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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JANUARY 22, 2023



When I was a young seminarian, I asked a wise old priest how to pray better. He said simply, “Don’t lie when you pray.” He helped me to see how much energy I waste in trying to appear acceptable to God when I pray. For me, prayer was showing off for God and hiding what was ugly.

It’s stunning that the Gospel of Matthew tells us of Jesus, **“He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea, in the region of Zebulon and Naphtali...”** This isn’t just the Lord’s relocation up north. It’s his moving into places of shame and defeat. This region was where the enemy invasion of Israel began centuries before. Jesus left the comfortable confines of Nazareth and sought out a place of darkness, not to bring shame, but to announce the dawning of his light.

When we pray, we usually prefer Jesus to stay put in our little Nazareths — where we feel comfortable, successful, and in control. But he moves. He re-locates into the Zebulons and Naphtalis of our shame, embarrassment, fear, and sense of being defeated. The question for us is: will we allow him to take up residence in *those* places in our prayer time? Will we talk to him honestly about our places of darkness? If we do, we’re no longer lying when we pray.

— *Father John Muir*



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

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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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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 IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 21 — 22, 2023

Ushers Group II

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for the Soul of †Keith DePathy
requested by Cathy DePathy

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, JANUARY 23 — No Mass



TUESDAY, JANUARY 24 — No Mass

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for the Soul of †Christine Carlone
requested by Cathy DePathy

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28

4:00 P.M. Mass offered for the Souls of †Sheila and †Jerry
Chemerka — requested by their children

Observances for the week of January 22, 2023

Sunday: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin,

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Tuesday: St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Wednesday: The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

Thursday: Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops

Friday: St. Angela Merici, Virgin

Saturday: St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church

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: Anna, Beth, Lou, Abby, Daniel, Mary.

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.

Eucharistic



Adoration

Saint Maurice Church

First Friday

Eucharistic Adoration

FEBRUARY 3rd

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

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory: January 15 — \$3,021

Projected Amount needed — \$3,670

“He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed Him.” **MATTHEW 4:22**

Just as Jesus called the first apostles, He calls each of us to follow Him, too. Not everyone is called to leave their business or family behind, but we are expected to put God first in everything. In gratitude to God, we should give our first and best of everything to Him: our time in daily prayer, our talent in participating in one of our parish ministries and our treasure to support the financial needs of our parish mission.

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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



FALL 2023 PROSPECTIVE FAMILY OPEN HOUSE EVENTS

St. Bridget School – Jan. 29, 9 am; Mar. 2, 6 pm
 St. James School – Jan. 31, 9:30 am; (K-8 program only)
 Mar. 23, 6 pm (pre-K & K-8 programs)

Informational tours are also available by appointment. St. James School, 73 Park St., and St. Bridget School, 74 Main St, are now accepting new student applications for the 2023-24 school year. Come see the Catholic school difference! Our Catholic schools offer a traditional, accelerated, and innovative curriculum in a safe, respectful learning environment. Additional benefits include updated technology, school sports, and extra-curricular activities. Tuition assistance available to qualifying families. To learn more, please contact Kathy Sheridan, St. Bridget School, office@saintbridget-school.com, 860-649-7731, or Amy Guenther, St. James School, aguenther@saintjameschool.net, 860-643-5088

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 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



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 leadership 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

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH



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.



The 2023 Norwich Diocesan Women's Conference will take on a new look this year as a **'Ladies Night Out'** themed "Dinner with Jesus", at the Inn at Middletown, Middletown, CT,

March 22, 6 PM. Bring your sisters, daughters, friends and fellow parishioners to be inspired and fed in a deep and meaningful way with women from around the diocese for this for this very special event.

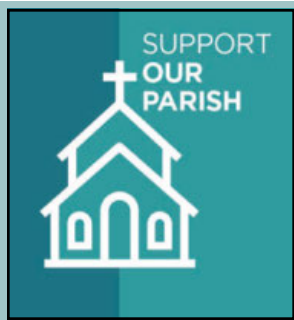
Our beloved and returning keynote speaker will be Julianne Stanz. Additionally this year's recipient of the Our Lady Queen of Hope Award will be announced, and a silent auction and online basket raffle will add to the fun! Tickets are \$75 and must be bought in advance, main course dinner options are broiled salmon or seared pork loin.

To register go to <https://bit.ly/2Laol7Y>

Don't delay in reserving your space, seating is limited. Questions? Call Marianne at the Office of Faith Events, 860-848-2237, ext. 304

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.





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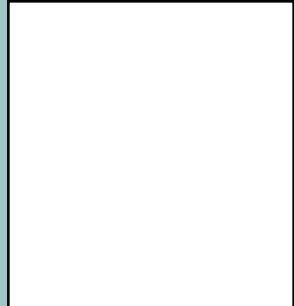


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