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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 1, 2024



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WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturdays at 5:00 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 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 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.

When I was a young priest, about one year after ordination, I was called to the hospital to anoint a dying mother of three young children. She had a painful, terminal cancer. After celebrating Last Rites with her, I said, "Don't be afraid." She looked me square in the eye from her hospital bed and said, "Oh Father, I am in a lot of pain, but I am not afraid. Something wonderful is about to happen." A few days later she died.

Christians face the ending of our personal various "worlds" in a totally unique way. This first Sunday of Advent, Jesus says that when people see their world falling apart, they find themselves "fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world" (Luke 21:26). In our fear, our natural response is to check out, to hide our heads in drunkenness, distraction, and false securities. But Jesus commands us to "look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." He then compares what's coming to a lovely summer in full bloom. That's what the cross and resurrection empower us to do, as strange as it may seem.

Advent challenge: What world in your life is collapsing? A relationship, a dream, a work opportunity? Maybe you're troubled by a crumbling world in the political or economic sphere. Or maybe someone you love is seriously ill or dying. Name that world or worlds. Then pray: "Lord, help me to not faint with fear. Help me to raise my head and see your redemption coming."

— Father John Muir



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
November 30 — December 1

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30 — 1st Sunday of Advent (Vigil)

4:00 P.M. †James and †Jane Toomey
 requested by Their Children

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1 — 1st Sunday of Advent

7:30 A.M. For All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church

10:00 A.M. † Paul and †Margaret Brown
 requested by Daughter

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2 — No MASS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3 — No MASS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4 — No MASS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5 — No MASS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6 — First Friday

7:00 P.M. **Mass and Adoration**
For All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7 — 2nd Sunday of Advent (Vigil)

4:00 P.M. †Esther Lipta
 requested by Father Richard

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 — 2nd Sunday of Advent

7:30 A.M. † Lillian Travaglene
 requested by Shirley Holbrook

10:00 A.M. For All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church

Eucharistic



Adoration

Saint Maurice Church
First Friday

Eucharistic Adoration
DECEMBER 6th

7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
*“O Most Holy Trinity, I adore You; my God,
 my God, I love You in the Most Blessed Sacrament.”*

Our Lady of Fatima



ST. MAURICE COUNCIL 6199
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ROSARY
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8TH AT 3:30P.M.



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

^ Tear off

Memorial Mass Form

Drop in collection ^

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

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Person requesting _____

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City State Zip _____ E-mail Address _____

Home phone _____ Cell phone _____

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

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: Jodie; Geraldine; Katharine; Kaitlyn; Seva; Tiffany; Carl; Nick and Sam; Dom; Chris; Bob; Joe; Andy; Malcolm (Matt), who has passed away.

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



JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST AT THE TRIPLE PLAY CAFE

Time: 8:00 A.M. — 10:00 A.M.

Date: Sunday, December 8th

Location: St. Maurice Parish Center

\$6.00 / Person \$18.00 / Family

Sponsored by St. Maurice Knights of Columbus

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

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory: November 24 — TBD

Projected Amount needed — \$3,670

“But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.” (LUKE 21:28)

We celebrate Advent each year in preparation for the birth of Jesus, His first coming, as we await His second coming. What will you do differently this Advent season to grow in friendship and love with Jesus? How will you inspire others to do the same? Start by sharing your God story with others, especially those that are closest to you. Invite and accompany them on their faith journey this Advent.

FROM ST. MAURICE PARISH

Thank You

THANK YOU FROM THE CHRISTMAS FAIR GROUP

Our sincere thanks to all who helped make our 53rd Annual Christmas Fair a great success. So many people helped it is impossible to name all of you. Thank you to all the parishioners who volunteered for this year's fair - grounds cleaners, apple peelers, pie bakers, bake booth contributors, booth staff, parking staff, moving crews - we couldn't do it without you! Thank you to Boy Scouts helping with setup and cleanup, Knights of Columbus, and shoppers. Our thanks and well wishes
- Christmas Fair Group

SLEIGH BELLS RING SEASONAL SHARING



As we have done in the past, this year the St. Maurice faith community will support the less fortunate in Bolton too. Please drop off non-perishable food donations at the Church or Parish Center by **Sunday, December 22nd for Christmas food delivery.**

If you prefer to give money, please make your check payable to "Church of St. Maurice" with the memo "Christmas food" and put in the regular collection or mail.

Thank you for your support. It does make a difference!



"SLEIGH BELLS RING" MINI FAIR

will take place in the Parish Center on **December 8th, 8 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.**

There are many gift items available along with mixes for your holiday giving.

Come take a look for those last minute gifts.



THE CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

with the bells for Bolton Families in need is in the church. If you can help by purchasing a requested gift for a Bolton resident this Christmas, please take a bell off the tree and

return unwrapped gifts with the bell attached by **Sunday, December 15th.**

If you can't shop at this time, please send a check to St. Maurice with "Seasonal Sharing" in the memo line, and we will do the shopping for you. Thank you for your continued support.

Questions? Please call Sharon 860729-4399



SAINT BRIDGET HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR
Saturday, December 7th. 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
74 Main Street, Manchester

Come do your holiday shopping with us We have over 80 crafters with handmade Glassware, soap and lotions, Christmas décor and wreathes, wood craves items, jewelry, knitted blankets, knitted sweaters, hats and mittens, jewelry items, snowmen, stocking stuffers, crochet items, doll clothing, ornaments, the best kettle popcorn and so much more. Mark your calendars and don't miss out on the best craft fair in town! We will be serving lunch items for purchase downstairs of school. We are handicapped accessible. Admission and parking is free.

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH



Bereavement Day of Prayer ~ The Diocesan Catholic Family Services Office is sponsoring a workshop for the bereaved entitled: *Praying Your Goodbyes* on **Saturday, December 7** from 10 A.M. to 1 P.M at the Cathedral of Saint Patrick Hall, 213 Broadway, Norwich, CT. It will include time for private reflection, prayer, and journaling and give participants suggestions on how to navigate the upcoming holiday season and discover ways to grow through the experience of their loss.

There is no cost, but registration is required by December 2 by contacting Mary-Jo McLaughlin at Catholic Family Services, 860-848-2237, ext. 312

or by email at mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net.

Do you have season tickets? A vacation home? Or are you a local business that offers Gift Cards?

The Norwich Diocesan Women's Conference Committee is looking for **donations** for our 2025 Women's Conference Silent Auction.

All proceeds go to support the annual Women's Conference. The Norwich Diocesan Women's Conference has been going strong for 14 years and continues to provide exciting speakers and enrichment for the women of the Norwich Diocese and beyond.

Please contact Liza Roach @ 860-848-2237 ext. 305 or lroach@norwichdiocese.net if you are interested in giving your tax deductible donation today.

Thank you!!



"We pray for the staff of Norwich Outreach to Haiti, for all the people we serve and for all the people of Haiti, that the be an end to violence currently overwhelming that land. May peace and justice prevail there."



St. Edward Ladies Guild will be hosting a **Christmas Bazaar** being held on **Saturday, December 7th from 8:30am to 1:00pm** in the Church Hall at 27 Church Street, Stafford Springs. Knights of Columbus will be serving a free pancake breakfast starting at 9:00. From 9:30-10:00 you can have a photo taken with Santa. From 10:00 to 10:30 the Homeschool children will be presenting a Christmas concert for your enjoyment. Ladies Guild will be selling their homemade pierogi's and Christmas cookies. There will also be tag sale items, a few crafts, and raffles.

You Can Help Your Marriage – If you want to improve your marriage in the new year, consider attending a **Retrouvaille** marriage help program. The next local weekend will take place January 31 - February 2, 2025. **Retrouvaille**, a Catholic-based ministry, provides tools to help you communicate better, resolve conflicts, and rediscover a loving marriage. For information, call confidentially 1-800-470-2230, email helds4marriage@gmail.com or go to our website www.helpourmarriage.org.




VIRTUAL ADVENT MISSION

Join us on **Thursday December 5, 12, and 19 at 7P.M.** for the Virtual Advent Mission. The theme for this year's mission is, "The Hospitality of Advent," and invites participants to explore the profound significance of opening both our hearts and homes to welcome Jesus during the Advent season. Through engaging discussions and reflective activities, attendees will deepen their understanding of hospitality as a spiritual practice, fostering a spirit of generosity and love in their lives. To register, contact Alvania Tejada at

faithevents@norwichdiocese.net or call 860-848-2237 ex. 304

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