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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT  
MARCH 10, 2024



4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY  
OF LENT

For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God. - Jn 3:20-21

Excerpt from the Lamentary for Mass 82001, 1998, 1978 C22

Our national pastime isn't baseball. It's what the Bible calls "condemning the world." We generally enjoy pronouncing curses upon those whom we see as trouble, wrong, or evil. Don't believe me? Listen to almost any podcast, cable news network, or social media platform to hear it. It will be some version of: "We all agree that if *they* are eradicated, things will be great." Condemning is almost always clothed in virtue. It basks in its good intentions. That's why it is so attractive. Condemning seems like our best path to saving what is good.

What a shock, then, to hear Jesus announce: "**For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him**" (Jn 3:17). He comes to save the world, as we all want, but he will accomplish it *without an act of condemnation*. How hard it is to accept this! Condemning feels godlike. I judge who and what must be lost to protect the good. But in the light of Jesus' endless mercy and love, this is the *least* godlike thing we can do.

**Lenten challenge:** This week, I invite you to give up the delicious experience of condemning whomever in the world you most would like to see gone. Perhaps write down their names. Secondly, I invite you to consider fasting from any media that feeds the tasty but deadly tendency to condemn.

— Father John Muir

**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.





# FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT March 9 — 10, 2024

Ushers Group I  
ACA COMMITMENT WEEKEND  
EASTER FLOWER & SEASONAL NEEDS COLLECTION

## 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 the Souls of †Barbara and  
†Donald Sullivan  
requested by Patrick and Daniel Sullivan  
**Chaplet of Divine Mercy** (in the Cry Room)  
5:30 P.M. **Evening Prayer** from the Liturgy of the Hours

**MONDAY, MARCH 11 — No MASS**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 12 — No MASS**

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

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

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 14

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

## FRIDAY, MARCH 15

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. **MASS AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
offered for All Souls in Purgatory

## SATURDAY, MARCH 16

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 17

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners  
of St. Maurice Church  
**Chaplet of Divine Mercy** (in the Cry Room)  
8:00 A.M. — 1:00 P.M. **Full Irish Breakfast**  
10:00 A.M. Mass offered for the Soul of †Richard Wabble  
requested by the Sleigh Bells Ring Fair Group  
**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 bringing up of the gifts of Bread and Wine will be reinstated on the Holy Thursday. Our ushers will look for volunteers for this Mass and every weekend Mass beginning with Easter and going forward.

If you would like to volunteer, please let ushers know before each Mass.



### SPRING CLEANING

Many hands make lighter and faster work!!  
Volunteers sought in cleaning of the church proper in preparation for Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter. Some dusting, vacuuming, mopping under the pews.

**Saturday morning, March 16<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 11 am.**

Cleaning supplies will be provided.

**Contact Patti @ 860-646-0564 for further information.**

### STEWARDSHIP

**Offertory: March 3 — \$4,135**

**Projected Amount needed — \$3,6700**

*"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son..."*

- JOHN 3:16

Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask that we are grateful and generous with our God-given gifts. That we nurture and develop our gifts, and in gratitude, generously give back with increase our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to support the mission and ministry of our parish and greater Church.

^ 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.****Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

God's great love can nurture your marriage. Find out how by signing up for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. Learn how to listen

better, communicate more, and be a better couple. 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)****June 21-June 23, 2024 in Huntington, NY**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://www.mectw.org/>.**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!

**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**

## FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

**2024 ACA Commitment Weekend**

Today our parish will be conducting the in-pew collection for the 2024 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 collection basket or you may visit

[www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org](http://www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org)

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

**Calling all young adults 18-39 years old!**Join **Crossroads 4 Christ** for a retreat**(April 5th to 7th)** to explore what it means to remember and dwell in God's mercy.

Whether it's your 1st or 50th retreat, we warmly invite you to join us for a weekend of rest and rejuvenation centered in Christ and His Mercy with other young adults from throughout Connecticut and beyond.

**Registration opens March 8th at 9:00 AM, EST.**For more details and to register, visit the 2024 Retreat page at [crossroads4christ.org](http://crossroads4christ.org).**Dinner with Jesus Keynote Speaker,  
'the Catholic Evangelista' Sonja Corbitt****March 13, 2024 5:30-9 PM****Georgina's, 275 Boston Turnpike, Bolton**

Sonja Corbitt is the Catholic Evangelista and creator of "the best modernization of lectio," the LOVE the Word® Bible study method and journal. A best-selling author and Telly Award winning broadcaster, her weekly radio and television shows and variety of other unique approaches to Scripture create space for busy Christians to hear and experience God through the scriptures.

Sonja writes for Magnificat magazine and the Ascension Press blog, and widely among other internet outlets. A lively and frequent guest on a variety of national television and radio shows, Sonja studies with Holy Apostles College and Seminary, home schools, and lives with her husband and boys in Tennessee. What's an "evangelista"? Find out at

[biblestudyevangelista.com](http://biblestudyevangelista.com),

where you can also catch her latest study series on Cherished: How God Is Using Your Vocation to Heal You.

Tickets are \$75, to purchase go to

<https://bit.ly/2Lao17Y> or call 860-848-2237**Young Catholic Professionals  
Networking Happy Hour**Young Catholic Professionals Central CT will be hosting a **Networking Happy Hour on the Solemnity of St. Joseph**, the Patron of our Archdiocese and YCP. Come network and connect with young adult Catholic professionals from all over Central CT. We look forward to meeting you there!**Where:** The Playwright Irish Pub, 1232 Whitney Avenue, Hamden**When:** Tues, March 19th from 6:50 - 8:50M**Who:** All professionals from 18-39.**RSVP** via QR code or [https://ycp.glueup.com/event/networking-happy-hour-at-the-playwright-101028/?pk\\_campaign=widget-event-list](https://ycp.glueup.com/event/networking-happy-hour-at-the-playwright-101028/?pk_campaign=widget-event-list)E-mail [info@ycpcentralconnecticut.org](mailto:info@ycpcentralconnecticut.org) to learn more.



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