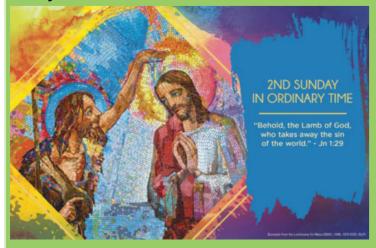
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When I was a kid, I remember the priest at Mass announcing, "The Lamb of God!" Frankly, it struck me as nonsense. I thought: Why in the world does God have a lamb? And where is this lamb?

John the Baptist sees Jesus coming toward him and announces, "Behold the lamb of God." His Jewish listeners knew what he meant. God's lamb is the thing that is sacrificed at the Jewish Passover and consumed by the participants. For almost a thousand years, lambs were ritually slaughtered and eaten in Jerusalem at Passover. The lamb meant sacrifice, freedom from sin, and communion with God. The Baptist is saying in effect, "This man will be ritually sacrificed and consumed so that God's people may be free from sin and united to God."

It's crucial to relate to Jesus as a friend, brother, teacher, and Lord of our lives. But we should also learn to interact with Him as our lamb of God. That means we intentionally place on him our sins, sadnesses, and hopes, and offer him to God. Then we consume him to make us free. This is what we do at every Mass. That's why he is the Lamb of God.

— Father John Muir





SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JANUARY 15, 2023

Prayer Line

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

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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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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.

ST. MAURICE CHURCH BOLTON, CT

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 14 — 15, 2023

Ushers Group I

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

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

No Faith Formation Classes

Mass offered for All Parishioners 10:00 A.M.

of St. Maurice Church

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

6:00 P.M. Rosarv

MONDAY, JANUARY 16 — No Mass

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17 — No Mass

7:15 P.M. Choir rehearsal in church.

New voices are always welcome!

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21

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



NOTICE

Because of the high cost of oil per gallon (last year at lower prices we paid over \$18,000 dollars) we are putting in 12 new thermostats in the Parish Center and will lower the temperature and close use of the building from Christmas thru February. Some CCD will be done in church. Look for Amie's notices and emails.

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: Vivian, Angie, Joe,

Philip, Ralph, Janice, Darlene, Natasha, Philip.

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 pary tients. 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.

Virtual Project Rachel Rosary

The third Thursday of each month at 3pm, ABORTION 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 January 17th, please join us:

Meeting link: https://bit.ly/316zdeG Meeting number: 132 917 2663

Password: Rosary

Or Join by phone: 1-415-655-0001 Access code: 132 917 2663

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory: January 8 — \$3,534 Projected Amount needed — \$3,670

"Now the Lord has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb...' - Isaiah 49:5

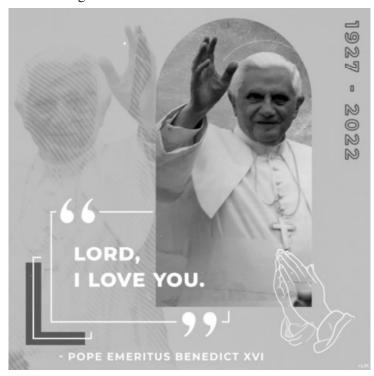
God have given each of us different gifts. In order for God's plan to work, you have to do what God is calling you to do and I have to do what God is calling me to do. And guess what? God has given each of us a different plan! So, stop comparing yourself to others. Don't let envy and jealousy enter your life. Be thankful for the gifts God has given you and become the saint that God is calling you to be.

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FROM ST. MAURICE PARISH

We Remember — Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI — 1927-2022 Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI passed away Saturday, December 31st at the age of 95 in his place of residence, the Vatican monastery. His last words, as recorded by his personal nurse, were "Lord, I love you!" He will be remembered for his selfless contributions to the Catholic community worldwide.

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI served as pope from April 19, 2005, until his resignation on February 28, 2013. His legacy of love, trust, and compassion will endure long into the future of our global Church.



Prayer for Pope Benedict XVI

O God, true shepherd of all the faithful, look with kindness on your servant Pope Benedict XVI, whom you set as head and shepherd of your Church.

We give you thanks for your grace at work in him as he has led us by word and example: in his teaching, in his prayer, and in his great love.

Grant him your strength in frailty, comfort in sorrow, and serenity amid the trials of this world; and guide your Church, built on the rock of Peter, with the power of your Spirit as we continue on the path that leads to you.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH



Every year at the Norwich Diocesan Women's Conference, Bishop Michael Cote announces the Our Lady, Queen of Hope Award to honor a woman in the diocese for her vision and leader-

ship in the Catholic Church. The award is named after Mary our mother, who is our role model and in whom we place our trust. The winner will be presented with a plaque and a check for \$200 made out to the charity or ministry of her choice. The recipient will also have her name on a plaque hanging in the Diocesan offices. Nominees should: display strong faith, be committed to living out Catholic/Christian values, display spiritual leadership at the local or diocesan level(s), display a spirit of love and service to the Catholic Church, been part of successful initiatives that benefit the Church, and has moved the parish community forward through her vision.

The award winner will be determined by the Women's Conference Committee. The nomination form must be completed in full and submitted by January 30, 2023.

Contact the Office of Faith Events with any questions or concerns 860-848-2237, ext 304 or

manicholas@norwichdiocese.net

Marriage Enrichment – For Valentine's Day this year, give your spouse the gift of your time and re-energize your marriage by attending a marriage enrichment entitled The Joy of Love on Saturday, Feb. 11, 2023, from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. The enrichment will take place live at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall, Gales Ferry. Based on Chapter 4 of Pope Francis' Amoris Laetitia: the Joy of Love, the enrichment will feature four talks on Daily Love, Conjugal Love, Passionate Love and Transformation of Love. Each talk will include practical insights from Pope Francis' wisdom on marriage and family life. This enrichment is for married couples of all ages and years married. The cost is \$30 per couple which covers lunch and workbooks for each couple. Registration and payment are due by Feb. 3. To register, send your names, address, telephone number, email address and check made payable to the Annual Catholic Appeal to Mary-Jo McLaughlin, Catholic Family Services, 199 Broadway, Norwich, CT 06260 or call her at 860-848-2237, Ext. 312, or email her at

mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net.

5th Annual Young Adult Mass with Bishop Cote

On Sunday, January 22nd, St. Thomas Aquinas in Storrs is delighted to host Bishop Michael Cote for the 5th Annual Diocesan Young Adult Mass & Reception. All Young Adults (ages 18 - 39, single and married) are invited and encouraged to attend! Young Adults are welcome to invite friends to join us! Mass with Bishop Cote will begin at 7:00pm and following the liturgy there will be a small reception in the Catholic Center.

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, January 15th from 3:30 – 5pm. You will receive your 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 will be great fun with lots of gift certificates for prizes! The cost is \$6 per card for the whole Bingo event! To purchase your Bingo cards, go to: https://bit.ly/2Laol77 or call Marianne at 860-848-2237 ex. 304.



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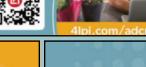
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