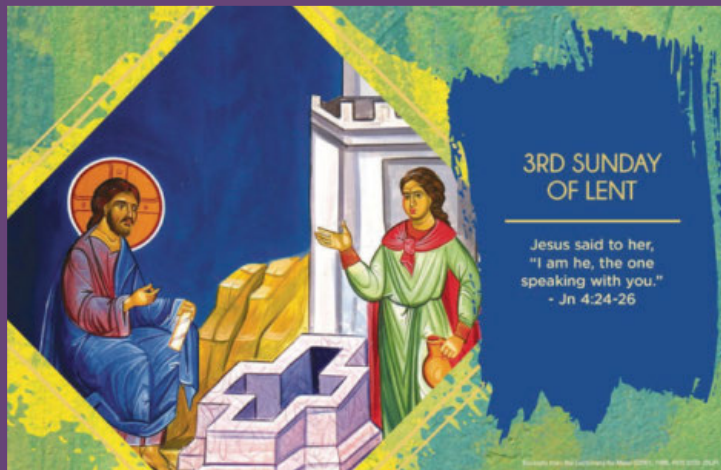


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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 12, 2023



When I became the pastor of a large parish, I soon found myself, for the first time in my life, riddled with anxiety, headaches, difficulty making decisions, and fatigue. I called a therapist friend and told her my symptoms and asked if she thought I needed a serious medical exam. She said, "How much water do you drink?" I told her, "I haven't had time to drink water lately." She responded, "You're chronically dehydrated. Drink eighty-five ounces a day and call me in a week." I started guzzling water and in a week all my symptoms went away. I felt great.

Like me, the people in the Exodus wanderings were dehydrated. But unlike me, they knew it. Their symptoms were bad. They fight with each other. They accuse God of being a monster who wants them and their children to die of thirst. Their thirst drives them to plot the bloody assassination of the man who rescued them. God responds by using Moses to strike a rock from which rivers of living waters flow to quench their thirst for years to come.

The Holy Spirit is the living water of love which flows from the pierced side of Jesus, the new Moses. What symptoms in your life suggest you're spiritually dehydrated? Anger at God? Cynicism at your leaders? Bitter rivalry and bickering with others? Don't panic. Of course we have those symptoms. Ask God to provide his water to quench your spiritual thirst, and he will. And all those symptoms will soon disappear.

— Father John Muir



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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Mrs. Theresa Cison
Office Hours - Mon., Tues., & Fri. - 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
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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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Patricia Cinea 860-646-0564

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Beth Harney 860-649-1331
Sharon Scorso 860-646-1423

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.



**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 11 — 12, 2023**

Ushers Group I

**EASTER FLOWER MEMORIAL COLLECTION
ACA LAUNCH WEEKEND**

SATURDAY, MARCH 11

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 12

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for the Souls of †Aniela, †Michael and †Joseph Kurys requested by Theresa Ciscon

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, MARCH 13 — No MASS

TUESDAY, MARCH 14 — No MASS

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15

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

6:00 P.M. Parish Council meeting in the Parish Center

THURSDAY, MARCH 16

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 17

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



4:00 P.M. — 6:30 P.M.
Lenten Fish Dinner
Dine in or take out
In the Parish Center



Sponsored by St. Maurice Knights of Columbus Council 6199

SATURDAY, MARCH 18

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



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.

Observances for the week of March 12, 2023

- Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent,
Daylight Saving Time begins
- Friday: St. Patrick, Bishop, St. Patrick's Day
- Saturday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem,
Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent

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: Justine, Tiffany, Doug, Caroline, Mary Lou, Katie, Mary, Heather, Ronald, Susan, Kathleen, Thomas, Brian, Martin, pre teen, Joe, Sophie, Haley, Petie. 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: March 5 — \$3,186

Projected Amount needed — \$3,670

"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again."

JOHN 4:13

Jesus reminds us that material things, even something as basic as water, can never satisfy us over the long run. When we build our lives around material possessions we will always want more and no amount will ever satisfy our desire. True joy and peace only comes when we follow Jesus - when we become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered."

^ Tear off

Parish Membership Form

Drop in collection ^

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

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Children (under 18) _____

Street Address _____ E-mail Address _____

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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
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.

Cost is \$10.00 (\$5.00 cheese pizza alternative).

Profits support a variety of charitable activities.
Contact Bill Hebert, Grand Knight
at (860) 649-6906 or whebert75@gmail.com.

SEASONAL SHARING



HELPING FAMILIES IN BOLTON

As we look forward to Easter we do want to think of those residents of Bolton who need our help to prepare a joyous Easter dinner for their family.

While grocery shopping, please pick up a bag or two of groceries for needy Bolton families. Non-perishable food can be left in the church vestibule or at the Parish Center until April 1st for April 2nd delivery.

- We need tuna, pasta and sauce, peanut butter and jelly, hearty soups, boxed meal extenders, canned meats, bread, rolls, paper products, soap and detergent, toothpaste, coffee and tea, cereals and other breakfast foods, bottled juices, etc. See our website for a complete list.
- Drop off perishables on Saturday April 1st
- Cash donations are used to purchase Shop Rite gift cards. Donate online or drop a check to St. Maurice in the collection basket with memo "Easter Food".

**Food will be delivered on Palm Sunday
Drivers please come to the Parish Center after 10AM Mass**

**CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF
RECONCILIATION
A DAY OF RECONCILIATION
FRIDAY, MARCH 17TH FROM 7AM-7PM
ST. BERNARD CHURCH-ROCKVILLE**

You are invited to come celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation on this special day. Priests will be available from 7am through 7pm to hear confessions (see schedule below). We hope you will be able to take advantage of this opportunity to encounter God and His mercy through reconciliation. This is a time of seeking God's forgiveness and a change of heart.

<u>Time</u>	<u>Priest</u>
7:00 AM	Fr. Larry Barile
8:00 AM	Fr. Steve Gulino
9:00 AM	Fr. Tadeusz Zadorozny
10:00 AM	Fr. Rick Ricard
11:00 AM	Fr. Peter Liszewski
Noon	Fr. Michael Giannitelli
1:00 PM	Fr. Gerry Kirby
2:00 PM	Fr. Rick Ricard
3:00 PM	Fr. Bill Olesik
4:00 PM	Fr. Bill Olesik
5:00 PM	Fr. Steve Gulino
6:00 PM	Fr. Larry Barile

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH



2023 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Recently many of you received a letter and brochure describing the many programs and ministries that are supported through the Annual Catholic Appeal. Today, we will watch a heartfelt message from Bishop Cote thanking you for your prayers and kindness during last year's successful campaign. Over the next week, as you reflect on your many blessings, please remember God calls each of us to be generous in thought, word, and deed. We thank you for any sacrificial offering that you can make. Please bring your completed ACA gift/pledge envelopes to church next weekend or if you have not received one, you may find one on the ushers' tables at the back of the church.



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!!



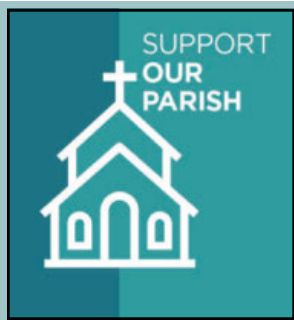
The Office of Faith Events is sponsoring
The Make a Memory Easter Basket Project. We invite every family to make an Easter basket that will be delivered to a soup kitchen/shelter in the Norwich Diocese for children and families who would not otherwise receive one.

Please fill with Easter treats (small toys, candy, etc.) and wrap it in a cellophane bag. Homemade cards are encouraged. Some safety details... *make sure all candy is packaged- big or small- no loose candy please*, no candy with nuts or peanut butter for allergy reasons.

Please deliver to the Bishop Flanagan Ministry Center, 199 Broadway, Norwich. by March 27th to ensure delivery to the soup kitchen/shelter before Easter. Questions, call Andrea at 860-848-2237 ext. 203

Prodigal Son Retreat ~ Take time away from the busyness of the world this Lenten season and spend quality time with Jesus by attending a retreat on the Parable of the Prodigal Son **Saturday, March 25, 2023**, at St. Mary Church, 45 Freestone Ave, Portland, CT. Join us as we take a deeper look at this well-known parable from the perspective of each of the three main characters: the prodigal son, the elder brother, and the father. How are each of us like these characters? What is the lesson this parable has for all of us in living our call to be in relationship with Jesus and His Father? How do we cultivate and deepen these relationships? The retreat, which will run from 8:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M., will include time for guided imagery prayer and personal reflection. For more information, or to register, please call Mary-Jo McLaughlin at Catholic Family Services, 860-848-2237, Ext. 312 or email her at mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net

The retreat is free and open to all participants. Registration is required.



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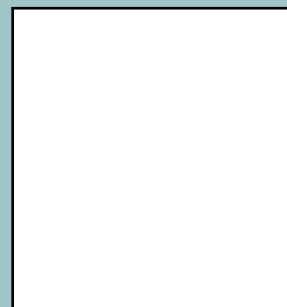
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