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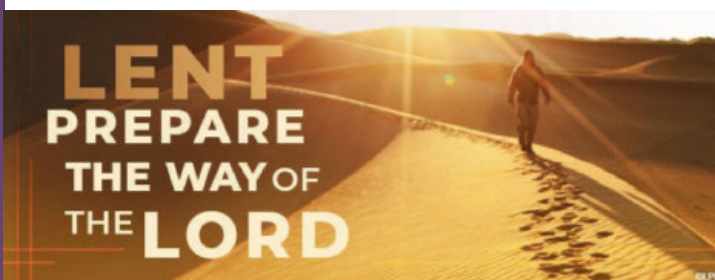
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 5, 2023



As a kid I remember looking at my sister and thinking, “No man is ever going to marry her. She is way too...my *sister!*” I couldn’t see her as anything except my goofy, emotional, cooties-laden sister. Years later, on her wedding day, I remember seeing how her husband looked at her, he was totally in love with her, his watery eyes full of overwhelmed joy, drinking in her beauty and grace. He was the one who actually saw her. Blinded by familiarity, I had not been able to see her until now. She was glorious. I finally saw how beautiful my sister really was.

Jesus is transfigured before Peter, James, and John. His face shone like the sun and his clothes dazzle with heavenly light. If it’s a miracle, it is so related to the apostles’ perception of the glory of Jesus. The physical spectacle reveals how the Father perceives the Son, so to speak: **“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased; listen to him.”** The Son is *always* bathed in the Father’s love. It’s only just now that they finally perceive it.

Who could possibly give his or her heart totally to Jesus? If we perceive him to be just another teacher, symbol, or moral example, we can’t. But if the Holy Spirit gives us eyes to see that he is the Beloved Son of God, who makes our humanity not just pleasing to God but filled with glory ... then who can resist him? Perhaps only the lovers are the ones who properly see.



Pastor
Fr. Bill Olesik

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

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860-646-6314 or 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

Fair and Workshops
Beth Harney 860-649-1331
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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.



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 4 — 5, 2023

Ushers Group IV

ST. MAURICE FUEL FUND COLLECTION

SATURDAY, MARCH 4

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 5

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for the Soul of †John Ciscon requested by Theresa Ciscon

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

10:00 A.M. Mass offered for the Soul of †John Sheetz requested by Rita Sheetz

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

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

MONDAY, MARCH 6 — No Mass

TUESDAY, MARCH 7 — No Mass

JOIN THE PARISH CHOIR

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 9

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 10

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, MARCH 11

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

Observances for the week of March 5, 2023

- Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Lent
- Tuesday: Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs
- Wednesday: St. John of God, Religious
- Thursday: St. Frances of Rome, Religious
- Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent,
Daylight Saving Time begins

TOLLAND COUNTY CONFESSIONS

will be again as usual, at **St. Bernard Church, Rockville,** all day, March 17, from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

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: Christian, Abby, William, John, Ginny, Justin, Matt, Joanne, Tom, Dominic.
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.

FROM SLEIGH BELLS RING CHRISTMAS FAIR GROUP



SLEIGH BELLS RING CHRISTMAS FAIR 2023 IS ON!

All parishioners who would like to be part of the fair preparations for the coming year, and have thoughts about how we should organize ourselves without the Cloutiers are welcome to attend a planning meeting on **Wednesday March 22nd at 6PM in the Parish Center.**

Please RSVP as refreshments will be served.

Come with your ideas and your talents!

Beth Harney - 860-649-1331

Sharon Scorso 860-729-4399

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory: February 26 — \$3,166

Projected Amount needed — \$3,670

“Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father’s house to a land that I will show you.” - GENESIS 12:1

God calls all of us to leave behind our old ways and to follow Him, placing our complete trust in Him. Some of the old ways that we struggle to leave behind might be materialism, selfishness and greed. Yet, God promises to show us a new land and a better way to live. Remember what St. Teresa of Calcutta said, “God does not call us to be successful, God calls us to be faithful.”

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Parish Membership Form

Drop in collection ^

Please enroll the following as members of the Church of St. Maurice:

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We can help out as: Altar server _____ Lector _____ Usher _____ Eucharistic Minister _____ Choir _____ Crafts workshop _____

FROM ST. MAURICE PARISH



**Knights of Columbus Council 6199
Lenten Fish Dinner**

All the Fridays of Lent
except Good Friday.

Available 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in
Ryba Hall, Parish Center.

Dine in or take out baked fish and

chips, cole slaw, roll w/ butter, and coffee, tea, or lemonade.

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**THE 14 STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR
YOUR PRIVATE PRAYER**



First Station - Jesus is condemned to death.

Second Station - Jesus carries his Cross.

Third Station - Jesus falls the first time.

Fourth Station - Jesus meets his afflicted mother.

Fifth Station - Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus to carry his Cross.

Sixth Station - Veronica wipes the face of Jesus.

Seventh Station - Jesus falls the second time.

Eighth Station - Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem.

Ninth Station - Jesus falls a third time.

Tenth Station - Jesus is stripped of his clothes.

Eleventh Station - Jesus is nailed to the Cross.

Twelfth Station - Jesus dies on the Cross.

Thirteenth Station - The body of Jesus is taken down from the Cross.

Fourteenth Station - Jesus is laid in the tomb



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>

Seating is limited and we are almost at capacity, don't delay in reserving your space! Questions? Call Marianne at the Office of Faith Events, 860-848-2237, ext. 304

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH



2023 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Thank you for your past support of the Annual Catholic Appeal which provides funds for many of the pastoral, educational, and charitable ministries within the Diocese of Norwich. As we embark on our 2023 ACA, *One Faith, One Family*, we thank God for the strength and love we have received from him during this past year, when we, relying on our ONE FAITH, have uplifted our brothers and sisters in our ONE FAMILY. The ACA in-pew collection will take place in our parish on March 18/19, 2023. Please give prayerful consideration when contemplating your sacrificial gift to the appeal. The future of our ministries depends on it.



The Norwich
Diocesan Women's Conference
VIRTUAL BASKET RAFFLE

begun **February 20** and will **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!!

Couples' Happy Hour



The next virtual Couples' Happy Hour will be **Friday, March 10 from 7-8 P.M.** Make your couple relationship a priority by joining other couples for an evening that

will include a presentation on a topic relevant to today's couples. Couples will have time to share privately on questions pertinent to the night's topic.

To register, call Mary-Jo McLaughlin at 860-848-2237, Ext. 312, or email her at mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net. If you have registered for past Happy Hours, you will automatically receive a link for the March hour.

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.


- ◆ 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. Access code: 132 917 2663

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