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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
DECEMBER 11, 2022



Life can leave us feeling dark and desolate. Sandy was just twenty-eight when her husband, Rob, died, leaving her to raise their two young children. She was without paid employment. Rob went to work one morning and never returned home. Sandy, though, had faith and trusted that somehow God would help her through, even though most days brought deafening, piercing loneliness. She persevered, and the darkness gave way to light. Remarking one day to a friend hesitant to commit to a relationship, Sandy shared her wisdom. Even if she knew the outcome would be the same, she would marry Rob again. She assured her friend that she would even do this if eight years could only be eight minutes. We are being led by God and God transforms the darkness into light.

"Be strong, fear not!" Those are easy words to say. Putting them into practice is the challenge. When our paths are dark and life's roads become treacherous, we can easily complain about life's unfinished nature. When will the pain go away? Will the loneliness ever cease? Will I experience happiness again? As the farmer needs to exercise patience with the soil, we need to do the same with our lives. We have to wait for the early and late rains to come, properly tend to our gardens, and ensure that the rich nutrients of God's merciful and tender presence continue to enrich us. God is not done. God has only just begun his work in us.

We cannot allow life to hold us captive. The systems, agendas, protocols, regulations, expectations, and unfinished business can distract us from what it means to be God's child. Life can leave us feeling cheated, negative, and parched. All times and seasons of our spiritual and liturgical lives lead us to three virtues: faith, hope and love. Stop complaining about what is wrong and look to what God can make right! Joy that flows from the Baptist's message: in Jesus, the one mightier than he, are found healing, reconciliation, and freedom. Christ will save us from life's distortions, illusions, and disappointments. Do you believe this?

### Prayer Line

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

### Pastor

Fr. Bill Olesik

### Director of Faith Formation

Amie Tillmann

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

### Organist and Choir Director

Don Benevides 860-871-0752

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Mrs. Theresa Cison

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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

### Fair and Workshops

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.

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
DECEMBER 10 — 11, 2022**

Ushers Group IV

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10**

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

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11**

**7:30 A.M.** Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory

**8:00 A.M.** **TRIPLE PLAY CAFÉ PANCAKE BREAKFAST**  
*Parish Center from 8:00A.M. to 10:00A.M.*



**“SLEIGH BELLS RING” MINI FAIR**  
*9:00A.M. till noon in the Parish Center*

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

**10:00 A.M.** Mass offered for the Souls of †Barbara and †Donald Sullivan

requested by Patrick and Daniel Sullivan

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

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

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 12** — No Mass

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13** — No Mass

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

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14**

**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for the Soul of †Len Matyia  
requested by Lou and Dorli Cloutier

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15**

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

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16**

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

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17**

**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 11<sup>th</sup>, 9 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, Picidia, 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.



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



**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

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**STEWARDSHIP**

**Offertory: December 4 — \$3,548**

**November 27 — \$2,639**

**Projected Amount needed — \$3,470**

*“You too must be patient. Make you hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand.” JAMES 5:8*

Patience is another one of those things many of us struggle with. We want things to go according to our plan and our schedule; we like things to be convenient. Any change brings anxiety and fear. Through daily prayer God reveals to us what He wants us to do with the gifts He has given us. We are able to better align ourselves with God’s will and His plan, which is far better than anything we can come up with on our own.

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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 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

**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 [saintmauriceccd@gmail.com](mailto:saintmauriceccd@gmail.com).**

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

**The Eucharistic Revival - The Eucharist, did you know?** What forms does God's presence take in the New Testament? In the New Testament the primary revelation of God's presence is in Jesus himself. He is the incarnation of God's very being in human form and, as such, is the model for what God invites us all to become. Jesus brings about through his death and resurrection the final reconciliation between God and humanity. At the Last Supper, he promised to be with us in the bread and wine as our food and drink when we remember him and his death and resurrection (Matthew 26:26-29, Mark 14:22-24, Luke 22:19-20, 1 Corinthians 11:23-25) *Used with permission from God's Real Presence, by Steve Mueller. Published by Living with Christ. All rights reserved.*

**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.

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**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.



**Virtual Project Rachel Rosary**

The third Thursday of each month at 3pm, come and pray the Project Rachel Rosary online with the Office of Faith Events. The Project Rachel Rosary focuses on putting an end to abortion and healing for those who have been involved in an abortion. Our next Rosary will be December 20<sup>th</sup>, please join us:

**Meeting link: <https://bit.ly/316zdeG>**

**Meeting number: 132 917 2663**

**Password: Rosary**

**Or Join by phone: 1-415-655-0001**

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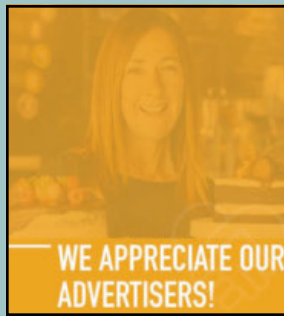
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