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SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE  
NOVEMBER 26, 2023

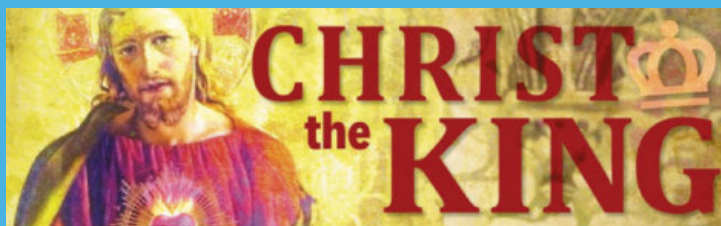


In May 2023, for the first time in almost three quarters of a century, a monarch was crowned in England. A few days later a friend of mine scoffed, “What a waste of time and energy! What is the point of a king?”

I’m a proud American who wants neither theocracy nor monarchical restoration. I like our democratic republic. But the coronation of King Charles reminded me of something needed in every person and community: confidence in the future. The king’s most basic role is to symbolize the unity of the nation. In England, the parliament members handle many of the practical duties of governance. But the king or queen can do what they cannot: embody in a single person the reality and future of a whole nation. To say, “this is our king” is to say, “we exist as a community, and we have a future.” Kingship isn’t primarily about the power of one person or family. It’s about the enduring identity and unity of the whole.

To say Christ is our King is to say we exist as a people. We are *one in him*. We are, and we will be as long as he is. And since he will be our risen king forever, together we have a future filled with hope. Even the best countries will finally fall. But Christ and his Church will endure forever. What good news! It’s not a waste of time to crown a king. We do it all the time. Let’s be sure to crown the right one — the one whose kingdom never ends.

— *Father John Muir*



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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.



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NOVEMBER 25 — 26, 2023**

Ushers Group II

**CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIAL COLLECTION**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25**

- 3:30 P.M. **Rosary** (in the Cry Room)
- 4:00 P.M. Mass offered for All the Parishioners of St. Maurice Church  
**Chaplet of Divine Mercy** (in the Cry Room)

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26**

- 7:30 A.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory  
**Chaplet of Divine Mercy** (in the Cry Room)  
**NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES**
- 10:00 A.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory  
**Chaplet of Divine Mercy** (in the Cry Room)
- 5:30 P.M. **Evening Prayer** from the Liturgy of the Hours

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27 — No MASS**

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28 — No MASS**

- 7:15 P.M. **Choir rehearsal** in church.  
We are practicing music for Christmas.  
New voices are always welcome!

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29**

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

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30**

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

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1**

- 7:00 P.M. **First Friday Mass and Adoration** offered for All Souls in Purgatory



**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2**


- 3:30 P.M. **Rosary** (in the Cry Room)
- 4:00 P.M. Mass of thanksgiving requested by Sheila Rydzziel  
**Chaplet of Divine Mercy** (in the Cry Room)

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3 — FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Ushers Group III

- 7:30 A.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory  
**Chaplet of Divine Mercy** (in the Cry Room)

- 8:00 A.M. **TRIPLE PLAY CAFÉ PANCAKE BREAKFAST**  
*Parish Center from 8:00A.M. to 11:30A.M.*

-  **"SLEIGH BELLS RING" MINI FAIR**  
*9:00A.M. till noon in the Parish Center*

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

- 10:00 A.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory  
**Chaplet of Divine Mercy** (in the Cry Room)

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



**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: Linda, new born, Jenny, Carolyn, Barbara, James.

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

Please call Carol Zabielski at (860) 643-2837

**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: Irene Zdrojowy (860) 533-1733



**Saint Maurice Church  
First Friday**

**Eucharistic Adoration  
December 1<sup>st</sup>**

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*



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**We are in need of Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers and Ushers for all Masses. If you are interested, please speak with the Lector or Eucharistic Minister or Usher or contact the Parish office. You can also put your name and contact information in the collection basket and we will contact you.**

**STEWARDSHIP**

**Offertory: November 19 — TBD**

**Projected Amount needed — \$3,670**

*"...whatever you did for one of the least of my brothers, you did for me." — MATTHEW 25:40*

Most of us are generous when it's convenient for us. We are generous when we have the time or the money. But, real generosity is the opposite of that. It means giving of one's time, money, compassion, forgiveness or mercy when it's not convenient to us, when it's not on our schedule, but on the other person's timeline.

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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**

*Delicious*  
**Pancake Breakfast** 

**JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST AT THE TRIPLE PLAY CAFÉ**



**Time:** 8:00 A.M. — 10:00 A.M.  
**Date:** Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>  
**Location:** St. Maurice Parish Center  
\$6.00 / Person \$18.00 / Family

Sponsored by St. Maurice Knights of Columbus

**FROM SLEIGH BELLS RING CHRISTMAS FAIR GROUP**



**From the Sleigh Bells Ring Fair Group**

Thank you to all the parishioners who volunteered for this year's fair - grounds cleaners, apple peelers,

pie bakers, bake booth contributors, booth staff, parking staff, moving crews - we couldn't do it without you!

*Thank You. ❤️*



**“SLEIGH BELLS RING” MINI FAIR**

will take place in the Parish Center on **December 10<sup>th</sup>, 8 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.**

There are still gift items available along with mixes for your holiday giving. Come take a look for those last minute gifts.



**SLEIGH BELLS RING SEASONAL SHARING**

As we have done in the past, this year the St. Maurice faith community will support the less fortunate in Bolton too.

Please drop off non-perishable food donations at the Church or Parish Center by **Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> for Christmas food delivery.**

If you prefer to give money, please make your check payable to “Church of St. Maurice” with the memo “Christmas food” and put in the regular collection or mail.

**Thank you for your support. It does make a difference!**



**CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE**

with the bells for Bolton Families in need is in the church. If you can help by purchasing a requested gift for a Bolton resident in need this Christmas take a bell of the tree and return unwrapped gifts with the bell attached by **Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>.**

If you can't shop at this time, please send a check to St. Maurice with “Seasonal Sharing” in the memo line, and we will do the shopping for you.

**FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH**



The monthly Diocesan Pro-Life Mass will take place at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on **Saturday, December 2 at 8:30 A.M.** Please join our celebrant Rev. Ray Introvigne at Mass as we pray to end abortion and for the healing for those who have had an abortion. Following the Mass, the Rachel Rosary will be prayed at the Cathedral.

**Awakening: How is the Holy Spirit at work in your life?**



Join us for a 4-part Mission designed to help deepen your faith! Rediscover God's Unconditional Love, Learn more about the Holy Spirit's Gifts, Develop a deep and meaningful prayer life. Experience the mercy of God through a deeper understanding of reconciliation. For two weeks, **November 28<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and December 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-8:30 pm, St. Mary parish, Coventry.** To register, e-mail

[manicholas@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:manicholas@norwichdiocese.net)  
or call Marianne at (860) 848-2237, ext. 304.  
Sponsored by the Office of Faith Events.



**Seven Sorrows of Mary**

If you are seeking to find hope, strength and comfort from a loss, burden, or sorrow, join us for A Journey with Mary Through Her Seven Sorrows, a virtual seven-week program that will explore each of the seven sorrows of Mary's life and the message of strength and encouragement each one contains.

The program will meet online Monday nights from 7-8:15 P.M. January 8, 15, 22, 29 and February 5, 12, and 19. Each week will include a reflection on one of Mary's sorrows, guided prayer imagery and discussion.

The program is free, but registration is required. To do so, or, for more information, contact the Catholic Family Services Office, 860-848-2237, Ext. 312, or email [mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net)

**Bereavement Day of Prayer**


The Diocesan Catholic Family Services Office is sponsoring a workshop for the bereaved entitled: **Praying Your Goodbyes on Saturday, December 2** from 10 A.M. to 1 P.M at the Cathedral of Saint Patrick Hall, 213 Broadway, Norwich, CT. It will include time for private reflection, prayer, and journaling and give participants suggestions on how to navigate the upcoming holiday season and discover ways to grow through the experience of their loss.

There is no cost, but registration is required by November 27 by contacting Mary-Jo McLaughlin at Catholic Family Services, 860-848-2237, ext. 312 or by email at [mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net).

**YOUTH AND FAMILY EXPLOSION**

The Family and Youth Explosion will take place on **December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 1 -4pm at Mercy High School in Middletown with speaker, song writer, and musician Jesse Manibusan.** Everyone is invited to attend! Tickets will be \$5 per Person, \$25 for a family or \$4 per person for a youth group. For more information or to buy tickets go to: <https://youthexplosionct.weebly.com/> Questions? Email Liza at [lroach@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:lroach@norwichdiocese.net)

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