

The Catholic Community Of Saint Maurice

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
APRIL 6, 2025



WELCOME!

Welcome to the parish of Saint Maurice.

If you are new, please introduce yourself to the priest after Mass.

We are always looking to meet new parishioners.

While you are here, you a part of our family!

Parish Information

Mailing Address

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Phone Numbers

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Parish Office	860-643-4466
Parish Center	860-643-8374
Faith Formation	860-646-6314
Music Director	860-871-0752

Office Hours

Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday
11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Website:

www.saintmauricebolton.org

Parish Email Address

saintmauricechurchbolton@gmail.com

Faith Formation Email Address

saintmauriceccd@gmail.com

Parish Staff

Reverend Michael Phillippino, Administrator
Reverend Richard D. Breton, Jr., Parochial Vicar
Marie Conshick, Parish Secretary
Amie Tillmann, Director of Faith Formation
Don Benevides, Director of Music

SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST

Mass Schedule

Vigil Mass - Saturdays at 4:00 p.m.
Sunday Masses - 7:30 and 10:00 a.m.
Holy Days - 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

Saturday 3:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. (Or by appointment)

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

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

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:

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

PASTORAL CARE TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

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.

St. Maurice Mass Intentions**APRIL 5 — APRIL 13****SATURDAY, APRIL 5 — 5th Sunday of Lent Vigil Mass****4:00 P.M.** Andrew Carpenter requested by Richard Carpenter**SUNDAY, APRIL 6 — 5th Sunday of Lent****7:30 A.M.** Parishioners of St. Maurice**10:00 A.M.** Marion Miller requested by The Family**MONDAY, APRIL 7 — St John the Baptist****9:00 A.M.** NO MASS**TUESDAY, APRIL 8 — Lenten Weekday****9:00 A.M.** NO MASS**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9 — Lenten Weekday****9:00 A.M.** For All Souls in Purgatory**THURSDAY, APRIL 10 — Lenten Weekday****9:00 A.M.** For the End to Abortion**FRIDAY, APRIL 11 — St Stanislaus****9:00 A.M.** Peace in the World**SATURDAY, APRIL 12 — Palm Sunday Vigil Mass****4:00 P.M.** In Memory of Elizabeth Fiano-Chieffo &

Rocco & Helen Fiano requested by The Larry Fiano Family

SUNDAY, APRIL 13 — Palm Sunday**7:30 A.M.** Albert Gerdo requested by Patti Cinea**10:00 A.M.** Parishioners of St. Maurice**GOSPEL MEDITATION**

"The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery and made her stand in the middle" (John 8:3). Why do they make her stand in the middle? Why not expose her on the periphery? The reason is something that affects us practically every day.

The center is what stabilizes a community's identity. We humans tend to center ourselves around an accused and condemned victim — though we rarely admit it. This renews our fragile communities and our power as those who weaponize the accusation. This is effective because it is often a victim who represents something truly dangerous for the group. In this case, adultery stands for the breakdown of a community and those within it, because it forces questions like: who is my father? Whose child is this? Is this child one of us, or that of an outsider? The accusers place the adulteress in the center because their community, like most, is built around turning an enemy into a victim.

Once you understand this, you'll see it almost anywhere humans group together (families, politics, workplaces, sports, schools, etc.). The good news is Jesus exposes this dynamic by deftly pointing out the sin-infected hearts of everyone besides the woman. They all leave, symbolizing the breakdown of the old order, and she is **"left alone before him."** A new community has begun, structured around the merciful love of Christ.

What is in your center? What is in the center of our parish and family communities? Strive to center on Christ's forgiveness, and we experience the new, lasting community we call the Church.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

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: Jeff, Jenny, Richard, Edmond, and Rita, all of whom have died, and for their families, Grace, John, Pope Francis, a family, Prayers to Our Lady. 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.

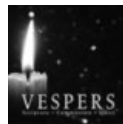
If you can help in any way in this Ministry, please call:
Irene Zdrojowy (860) 533-1733



Knights of Columbus Rosary
Saturday, April 12 at 3:30 PM in the cry room

**FRIDAY AT 6:30 P.M.**

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



Sunday Vespers — Evening Prayer
from the Liturgy of the Hours
Sunday at 5:30 p.m. in the Church
Duration 30 minutes

STEWARDSHIP**Offertory: March 30 — \$3,216.62****Projected Amount needed — \$3,670**

"No longer was there manna for the Israelites, who that year ate of the yield of the land of Canaan." - JOSHUA 5:12

Over the forty years that the Israelites journeyed through the desert, God provided them with manna to eat. As soon as they were able to enjoy the fruits of the Promised Land the manna ceased. Likewise, God's blessings to us may change over the years but it is important to trust that God will always provide us with all that we need.

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Parish Volunteer Form

Drop in collection ^

I am _____ You may contact me at: _____

Street Address _____ E-mail Address _____

City State Zip _____ E-mail Address _____

Home phone _____ Cell phone _____

I would like to build the kingdom of God at St. Maurice as:

Altar server _____ Lector _____ Usher _____ Eucharistic Minister _____ Choir _____ Prayer Line _____ Flowers & Linens _____

Crafts workshop _____ Christmas Fair _____ Fellowship Circle _____ Knights of Columbus _____ Faith Formation _____

Parish Council _____ Finance Council _____ Property Management _____ Evangelization (publicity) _____ Stewardship _____

FROM ST. MAURICE PARISH

**Saint Maurice Parish
Lenten Mission**
Theme: Eucharistic Glory
April 7th, 8th & 9th
6:00pm-7:00pm
at St Maurice Church

Join us as we ponder how the Eucharist is essential in our journey of Faith.



**Sanctuary Candle week of 4/12 – 4/25
for Mr. & Mrs. Albert Torrillo
requested by Dawn Yonkunas**

**SACRED HEART ON THE LAKE RETREAT CENTER
194 Candlewood Hill Rd. Higganum, CT. 06441**

**DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION AND ST. FAUSTINA PRESENTATION
Wednesday, April 23, 2025 From 10:00 to 11:30**

Mrs. Meg Bailey will give a Talk and Power Point Presentation on the Divine Mercy Devotion and St. Faustina. A Free Will Offering is asked. To register go online at www.sacredheartonthelake.org

NEW DAY SEMINAR FOR THE BEREAVED

9 Thursdays from April 24 through June 19, 2025 From 10:00 – 11:00

The New Day Seminar is a nine week series that helps those who have lost a loved one with the tasks of grieving. Each session provides a place and time for individuals to share their grief story and to learn about the grieving process and its tasks for healing. The cost of the book that is used is \$15.00.

To register or for further information contact Sr. Patricia Cigrand, ASCJ at 203-606-4830 or email: cigrandpatricia@gmail.com or online at- www.sacredheartonthelake.org



**Knights of Columbus Council 6199
Lenten Fish Dinners**

Time: 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Fridays 4/11

Place: Ryba Hall, Parish Center

What: Dinner of baked fish and chips; Shrimp appetizer; Cole slaw, roll w/ butter, and Coffee, tea, or lemonade

Cost: \$10.00 (\$5.00 mac & cheese alternative)

Profits support a variety of charitable activities.



**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 April 5th for April 6th delivery.

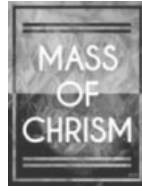
- We need tuna, pasta and sauce, peanut butter and jelly, hearty soups, boxed meal extenders, canned meats, bread, rolls, paper products, soap and detergent, toothpaste, coffee and tea, cereals and other breakfast foods, bottled juices, etc. See our website for a complete list.

- Drop off perishables on Saturday, April 5th

- 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 April 6th

Drivers please come to the Parish Center after 10AM Mass

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

This year, His Excellency, Archbishop Christopher J. Coyne, Apostolic Administrator, invites you to the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Patrick in Norwich on Wednesday, April 16, 2025, 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.**



The Way of the Cross

The Diocesan Office of Faith Events invites you to join us virtually Friday nights during Lent as we pray together the Stations of the Cross with a different focus/lens each week.

- ♦ April 11: Through the eyes of Mary
- ♦ April 18: Through the eyes of Jesus

The stations will begin at 7 P.M. Participation requires an internet connection. Registration is also required to receive a link.

To register, call Mary-Jo McLaughlin, at 860-848-2237, Ext 312 or e-mail her at: mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net

You can register for just one evening or all.

**FROM SAINT MAURICE SLEIGH BELLS RING
CHRISTMAS FAIR GROUP**



It's that time of year and once again, the Christmas fair group will be meeting at the **Parish Center every Wednesday morning from 9:00 AM till noon** to begin crafting projects to sell at our

54th annual fair scheduled for November 22, 2025.

These weekly workshops are generally held thru the end of June, take a break during the hot summer months and then resume again after Labor Day. If there is enough interest, we are also considering holding evening sessions this year, most likely from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. Day of the week is still TBD based on Parish Center availability. There are also plenty of opportunities to pick up materials and to work at home if that is a better option to fit into your busy schedules!! Your help, new skills and ideas are ALWAYS welcome and greatly appreciated.

However, no prior crafting experience is required — just a willingness to try something new and share in some fun and fellowship with other parishioners and friends.


Donations of items that can be used in our Take a Chance raffle baskets are always welcomed as well, so as you do your "spring cleaning" and "decluttering" projects in the coming months, please keep the fair in mind. We are also in need of the following items:

- Jars, especially Mason jars—any size
 - Old Christmas wreaths that have potential to be refurbished
 - Christmas tree ornaments—any shape
 - Larger baskets and trays that can be used as base for our Take a Chance baskets that are heavier or include multiple items
- All items may be left in the Church vestibules for transfer to the Parish Center.

If you have any questions or are interested in joining our potential evening workshop sessions, please contact:

Sharon Scorso @ 860-729-4399 or Basia Caya @ 860-716-5432

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