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5TH SUNDAY
OF LENT

Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit."
- Jn 12:23-24

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A middle-aged woman sat on the couch in my parish office and recounted to me a shocking list of terrible calamities in her life: addictions, terminal illnesses, financial loss, broken relationships, and so on. She smiled as she did so. "Please forgive me," I asked, "but you seem to be smiling as you share this." She said, "Father John, I am totally overwhelmed. But I'm smiling because I just can't wait to see what good things God does with this mess." She expected God would manifest His glory when she most needed it.

This week in the Gospel, God speaks from heaven for the third and final time in Jesus' earthly ministry. It's at a tough moment. Gentiles seek Jesus, who announces his terrible suffering, and then boldly prays, "Father, glorify your name!" John then writes: **Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again."** Was the task of drawing the whole non-Jewish world to himself overwhelming? Or was it the terrible specter of crucifixion? Whatever it was, the crushing weight triggers his turning to the Father with an unshakeable *expectation* of divine glory to burst through. And indeed, it did on Easter Sunday. In our burdens, our greatest strength is to turn to God and boldly ask Him for His glory.

Lenten challenge: This week, I invite you to list out everything which is a burden to you. Write it down. Then add these words: "Father, glorify Your name in all these things!" Put that paper in your pocket or purse when you come to Holy Week liturgies next week. You might smile at the most unlikely times.

— Father John Muir



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 17, 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.



**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
March 16 — 17, 2024**

Ushers Group II
ACA FOLLOW-UP WEEKEND

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

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

MONDAY, MARCH 18 — NO MASS

TUESDAY, MARCH 19 — NO MASS

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for the Souls of †Leo, †Blance and †Marie Marquis
requested by Paulette Marquis

9:00 A.M. **CHRISTMAS FAIR WORKSHOP** (in the Parish Center)

THURSDAY, MARCH 21

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for the intentions of Maggie
requested by The Family

FRIDAY, MARCH 22

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 23

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 24 — PALM SUNDAY

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)
Food delivery after 10AM Mass.

Drivers please come to the Parish Center

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: Bill, Phil, Pat, Daniel, Mark, Lois, Sharon, Rich, Katherine, Sue, Ray, Charlene, Joyce, young man, Mark.

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 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.



STEWARDSHIP

Offertory: March 10 — \$2,725

Projected Amount needed — \$3,6700

"I will be their God and they shall be my people." - JEREMIAH 31:33
What does it mean to be God's people? It means we recognize that everything we have and everything we are belongs to God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given us. It means we are willing to use our gifts and our lives to care for our family, our neighbors and for people we don't know, just as God cares for each of 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.

**CONSORTIUM OF MANCHESTER CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
PROSPECTIVE FAMILY OPEN HOUSE EVENTS
PRE-KINDERGARTEN - GRADE 8**

St. James School: March 21st, 6:00pm
St. Bridget School: April 4th, 6:00pm – 7:30pm

Informational tours are also available by appointment.

St. James School, 73 Park St., and St. Bridget School, 74 Main St, are now accepting new student applications for the 2024-25 school year. Our Catholic schools offer a traditional, accelerated, and innovative curriculum in a respectful learning environment. Additional benefits include updated technology, school sports, and extra-curricular activities. Tuition assistance is available for qualifying families. To learn more or RSVP for an Open House event, please contact Kathy at St. Bridget School, office@saintbridget-school.com, 860-649-7731, or Amy at St. James School, aguenter@saintjameschool.net, 860-643-5088 (#5).



**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, 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 23rd for March 24th 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 23rd
- 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 Follow-up Weekend

As the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal "One Faith, One Family" continues, we are grateful to the parish families that have already made their gift or pledge.

For us to achieve our overall goal, it will require the personal sacrifice of all members of our faith community. If you have not yet responded to the Appeal, please know your gift, no matter how big or small, will help enable our ministries to provide essential pastoral, educational, and humanitarian needs to many. Pledge envelopes are located at the ushers tables or you may visit www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org or call (860) 886-1928 for alternate ways to give. Thank you for your prayers and generosity.



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.

**This year, Bishop Michael R. Cote, D.D., invites you to the
Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Patrick in Norwich
on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, at 10:30 a.m.**

The Chrism Mass is the Liturgy during which the sacred Chrism is consecrated and the Oil of the Sick and the Oil of the Catechumens are blessed. These oils are sanctified for use at the Cathedral and in all parishes in the Diocese of Norwich for Baptism, Confirmation, the Anointing of The Sick and for the Ordination of Priests. Together the three oils symbolize the sacramental life of the Church. **Since the Chrism Mass is truly a Diocesan event ALL parishioners are invited.**



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Learn how to listen better, communicate more, and be a better couple. You can find one by looking up WWME.org. Some of the dates to sign up are: **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://wwmectw.org/>.



**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!

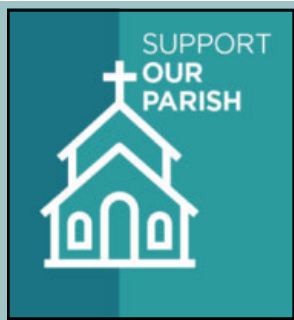
Where: The Playwright Irish Pub, 1232 Whitney Avenue, Hamden
When: Tues, March 19th from 6:50 - 8:50M

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

E-mail info@ycpcentralconnecticut.org to learn more.





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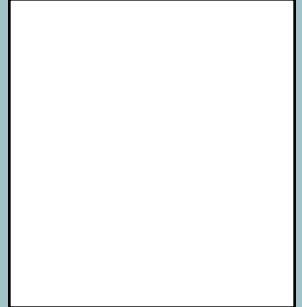
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