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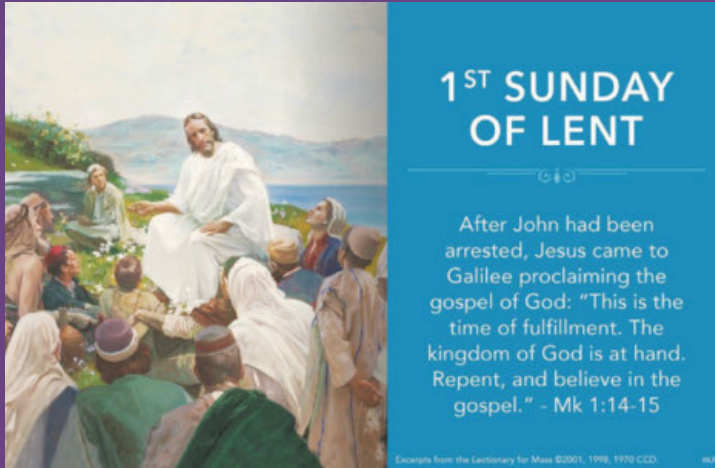
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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT  
FEBRUARY 18, 2024



When I feel down, I sometimes watch the famous "Double Rainbow" video on YouTube to feel better. It's hilarious. A young man camping in Yosemite Park sees two rainbows stretching across the sky. He bursts into a kind of ecstasy. "Double rainbow, all the way! Oh my God!" he announces. Then he starts to weep. He cries out, "What does it mean?" Beneath the humor of his glorious overreaction is the deep intuition we all have, I think, when we see the colorful bow in the sky. This Sunday, God sends a rainbow to Noah, and to us. What *does* it mean?

Long before YouTube had the double rainbow, Dante's medieval poem *The Divine Comedy* featured one in his image of paradise. Seeing two rainbows, he muses that one is born of the other. The bow is God's promise of peace. For Dante, it's even more: nature's encrypted image of the Trinitarian God. One visible rainbow (God the Son) is begotten of another usually invisible one (God the Father) united by invisible light between them (God the Spirit). Like invisible light, Trinitarian glory surrounds us in every moment — but Jesus has made it visible in his glorious body.

**Lenten challenge:** This might seem silly, but this Lent I invite you to find a rainbow and meditate on it. You might have to make one yourself, like this current desert-dweller will. Gaze on it. See there a natural gift from the Creator, saying to you, "Here I am! I will love and protect you, surrounding you in My glory." This Lent let's embrace that with confidence, rain, or shine. — *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.



## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT February 17 — 18, 2024

Ushers Group II

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17

- 3:30 P.M. Rosary (in the Cry Room)  
4:00 P.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory  
Chaplet of Divine Mercy (in the Cry Room)

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

- 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 Parishioners  
of St. Maurice Church  
Chaplet of Divine Mercy (in the Cry Room)  
5:30 P.M. Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19 — No MASS

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20 — No MASS

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

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

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

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22

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

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23



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

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- 7:00 P.M. MASS AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS  
Mass offered for the Soul of †Andrew Carpenter  
requested by Richard Carpenter

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

- 3:30 P.M. Rosary (in the Cry Room)  
4:00 P.M. Mass offered for the Soul of †Andrew Carpenter  
requested by Richard Carpenter  
Chaplet of Divine Mercy (in the Cry Room)

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

- 7:30 A.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory  
Chaplet of Divine Mercy (in the Cry Room)  
9:00 A.M. FAITH FORMATION CLASSES  
10:00 A.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners  
of St. Maurice Church  
Chaplet of Divine Mercy (in the Cry Room)

## 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: Susie, Mark, Amy, Christine, Viola, Beth, Melissa, Alex, Carolyn, Joe, James, Corina, George, Dominic III, Bert.

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



The Sleigh Bells Ring Fair Group will be starting to meet on Wednesday, February 28 from 9 AM till noon at the parish center.

We are eagerly looking for new volunteers to share in the craft making. Experienced really isn't necessary – we will explain as we go along but welcome your help.

Please call Sharon Scorso 860-729-4399 with questions.

## SNOW DAY NOTICE

Reminder: on weekdays when schools are closed due to snow etc. there will be no morning Mass at St. Maurice.

## STEWARDSHIP

Offertory: February 11 — \$3,103

Projected Amount needed — \$3,670

"After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God...." - MARK 1:1

Have you ever thought about how difficult it must have been for Jesus to go to Galilee, knowing that John had just been arrested for teaching the same message that He was proclaiming. It took great love and trust for Jesus to do what the Father had sent Him here on earth to do. In the same way, living a stewardship lifestyle takes great love and trust from us. We must be willing to surrender completely to God, trusting that He will always give us all that we need to fulfill His plan for us.

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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 Council 6199  
LENTEN FISH DINNER**

All the Fridays of Lent except Good Friday

**DINE IN OR TAKE OUT**

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

Place: Ryba Hall, Parish Center

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

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

**Profits support a variety of charitable activities.**


**Knights of Columbus Council 6199  
ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION**

**March 17 from 8:00 to 1:00  
in the Ryba Hall, Parish Center**

*"Lá Fhéile Pádraig sona daoibh!*

*(A Happy St. Patrick's Day to everyone.)*

**Full Irish Breakfast on St. Patrick's Day**

Black and White pudding, Back Bacon, Irish Bangers, Mushrooms, Roma Tomatoes, Eggs, Hashbrowns, Potato Bread, and Beans.

**Sunday March 17, 2024, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

\$15 per person, \$12 if paid in advance. To pay in advance, go to [www.saintmauricebolton.org](http://www.saintmauricebolton.org), select Donate Online, and scroll down to Payments.

All are welcome to join for fellowship and a wee bit of craic (great conversation.) And don't forget to wear the green!



Windham Area Interfaith Ministry

**WAIM Volunteer Day –  
February 24, 2024**

**Next Saturday is our day at WAIM!** As you know, our parish is one of 39 faith groups belonging to the Windham Area Interfaith Ministry. As a member, we commit to help WAIM by sending a group to volunteer twice a year on a Saturday morning and we also assist the organization monetarily. Please invite your friends and family to come with you. It's much more fun with a group! The address is 866 Main Street in Willimantic. Public parking is available behind our building along the fence on Riverside Drive. Please sign in at the volunteer desk on the third floor. We can provide masks if anyone needs one. Kristin Fortier will be here to direct your group to the jobs to be done. Our commitment is to help from 9 a.m. to noon.

**YOUNG CATHOLIC PROFESSIONALS  
EXECUTIVE PANEL DISCUSSION**

Want to make your Lent more fruitful this year, looking to see how you can serve? Come join Young Catholic Professionals Central CT for our 1st Executive Panel Discussion! Come enjoy light refreshments and networking along with a panel discussion on service and the virtue of charity. There will also be groups from around the Archdiocese offering service opportunities for your Lenten Almsgiving. We look forward to seeing you there!

**Where:** St. Mary's Church, 5 Hillhouse Ave, New Haven

**When:** Tues, Feb 20th from 7 - 9PM

**Who:** All professionals from 18-39.

**RSVP** [https://ycp.glueup.com/event/executive-speaker-series-93127/?pk\\_campaign=widge-event-list](https://ycp.glueup.com/event/executive-speaker-series-93127/?pk_campaign=widge-event-list)

E-mail [info@ycpcentralconnecticut.org](mailto:info@ycpcentralconnecticut.org) to learn more.

**FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH**
**Operation Rice Bowl:**
**Our Lenten Program: For Lent For Life**

Lent is a time of opportunity for us to strengthen our faith through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. These practices bring us closer to God and demonstrate our solidarity with those in need at home and around the world. This Lent make your sacrifices become opportunities to feed the hungry poor. Please participate in CRS Operation Rice Bowl and let the sacrifices you make for the hungry poor nourish them and may these sacrifices witness to the love that disciples of Christ have for all people, especially for the least of the Lord's sisters and brothers.

**VIRTUAL LENTEN MISSION**

The Virtual Lenten Mission is an opportunity for us to deepen our faith, take time for reflection, and pray. This Lent, speakers Fr. Brian Romanowski, Judy Kosteini- Director of the New England Biblical School, Fr. Michael Phillippino, and Mary Ellen Mahon — Retired Secretary for Catholic Formation in Manchester will reflect on the upcoming scriptures for our Mission. The mission will begin on **Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 – 7:45pm and continue weekly with the last session on Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup>.**

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


**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 23:** Through the eyes of the bereaved

**March 1:** Through the eyes of marriage

**March 15:** Through the eyes of Mary

**March 22:** Through the eyes of Jesus

The stations will begin at 7 P.M. The stations take place online and require participants to have an internet connection. Registration is required. You can register for just one evening or all five.

To register call Mary-Jo McLaughlin, at 860-848-2237, Ext 312 or email her at [mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net).

**Note, we will not be holding the stations on Friday, March 8.**


**RACHEL ROSARY AT THE CATHEDRAL**

The third Tuesday of each month at the Cathedral of St. Patrick following the noon mass, join the Office of Faith Events as we pray the Project Rachel Rosary. The Project Rachel Rosary focuses on hope, healing, and forgiveness for those affected by an abortion and also for an end to abortion. Please join us for this in-person Project Rachel Rosary on Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> following the noon mass at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich.


**Diocesan Catholic Schools  
Basketball Tournament**

Come out to St. Bernard's School on Friday March 2nd after 3pm, Saturday March 3rd all day, and Sunday March 4th to cheer on your favorite Catholic Elementary Teams as they compete to see who will be the Diocesan Champion. Admission is \$5 for a game or \$10 for a weekend pass.



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