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A TITHING AND M-E-R-C-Y PARISH

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
DECEMBER 4, 2022



At sixty years of age, Maria and Paul had a beautiful life. High school sweethearts, they had four children, five grandchildren, a successful business, good friends and a fabulous beach house. They felt very blessed. Their strong faith in God saw them through some difficult challenges. Without warning, Paul died suddenly. Maria was devastated. Why did God do this? Why did God allow this to happen? An indescribable depth of sadness weighed heavily upon her heart. She felt betrayed by the God she thought was looking out for her. She was overwhelmed by despair. Have you ever experienced such incredible and deafening sadness? Where is God in all of the pain?

We often want God to fix things or intervene and change nature's course. When He doesn't act as we desire, it shakes our faith. We do not always understand or appreciate why things happen as they do. There is much that is beyond our control. John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus and Jesus is the way to God. There is something more going on in life than what we can see with human eyes. We are on a sacred path, and God is with us. God is with us in our confusion, suffering, doubts, and intense sadness. Jesus announced God's vision for humanity and taught people to see God and themselves for who they are. There is a way through and beyond all hardship and suffering. God does not abandon us.

God has a clear vision for the future, both for us individually and for our world. It is a vision of harmony and gentleness where all will live as one and the "wolf shall be a guest of the lamb." God is not indifferent. He is the God of "endurance and encouragement." In God, we see what we may be, what may come and who we can become. When Maria opened herself to God's creative presence, she learned to trust. She began to realize that she could endure more than she had imagined. She also discovered a spark of encouragement, bringing her through the sadness to where she could be. In retrospect, Maria knew that God's reassuring presence was with her.

**Prayer Line**

Temporarily, please call Carol Zabielski at 860-643-2837

**Pastor**

**Fr. Bill Olesik**

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Amie Tillmann

860-646-6314 or [saintmauriceccd@gmail.com](mailto:saintmauriceccd@gmail.com)

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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.

**Eucharistic Minister to Homebound**

Patricia Cinea 860-646-0564

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Dorli Cloutier 860-649-6255

Beth Harney 860-649-1331

Sharon Scorso 860-646-1423

**Website**

[www.saintmauricebolton.org](http://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.

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**DECEMBER 3 — 4, 2022**

Ushers Group III  
**FUEL FUND COLLECTION**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3**

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

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4**

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for the Soul of †Robert Hunt  
 requested by Jane Hunt

9:00 A.M. **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, DECEMBER 5 — No MASS**

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6 — No MASS**

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

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7**

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

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8**

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**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**  
 OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

(Holy Day of Obligation)

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for the Soul of †Ann Harney Coward  
 requested by The St. Maurice Christmas Fair Group

7:00 P.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners  
 of St. Maurice Church

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9**

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

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10**

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



**“SLEIGH BELLS RING” MINI FAIR**

will take place in the Parish Center on **December 11<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**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: Joe, MaryAnn, Beth, Fallon, Sandy, Piciida, Tony .

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

Temporarily, please call Carol Zabielski at 860- 643-2837

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

Thank you.

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**Pancake Breakfast**

**JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST AT THE TRIPLE PLAY CAFE**



**Time:** 8:00 A.M. — 10:00 A.M.

**Date:** Sunday, **December 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Location:** St. Maurice Parish Center

\$6.00 / Person \$18.00 / Family

**Sponsored by St. Maurice Knights of Columbus**

**STEWARDSHIP**

**Offertory: November 20 — \$3,338**

**November 27 — TBD**

**Projected Amount needed — \$3,470**

*“Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.”*

*MATTHEW 3:10*

Do you bear good fruit for Jesus? Do you spend time in prayer or do you waste it with mindless activity? Do you use your talent to help others or are you too busy? Do you use your treasure to support the Church or do you buy more things that go unused. Our time, talent and treasure are gifts from God. What we do with these gifts is our gift back to Him. What gifts are you planning to give to the Lord during this upcoming Christmas season?

^ 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>.**

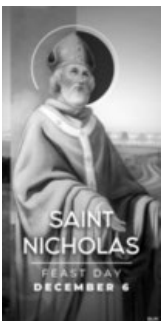
If you can't shop at this time, please send a check to St. Maurice with "Seasonal Sharing" in the memo line, and we will do the shopping for you.

If you have any questions please call:

Dorli Cloutier      Beth Haney      Sharon Scorso  
860-649-6255      860-649-1331      860-729-4399



**Congratulations to Anthony Jacob Chamberland who celebrated his First Holy Communion on Saturday, November 19th during the 5 pm mass.**



**St. Nicholas | Feast Day December 6**

St. Nicholas of Bari (March 15, 270 – December 6, 343), the bishop of Myra in the fourth century, is the saint that Santa Claus is modeled after. Known for his kindness and generosity to the poor, the story has it that St. Nicholas once tossed bags of gold through the open window of a poor man's house to help his daughters avoid a life of prostitution.

According to legend, the gold landed in stockings dangling on the corners of the beds, which is why many of us celebrate St. Nicholas Day by hanging stockings and filling them with candy, fruit, and small toys. Not much else is known about this beloved saint, but regardless, his reputation as a generous man continues today.

**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



**Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe!** All are invited to join Bishop Cote and the Latino people of the diocese in our annual bilingual celebration of the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Monday, December 12, 2022. The celebration begins with the Rosary at 6:30pm, followed by Holy Mass at 7:00pm. Fiesta following. We look forward to honoring Our Lady with you. For more information, please contact the Office for Hispanic Ministry, tel: 860-456-3349.

**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 24<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:saintmauricecd@gmail.com).**

**Practice will be the Sunday December 18<sup>th</sup>, after 10:00 a.m. mass**



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