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**SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 19, 2023**



Of all the things Jesus says which seem totally bat-crazy, this one might take the cake: **“But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you.”** An enemy is someone who desires the destruction of you, your projects, or those you care about. To love and pray for them is to want their health, strength, and flourishing. But if they thrive, they are more likely to hurt you and others. So, aren't you indirectly willing your own destruction, or that of your friends? If you doubt that this problem is embedded in this teaching, when was the last time you actually prayed honestly for the people you really hate?

How can we solve this riddle so we might actually live this command? Recall that enemy-love is the surest sign that you love someone with God's love, and not with indirect egotism. After all, if my love for my enemy ends up hurting me or my loved ones, it can't be for me. Enemy-love costs more because there are no tit-for-tats. No reciprocity — just loved poured out, and often pain in return. That's why it is so precious and rare. “What is unusual about that?” asks the Lord about love for our friends. Jesus wants us to experience the unusual love which only comes from him.

When Jesus was being killed on the cross, he was loving his executioners. In fact, he was holding them in being as they nailed him to the cross. He loved those who were spiritually piercing his Mother's heart, *while they were doing it*. And when he rose from the dead, he showed us that this kind of love is always worth it. It's stronger than death. Real love is unusual.
— *Father John Muir*

Pastor
Fr. Bill Olesik

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.

Eucharistic Minister to Homebound

Patricia Cinea 860-646-0564

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Beth Harney 860-649-1331

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Website

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.

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 18 — 19, 2023

Ushers Group II

OPERATION RICE BOWL COLLECTION

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory
No FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

10:00 A.M. Mass offered for the Souls of †Barbara and †Donald Sullivan
requested by Patrick and Daniele Sullivan

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

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20 — No MASS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21 — No MASS

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22 — ASH WEDNESDAY

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for Joe Maloney who is celebrating his 81st Birthday — requested by Carol Zabielski
Distribution of Ashes

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

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23**

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory
4:00 P.M. — 6:30 P.M.

Lenten Fish Dinner

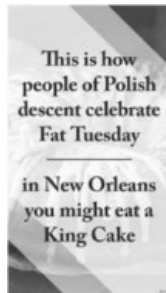
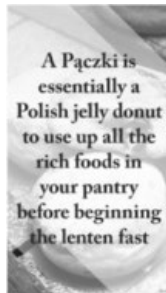
Dine in our take out
In the Parish Center



Sponsored by St. Maurice Knights of Columbus
Council 6199

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

4:00 P.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice 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: Stephen, William, Jeffery, John, Ginny, Joanne, Beth, Joe, Megan, Family.

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

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

Thank you, MaryAnn

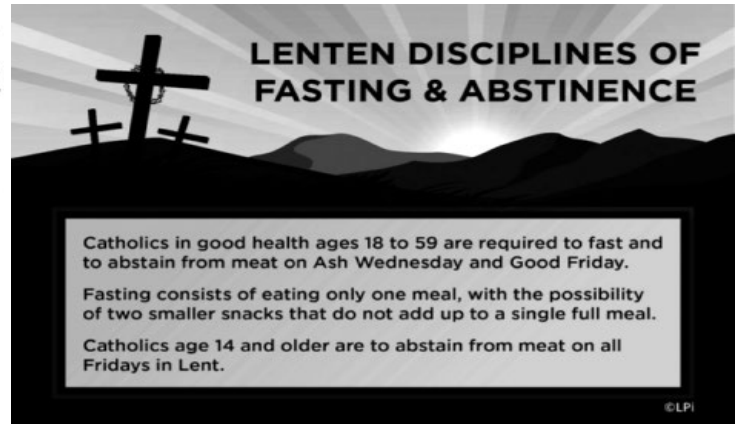
ST. MAURICE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

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

**STEWARDSHIP**

Offertory: February 12 — \$3,678

Projected Amount needed — \$3,670

"But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you..."
- MATTHEW 5:44

Love your enemies, easier said than done. But, remember, the foundation of stewardship is prayer. When we are in close communication with God, it opens our heart and it turns our attention away from "me" and moves it towards God and others. It changes my heart and actions, allowing for a little more empathy for "my enemy." When we pray for others, even our enemies, it may soften their hearts as well.

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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

KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS

Knights of Columbus Council 6199 Lenten Fish Dinner

Friday, February 24th, March 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, and 31st.

No dinner is planned on Good Friday.

Time: 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Place: Ryba Hall, St. Maurice Parish Center

What: Dinner of baked fish and chips;
cole slaw, roll w/ butter, and coffee, tea,
or lemonade.

Dine in or take out.

Cost: \$10.00 (\$5.00 cheese pizza alternative)

Profits support a variety of charitable activities.

Contact: Bill Hebert, Grand Knight (860) 550-4258
or webert75@gmail.com.

TOLLAND COUNTY CONFESSIONS

will be again as usual, at **St. Bernard Church, Rockville**,
all day, March 17, Times to follow.



The Way of the Cross: The Office of Faith Events invites you to join us virtually Friday nights in Lent as we pray together the Stations of the Cross through a different focus each week.

- ♦ February 24: Through the eyes of the suffering, ill and disabled
- ♦ March 3: Through the eyes of the bereaved
- ♦ March 17: Through the eyes of seniors
- ♦ March 24: Through the eyes of the family
- ♦ March 31: Through the eyes of social justice

The stations will begin at 7 P.M. The stations take place online and requires participants to have an internet connection. Registration is required. You can register for just one evening or all six. To register Call Mary-Jo McLaughlin, at 860-848-2237, Ext 312 or email her at

mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net. **Note, we will not be holding the stations on Friday, March 10.**

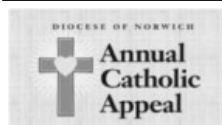
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FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

FOR LENT
FOR LIFE

Operation Rice Bowl: Our Lenten Program: For Lent For Life

On Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2023, our parish with parishes across the Diocese of Norwich is beginning a program of prayer and sacrifice called Operation Rice Bowl (ORB). For 50 years, Operation Rice Bowl has helped to feed the hungry poor. Through our participation in this program, we bring hope and healing to another person or family living halfway across the globe. Money saved during Lent is then brought to the parish family Rice Bowl on Palm Sunday, April 2, 2023, 75% of Operation Rice Bowl funds will feed the hungry poor overseas, the remaining 25% will be used in the diocese to feed the needy. This Lent, gather in prayer and sacrifice as a family to pray and to care for the hungry poor.



The final total for the 2022 Annual Catholic Appeal:

Congratulations to **Saint Maurice Parish, Bolton** for surpassing your goal!

The final amount donated was **\$11,992.80** with **31.46%** of your parishioners donating. Please see the special Thank You letter from Bishop Cote in this newsletter. We truly appreciate your sacrifice. We are very happy to report that all the generous donations made to the 2022 ACA made it possible to exceed our 2022 goal! Total donations collected were \$2,741,966.24 which is \$41,966.24 over the \$2,700,000 goal. A special thank you to the generosity of the Rossi Foundation and the Padre Pio Foundation of America for matching 50% of the donations made to us in October through December 15th. With your donation, our ACA supported ministries do the work of Christ every day. Our new 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal, "One Faith, One Family" campaign is set to begin, and the first letter should be arriving soon. For more information or to donate, please contact the Development Office at (860) 886-1928 or go online to www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org.

Thank you to everyone for your support!

The Norwich Diocesan Women's Conference **VIRTUAL BASKET RAFFLE** will be live beginning **February 20 and culminate on Sunday, April 2** at midnight. Go online to <https://go.rallyup.com/2023baskets> today to view 17 lovely baskets, chances are only \$1 each! *Winners will be notified April 3.* Questions? Call the Office of Faith Events @ 860-848-2237, Thank you!!



Virtual Lenten Mission

The Virtual Lenten Mission is an opportunity for us to deepen our faith, take time for reflection, and pray. We invite you to join us to enhance your Lenten Journey. The mission will begin on Thursday, March 2nd at

7:00 – 7:45pm and continue weekly with the last session on Thursday, March 30th.

To register, contact Marianne at (860)848-2237 ex. 304 or email her at manicholas@norwichdiocese.net

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