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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
 MARCH 19, 2023

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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!

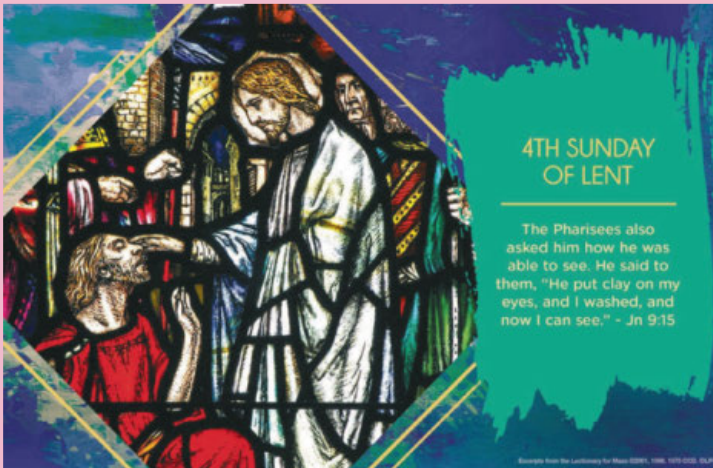
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION):
 Saturday 3:25 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

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.



God asks a rhetorical and slightly sarcastic question to Samuel, the prophet: **"How long will you grieve for Saul, whom I have rejected as king of Israel?"** Like us, Samuel is depressed that the old king failed. It's painful to admit that the old regime is done. But God won't let us wallow our pity-party forever. **"I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem,"** announces the Lord, **"for I have chosen my king from among his sons."** Samuel finally goes and anoints the young David as the new king. And his kingdom is glorious; it's the golden age of Israel's earthly history.

How discouraging to see that my own selfish ego is no longer in charge! How long will I grieve that money, power, pleasure, and reputation have been rejected as the ruler of my life? How wonderful that God has a new future in store for you and me. He is sending us to Bethlehem to anoint the new David as our king. His kingdom won't fail us. He'll slay our goliaths, unite our dispersed energies, and build a Temple where God himself will dwell.

So how long will you grieve? How long?

— *Father John Muir*



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 18 — 19, 2023

Ushers Group II

2023 ACA Commitment Weekend**SATURDAY, MARCH 18****4:00 P.M.** Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory**SUNDAY, MARCH 19****7:30 A.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners
of St. Maurice Church**No FAITH FORMATION CLASSES****10:00 A.M.** Mass offered for the Souls of †Barbara and
†Donald Sullivan
requested by Patrick and Daniel Sullivan**There will be no Evening Prayer and Rosary****MONDAY, MARCH 20 — No MASS****TUESDAY, MARCH 21 — No MASS****7:15 P.M.** Choir rehearsal in church.
New voices are always welcome!**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22****9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory**6:00 P.M.** Christmas Fair Meeting in the Parish Center**THURSDAY, MARCH 23****9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory**FRIDAY, MARCH 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 or take out
In the Parish CenterSponsored by St. Maurice Knights of Columbus
Council 6199**SATURDAY, MARCH 25****4:00 P.M.** Mass offered for the Soul of †Marian Miller
requested by The Family**FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH****ST. MAURICE PRAYER LINE**Please remember all the special intentions on
the St. Maurice Prayer Line and Faith For-
mation Students Prayer Requests.

New requests this week: Judy.

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

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

Thank you, MaryAnn

MANCHESTER CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS**Saint James School****Pre-K through Grade 8****Prospective Family Open House****March 23, 2023 6:00pm****RSVP online at SaintJamesSchool.net/OpenHouse****FALL 2023 REGISTRATION INFORMATION****St. James School and St. Bridget School** are now accept-
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Kathy at St. Bridget School,

office@saintbridget-school.com, 860-649-7731,

or Amy at St. James School,

aguenter@saintjames-school.net, 860-643-5088.**Informational tours of both schools are also available by
appointment.****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 with-
out 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 12 — \$3,332****Projected Amount needed — \$3,670***"Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appear-
ance but the Lord looks into the heart." 1 Samuel 16:7*How often do we invest our time, talent and treasure in creating
an appearance that does not matter at all to God? We strive to
impress with our clothing, home, career, possessions, car and
other marks of distinction. But none of these illusions of great-
ness will impress God. Instead, He will look into our hearts to see
how much we loved Him, how much we loved others and how we
showed that love by the way we used our time, talent and treasure
here on earth.

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Parish Membership Form

Drop in collection ^

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

Adults _____

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Street Address _____ E-mail Address _____

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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) 550-4258 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

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

WEDNESDAYS STARTING MARCH 29TH

10:15AM - 11:45AM

ST. MATTHEW CHAPEL, TOLLAND, CT

Living through grief is not easy but it does not have to be done alone. Blessed Sacrament Parish will offer a 9 week support program called, "New Day", for those who have suffered the loss of a loved one. The goal of this program is to provide a sense of community where support is given and received.

The program is led by trained facilitators and includes prayer, discussion, and journaling. Although New Day is a faith-based program, it is not restricted to Catholics and all are welcome.

It is recommended that it has been at least 6 months since the loss and that family members not attend together. Masks are recommended but not required.

Registration is required.

The deadline to register is: March 22nd

For further information or to register for the program, please call:

Sue Gilbertie at (860) 371-1111 or

Carol Freedman at (860) 268-0966

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH**2023 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL**

Today our parish will be conducting the in-pew collection for the 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal, "One Faith, One Family". From ministry to the sick, food, and shelter programs, to our youth, clergy and religious, your donations are vital to meet the needs of our community and parishes. Uncertain and difficult times have increased the demands placed on our ministries. We ask that you please show your support by placing your completed pledge card or envelope in the red ACA collection bin located at the back of the church near the organ, or you may visit

www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org

or call (860) 886-1928 to donate. Thank you and God Bless.

**The 1st Diocesan Vigil Mass for
the Connecticut March for Life**

will take place at Sacred Heart
Church in Norwichtown

on **Tuesday, March 21, 2023, at
6:30 p.m.** Most Reverend Michael

R. Cote, Bishop of Norwich, will be the Celebrant and Rev.

Walter Nagle, Pro-Life Director for the Diocese of Norwich, will be the Homilist.



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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