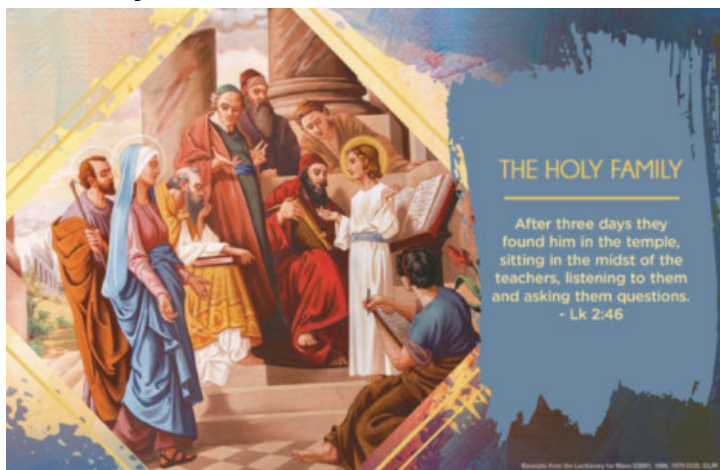


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As a first-time pastor in a parish, I received a phone call one afternoon from a young married couple, "Father, our 2-year-old son drowned in our pool this morning. We are at the hospital. Please help us." I sped over. The little boy was gone, his body cold, slightly blue, laid out on a bed. His parents were distraught and in shock. For the next few years, I walked with the couple along their difficult and painful road. They openly shared with me how they were often tempted to blame and accuse each other for the loss. And yet, by God's grace, their love for each grew stronger and deeper as the years went by.

The Holy Family was not without its pain and loss, either. Luke tells us, after losing their twelve-year-old son, Joseph and Mary "**after three days found him in the temple area, sitting among the teachers...**" (Luke 2:46). We don't know specifically what those three days were like for them except for what Mary says: "**Your father and I have been looking for you anxiously.**" The three days of his absence foreshadow his death and burial. His finding in the temple is a kind of resurrection for his family. They had to learn, again and again, that their family was becoming a place where death and resurrection was not only accepted but welcomed and celebrated. But surely they deeply felt the dangerous agony of their loss — just like every couple who has lost a child.

What losses in your experience of family still cause you anxiety? In what ways has God's presence seemingly vanished in your family? Will you keep searching for Jesus? Remember, he will rise and be found. Your family may be suffering, but when he is found, it will be stronger than ever before.

— Father John Muir

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FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH  
DECEMBER 29, 2024

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at St. Maurice Church, please call: 860-288-4129**

## 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 Parish Office (860-643-4466) to arrange for a meeting with the Pastor.

## SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Please call the Parish Office (860-643-4466) to arrange for a meeting with the Pastor.

## 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 860-643-4466.

**FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF  
JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH****DECEMBER 28 — 29****SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28 — Holy Family (Vigil)**  
4:00 P.M. For All Families**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29 — Feast of the Holy Family**  
7:30 A.M. † Raymond & Gertrude Poncatoski  
10:00 A.M. For All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church**MONDAY, DECEMBER 30 — No Mass****TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31 — No Mass****WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1 — Christmas Day**  
SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,  
THE MOTHER OF GOD8:00 A.M. For All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church  
10:00 A.M. For All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church**THURSDAY, JANUARY 2**  
SAINT BASIL THE GREAT & GREGORY NAZIANZEN, BISHOPS &  
DOCTORS OF THE CHURCH

9:00 A.M. For Bishop Emeritus Michael R. Cote

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 3 — First Friday (changed to morning)**  
9:00 A.M. For Living & Deceased of the Nadeau Family  
requested by Paulette Marquis**SATURDAY, JANUARY 4 — Epiphany (Vigil Mass)**  
4:00 P.M. For All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church**SUNDAY, JANUARY 5 — The Epiphany of the Lord**  
7:30 A.M. † All Souls in Purgatory  
10:00 A.M. † Carolita Carla Lat  
Requested by Carl Girasoli**FROM SAINT MAURICE SLEIGH BELLS RING  
CHRISTMAS FAIR GROUP**

A HUGE Thank you to all the parishioners at St. Maurice for their generosity during this holiday season. Our gift bags for Bolton's needy families were overflowing with warm, wonderful and thoughtful presents for over 80 recipients. It is so heartwarming to see the outpouring of love and care from our church family - Thank you once again for being such a caring community!

Thank you also to ShopRite of Manchester for donating hams for all 26 families, to the Faith Formation students who sorted and packed the food, and to the drivers that made the deliveries on a very cold day!

**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: John Paul, Pepe, Anne & Graham, Nicole, Marina, Korrin, Michael, Nick, Noah, Joshua.

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

**Sunday Vespers — Evening Prayer  
from the Liturgy of the Hours**

Sunday at 5:30 p.m. in the Church  
duration 30 minutes

**Rosary Every Saturday at 3:30 PM in the Cry Room****JOIN THE PARISH CHOIR**

Choir rehearsals every Tuesday at 7:15 p.m.  
New members most welcome.

**STEWARDSHIP****Offertory: December 22 — TBD****Projected Amount needed — \$3,670**

*"See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are." (1 JOHN 3:1)*

During this season of giving, let us remember a beautiful gift that we have received — being children of God! As God's children, it's in our DNA that we share and express our love for others as well. Tell your spouse, children, other family members and friends that you love them, every day! Also, pray for those people that are different than you, those that you may not like or those that go out of their way to annoy you. Your prayers may be the start of a new friendship.

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**Memorial Mass Form**

Drop in collection ^

Father Richard, please offer a weekend \_\_\_\_ (or) weekday \_\_\_\_ Mass for the soul \_\_\_\_ (or) intentions \_\_\_\_ (as applicable) of:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Person requesting \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

City State Zip \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

Check enclosed \_\_\_\_ Envelope No. \_\_\_\_ We will Donate Online \_\_\_\_ (Customary donation \$10 weekday, \$20 weekend)

I will bring up the gifts at the Mass celebrated. Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

**FROM ST. MAURICE PARISH****First Friday Mass — January 3, 2025**

The weekday Mass on January 3, 2025 will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m. instead of 7:00 p.m. so that Father Richard can give a retreat elsewhere over that weekend. Recitation of the Rosary will follow as usual after weekday Masses.

**Knights of Columbus Council 6199  
Breakfast Buffet**

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday 1/12/2025  
Place: Ryba Hall, Parish Center  
What: Breakfast Buffet with pancakes, scrambled eggs, fruit salad, etc.  
New items being added:  
♦ Breakfast sandwiches  
♦ Eggs to order  
Cost: \$6 per person, \$18 per family  
Contact: Ted Lloyd, Grand Knight  
(860) 512-0251

**Knights of Columbus Council 6199  
Upcoming Events**

Time: 5:00 p.m. after the Vigil Mass  
Saturday 2/15/2025  
Place: Ryba Hall, Parish Center  
What: Valentine's Day Dinner  
Time: 8:00 a.m. until Noon  
Sunday 3/16/2025  
Place: Ryba Hall, Parish Center  
What: Full Irish Breakfast for St. Patrick's Day

**Knights of Columbus Council 6199  
Cor is coming to St. Maurice!**

Cor (heart) is a program based on fraternity, prayer, and faith formation. The first monthly meeting is planned for Sunday, January 26, 2005 at 9 a.m. in the Parish Center (at the same time as faith formation for youth). Deacon David Imhof, Connecticut State Evangelization and Faith Formation Director, will lead us.



**St. Maurice Council 6199  
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**FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH****Diocese of Norwich  
Catholic Family Services**

**The monthly Diocesan Pro-Life Mass** will take place at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on **Saturday, January 4 at 8:30 A.M.** Please join our celebrant **Rev. Raymond Introvigne** 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. Refreshments in the Cathedral Hall will follow the Rosary this month.

**Mary-Jo McLaughlin**

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Retreat: The Holy Spirit - Awaken!

Saturday, February 22, 2025  
9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Mass 5:00 p.m.  
Cathedral of St. Patrick  
Norwich, Connecticut

Catechumens and Candidates are welcome to attend the day filled with prayer, witness talks, and more. To register, contact Alvania Tejada:

[faitherevents@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:faitherevents@norwichdiocese.net)  
(860) 848-2237 x304

**The Norwich Diocesan Women's Conference**  
invites you to  
**Dinner with Jesus**

How are We the Image of Christ?  
Retreat Leader: Lisa Irish


Lisa is a chaplain, published author, retreat speaker, and spiritual director.

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**March 19, 2025**

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