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1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"So too, you also must be
prepared, for at an hour
you do not expect, the Son
of Man will come."
- Mt 24:44

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We can embrace and relish each moment of our lives as a sacred sacrament or nonchalantly and robotically attend to what life presents. We have our feet in two worlds. One is holy and sacred, and the other is profane and secular. Which one has the greater claim on us? To what do we devote most of our energy? We can easily be consumed with the particular demands and essentials of daily life: family, work, obligations, and the like, that we don't really notice anything more than what is right before us. We become masters at "doing" and neglect our need to "savor." Jesus reminds his friends that "as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. In those days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark. They did not know until the flood came and carried them all away."

While certain things require our daily attention, we cannot become so consumed with them that we fail to see the larger picture of what is coming. For the Christian, Advent is the time to pause, reflect, and savor. It is a time to see life as a sacrament of the moment and not just an investment in secular interests, pleasures, and personal obligations. It is easy to get distracted, lazy, preoccupied, and tired. Apathy can quickly wreak havoc on the most dedicated of souls. Whatever we can do this Advent season to be more attentive, focused, alert, and watchful will serve us well. It will make us eager and well-prepared to meet our Lord when he comes. It is for certain that he will come.

Who made me? What is my purpose? What will happen to me when I die? These are pivotal questions that, in life's busyness, we hardly find time to ask and answer. They define who we are, and the answers we provide serve as guideposts and anchors in the seas of our lives. Advent is the perfect time to make friends with our souls. It is a time to perk ourselves up, open our eyes, ears, and hearts and seek God's presence in the simple moments of our lives. God is with us. Ask God to grant you a deeper appreciation for His presence and the gift of attentiveness.



**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
NOVEMBER 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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
NOVEMBER 26 — 27, 2022

Ushers Group II

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for the Souls of †Raymond, †Lilyan and †Raymond, Jr. Hunt — requested by Jane Hunt

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28 — No Mass

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29 — No Mass

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for the Soul of †Ann Harney Coward — requested by Lou and Dorli Cloutier

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2

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



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

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



“SLEIGH BELLS RING” MINI FAIR

will take place in the Parish Center on **December 11th, 8 A.M. to 12 P.M.**

There are still gift items available along with mixes for your holiday giving. Come take a look for those last minute gifts.



Saint Maurice Church
First Friday
Eucharistic Adoration
December 2nd
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

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



JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST AT THE TRIPLE PLAY CAFE



Time: 8:00 A.M. — 10:00 A.M.

Date: Sunday, **December 4th**

Location: St. Maurice Parish Center

\$6.00 / Person \$18.00 / Family

Sponsored by St. Maurice Knights of Columbus

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory: November 20 — TBD

Projected Amount needed — \$3,470

“Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.”

MATTHEW 24:42

People who have had health issues or near-death experiences generally have a greater appreciation for each day being a gift from God. The rest of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow. But when you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the little miracles that happen daily and you begin to see God's active presence in your life. You grow in gratitude, each day, for all that we have been given.

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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**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 18th 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 11th.**

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 Scorsio
860-649-6255	860-649-1331	860-729-4399

**SAINT BRIDGET
HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR**

Saturday, December 3rd, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
74 Main Street, Manchester

Come do your holiday shopping with us.

We have over 75 crafters with handmade Glassware, soap and lotions, Christmas décor and wreathes, wood craves items, jewelry, knitted blankets, knitted sweaters, hats and mittens, snowmen and handmade light up reindeer, stocking stuffers, crochet items, homemade special breads, doll clothing, ornaments, the best kettle popcorn and so much more. Mark your calendrs and don't miss out on the best craft fair in town! We will be serving lunch items for purchase downstairs of school. We are handicapped accessible.



*Thank
You.*

**THANK YOU
FROM THE CHRISTMAS FAIR
GROUP**

Our sincere thanks to all who helped make our 51st 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

**ST. ANDREW
ADVENT PRAYER**

Hail and blessed be
the hour and moment
in which the Son of God
was born

of the most pure Virgin Mary,
at midnight, in Bethlehem,
in the piercing cold. In that
hour vouchsafe,
I beseech Thee, O my God,
to hear my prayer and grant
my desires,

[here mention your request]
through the merits of Our
Savior Jesus Christ,
and of His blessed Mother.

Amen.



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CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Saint Maurice will continue the long-standing tradition of having a Christmas Pageant at the 4:00 p.m. mass on Christmas Eve; Saturday, 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 participation is always welcome! 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 the Sunday December 18th, after 10:00 a.m. mass





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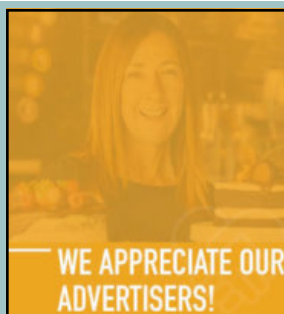
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