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The Spirit leads Jesus into the desert to be tempted by the devil, and we hear this: **"He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry."** Seems like a questionable battle preparation plan. When I fast, I usually feel grouchy at best, and at worst, like I might pass out from longing for a hamburger. Isn't it better to be well-fed and fully hydrated, especially to face spiritual struggles? Why fast?

This might help. The origin of the word "fast" means to "hold firmly." We still use it that way when we say, "I held *fast* to my original decision." We human beings are a bundle of desires which vie for our attention: food, drink, comfort, safety, sex, laughter, beauty, and so on. If we can't manage to have firm grip on them, in short order they'll have a firm grip on us. By fasting from our lower desires, we learn to firmly grip on to what is greater. Fasting leads to us to a firmer hold on our body and mind.

Jesus fasts for us. He's showing us that his grace can help us regain this firm hold of our lives, which makes it more difficult for the devil to tempt us. But take it one more step. Fasting also teaches us to finally hold fast to Jesus, the Word of God in flesh. "**Man does not live by bread alone,**" he says, **"But by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God."** Jesus' fasting reveals his fast hold to the Father in everything. May our fasting help us to grasp ourselves more firmly, and then to hold fast to Jesus alone. — *Father John Muir*





FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT FEBRUARY 26, 2023

Pastor Fr. Bill Olesik

Prayer Line Temporarily, please call Carol Zabielski at 860- 643-2837

> Director of Faith Formation Amie Tillmann 860-646-6314 or <u>saintmauriceccd@gmail.com</u>

> > Organist and Choir Director Don Benevides 860-871-0752

> > > Secretary

Mrs. Theresa Ciscon Office Hours - Mon., Tues., & Fri. - 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Telephone: 860-643-4466 e-mail: <u>saintmauricechurchbolton@gmail.com</u>

Note: during the pandemic office hours are not regular as stated above, but you can continue to call the telephone number and leave a message.

Eucharistic Minister to Homebound Patricia Cinea 860-646-0564

> Fair and Workshops Beth Harney 860-649-1331 Sharon Scorso 860-646-1423

Website www.saintmauricebolton.org

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 3:25 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.

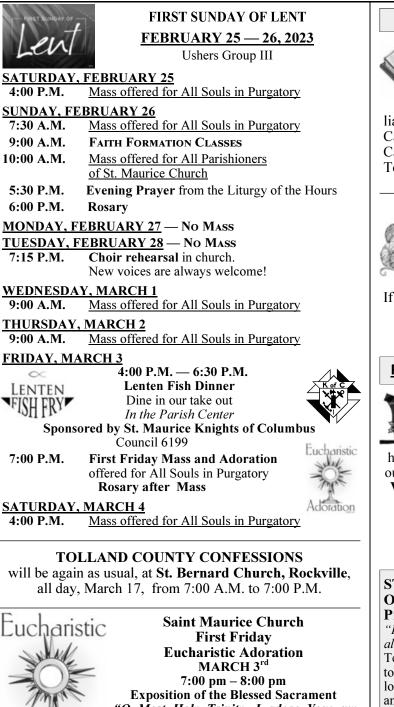
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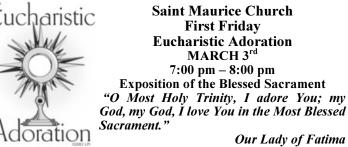
The Sacramental Guidelines define Church Membership in terms of Sunday Mass attendance and Church support. For membership verification and sponsorship certificate, registration and regular use of the envelope system are the only way we have of verifying this for you. Please notify us if there are changes 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.

ST. MAURICE CHURCH





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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: Christian, Abby, Wil-

liam, John, Ginny, Justin, Matt, Joanne, Tom, Dominic. Candle Intentions: Special prayers for the Intentions in the Candle Note Book.

Temporarily, please call Carol Zabielski at 860- 643-2837

Thank you, MaryAnn

ST. MAURICE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



Members of the Prayer Shawl Ministry are making full size prayer shawls for our long term care panustry tients. Also, mini pocket prayer shawls are available for everyone.

If you can help in any way in this Ministry, please call: Linda Wiley, Irene Zdrojowy 860-533-1733 or Mary Ann Murphy at 860-649-5449

Thank you.

FROM SLEIGH BELLS RING CHRISTMAS FAIR GROUP



SLEIGH BELLS RING CHRISTMAS FAIR 2023 IS ON!

All parishioners who would like to be part of the fair preparations for the coming year, and

have thoughts about how we should organize ourselves without the Cloutiers are welcome to attend a planning meeting on Wednesday March 22nd at 6PM in the Parish Center.

Please RSVP as refreshments will be served. Come with your ideas and your talents! Beth Harney - 860-649-1331

Sharon Scorso 860-729-4399

STEWARDSHIP Offertory: February 19 — \$3,224 Projected Amount needed — \$3,670

"gods" we have put before God.

"It is written: 'The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall vou serve."" - MATTHEW 4:10 Tempted between the riches and power of this world and service to God, Jesus chose service to His Father. If we wish to truly follow Jesus, we, too, must decide to turn away from worldly power and riches and put God at the center of our lives. Lent is our time to prune ourselves of earthly things, and develop and nurture heavenly things. Lent is time to repent and let go of the other

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 (ele	ectronic donation)	We will Donate Online
We can help out as: Altar server	Lector Usher	Eucharistic Minister	Choir Crafts workshop

Parish Membership Form

FROM ST. MAURICE PARISH



Lenten Fish Dinner All the Fridays of Lent except Good Friday. Available 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in

Knights of Columbus Council 6199

Rvba Hall, Parish Center, Dine in or take out baked fish and

chips, cole slaw, roll w/ butter, and coffee, tea, or lemonade.

Cost is \$10.00 (\$5.00 cheese pizza alternative). Profits support a variety of charitable activities.

Contact Bill Hebert, Grand Knight at (860) 649-6906 or whebert75@gmail.com.





THE 14 STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR YOUR PRIVATE PRAYER

First Station - Jesus is condemned to death.

Second Station – Jesus carries his Cross.

IS Third Station – Jesus falls the first time.

SECROSS Fourth Station – Jesus meets his afflicted mother.

Fifth Station - Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus to carry his Cross.

Sixth Station – Veronica wipes the face of Jesus.

Seventh Station – Jesus falls the second time.

Eighth Station - Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem.

Ninth Station – Jesus falls a third time.

Tenth Station – Jesus is stripped of his clothes.

Eleventh Station – Jesus is nailed to the Cross.

Twelfth Station – Jesus dies on the Cross.

Thirteenth Station – The body of Jesus I taken down from the Cross.

Fourteenth Station – Jesus is laid in the tomb



Observances for the week of February 26, 2023

Sunday:	
Monday:	

1st Sunday of Lent St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin

Friday: Saturday:

St. Casimir



Virtual Lenten Mission

The Virtual Lenten Mission is an opportunity for us to deepen our faith, take time for reflection, and pray. We invite you to join us to enhance your Lenten Journey. The mission will begin on Thursday, March 2nd at 7:00 -

7:45pn and continue weekly with the last session on Thursday, March 30th.

To register, contact Marianne at (860)848-2237 ex. 304 or email her at manicholas@norwichdiocese.net

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH



Operation Rice Bowl: Our Lenten Program: For Lent For Life

Lent is a time of opportunity for us to strengthen our faith through pray-

er, fasting, and almsgiving. These practices bring us closer to God and demonstrate our solidarity with those in need at home and around the world. This Lent make your sacrifices become opportunities to feed the hungry poor. Please participate in CRS Operation Rice Bowl and let the sacrifices you make for the hungry poor nourish them and may these sacrifices witness to the love that disciples of Christ have for all people, especially for the least of the Lord's sisters and brothers



The monthly Diocesan Pro-Life Mass will take place at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on Saturday, March 4 at 8:30 A.M. Please join our celebrant Rev. Walter

Nagle 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. A brunch in the Cathedral Hall will follow the Rosary this month.



Couples' Happy Hour

The next virtual Couples' Happy Hour will be Friday, March 10 from 7-8 P.M. Make your couple relationship a priority by joining

other couples for an evening that will include a presentation on a topic relevant to today's couples. Couples will have time to share privately on questions pertinent to the night's topic.

To register, call Mary-Jo McLaughlin at 860-848-2237, Ext. 312, or email her at mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net. If you have registered for past Happy Hours, you will automatically receive a link for the March hour.

The Way of the Cross: The Office of Faith Events invites you to join us virtually Friday nights in Lent as we pray together the Stations of the Cross through a different focus each week.

- ٠ March 3: Through the eyes of the bereaved
- March 17: Through the eyes of seniors
- March 24: Through the eyes of the family
 - Through the eyes of social justice March 31: ٠

The stations will begin at 7 P.M. The stations take place online and requires participants to have an internet connection. Registration is required. You can register for just one evening or all six. To register Call Mary-Jo McLaughlin, at 860-848-2237, Ext 312 or email her at

mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net. Note, we will not be holding the stations on Friday, March 10.

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