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3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY  
OF LENT

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area. - Jn 2:13b-15a

Excerpt from the Lectionary for Mass 82001, 1988, 1970 CD2

I am the Lord your God ... You shall not have other gods beside me. —Ex 20:2-3

One of the greatest golfers of all time — if not the greatest — was Jack Nicklaus. Which is why it is baffling that at the beginning of each season he would return to his childhood coach and re-learn how to grip the golf club. It's like Shakespeare re-learning the alphabet and grammar. Why would he do that? Because Jack knew that the fundamentals are always relevant. Perfecting and obsessing over his grip allowed him to do everything else in the game well. In sports and life, the best ones love the basics.

Similarly, as we begin Lent, we re-learn the spiritual basics in the Ten Commandments. Consider the first, to “**have no other gods besides me.**” This is our “grip.” Is our connection to God one of absolute fidelity and exclusive worship? Am I willing to let go of my precious idols, the things I cling to instead of God? Once we say “yes” to this fundamental question of our spiritual “grip,” then we are ready to properly engage with everything else in life. Watch how beautifully the game of life unfolds in the next nine commandments (numbered in parentheses): how we speak to God and others (2 and 8), how we organize our week (3), how we relate to our family (4) and the wider community (5 and 7), how we live our sexuality (6), and how we order all the other desires of the human heart (9 and 10). But don't rush to these later Commandments too soon! Everything in life is built on the first Commandment. The more we focus on worshiping God alone, the better we navigate the complexity of life with panache, effectiveness, and love.

**Lenten challenge:** This week, identify what you can do to better worship God alone. If you're not sure, scan the last nine commandments to identify what you are most likely to worship instead of God. Power, pleasure, control of your time, possessions, family, health, reputation, money? Commit to concrete action to help you let go of this “idol” to better hold on to God alone in faithful worship. Remember: the best love the basics.  
— *Father John Muir*



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT  
MARCH 3, 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.



**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT  
March 2 — 3, 2024**

Ushers Group IV  
**ST. MAURICE FUEL COLLECTION  
ACA LAUNCH WEEKEND**

**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 the Soul of †Robert Merry  
requested by Brian Merry  
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)

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

**MONDAY, MARCH 4 — NO MASS**

**6:30 P.M.** PARISH COUNCIL MEETING (in the Parish Center)

**TUESDAY, MARCH 5 — NO MASS**

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

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6**

**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, MARCH 7**

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

**FRIDAY, MARCH 8**

DEANERY DAY OF RECONCILIATION

FROM 7AM — 7PM AT ST. BERNARD CHURCH — ROCKVILLE

**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

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

**SATURDAY, MARCH 9**

**3:30 P.M.** Knights of Columbus Rosary (in the Cry Room)

**4:00 P.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners  
of St. Maurice Church

Chaplet of Divine Mercy (in the Cry Room)

**SUNDAY, MARCH 10**

**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 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

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Calling all choirs, youth or adults who want to sing! You are invited to sing at Carnegie Hall in NYC with top Catholic Composers/Musicians/Singers - Janet Whitaker, Curtis Stephan, Stephen Petrunak, and Jesse Manibusan on Feb 14 – 17, 2025! If you want to join the experience and actually be part of the overall concert choir as well as make an amazing chunk of memories, join the pilgrimage experience with “Corporate Travel”. The sooner you register the lower the cost! To find out more, check out the brochure attached and sign up today at <https://bit.ly/3SP63t4> Questions or wish to see brochure, please contact Liza Roach at [lroach@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:lroach@norwichdiocese.net) or call 860-848-2237 ex. 305

**STEWARDSHIP**

**Offertory: February 25 — \$3,532**

**Projected Amount needed — \$3,670**

“You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything...” - *Exodus 20:4*

How many “gods” do you put before God? “Idols” do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognize. Many times they take the form of things we cannot touch and are much harder to spot like pride, power, ego, time, comfort or health. Pray for God’s help to prune our vices and to grow in virtue.

^ Tear off

**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**



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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!



**CELEBRATE THE  
SACRAMENT OF  
RECONCILIATION**



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

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 (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.

Time	Priest
7:00—8:00AM	Fr. Larry Barile
8:00—9:00AM	Fr. Larry Barile
9:00—10:00AM	Fr. Steve Gulino
10:00—11:00AM	Fr. Bill Olesik
11:00AM—12:00PM	Fr. George Villamthanam
12:00—1:00PM	Fr. Gerry Kirby
1:00—2:00PM	Fr. Gerry Kirby
2:00—3:00PM	Fr. Peter Liszewski
3:00—4:00PM	Fr. Bijoy Joseph
4:00—5:00PM	Fr. Tadeusz Zadorozny
5:00—6:00PM	Fr. Rick Ricard
6:00—7:00PM	Fr. Rick Ricard

**FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH**



**2024 ACA Launch Weekend**

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 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 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.**

**FROM ST. MAURICE PARISH**



**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 March 23<sup>rd</sup> for March 24<sup>th</sup> 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 March 23<sup>rd</sup>
- 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**



**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**


Ask Jesus for wisdom and strength in your marriage. He will give you all you need for a fulfilling lifegiving marriage. Sign up for a

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience and learn how to listen better, communicate more, and love each other. You will be glad you did! You can find one by looking up WWME.org. Some of the dates to sign up are: March 15-17, 2024 in Upton, MA; April 11-May 23, 2024 (virtual 3RE); April 26-28, 2024 (non-residential weekend) in Connecticut.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter sponsors a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences, some on weekends and some on seven weekdays. Couples explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church. Registration is limited; there is a \$100 application fee. For more information or to apply, call Frank & Margie Pearson at 860-337-2447 or <https://wwmectw.org/>.



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