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2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY  
OF LENT

Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them. - Mk 9:7-8

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1978 CCD

As a college student, my prized possession was an after-market car stereo. It was my pride and joy: glorious audio, eye-catching display screen, and multi-disc CD changer. It drained my hard-earned dollars, but it was totally worth it. It drenched me in music everywhere I drove. On Ash Wednesday of my senior year of college, Father Tom, the Jesuit priest at my university said, "Pray for God to tell you what he wants you to sacrifice for Lent." I did. In my heart, the answer came: "Give up listening to your car stereo for forty days." I winced. Not possible, I thought. Can't do it. I made other plans. The next morning, I was stunned to find that my car had been broken into, and my fancy stereo ripped out and stolen.

God's command to sacrifice what we love is no joke. This week in Genesis 22, God says: "Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, whom you love — Isaac — and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you." Believe me, I know. We like to be in control. It chafes us that *God sets the terms* of what we must sacrifice, and how. But this is no impersonal, tyrannical process. Remember that God uses their names, Abraham and Isaac. God knows each one of us and the precious gifts He commands us to offer. Finally, our sacrifices are for our own good. Do we trust this enough to do what Father Tom asked me to do?

**Lenten challenge:** This week, I dare you to ask God: "What do you want me to give up?" He may ask for that which you love most. It will be something precious to you: time, money, a relationship, a dream, an opportunity. What matters is we trust Him and act sacrificially in line with His command. Whatever we sacrifice will of course come back to us as surely as the Risen Jesus — but that doesn't make it easy.

— Father John Muir



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT  
FEBRUARY 25, 2024

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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 3:00 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**  
**February 24 — 25, 2024**  
 Ushers Group III

**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)
- 3:00 P.M. **Penance Service** at St. Matthew Church, Tolland
- 5:30 P.M. **Evening Prayer** from the Liturgy of the Hours

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26 — No MASS**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27 — No MASS**

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

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28**

- 9:00 A.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory  
**Rosary after Mass**
- 9:00 A.M. Christmas Fair workshop in the Parish Center

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29**

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

**FRIDAY, MARCH 1**

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



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- 7:00 P.M. **FIRST FRIDAY MASS AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
 offered for All Souls in Purgatory



**SATURDAY, MARCH 2**

- 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, MARCH 3**

- 7:30 A.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners  
of St. Maurice Church  
**Chaplet of Divine Mercy** (in the Cry Room)
- 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: Susie, Mark, Amy, Christine, Viola, Beth, Melissa, Alex, Carolyn, Joe, James, Corina, George, Dominic III, Bert, Jennifer.

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! 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 18 — \$3,090**  
**Projected Amount needed — \$3,670**

*"Here I am!" he answered.* - GENESIS 22:11

It is easy to say, "Here I am, Lord," when we are kneeling in church. But how easy is it to say "Here I am, Lord," when a neighbor needs our help, or when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Often times we are called when it's not convenient for us. Discipleship is not easy, most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.

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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

**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.)*

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**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!



**Saint Maurice Church  
First Friday**

**Eucharistic Adoration  
March 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*

**SECOND WEEK OF LENT**

**FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH**



**The monthly Diocesan Pro-Life Mass** will take place at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on **Saturday, March 2 at 8:30 A.M.** Please join our celebrant **Rev. Walter Nagle** 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. A brunch in the Cathedral Hall will follow the Rosary this month.



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 **2024 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 9/10, 2024. Please give prayerful consideration when contemplating your sacrificial gift to the appeal. The future of our ministries depends on it.



**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 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.**

**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.

**CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

**We hope you will join us for one or both of these events!**



**PARISH LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE**  
**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25<sup>TH</sup> AT 3PM**  
**ST. MATTHEW CHURCH**

This service will involve an afternoon of reflection, music, prayer, and reconciliation with our Lord.


Multiple priests available to hear confessions.

*"Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you."*  
James 4:8a

**DEANERY DAY OF RECONCILIATION**  
**FRIDAY, MARCH 8<sup>TH</sup> FROM 7AM-7PM**  
**ST. BERNARD CHURCH**

You are invited to come celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation on this special day. Priests from the Vernon Deanery will be available from 7am through 7pm to hear confessions. 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.

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