*COLOSSIANS 1:12*

God wants us to be happy! Instead of looking at the Ten Commandments as being restrictive and telling us what we can't do, look at them as guides for living a joy-filled and peaceful life. Most of our problems arise when we put our own needs first or we spend most of our time trying to acquire more stuff. Instead, try putting God first in all things. We were made for God. Open your heart and let Him in!

**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: Cecile, Corrinne, Alice, Roger, Jan, Hailey, Dennie, Dominic, Phyllis, Anna, Fallon, Tom, Matt, Justine, Dominic, Angie, John, Don, Dan, Marge, Rachel, Joe.

Candle Intentions: Special prayers for the Intentions in the Candle Note Book.

Thank you, MaryAnn

**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, Irene Zdrojowy 860-533-1733 or

Mary Ann Murphy at 860-649-5449



**COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE**

The Bolton Ecumenical Council will host a *Community Thanksgiving Service* on Tuesday, November 22<sup>th</sup> at 7:00

p.m., at the United Methodist Church, 1041 Boston Turnpike. Assistance provided by our local Scouts organizations. A collection of nonperishable foods, will be donated to the Bolton Food Pantry. A freewill offering will be used towards sponsorship for the Bolton Scholarship Fund. Refreshments will follow the service. Any choir member who would like to participate, please don your robes and attend the quick rehearsal at 6:30 pm. Come and join in the spirit of Thanksgiving, offering worship and gratitude to God as a community of believers, and enjoy the singing of traditional hymns.



^ 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 ST. 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 18<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 11<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



**SAINT BRIDGET HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR**

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*Thank You.*

**THANK YOU FROM THE CHRISTMAS FAIR GROUP**

Our sincere thanks to all who helped make our 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Christmas Fair a great success. So many people helped it is impossible to name all of you - the bakers of so many goodies, donations of items, Boy Scouts helping with setup and cleanup, Knights of Columbus, shoppers and well wishes - our thanks.

**Christmas Fair Group**



**FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH**



**Catholic Charities needs your help!**

Due to the food shortage our pantries are bare. Please help us feed the hungry by dropping off food at your local Catholic Charities. Some items in need are peanut butter, pasta and sauce, soups, mac & cheese, canned fruit and vegetables, etc. If you would like to donate any of these much needed items, please contact one of our locations nearest

you.

Norwich- 860-889-8346

New London-860-443-5328

Willimantic-860-423-7065

"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." Mathew 25:40

**LEARN MORE ABOUT THE EUCHARIST**

**The Eucharistic Revival- The Eucharist, did you know?**

How is God present to us? God is present to us through both general and particular forms of revelation. We believe that God is present "everywhere" and "always" as the creator and sustainer of our existence. As St. Elizabeth Seton said, "God is everywhere, in the very air I breathe, yes everywhere, but in this sacrament of the altar, God is as present actually and really as my soul within my body; in this sacrifice daily offered, {God is present} as really as {when} once offered on the Cross."

We also believe that God chooses to reveal God's own reality to us through particular created realities, most importantly, through the person of Jesus of Nazareth. Theologian Richard McBrien in his book Catholicism (p.262) explains that "Because God is totally other than we are, because God is totally of the spiritual order, because God, therefore, is not visible to our bodily senses, our experience of God is always mediated. We experience the reality of God through our experience of created things, or particular persons, or particular events, or through a psychic sense of divine presence (mysticism). Consequently, every contact with God is mysterious, or sacramental. The hidden God completely permeates a visible reality. In grasping that visible reality we grasp the hidden God."

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**The Eucharistic Revival- The Eucharist, did you know?**

How do we recognize God's presence in the Old Testament? The Bible reveals that God chooses to be with us so that we can be in the right relationship with God. The Old Testament describes several ways that God freely chooses to be present with us (local/temporal/personal) through something that is "sense perceptible" so we can experience it. For example, God appears to persons in dreams, to Moses in the burning bush, to the exodus community in the pillar of fire and cloud, to worshippers in the temple, to the prophets in God's word and to the people in social and personal situations.

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