

To all parishioners of St. Maurice,

We hope this finds you and your families healthy and coping as best you can with this unpredictable year of challenges. As the seasons turn to autumn, our hearts and minds turn to our annual Seasonal Sharing programs, and how to best serve the needs of our community while keeping our families safe.

As we have done for many years, the St. Maurice faith community will come together this year to support the less fortunate in Bolton, and the need is greater than ever. Our town has identified **30** families – over **235** individuals – who are asking for extra help and support to feed their families and provide for basic needs and wants this season. We know our parish family will meet the challenge as we always have, but our process will be a little different this year.

As always, non-perishable food donations can be dropped off at the church or parish center any time between now and our sorting days, **Sunday November 22<sup>nd</sup> for Thanksgiving**, and **Sunday December 20<sup>th</sup> for Christmas**. We are looking for a few volunteers to assemble with masks and gloves after the 9:15 mass on those Sundays to help sort and package the food for each family, which will be delivered before each holiday. If you can help with sorting please contact **Tom Manning** at **860-990-4698**.

In addition to food items, we would like to continue our gift program for Christmas. A Giving Tree will be outside the parish center by November 1<sup>st</sup>. If you can help by purchasing a requested gift for a Bolton resident in need this Christmas, simply take a bell off the tree and return your unwrapped gift with the bell attached **no later than Sunday December 13<sup>th</sup>**. New warm clothing and fleece blankets are always welcome. If you can't shop at this time, please send a check to St. Maurice Church with '**Seasonal Sharing**' in the memo line, and we will do the shopping for you! From experience, we are suggesting a **minimum of \$25** for each gift that you donate, to allow us to meet the needs of each participant in the Sharing program. But donations in **ANY AMOUNT** are welcome!

As always, the generosity of our parish community is much appreciated, and we thank you in advance for any help you can give. If you have any questions or concerns, please call us at any time.

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Giving Tree outside Parish Center

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Giving Tree in Church

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